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**BETTER HAVE THE DOCTOR HANDY**

We can't quite agree with all the aims and objectives of the modern football team, more especially since the tendency is to commercialize and mechanize the football squad, so that the squad will win and bring glory to the old alma mater. The number of games won and lost does not tell the story at the end of the season; in this we are in agreement with most coaches. Neither should too much emphasis be placed on the idea of victory at all costs.

The football player has been taught that the game's chief value to him is that it teaches him to think quickly and take care of himself in most any emergency, which theoretically is laudable. If a player goes in to carry the ball or to hold the line at all costs, which we heard one coach urge recently, he better have the doctor handy, because if 11 opponents weighing about 200 pounds each have the same idea, broken bones, broken noses and mashed faces will be common and the doctor or doctors may be kept busy.

Alumnus groups not only demand a winning team now days, but a team that can win by a big score. A player is just a cog in the winning combination and is thought of as such. Perhaps this conception of the nation's most popular support isn't too much different from that of the old Roman spectator who went to the arena to see the gladiator battle the wild beast.

**INERTIA**

The dictionary defines the word "inertia" as the state of being inert; sluggishness. That little word is probably the greatest weakness of a democratic form of government, in that it is hard to get positive and quick action. The word "inertia" has likewise been a pretty costly one for the American people, because having to act in mass, we often neglect to move in on a government bill. Senator Guy Cordon, in a recent address in this state, credited the public inertia as being responsible for the delay in adopting the Hoover report, which might add to the efficiency of the federal government and at the same time save taxpayers millions of dollars.

Because the government has grown so big and complex we find it both time consuming and costly to remedy any existing evils. And because of the public inertia, the corrupt politician and the bureaucrat find it a rather easy matter to get what they want.

**SOMETHING FOR NOTHING, IS IT A PASSING FAD?**

The idea of getting something for nothing seems to be gaining momentum and the thought makes us wonder if the obsession of getting something free or something for nothing is just a passing fad, or whether it is with us until our present civilization fades. The thought of getting something easy or free has been with us a long time and has made gamblers out of lots of people, but it has never taken hold of the masses of people as at the present time, which makes us hope that it is just a passing fad.

The give away radio programs have been popular for several months and have replaced instructive and popular programs. The give away program offers nothing constructive and nothing of value to the average listener. The odds are so great for the average listener winning anything that his chances can be considered infinitesimal.

**WATER**

"Famine in the midst of plenty" — that's how geologists describe the present situation in the nation's most vital mineral resource: water. There's no real over-all shortage, say the experts — only about 30 per cent of the average water fall a year is currently being used up — but the East gets most of it, at the expense of the arid West. Because of this faulty distribution, industries in some regions are in danger of extinction unless a solution is found. The condition is far more serious than most people realize. Unless new sources can be tapped, says the Department of the Interior, it will mean a severe blow to the whole economy. The big need right now: a comprehensive national plan for the scientific development of present water resources.

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**Letters to the Editor**

December 6, 1949

Editor,  
 Cottage Grove Sentinel,  
 Cottage Grove, Oregon

Sir:  
 In the "Letters to the Editor" column of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, issued of November 10, 1949, there is an open letter to the Cottage Grove Union High School, in which they were denounced for allowing Jehovah's Witnesses the use of their auditorium in a recent local assembly of said Witnesses.

It seems to the writer that most of these controversial statements could be settled by framing a series of simple questions which each reader could answer for him or herself.

First, we are citizens of the United States of America, operating (or are we?) under a democratic form of government, believed by us to be the best yet framed by man. We have a Constitution and a Bill of Rights which uphold the "four freedoms" — namely, freedom of religion, speech, press and assembly.

What influence should these facts have upon us in our reactions to any other group of worshippers, be they Baptists or Buddhists? Catholic, Protestant, or Jew? Do they not have the same freedoms we, ourselves, enjoy? Does the Bill of Rights only extend to the outside limits of our own personal domain, property, or holdings? And is it for you only? Or is it for me, too?

Jehovah's Witnesses have fought many legal battles in the courts of this land, including the Supreme Court, in order to uphold these "four freedoms" for you and for me. Wasn't it Patrick Henry who said: "Give me liberty, or give me death?" Wasn't this very nation founded because of lack of religious freedom abroad?

So, with our case in point, who was in accord with our Constitution and our Bill of Rights in allowing the witnesses the use of the high school auditorium, — the only public building of any size, in our town? Where else could you seat 800 persons? Why fulfilled their responsibility of citizenship?

Secondly, do we also have a responsibility toward Almighty God, as well as toward our fellow man? We, who call ourselves Christians, — are we upholding our heavenly citizenship? Are we to love our neighbor as ourselves? And are we not also told: "Love your enemies?"

Are we studying to show forth God's approval of us, or are we bent on the destruction of our neighbor? Doesn't the Bible say: "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, I will repay?"

The Good Book tells us quite clearly that in the "last days" perilous times shall come. Aren't they just about here? Don't we have "wars, and rumors of wars, pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places?" And, further, weren't we told that men would be "lovers of pleasure (their own desires), more than lovers of God?" It doesn't take a prophet to tell us that world conditions are in quite a state.

Wouldn't it be well, then, for each of us to examine ourselves — not the other fellow — and see how well we meet God's requirements, without which we cannot hope for life in His Kingdom? We have no other assurance of life, except through the scriptures. Surely, we would do well to pay some heed to them.

Whether we, ourselves, like or dislike the teachings of any particular group has no bearing upon that group's "four freedoms". We are all citizens of the United States of America, and we are all taxpayers. And most of us are trying to adhere to the laws of the land.

It might be well to follow Gamaliel's advice: given under a like set of circumstances: "Refrain from these men, and let them alone. For if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nothing. But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye

**Thomas on Trial**



CONGRESSMAN J. Parnell Thomas (R-N. J.), accompanied by Mrs. Thomas, is shown arriving at the District Court in Washington to face trial for alleged payroll padding and collecting "kickbacks." Indicted more than a year ago, the New Jersey representative's ill health caused frequent postponements of the case. (International)

be found even to fight against God." (Acts 5: 38-39).

We, the citizens of Cottage Grove, can do more to aid World Peace by adhering to the "Golden Rule" than through any other method, and we will never see World Peace, if the citizens of any or all small towns throughout the land are unable to keep Peace.

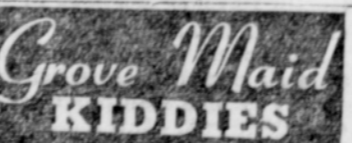
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