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EDITORIAL

DEDICATE YOURSELF ON THE FOURTH

The Declaration of Independence was passed by the Continental Congress on July 4th, 1776, but the historic document was not actually signed until later.

Now, after many years, the people of the United States appreciate the significance of the action taken many years ago, when the delegates of the colonies went on record in favor of the proposition that all men are endowed with certain inalienable rights.

The rights of the individual, so long accepted by the world, are now under challenge from those who do not agree with our famous declaration that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

The world of 1940 is far removed from that of 1776 but, in one respect, there is little difference. Again the liberty of men requires courageous action on the part of liberty-loving people.

In this editorial The Centre Democrat urges all readers to take time enough to read carefully the Declaration of Independence, July 4th, the anniversary of its passage, is a good day to dedicate to the ceremony. Afterwards, inspired to support the ideals of freedom, may we not, as Americans, pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

Incidentally, what has become of the Kellogg-Briand pact outlawing war?

When Petain asked Hitler about peace with honor, he should have sent the dictionary along.

It takes four years to construct a battleship. Moral, build your battleships four years before you expect to need them.

Congress may have economized on defense in years past but the boys are certainly lading out the cash for the cause now.

The presidential campaign, one might say, is underway. The chief executive elected in November might face a new kind of world.

Germany is powerful because every German works for the common goal. The United States must have the loyal support of every citizen to remain powerful.

We see nothing undemocratic or unpatriotic in universal draft systems and inasmuch as they are the most efficient method of building up an army, the United States might as well adopt the idea.

By a vote of 76 to 6 the Senate reaffirmed the Monroe Doctrine and the House followed suit by a vote of 382 to 6. The joint resolution served notice that the United States would refuse to recognize change of title from one European nation to another of any geographic region in the Western Hemisphere.

Major Smedley D. Butler's death before he reached 60, reduces by one the colorful military figures which his own beloved United States Marines have developed during his brilliant history. Major Butler who enjoyed the appellation of "Gimlet Eye" because of his uncanny ability of obtaining valuable information from the enemy, will be remembered not only for his military gallantry, but for an outspoken frankness, which if not always tactful, was at least impressive.

cleaning up that city in the fashion Major Butler would have done had there been no interference.

With so many persons still on relief, it seems incredible that a labor shortage faces the farms of Pennsylvania. The Federal and State Departments of Agriculture sponsors the statement. Certainly it is somebody's business to ascertain why with relief rolls still heavy with unemployed, farm crops may be imperilled at harvest time for lack of workers.

No citizen of the United States knows today whether this country will be fighting for its life within the next few years or not. Such a battle is easily possible in a world that moves as rapidly as it has in the past nine weeks. However, there is not a certainty that we will engage in a tremendous struggle. The safety of the United States cannot be based upon a guess and it would be only an opinion if we based our national policy upon the assumption that we will not have to fight.

Bicycling is attracting many new devotees. Not all are youngsters. It is observable that young men and young women are taking more generally to the bike than for years back. Increased use of the bicycle, particularly on city highways, has increased the problem of traffic regulation. Many cyclists, especially young boys and girls, seem to have a notion that they are exempt from the ordinary rules of traffic.

By now even Republican National Chairman Hamilton must realize his "boonhead" play while he and his associates read out of their party Col. Frank Knox and Henry Stimson for having accepted posts in the Roosevelt Cabinet.

Astute political leaders would have seized upon this circumstance to broadcast to the Nation that the President, desperately in need of help in handling the difficult and delicate problems of the international crisis, was compelled to turn not to his own party but to the Republicans for men in whom the Nation would have confidence.

Just to support that thesis, Chairman Hamilton, if he had been a wise national chairman, would have claimed that the President acted with the same motives when he called into service as pilots of industrial preparedness such outstanding Republicans as William Knudsen of General Motors and Edward R. Stettinius, banker. And as final touches for the picture, Mr. Hamilton could have added that also in the Cabinet were two other Republicans, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Ickes.

In his rage over the Knox and Stimson appointments, Chairman Hamilton with his associates, apparently lost all balance and dashed off a distributive which amused rather than convicted the public and left them wondering if the Republican leadership really was alive to its opportunities and really was going to get anywhere with the political windfalls tossed into its lap.

MR. LEWIS AND THE G. O. P. (From Sunbury Daily Item)

That old saw about politics and strange bedfellows had another exemplification in Philadelphia last week, when John L. Lewis, for years the big mogul of the United Mine Workers of America and more recently No. 1 man of the CIO, addressed and fraternized with the platform committee and the early arrivals at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.

That Mr. Lewis' castigation of President Roosevelt on the forgotten unemployment problem and other issues was sweet music to the ears of the GOP cohorts is quite obvious, despite the fact that the CIO chieftain was harsh in his appraisal of Republican labor policies in recent years. The purpose of his visit was to ask the platform committee for plans pledging preservation of labor's right to organize, extension and improvement of social security legislation, repeal of the poll tax laws of eight southern states, passage of the anti-lynching bill, new tax laws which would eliminate as far as possible sales and excise taxes and a guarantee to preserve civil liberties.

Mr. Lewis is a spokesman for labor, has every right to suggest party policies, but the belief that he carries around in his vest pocket, the votes of 4,000,000 workers is an illusion that has been shattered many times, including the 1938 state-wide election in Pennsylvania. A rampant supporter of the Roosevelt cause in 1932 and again in 1936 when he contributed a cool half million from the CIO war chest to help elect his candidate, the price he has placed upon his support has apparently alienated him from the recent national administration. It's up to the Republicans to decide whether Mr. Lewis is an asset or a liability and whether he can be counted upon to retain his seat on the bandwagon when he develops a dislike for the tune being played.

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

From "Dumb Animals" we reprint the following short, vivid tribute to the man who has had more effect on the modern world than all other men put together:

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his feet inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials of his own.

While still a young man, the tide of private opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while he was dying, and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and its leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the enemies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that one solitary life.

THE OFFICE CAT. "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men". Includes illustration of a cat.

Ugh! How nice, beneath the bending shade Of maple boughs so green, To walk with one you love the best And squeeze her hand unseen. What thrilling, queer sensations as Her lips you slyly smack, And feel a woolly caterpillar Crawling down your back.

No Gotta Da Time. An Italian who had applied for American citizenship was being examined in the naturalization court. "Who is the President of the United States?" he was asked. "Mr. Roosevelt," was the reply. "Who is Vice President?" "Mr. Garner."

A Flank Attack. In days of old, when knights got bold With the daughter of the farmer, And she would tattle, the shod would rattle On the seats of the gold-darned armor.

Relievers' Troubles. A few of the actual letters received at the office of a large city's relief agency. "Gentlemen: I want my money as quick as you can send it. I have been in bed with a doctor a whole week and he has not done me any good. I am going to try another doctor. Milk is needed for the baby, and the father cannot supply it."

Ain't It the Truth. After you've spent a lot of time teaching the new baby to talk, you've got to start teaching him to keep quiet.

Terrible Mistake. Arriving home from the party, the wife confronted her spouse. "I'll never go to that house with you again as long as I live." "Now, what?" he asked in amazement. "You asked Mrs. Jones how her husband was standing the heat."

Keeping Busy. Johnnie—"Teacher, may I leave the room?" Teacher—"No, Johnnie, stay here like a good boy and fill up the ink-wells."

Silly, Isn't It? Hush little brassiere Don't you cry; You'll be abashed of things Bye and bye.

We've Learned To Know. Those little white striped stunks are much prettier than alley cats, but handsome is as handsome does.

No Rushing Business. "How's de collection at yo' church, Brudder Moses?" "Wal, Brudder Hepzibah, Ah ain't had to stop lately in de middle ob de collection to go an' empty de box."

Poem. There was once a man unique Who fancied himself quite a shique; But the girls didn't fall For the fellow at all— He made only twenty a wique.

Proof. Woman of the House—"Who are you and what do you want?" Man—"I'm the iceman; you told me to collect for the ice every day as I left it."

Shoe 'Nuf. Instead of saying "Hell Hitler" we say "Heel Hitler," because he has got a lot of tongue and no soul.

When Fat Helps. Nell—"I envy that fat woman when she laughs." Stell—"Why?" Nell—"There seems to be so much of her having a good time."

It's the Truth. A mother takes 20 years to make a man of her boy, and another woman makes a fool of him in 20 minutes.

Behind the Bars. "If you would walk on your all-fours, you wouldn't have sinus trouble," asserts a physician. Well, maybe not, but we'd have indigestion from eating peanuts folks would throw at us.

Should Have Remained Neutral. The Girl Friend—"Aren't you feeling well, Arthur?" Art—"No, I ate some German potato salad with French dressing for supper without remembering that they were at war. Now my tummy feels like it is being bombarded on the western front."

In the Good Old 49's. It took grandfather longer to get there with a covered wagon, but he got there just the same.

Old Abe Up to Date. You can fool part of the boys all the time and you can fool all of the boys part of the time, but you can't fool all the boys all the way home.

Try This Sometime. A friend tells us that he avoids the embarrassment of bills by simply putting them back in their envelopes and returning them with the penciled inscription: "Oped by mistake."

Home Economics Note. The difference between an evening gown and a chemise is a moth's lunch.

He Sure Would. A husband would rather come home and find the Frigidaire on the blink than come home and find the iceman out of order.

Billiet Reunion. The second annual reunion of the Billiet family will be held at Steverone Park, Tyrone, on Sunday, June 30. The reunion will be in the form of a basket picnic and will be an all day affair. Coffee will be served by the ladies of the family from Tyrone. Members of the Billiet family met last year at the same place for their first-reunion which was sponsored by Mrs. Roscoe Billiet, of Tyrone. A large number were present and a very delightful time was had. It is hoped to make this year's reunion larger and more enjoyable and that all members and their families and friends will bring their baskets and spend the day at Steverone Park.

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa:— We are two girls aged 21 and 22. We are considered good looking and quite popular. However, we do not drink, pet, nor do we approve of parking. A few weeks ago we met two boys and we have dated them a few times. They have in every way measured up to what we call gentlemen, but one of our boy friends has told us that they have a bad reputation in their home town. Please tell us if we should not date them again or should we wait until they prove themselves otherwise? Both are fine young men and both have cars of their own. We are between the devil and the deep blue sea, so please tell us what we should do in the earliest possible issue of The Centre Democrat.

POLLY AND CHIC, North Carolina.

ANSWER: It is hard to advise you what to do under the circumstances. Of course you two girls are old enough to be pretty good judges of the men you go with, but some of the rottenest men can put up a good front when they want to. On the other hand, the boy who warned you about them may be interested in keeping them away. The safest thing to do is to find out about them from some responsible person in their home town and, if they have bad reputations let them alone, no matter how attractive they seem. It never pays to play with fire. Good luck. LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:— I hope and pray you can help me. I met a boy about two weeks ago with whom I fell in love at first sight. I have never been in love like this before. I can't eat, sleep or study for thinking about him. I can tell by the way he talked to me that he loves me too. I am sixteen and go to school, while he is a college boy. The way I met him was at a concert and when he left me that night he asked where I lived and smiled at me. I saw him two days later and he spoke to me and smiled. Don't you think by this letter that he loves me and will try to get in touch with me? BLUE EYES.

ANSWER: My Dear "Blue Eyes," you are just at the age where falling in love at sight is the easiest thing in the world to do. The whole world looks so rosy and romantic to you that a nice boy who is just ordinarily polite to you can seem to return your adoration. If this boy is really in love with you or even attracted by you he may be sure. You know him so slightly that if you were to know him better, you would probably be quite disappointed in him. You see, you are imagining him all the things you would like him to be. But if he doesn't date you someone else will come along presently and you will fall for him just as hard as you have for this young man. Best wishes. LOUISA.

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. What is the population of the areas conquered by Germany since he war began?
2. In what year did the Prussian Army capture Paris?
3. How did the famous France 76's get their name?
4. What is the population of Italy?
5. When did President Monroe issue his famous Monroe declaration?
7. What prominent union rejoined the A. F. of L. after being associated with the C. I. O.?
8. What is the difference between a congressional recess and an adjournment?
9. What are "machine tools"?
10. Is New York closer to France than to Brazil?

Answers

- 1. About 45,000,000 non-Germans.
2. In 1871.
3. From the size of its projectile 75mm. or 2.95 inches in diameter.
4. 45,000,000.
5. In 1823.
6. The British Expeditionary Force of the First World War, said to have been referred to this term by the German Kaiser.
7. International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, headed by David Dubinsky.
8. When Congress recesses, it sets a date for reconvening; upon adjournment, it does not meet again until the next regular session unless called by the President.
9. Machines operated by power for shaping, cutting, turning, etc.
10. From New York to Rio de Janeiro is 5446 miles, to Le Havre France 3,676 miles.

When a man gets to be a grandfather it is time for him to realize that life is on the way.

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: A horse in a race against ten other horses came under the wire at the finish well ahead of the others, and still did not win the race. Why? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

V. F.—During the Civil War was the number of stars in the American flag decreased because of States that seceded? Ans.—No. Although 11 States declared themselves out of the Union, there is a Federal law that precludes any State from seceding. During the war two more stars were added—West Virginia and Nevada.

R. S.—Does England provide aid to her farmers? Ans.—Yes. England will loan her farmers up to 75 per cent of the assessed valuation at a low rate of interest and taking a first mortgage. The loan and interest are payable in payments extending over a period of sixty years.

W. S.—If a woman is elected governor of a State, what is her correct title—governor or governess? Ans.—In this case the correct title is "governor." "Governess" used to mean a female governor is now obsolete and rare. It is confined to the care, management and instruction of children, especially in a private household.

A. F.—In what years did Babe Ruth make his greatest number of home runs? Were any of them ever broken by any major league players? Ans.—Babe Ruth's two greatest years were in 1921 and 1927, when he homered 59 and 60 respectively. Neither of these records were ever broken by any other major league player; the nearest to it was by Jimmy Fox of Boston and Hank Greenberg of Detroit, with 58 circuit blows each.

N. F.—Why do so many flowers have bright colors? Ans.—Because this helps to attract insects, just as the perfume of the flower does.

O. T.—To settle a dispute please answer whether the Battle of Waterloo was fought on Saturday or Sunday? Ans.—The battle was fought on Sunday. The order was given to open hostilities on Saturday, but because of heavy rains Saturday and Saturday night the opening of the battle was deferred until daybreak on Sunday morning.

H. M.—Will there be a World's Fair poetry contest this year? Ans.—The National Poetry Center will again award World's Fair Medals for the best poem from each State. The winners will be announced on National Authors' Day on November 1, 1940.

N. F.—What keeps a polar bear from slipping on the ice? Ans.—The soles of the animal's feet have bristles to facilitate walking on the ice.

R. O.—What is the religious affiliation of the Honorable Winston Churchill? Ans.—The Prime Minister is a member of the Church of England.

T. J.—How long does it take orchids to bear for commercial purposes? Ans.—It takes ten years for an orchid seedling to become commercially profitable and the most remunerative plants are older.

C. S.—Who invented the ferris wheel? Ans.—The ferris wheel was invented in 1829 by George Washington Gale Ferris, and was erected on the Midway at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

J. J.—Has a President of the United States ever been arrested? Ans.—Ulysses S. Grant was the only President ever arrested during his term of office. He loved fast horses, always had several in the White House stables, and had taken the highest mark for horsemanship in his class at West Point. His record in the high jumps has never been equalled. One day he was driving a spirited team in Washington, exceeding the speed limit, and was arrested by a Negro policeman. The President put up a deposit of \$20, but never appeared at the police court, and commended the Negro policeman for doing his duty.

G. H.—Where is Seabiscuit the famous race horse? Ans.—Seabiscuit kept the turf on March 12, 1940, and is now on the Charles S. Howard ranch near Ukiah, Calif., where he will perpetuate his strain.

H. B.—Where was the table dsmask first manufactured? Ans.—China was no doubt the first country to make the fabric as call dsmask India, Persia, and Syria, then Byzantine, Greece, followed at long intervals. About the twelfth century Damascus so far outstripped all other places in the beauty of the fabric manufactured there that the name came to denote all such fabrics.

C. W.—Did President Andrew Jackson kill his opponent in a duel? Ans.—Andrew Jackson slew a man named Dickinson in a duel which was fought because he resented a remark made concerning Mrs. Jackson.

E. S.—What is the average sum paid for greeting card verses? Ans.—One of the largest greeting card manufacturers pays from fifty cents to \$1 a line for contributions from free lanceurs.

T. C.—Did Mark Twain say, "Everybody talks about the weather but no one does anything about it"? Ans.—Charles Dudley Warner is the originator of this famous witicism which was written for the editorial page of the Hartford Courant.

T. C.—What was the St. Valentine's Day massacre? Ans.—On February 14, 1829, seven Chicago gangsters, members of the George (Bugs) Moran gang, were trapped in a garage on North Clark street by members of a rival gang and killed with sawed-off shotguns and machine guns fired at close range. All of the gunmen made their escape.

H. U. R.—How much rent did the United States Government pay to France for trenches in the World War? Ans.—The War Department says that the United States has never paid rent to the French government, or to a French citizen, for the occupation of trenches in the battle line. The rumors in regard to this matter have probably originated from the fact that the United States rented ground for training purposes, and paid certain amount for damages to property when training trenches were constructed.

J. C.—Please give the number of people employed by the Veterans Administration. Ans.—The total number of employees of the Veterans Administration, including field and central office employees, as of April 30, 1940, was 41,415.

I. H. S.—Please give the derivation of the word carnival. Ans.—It is from the Latin, carne vale, which means farewell to flesh.

R. K.—Who made the first movie with a story? Ans.—The late Alexander Black was one of the earliest camera enthusiasts. He conceived the idea of arranging a series of posed photograph slides, to form, with oral narration, a story. The first of these, "Miss Jerry," was presented at his studio on October 9, 1894.

E. J. H.—When was the Liberty Bell cracked? Ans.—The Liberty Bell cracked as it tolled during the funeral procession of Chief Justice Marshall on July 8, 1835.

L. V.—What is the quotation in the Bible about a woman's hair being her glory? Ans.—The passage in I Corinthians, chapter 11, verses 14 and 15 is as follows: "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair, it is a dishonor to him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given her for a covering."

Answer to problem. The horse went under the wire ahead of the field all right, but he was riderless, having accidentally thrown the jockey. Therefore he was disqualified and lost the race.

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