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AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE A DISGRACE TO THEMSELVES!

American citizenship carries with it unique privileges, many of which are sorely abused by unthinking people who are jealous of their liberties and blind to the misuse they give them.

For example, consider the highest office the American people can give to a countryman—that of President of these United States. We like to think of the White House as the greatest residence in the world. We respect and revere our flag, our land and our reputation as a nation.

It should be natural that we take our greatest pride and offer our deepest loyalty to the one man who, every four years, has been selected to head our government and represent us to the rest of the world.

Yes, it should be a natural climax to our natural-born national pride and character. But how we as small-minded citizens lose our perspective and regard for values!

When Herbert Hoover was president he was hissed, booed and villified unmercifully for his do-nothing attitude toward a national crisis. Of course, down in their hearts—had they but taken a good look—complaining Americans would have seen their resentment aimed not at an individual or his position, but more generally at a policy with which they had lost patience and confidence. But the man and his high office took the brunt of our resentment.

Now, in the case of President Roosevelt, our victimizing and slandering of the nation's leading citizen and our greatest office has reached an even more shameful degree. Where Hoover was criticized for his evasion of responsibility, his successor is being attacked not only for what he does in his official capacity, but also for his private life. Repeated attempts are being made to discredit the man by slurring his family, by throwing mud at his character and by calling attention to his physical handicap.

The political "outs" have been keeping up a steady-six-year election campaign against our chief executive, refusing to give him a fair opportunity to carry out his oath of office unhampered by every possible obstacle.

Which, when viewed from a patriotic standpoint, is a mighty disgraceful thing for any American to tolerate—be he republican, democrat, socialist, communist or what-not. Perhaps Franklin Roosevelt has been imbued with too much theory and ideals; maybe some of his measures have been unsuccessful, and perhaps there is plenty of room for justified criticism of his administration. But there is no justification for the perpetual effort being made the nation over by supposed "best citizens" to discredit the man by fair means or foul.

There is such a thing as an obligation of citizenship that is greater than party ties and political ambitions. Regardless of who sits in the President's chair, he should be the most respected and honored man in all the land. His ideas might lose favor, his methods create opposition, but his dignity and his position as our leader should never be compromised.

If for no other reason, then because when we throw mud at our President, we smear not only a man, but an entire system of government and weaken the position of democracy. Every underhanded slap we take at our President and every false, cheap accusation we make is an insult to ourselves as intelligent, capable citizens.

Although Americans rejected the principles and methods practiced by former president Herbert Hoover, yet as the only living ex-president we should respect him as one of our great men.

It is even more to the point that the man now occupying the White House should be respected and trusted. And more than that, as American citizens, every last mother's son of us should bend every effort to cooperate and help the President, regardless of personal politics, as long as he is our chief executive.

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Sometimes we wonder what a President thinks as he sits in the White House doing his level best and considers the millions of babbling, back-biting, jealously critical, suspicious and selfish citizens who are their own worst enemies?

Is it any wonder that few American presidents have lived long beyond their terms?

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A PLEASANT THOUGHT FOR EASTER

There is an old adage that defends turn-about as fair play but there is reasonable doubt that it was ever translated into the Italian.

For in recent months spaghetti-bending has been neglected for meddling in internal affairs of Spain. The genial, laughing Italian who once trod barefooted the wine grapes of sunny Italy now walks the blood-soaked, desolate battlefields of a neighboring country.

Thanks largely to Mussolini and Hitler, the insurgents—who are the "outs" in Spanish politics—have been able to wage a deathly successful war against loyalist Spain. Italian and German implements of war, and thousands of Italian soldiers and airmen have blasted and bombed and dynamited and bayoneted their way across the tortured fields and hills of a beautiful country and have taken leading roles in this generation's theater of war.

And all this while their leaders back home sign non-intervention treaties with solemn faces.

A few days ago, when Spaniards loyal to their democratic government fled in terror across the French border before onslaughts of Franco's murderers, Italy hastened to warn France about "non-intervention" and insisted that refugees be sent back to their slaughter. Mussolini has since been making pointed threats toward French sympathizers who might offer aid or succor to loyalist Spain.

Why, everybody knows Mussolini and Franco have nothing to fear from other nations while they prosecute their "win the war" campaign. The world is protected by an armor-plating of airtight non-intervention documents and many other intelligent, humanitarian and Papal-blessed treaties which have practically eliminated bloodshed and war.

That is, with a few exceptions of course, which will be overlooked out of respect for the very high type of civilization which humanity has attained.



By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

MUST WARNING FLARES BE CARRIED BY TRUCKS AT ALL TIMES?

These warning flares or electric signals are required to be displayed only at night, so they must be carried from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise. Most truck operators keep their vehicles equipped with flares at all times as a matter of course, although trucks which are operated only during the daytime need not carry them. Red flags are required in the latter case.

There must be at least three of the flares, so that in case the truck is disabled on the highway at night flares can be placed 100 to 300 feet in front of and behind the truck, with a flare beside it, to warn other drivers of its exact location.

Vehicles subject to rules of the public utilities commissioner or the interstate commerce commission, or operated entirely within three miles of the limits of an incorporated city, are not subject to these provisions.

HOW EFFECTIVE MUST MY EMERGENCY BRAKE BE?
If the emergency brake system

is entirely separate from the service brake system, it need not necessarily measure up to the standard performance for stopping the car required of the service brake. The emergency brake must, be strong enough to stop and to hold the vehicle at any time in case the service brake fails.

Where the two brake systems are interconnected, they must be so constructed that failure of one part of the operating mechanism will not leave the vehicle without brakes on at least two wheels.

● Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Barksdale and the Barksdales' house guests, Evelyn Krotz and Arleigh Bentley of Glendale, Calif., skied at Crater Lake Sunday and attended the winter sports carnival.

● Mr. and Mrs. Everett McGee, students at the Eugene Bible college, are in Ashland during Easter vacation.

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Camp Fire Girls Given Honor Beads

A council fire for all Camp Fire groups was held at the American Legion hall at 1:30 p. m. Saturday. Many craft honor beads were awarded as symbols of achievement in Camp Fire work. A special leather birthday honor was awarded to all girls who took part in each activity of birthday week.

The following girls took trail seeker rank which is the first in Camp Fire: Carmen Cary, Isabel Green, Laura Billings, Betty Herrin, Joyce Watson, Sue Parkinson, Betty Whittle, Alice Ostrander, Dorothy Morris, Ninon King, Ruth Dooms, Jean Sproul, Shirley Cushing, Gerry Arnold, Faith Warnock, Patty Lou Gillette, Shirley Weiss and Marilyn Young. Each girl told of the one activity she enjoyed most in earning her rank. Marilyn Young gave a splendid imitation of bird calls she had learned as a nature honor. Mary Pat Rowe took the second rank of woodgatherer. Florence Wood and Josephine Curtis took the third rank of fire maker.

The Camp Fire girls expressed their thanks to the American Legion for use of their building.

● Aubrey Miles, Art Gilbert, P. D. McDougal, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ingle, Art Cooper, Earl Lininger, Roy Parr, Jr., W. D. Jackson, Allen Autry and Guy Randles attended the wrestling matches in Medford Monday evening.

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● Olan Sneed of Klamath Falls visited last week-end with friends and relatives in Ashland.
● Kenneth Brown of Hills, Calif., visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown.

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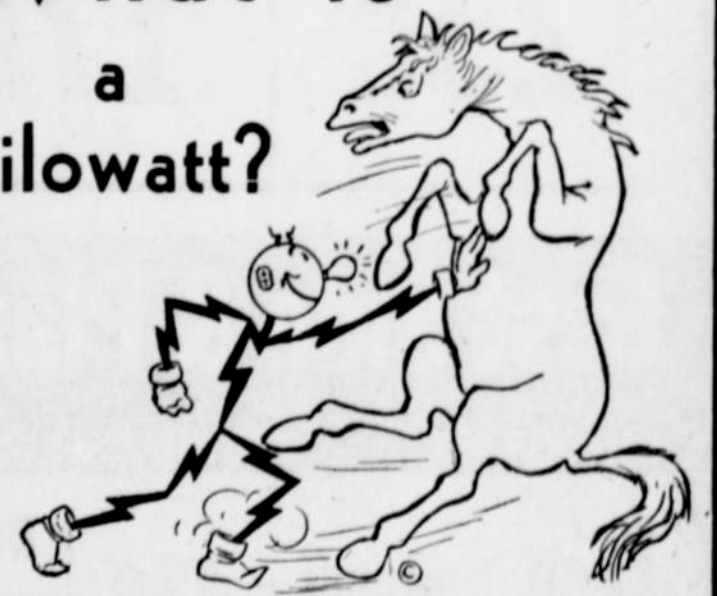
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