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EDITORIALS

LEARN TO SAY "NO"

Did you ever think what glibbie suckers we voters are?

We know the stork doesn't bring babies. We know the magician doesn't really pick money out of the air. We know water doesn't run up hill. But we never seem to learn that political magic is no different from stage magic, except the price of admission is more.

A good politician can make us think he picks money out of the air just like a good magician. But while the politician holds our attention by promising to give us something for nothing but our vote, his hand is in our pocket taking out our money (taxes) to pay for his "gift."

Unless we learn to say "no" to the tempting "gifts" offered us, the political magicians will promise us a free trip to the moon with a golden chariot to ride in when we get there—but by the time we arrived, we would have long white whiskers and the pawn broker would have the chariot (and probably our return trip ticket) for the tax lien the political magicians gave him against us.

FREEDOM

America, the song says, is not only the "home of the brave" but also the "land of the free." It has been the haven of the world's persecuted. It was founded because a small group of settlers in a wild, new land insisted upon an escape from tyranny.

It has prided itself upon freedom—of speech, of the press, of doing what its citizens choose to do in the pursuit of happiness. It has fought, time and again, for those things.

Fortunately, most of the fighting has been done with influences outside the borders of the nation. That has kept the citizens free from malice toward one another. Occasionally, however, it has been necessary for folks to do a little fighting at home. Not with guns and swords, but with words.

In each case, the press—the newspapers—have been leaders. The result is that the United States now stands out in the world as a free nation. Its newspapers say what they think, except that the laws of libel keep them from maligning, maliciously, a man's personal character.

It is interesting, therefore, when the nation's outstanding publishers assemble in convention and declare fervently against what they believe to be tendencies toward suppression of the free press. The power of the press in the past has been so great that it has not let itself be all stirred up over little things.

The publishers say it is in the form of persecution of those who

dare to say what they think about somethings to which they object. After looking backward, we can also look into the future and predict that newspapers never will permit anyone to deprive America's millions of their freedom.

THE LOW BIDDER

Shipping Board Bureau experts are hunting the answer to a new puzzle.

Several months ago, private shipbuilders were asked to bid for construction of a new American superliner to replace the Leviathan. The private bids ranged from \$13,346,000 to \$14,010,000. Secretary Roper said these were too high, and to show that they were he called upon government-owned navy yards to submit competing bids.

The lowest navy bid was \$17,010,000; the highest \$18,250,455.

The experts are trying to find out why private shipyards, theoretically operating for a profit, can do the same work for less money than government yards which are supposed only to meet expenses.

Citizen Tells Of CCC Life

In saying a few words concerning the influence of Camp Officers, I trust those who read this will get the idea that I am not attacking certain individuals but the set up as a whole. There are some exceptions to be sure but exceptions never prove a rule.

Those Captains or Lieutenants whom I found to have the least friction and accomplished the best results, were those who entered into the life of the men in the camp, while those who seemingly had much and severe difficulty with their men, were those who, because of their rank and position were arrogant, haughty, and often snobbish; and by far the most of them belong in the last mentioned class.

The same holds true with every officer in the camp.

To illustrate: In one camp that I know of the Captain was highly respected because he was friendly, and touchable, and a real friend of the boys, consequently I never heard of his having any trouble whatsoever. Another Captain, I know of,

scarcely ever spoke to his men only as he growled his orders to them and in his camp, I have heard of as high as four strikes in a single week being planned, and general dissatisfaction was the general rule, many men leaving whenever they could get away.

Some very amusing things happened in some of the Camps, one of them I mentioned in my last article, where the "stewed" Doctor ordered me to prepare his bath for him. On one other occasion a Captain engaged me in conversation as to how one should raise a family. His idea was that one should allow their sons and daughters to have their filing at cards, dancing, gambling and some drinking etc. Well, I could not agree with him of course and have any respect for my own children and so expressed my self, which statement got under his thick hide, and he very gruffly informed me that I was not showing proper respect for him as he was a U. S. Army Captain. He further asked me to respect the Army uniform, and I assured him I quite often had more respect for the uniform than for the thing the uniform covered. It is needless to say this man got no where with men.

Most of the Lieutenants were real men and were far more popular than those higher in rank.

Some of the officers of lesser magnitude were of the same stripe but of course not so conspicuous.

While sitting in a truck one evening about to depart for a camp the Educational Advisor came along and says "Hel-hello, goin' to Camp." I said yes, then he requested me to "tell Caple—hic—I'll be seein' him sometime tommorrow" and he "hicked" some more and went on his way "wobbling".

The great pity was, this man appearing in that condition before several of the boys he was trying to educate. Our Government is spending entirely too much good money on just that sort of men.

In a class in Aviation the instructor a Park Service man, was asked why the Aviation companies were so

strict in regards to cigarette smoking while flying.

Here is his answer: you will get the significance of his influence if you think this over, "Because of the danger of igniting leaking gasoline, but h—l, I've never paid any attention to their orders but smoked as much as me d—med pleased." And this attitude is entirely too prevalent, for boys quite generally follow the example set by their instructors. And again I wish to say, what a difference if these men who are in authority would only be consistent and mindful as to the kind of influence they have over others.

A CITIZEN.

Beagle

About nineteen men from this and surrounding district met last Thursday with a government agent and poisoned squirrels, the deadly grain being furnished them through the County Agent. The squirrels have become such a detriment in this part of the country that it was decided something must be done so all land, vacant as otherwise, was poisoned over a large area.

Marie Seegmiller, Desmond Sweet and Ralph Ellis of this district finished their last year of high school at Sams Valley last Monday night when the graduation exercises were held. The nineteen thirty-six class held fourteen graduates. Many people from this district attended the Commencement exercises Monday evening and enjoyed the talk given by Professor Vining of Ashland. People from here were also present at Baccalaureate, Sunday evening and

"Class Night" the preceding Friday.

A large rattlesnake was killed at the base of Little Tablerock last Thursday by Dan Seegmiller. The rattler was as big around as an ordinary-sized man's arm. The number of rattles could not be determined as some had been broken off, leaving twelve.

The Pleasant Hour Club met last Wednesday, May 14, at the home of Mrs. Keyser who entertained conjointly with Mrs. Rush. Twenty ladies were present and enjoyed the club meeting.

The Antioch school closed Wednesday, the children topping it off with a community picnic at the school house Thursday. A program, given by the children, a picnic dinner and sports were the main events of the day.

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