

# The Sandy Post

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## EDITORIAL

### WHAT MAKES AN AMERICAN?

There is a good deal of confusion in many people's minds as to what constitutes Americanism. Some seem to think that nobody can claim to be a real American unless his ancestors of several generations back came to this country. Just how far back, they don't say.

It certainly is not true, as a schoolgirl in a western city said, that she and other children had been taught in school, that the only real Americans are the Indians. Where would the Daughters of the Revolution get off, in that case, to say nothing of the Society of Colonial Wars, whose members are sometimes accused

of looking down their noses at anybody whose ancestors didn't come over either in the Mayflower or the next boat.

It is everybody's privilege to take pride in his or her lineage, but it is nobody's right to profess a higher degree of Americanism than someone else, merely because one's grandparents left the old country somewhat earlier. We wonder what boat the immigrants came on whose descendants are carrying on a whispering campaign against one of the candidates for President because his grandparents were born in Germany. Mr. Willkie is proud, as he said in his acceptance speech, and has a right to be proud, that his grandparents could not tolerate the political oppression of their native land and came to America to seek and find spiritual liberty.

What makes an American? Steve Vasilakos took the oath the other day which made him an American citizen. Steve has been running a peanut stand on the corner by the White House in Washington for a good many years, ever since he came from his native Greece. "I lik-a dees country best of all," says Steve, and the Presidents and White House callers who have come to know him through the years accept him as a good American, though he failed several times to pass the formal examination for naturalization.

It is not education that makes an American.

On the same day that Steve Vasilakos became an American citizen another recent immigrant took the same oath. He is perhaps the best educated man in the world, at least in his own field of mathematics. His name is Albert Einstein. He is a Jew, born in Germany. The greatest minds in the world of science look up to him as a teacher who knows more than any of them do.

Now the Greek peanut vendor and the Jewish master of mathematics are equals. They are both Americans. And both of them are equal in their rights as Americans to every other American whose ancestors came over with Captain John Smith or Miles

Standish—or, for that matter, who came in the hold of a ship as cargo.

## DOVER

(By Leona Updegrave)

Mrs. J. W. Schmalz was a visitor in Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. King and children, Lora and Ray, attended the Pianoforte Recital at the Y. W. C. A. building in Portland, Friday evening, where Lora and Ray played.

Eleanor Wilcox and her sister, Alice Roberts were visitors in Portland Thursday.

Clifford Updegrave, his cousin Aaron Updegrave, and Roberta Anderson spent the week-end with Clifford's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. Updegrave and family. Clifford is driving a logging truck at Chiloquin, Oregon for Updegrave brothers.

## BORING

BORING—Mr. and Mrs. John Telford of Oregon City and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Metzger of Portland spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Telford here.

Mrs. Dorothy Holcombe spent the week-end visiting friends in Kathlamet, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hillyard and sons were Boring visitors Sunday. Mr. Hillyard was one of the

lucky deer hunters of this season, bringing home a large deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Atwasser, Portland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. Dugger Sunday.

C. L. Dayton, Boring, is having his well drilled. They intend to dig 80 feet.

Dewey Ganon and his cousin who arrived here recently from the east, left for California for an extended trip.

Miss Kathryn Marshall, Oakland, Calif., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Kelly of near Boring last week. She is Mrs. Kelly's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Telford recently returned from a trip that took them to Eugene, Crater Lake, Diamond Lake and Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Melvin McCreary of Timber, Ore., and her two sons, Donald and Leonard, were Boring visitors at the Melville Richey home.

Word was received recently from Mr. and Mrs. Royce Childs former residents of Boring, now making their home in Walla Walla, Wash., that they intend to be back in Boring soon.

Lee Gregson and Warren Siefel of Boring have returned from Fairfield, Idaho, where they have been employed.

Mrs. Whetstone of Lents, is spending a few days visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Caroline Gregson.

Clark Lund, principal of the Boring grade school, spent a few days hunting on Grasshopper Butte in the White River country last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter McCarty have rented the Shantin place in Damascus. Mrs. McCarty will be remembered as the former Mary Jane Peterson.

### THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW

To The Editor:

Yes there ought to be a law. In fact there is a law. We frequently hear people say there ought to be a law against this, that, or the other thing that some people do in violation of the general social order or the pious mindedness of some of our more devout citizens.

There is a law, the great Divine Law of God, Father of All Creation, set against human ignorance, folly and all wrong-doings. The laws of God for righteousness and

for the uplift of humanity are unchangeable, always the same, yesterday, today and forever.

What is needed is an intelligent, enlightened humanity, who know the Truth and the Laws of God and have the courage to live by them.

You do not have to belong to any Clan, Church or Creed to know God and his love, and to enjoy the blessings of heaven on earth, here and now. The All-wise God that created the heavens, the universe and all things therein, did the job so accurately and so well, that He will not permit man to interfere with His laws, plans and purposes of life and creation. And anyone who tries to change God's laws to suit his own or her own fancy, will sure come to grief sooner or later. That same God created man (the human family) in his own image, and you are members of that family and subject to all the laws and regulations pertaining thereto.

"In the image of God created He him; male and female, created as them." "And God blessed them" with divine life and faculties of intellectuality and spirituality in relationship with the Father, He laid down laws, principles and regulations for our guidance and spiritual development and unfoldment, all of which if strictly lived up to, would culminate in eternal life in heaven with the Father. But those of you who seek to broaden and extend your sphere for pleasures and career by deviating from God's divine course of procedure and follow the course of vanity and ignorant delusion, certainly will come to grief through the loss of health and the lack of intellectual and spiritual development.

Life deprived of those blessings isn't worth the living except by determined effort to recover the lost blessing.

Jerry Durham

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