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The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is not abridged.

"But this is like a state of war" we hear somebody say. "In time of war, we have censorship. Why should the press now balk at licensing or censorship?"

Never in the history of the United States, has censorship applied to anything except news affecting the safety of troops. During the World War, no publisher dared print news concerning movement of troops, unless the censors released it. But every publisher was free to say what he pleased about the conduct of the war or Woodrow Wilson himself and many of them did it.

It may be a symptom of the times that this reservation was not easily won from the aggressive General Johnson. Perhaps, with the Roosevelt regime, the specific reservation might not be required. But the publishers were looking far ahead.

In the new process of Government by executive order we are moving rapidly in the direction of fascism and state socialism. The next administration or the next might not be benevolent or tolerant. It is the history of these movements that they become increasingly harsh upon the liberal section of the press.

The specific reservation in the publishers code may prove as historic as the First Amendment itself. We are on the threshold of changes which may alter not only American government but the character of the American people, itself.

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press are all-important if we are to preserve the ideals of self-government.

THIS HOTWEATHER MADNESS

HEADLINES tell us that the Hot Weather now prevailing in all parts of the United States is having its reflex in an unusual number of killings. Be that as it may, it is too hot to read beyond the headlines. We merely wonder why anybody with serious business such as killing to do should choose the hottest weather to do it.

Unless, as Ajax McGurk avers, there is some subtle psychological connection between the rising curve in hot weather crimes and the terrific upshot of the curve for hot weather picnics. Now that we have had farm relief and home relief and bank relief, McGurk threatens to head a movement for picnic relief. There may be something to it.

Of course, there are picnics—and picnics. There is the picnic which can be held in that cool and attractive area between the refrigerator and the kitchen sink. You dig out a forgotten piece of cold fried chicken, a ripe red tomato or two, a hunk of cantaloupe or watermelon, perhaps. A bit of fragrant cheese and a cooling beverage may add a bit of zest.

Then there is the picnic which is a major enterprise in itself. Mrs. G. engineers the meat dish. Mrs. K. designs a vast cake. Mrs. N. concocts the salads. Mrs. Y. has on offering of sandwiches and soothing drinks. Mrs. M. and her tribe appear laden with baskets of the most sumptuous fruit. There is an equitable division of the labors and an abundance of genuine ease. The picnic can be conducted on a nearby lawn or park or beach.

But with the vast range of intermediate picnics—which McGurk calls picnics for picnics' sake—he will have "no truck." There's the long hot drive, the frantic hunt for a suitable place, the sloozy sandwich, the pie which has been pressed out of shape, the milk which turns to butter, the invasions of strange and unfriendly flies and ants. In this type of picnic, says this philosopher, a mid-summer madness lurks.

After all there is something to be said for having a home in a house. Civilization may be only skin deep, but it is better than scalding your lips on a tin cup. McGurk is getting soft.

PETITION PUSHERS ON JOB

WHATEVER the NRA may do to other industries, the great Oregon pastime of petition pushing goes on without limit upon hours or ideas. And the wages per head assure a good increment above the minimum.

For the new initiatives have made their appearance. One is to repeal the bus and truck bill now tied up in the courts. Another strikes at the present salary loan laws and salary loan institutions. A third would abolish all county civil service (Municipal). The most interesting one provides a blanket property tax exemption up to \$1,200 and poses as a boon to small farmers and home owners.

This measure is backed by a so-called "Home Owners League." It ought to have nice pickin's. As a relief measure, except for a very limited few, it is completely fallacious. Property taxes would still raise all local and state requirements over and above what can be raised by other forms of taxation. Take large chunks out of present taxable valuations and rates will merely be advanced to compensate for the difference.

Relief for property owners is badly needed in Oregon, but this is not the way to get it. The escape in Oregon taxation is in that large group of earners who are not yet touched by property taxes, income taxes, or other forms of taxation. The sales tax is a dead number, but some kind of occupa-

tional tax, poll tax or other assessment will have to be found if burdens are to be equalized.

The proposed exemptions might be feasible if accompanied by the proper readjustments elsewhere in the taxing system. As things stand the initiated bill would only complicate a badly muddled up tax situation which is already threatening the closing of schools and other vital functions of government.

Seattle boy who smoked black cigars at 4, has quit at 9, saying "they taste terrible." Is there no end to the disillusionment of the younger generation?

Thieves broke into the granary of an Ohio farmer and hauled away 60 bushels of wheat. At last, business recovery! Wheat's worth stealing!

Movie actress plans to dance the cancan in a forthcoming production. Probably just an expedient to help her keep well-preserved.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The press conference has become one of the most important institutions in Washington.

It never used to amount to much. But now it is being taken with extreme seriousness by all concerned. Hoover press conferences were relatively dull, frigid and barren. You wrote out your questions in advance and they might or might not be answered. Often the White House conferences were canceled. The whole administration took its cue from "the chief." Attendance everywhere was small.

But Roosevelt set the publicity pitch differently. On behalf of the newspaper-reading public, correspondents fire questions at will. Roosevelt answers with almost complete freedom, for publication or otherwise. Everybody laughs and has a good time.

Cabinet members and emergency administrators followed suit. They all spill stuff "off the record," using Roosevelt's expression. Some conferences are hurriedly, shirt-sleeve affairs at which everybody yells at everybody else and matters of policy are debated.

General Hugh Johnson always shows up in shirt-sleeves and with his collar unbuttoned. His conferences are scheduled twice a week, but recently NRA, with an innovation strikingly demonstrating the new "freedom of the press" here, established a schedule of daily 15-minute conferences with each of 18 deputy administrators, advisers and other NRA officials.

"Big Shots" Attend
At a department of agriculture conference you always find a galaxy of "big shots"—Secretary Wallace, Assistant Secretary Tugwell, Administrator Peek, Co-Administrator Brand, Mordecai Ezekiel and a half dozen directors of production, finance, statistical, commodity or other branches of the agricultural adjustment administration. They take turns answering questions.

Secretary of State Hull has a press conference every day. Secretary of Labor Perkins had to be persuaded, but consented to one conference a week.

This administration believes both in frankness and in propaganda.

Promoters Busy
Officials of the public works administration are being subjected to an increasingly terrific pressure from promoters of projects and from job-seekers and their friends. Some of them are wild-eyed and frantic. Senators, congressmen, cabinet officers, chamber of commerce officials, lobbyists, visiting politicians, high pressure promoters and contractors make up the horde which fill P. W. A. offices. Most of them are told: "No." But it's hard to make them take that for an answer.

Worried By "Chiselers"
General Johnson becomes more worried daily by indications of a vast amount of "chiseling" by employers who sign the NRA blanket agreement and seek to evade the aims of spread work and more purchasing power. Asked what figures he had on the total of agreements signed, he answered, frankly enough: "Even if I had any, it wouldn't mean anything. It all depends on how many people comply."

Secretary Dern's Law
The beautiful estate of Secretary of War Dern needed a green-cutting badly. A call went from the war department to Fort Myer and four soldiers were sent with lawn mowers. About that time Dern was making a speech in California and telling how the New Deal was providing jobs for everybody.

Somebody here squeaked about that lawn-mowing and the soldiers were suddenly returned. The fort commandant explained it was all a "mistake."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

ABOUT THAT PARK
EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—It seems to me that Dr. Beistel started a good thing when he suggested that we name the park back of the butte. I appreciate also your suggestion for the naming of the park. Now I should like to propose that the citizens of Eugene get busy and carry out the suggestions given. Now, Mr. Editor, could you tell us what would be the proper procedure to adopt in carrying out the suggestion of naming the park in question? Should we petition the council to officially adopt the name of Eugene Skinner or to adopt some other procedure?

May I state also that I am ready to help in any way I can to get the idea before the council for action or in any other way that I can upon any other plan that may be suggested.

Yours sincerely,
C. MADISON LANDAKER

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBURN
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

A TREMENDOUS number of persons die each year in the United States from asphyxia or strangulation as a result of poisoning by carbon monoxide gas, by strangulation during birth, by strangulation under anesthesia and by loss of breath from innumerable other causes. Asphyxia means a deficiency of the supply of oxygen to the tissues of the body.

In this condition, there is a tendency to develop an acid condition of the body or so-called acidosis. The human body cannot live in an acid condition. Normally, the blood is slightly alkaline. The living body has many competent mechanisms for self-regulation. As the body tends to become acid, there is a definite effect on the breathing system. Indeed, one becomes breathless promptly on exertion.

Control of the amount of alkaline substance in use in the blood is apparently regulated by the amount of carbon dioxide present. This is essentially the most important substance in regulating the relationships of acid and alkali in the human body.

For that reason, the newer methods of resuscitation in cases of asphyxia involve the giving of carbon dioxide in order to stimulate the breathing system and to aid the return of the normal relationships of oxygen, carbon dioxide and the alkali in the blood.

So important has asphyxia become as a cause of death, that leading physicians have recently formed a special society for the prevention of death through this method.

In most large cities teams have been developed in fire departments, in the electrical industry, in the gas industry, and similar groups to administer first-aid measures in case of asphyxia, and also to supply oxygen with a special apparatus, which gives 93 per cent oxygen and 7 per cent carbon dioxide.

There are approximately 10,000 people who die each year in the United States from drowning, gas poisoning, and electrical shock, and it has been estimated that between 40,000 and 50,000 people are saved each year by the prompt application of resuscitation and the inhalation of oxygen and carbon dioxide, as mentioned.

It is of the greatest importance in all such cases to obtain medical advice as soon as possible in order that life-saving measures, involving stimulation of the heart, which only a physician can administer, may be undertaken.

SIDE GLANCES



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HINTS ON HOUSEHOLD ARTS

By SISTER MARY

ALTHOUGH pears of some variety are to be found in the market almost the whole year through, the delicious Bartlett pear is at its best during August and September. Many other high quality varieties follow the Bartlett, prolonging the season into the late fall.

Unlike most fruits, pears are best picked green and allowed to ripen in storage. In this way the fruit develops better flavor and finer, smoother texture than if tree-ripened. Consequently, in choosing pears, those on the verge of greenness rather than ripeness are desirable.

Excellent Tonic Fruit
In spite of their seeming sweetness, pears are somewhat acid and therefore are an excellent tonic fruit. Their flavor is refreshing, tending to tone up a tired appetite. Used fresh in salads, fruit cups and desserts, or as a breakfast fruit, they provide a welcome change.

Baked pears may be prepared like baked apples and are especially good for breakfast with bacon and eggs. If wanted for dessert, they can be pared and cored, sprinkled with sugar and baked, covered, in a moderate oven for an hour.

Served with whipped cream and ginger cookies, they make an inviting last course for an August dinner.

Two tablespoons sugar for each pear make the fruit pleasantly sweet for the average taste. A little powdered ginger added and mixed with the sugar adds zest to the fruit.

Make Delicious Fritters
Fritters made with pears are very good, too. Served with ginger sauce, pear fritters make a fitting dessert for a September vegetable dinner. Pare fruit and cut in thin slices. Drop into fritter batter and fry in deep hot fat.

Stuffed pear salad always is popular and, when fresh, perfectly ripe, juicy fruit is used, the salad is delicious. Cream cheese mixed with finely chopped preserved ginger and nut meats is a delectable combination for the stuffing. Chill pears, pare and cut in halves lengthwise. Remove cores and sprinkle with lemon juice to prevent discoloration. Drain the ginger from its syrup and mince. Work nuts and ginger into cream cheese, all cream if necessary to make soft enough to mold. Mold in small balls and place a ball in the cavity of each pear. Serve on crisp lettuce with French dressing to which orange juice has been added.

YOUR CHILDREN'S PROBLEMS

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

"GOODBYE, children."
All three of them looked up. Joan and Harriet and Nina. Their mother was drawing on her gloves. She had on her "city" clothes.

"Where are you going?"
"To town. I want you to be good girls today. Do what Sally tells you. And don't go away—off the street, I mean."

A cloud settled down on the souls of the trio. Mother away all day meant a dull time of it.

"You might take us sometime," grumbled Harriet.

"Are you going to a movie?" asked Joan.

"What'll I do about my treatment?" Nina wanted to know.

"Can't you walk? Dr. Clark is only a half block away. I never go with you any more."

"What are you going for?"
"I'm going to find my mama."

Off For a Good Time
The girls stared. They had no grandmother. Had their mother gone crazy?

"You see, girls, I'm only a little girl grown up. I'm here with you day after day. I'm your background. You like me to be here because I take all the responsibility. When I'm in the house, and I am mostly, everything goes right. I make it pleasant and I keep you going. That's what a mama means. Now I need a mama. I mean I need to get something to back me up and keep me going. I'm off for a good time in town. It is probably the one cool day we'll have this month. Good-bye, I don't want to miss the bus."

The three girls stared after her. They could believe neither their ears nor their eyes. They had never thought of her that way before. So grown-up people needed change and pleasure too! They needed to get away from their children once in a while!

They were hurt—extremely so. To think that they weren't the whole world to her after all! Why, they had thought she loved to fuss about dresses, and mending, and making cookies, and washing heads. They couldn't understand why she couldn't be wrapped up in them every minute of the year.

The Tables Turn
Off to have a good time! Shopping! Lunch with daddy! A movie perhaps and maybe dinner in town and another movie! Their mother! Out just thinking of herself!

Suddenly Joan, the leader, said, "I'm going to clear out mother's bureau drawers and wash 'all her glories'."

"I can darn," echoed Harriet. "I'll do that. Won't she be surprised?"

"I'll weed the flowers," offered Nina.

The tables had turned. They realized with the quick intuition of girls, that they had been failing and now wanted to make it up.

This was a wise mother. Children

MISSIONARY EVENT IS PLANNED

Institute Will Be At Methodist Church

THE annual Missionary Institute given by the Women's City Missionary union each fall will be held September 6, 7, and 8 at the Methodist Episcopal church. Plans for the event were made at a meeting of the executive committee of the union Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank S. Beistel.

Mrs. A. H. Norton was named chairman of the committee to arrange for the institute, assisted by Mrs. J. M. Kimberling, Mrs. L. O. Wright, Mrs. L. E. George and Mrs. Riley Thomson. Those who attended the meeting were the officers of the group and one representative from each protestant church including Mrs. Carrie A. Day, Mrs. W. G. Beattie, Mrs. J. M. Kimberling, Mrs. Lila Yoder, Mrs. Emmitt Meacham, Mrs. Frank Van Lyngst, Mrs. H. R. Gould, Mrs. A. E. Edlison and Mrs. Beistel. Another committee meeting will be called soon to complete arrangements.

IN PORTLAND
Miss Helen Veblen will return the latter part of the week from Portland where she has been visiting friends.

CLUB TO MEET
The Just-a-Wee club will meet Friday at the home of Mrs. Robert Mitchell.

CO-WORKERS CLASS
The monthly meeting of the Co-Workers class of the First Baptist church will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Frank Harlow, route two. The women of the Norkenzie district will be the hostesses.

QUILTING WEDNESDAY
The Women's Council of the First Christian church met Wednesday for an all-day quilting session. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon. A similar meeting will be held the coming week.

WAFFLE FEED
A large crowd attended the waffle feed given at the Central Lutheran church Wednesday evening. The supper was served on the lawn and Mrs. John Holm was chairman of the committee arranging for the affair. The regular meeting of the aid society of the church will be held the coming Thursday at the church.

Garden Party
The second annual garden party, sponsored by the Ladies' Aid of the Fairmount Presbyterian church, is planned for Wednesday evening, August 23. The party will be held on the bank of the mill-race at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hill, 1339 Garden street. The program theme is "The Seven Ages of Man." The program is in charge of Mrs. John Winstead.

Calendar

Friday
2 p. m.—Co-Workers class of First Baptist church meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Harlow.

Mrs. Moore Goes To Los Angeles Thursday

Mrs. Mildred LeCompte Moore left early Thursday morning for Los Angeles to be gone several weeks to study dancing. Mrs. Moore will attend a normal course given by fifteen leading Los Angeles dancing teachers at the Ambassador hotel, in all types of dancing.

Mrs. Moore will also visit with Mrs. Aron Hansen (Mary Moore) in Los Angeles and Riverside, and Mrs. Ellis Jones, of Los Angeles, both former residents of Eugene.

She will return to Eugene in time to start the fall dancing classes in McMoran and Washburne auditorium on September 9.

Lodge Meeting Held On Wednesday

The Rebekahs held their social meeting Wednesday evening, the young people being in charge. An invitation to attend a picnic at Mossy Maple grove on the Willamette on August 27 was accepted and all Lane county Rebekahs will attend. There will be a basket picnic lunch and swimming and sports afterward.

The Rebekahs are having a picnic in the park behind the butte August 30 at six-thirty o'clock to which the Odd Fellows have been invited.

A program was given following the business meeting with the Odd Fellows and several visitors as guests. Cards and dancing followed the program. The next meeting of the group will be September 6 and the degree staff will be in charge of the entertainment.

The program included a saxophone and violin duet with piano accompaniment by the three Hennigan sisters, a musical reading by Mrs. George Hofess, tap dancing by Mrs. Ann Ahlbut and Wilma Stien, accordion solo by Vance Cleaves and a reading by Miss Lammers.

Class Picnic

The Marie Fletcher class of the First Baptist church held a picnic Wednesday evening at the park behind the butte and about twenty-five members attended. A picnic supper was served and a short business session followed. The next meeting of the group will be held the third Wednesday in September at the church.

Up to 1926, fatalities in scaling the Alps did not exceed 50 a year; they have always exceeded 100 a year since then except in 1928 when the number was down to 87.

August 17, 1935
Wedding Is Expected Of Wednesday At Church

The marriage of Miss Mildred LeCompte Moore and Mr. Frank S. Beistel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William LeCompte of Mr. and Mrs. William LeCompte, will be solemnized Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Mary's church. Rev. Francis LeCompte formed the ceremony with a group of relatives and friends.

The bride was given away by her brother Henry Schenck. She wore a gown of white tulle with orange blossoms. The groom wore a tuxedo with a white shirt and bow tie. The ceremony was held at 10 o'clock at St. Mary's church. Rev. Francis LeCompte formed the ceremony with a group of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Hulin Gives For Guest

Mrs. Lester G. Hulin was for a party Tuesday afternoon to compliment her housewife, Agnes Davenport Bond, of Ann, California.

Mrs. Bond is a poetess and of children's stories. She has one book published and another poem has appeared in magazines. An informal program presented with the home cooking some of her poems and the other poems of the group.

Guests at the party were Mrs. A. C. Bond, Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. W. C. Bond, Raymond Torrey and Mrs. Peterson. Tea was served by Mrs. Bond.

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