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LETTING OFF STEAM

Every human being has a right to say what he thinks, and so long as in saying it he does not directly incite others to crime or offend public decency, nobody has a right to stop him from speaking his mind.

That is the sum and substance of our Constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech. There is hardly a person living who does not at times yearn for the opportunity to "let off steam" by expressing his opinion of the way the world is run, and of some of the people who have a hand in running it.

A good many people are fanatics on the subject of speaking their mind. They love to attract attention to themselves, and to abuse those in authority. When officials try to suppress them, these vociferous ones are happy. It proves that the world is all wrong. They immediately become, in their own minds and the minds of others like them, martyrs to the cause of free speech.

There is only one intelligent way to handle such people. That is to let them talk, preserve order in the crowd that is listening to them and pay no attention to what they say. And that is the way in which the Communist demonstrations early in March were handled in most American cities and elsewhere in the world.

That didn't suit the Communists. There is no glory in being allowed to talk. What they want is to be prevented from talking. That gives them a high degree of satisfaction and gives color to their claim that free speech is not allowed in this country. So when they found, in New York, Chicago and elsewhere, that they were not going to be interfered with, they began to throw things at the police in an effort to provoke retaliation to which they could point as evidence of oppression.

Talking hurts nobody unless the effort is made to suppress it. Like dynamite, these agitators are dangerous only when confined. Give them a chance to let off steam by talking their heads off, if they want to, and the rest of the world will go about its business without bothering with them. Try to squelch them and a good many honest but stupid people will begin to wonder whether after all there isn't something in their claim that they are being persecuted. And that is the impression they are trying to convey.

WE NEED SHADE TREES

The Yard and Garden contest which is being sponsored by the Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club is a step forward in the right direction. There are many lovely homes in this vicinity; many of them surrounded with beautiful grounds and gardens. There are many other attractive homes that would be vastly improved if more attention were given to the planting of shrubs, trees and flowers. The simpler and the more easily it is transformed into a place of beauty by careful plantings of flowers and shrubs. The simple old Colonial homes of New England give a striking illustration of how trees and gardens can transform old homes into beauty spots. Not only do beautiful surroundings increase aesthetic values but for the practical minded they also increase the monetary value of property. One of the greatest needs of this entire section is the planting of shade trees.

Our hillside are barren and few indeed are the homes surrounded by beautiful old trees. In its campaign to stir interest in the beautifying of grounds about individual homes, the Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club should also sponsor a project to have young shade trees planted along our highways and streets. Tunkhannock, Wyoming county, and Montrose, Susquehanna county, are working examples of what beautiful shade trees can do for communities. Recently the State Highway Department has entered a program of shade tree planting along the State highways. For miles along the highway outside of Bloomsburg in Columbia county and Wyalusing in Bradford county, highway department men have planted young shade trees.

The State Department of Forestry will furnish trees free of charge to communities wishing to beautify their streets. All that is needed is some community organization to lead in this work. Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club has taken the step and will receive the united support of the community.

This Week

by Arthur Brisbane

In A. D. 1,001,930
How May Churches Advertise?
A Small Big Item.
Ants Are Foolish—and Men.

ONE item of news will be remembered a million, and ten million years hence.

Nothing else in our age will be of the slightest consequence, even 100,000 years from now.

The news that will outlast recollection of this age of industrial and financial barbarism, is the discovery of another planet in our solar family, sailing around outside the orbit of Neptune.

Earth dwellers in the year one million nineteen hundred and thirty, as they converse in the area thirty miles above the earth, will wonder how such primitive beings as ourselves could have discovered that planet.

Similarly we wonder how primitive cave dwellers could have made those interesting pictures of rhinoceroses, and horses.

Going through Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and on to the Pacific, for the hundredth time, is as interesting as on the first journey. You feel that you are in a big country.

Dante tried to describe heaven, but couldn't. In fact, his description is rather dull and doesn't compare with his description of hell. It is impossible to describe this Western country. The sky is different from other skies, as the ceiling of St. Peter's dome, in Rome, is different from the ceiling of a bungalow.

One hundred clergymen, Dr. Reiser presiding, invited this writer to discuss, "How can church advertising be made successful?" and "How can church publications be made interesting?"

The important questions are passed on to editors and advertising men.

The clergyman's task in advertising, publishing and preaching is difficult and ungrateful.

He offers the people what is good for them in competition with those that offer what they like, whether good for them or not.

In old days families walked long distances on muddy roads, losing their rubbers, on the way to the country meeting house.

Now good roads and automobiles bring neighbors close together. Telephones unite them, moving pictures invite them, radio brings dance music, songs, plays, operas, even prayer.

To advertise churches successfully is not easy.

Henry Ward Beecher had a good idea when he sold a good looking mulatto slave girl at auction in his Brooklyn church. That would draw crowds even now.

Old Puritans preached on hell, making it so real, that every man shuddered, and would not have gone to a party, even had it been available.

Modernism has weakened faith and fear.

It should, however, be possible to interest even the modern mind on what is to come, after the coffin lid is fastened down, and the family goes about its business, leaving you there.

Something is going to happen, or nothing. Everybody admits that.

If nothing is going to happen, then nothing amounts to anything here, and we are all the victims of a cosmic joke.

If something is going to happen, even the dullest jazz mind should want to know what it is.

The clergyman might attract attention by advertising "come to my church, and learn what will happen to you when your jazz days are over."

This small item of news interests managers and stockholders of railroad and steamship lines:

An airplane, driven by Diesel engine, flew from Detroit to Miami in 10 hours, 15 minutes without stopping, with Chief Engineer Willson of the Peckard company and Walter Lees, pilot.

And the trip cost for fuel eight dollars and fifty cents.

When such flying is done on a big scale, airships, with power enough to defy all storms, will be able to take passengers from the Atlantic to the Pacific for five dollars each.

You will be able to travel three thousand miles for less than it costs to send your voice on the telephone wire today.

Dr. Ditmars, who studies animals from elephant and whale to ant and microbe, will broadcast, by greatly magnifying sound, noises made by ants in their colonies, working, celebrating, etc.

Strange is insect life. Among katydids there are twenty males for every female. This will interest women, for the katydid is one of the noisiest of insects. The males make all that racket.

"Ants," says Dr. Ditmars, "sometimes make fools of themselves."

Tiny mites and blind little defenceless beetles pat the ants with their feet and then the ants pat them.

Not so different from human beings that have money. Sycophants flatter them, "pat them" with compliments, then they feed the sycophants, and sometimes let them marry their daughters.

Heard Around The Corner

The Independent Scribe

We get a great kick out of reading the Dallas column of the Sunday Independent each week. The Dallas scribe is certainly getting under the hide of certain politicians and we must say that he "tempers justice with mercy," for if he started to "open up" on a number of persons connected with police work, it would fill a book. The writer is having his fun without doing the families of the discussed persons any real harm. We believe if the persons referred to in last Sunday's Independent were single, the writer would go further and put them in hot water.

Of course, this trait of the writer is admirable and we believe if conditions become too unbearable he will print facts and names. A word to the wise is, or should be, sufficient.

The Independent writer has made that paper popular in Dallas by keeping the people interested in its columns.

Supreme Court Candidate

With the announcement that Arthur H. James, Lieutenant Governor, is a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, many of his friends local have now become immediately active in the circulation of his petitions. The honor accorded Mr. James by his being on the "Brown-for-Governor and Davis-for-Senator" ticket will give him a large vote in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh together with other populated sections of the State and he will sweep Luzerne county.

Taxpayers' Association

The action of the Dallas Township citizens in forming a Taxpayers' Association shows that they are up and doing. This association, if run properly, can do a lot good for the citizens of the township.

Contributors' Column

"Though I may disagree heartily with what you say, I will defend with my life your right to say it."
—Voltaire.

Noxen Public Schools

Editor The Post:
We think that the Noxen school board has played the little boy act in deceiving the taxpayers of Noxen township in regard to the time of hiring teachers for next year. We think that the taxpayers should not be deliberately lied to in regard to the time of this meeting for hiring teachers: for by reason thereof many taxpayers who desired to be at this meeting were prevented from being present.

We all think that a school director should be a man who has interest enough in our schools to visit them once or twice a year at least; then he would know who is teaching and who is not teaching, and whom to hire and whom to discharge; but our present type of school director, simply goes to the board meetings when he has a hundred dollars or so coming to him for supposed services. He does not pay much tax; and he does not care whether there is school or not. We might better have hired a six-year-old; he would have gone oftener to see what the teachers were doing.

The taxpayers of Noxen township are paying enough taxes to have good teachers and a non-religious school as provided by law. We do not know whether it is a Protestant school or not; and the way it is now going. We scarcely know whether we will have any school, and whether we will have good chapel services and Sunday school or not, as this is also hard to tell, but we do know that we have had lots of trouble with the collar and pencil man for school director.

We think the only way to do is to elect taxpayers and farmers for the further building up of our high school. (To be continued.)

(Signed) A Heavy Taxpayer.

Although the above letter gets a bit caustic at times, it is The Post's policy to publish all signed contributions sent in. We know absolutely nothing about the Noxen school situation and have no comment to make. Our columns are open to all taxpayers irregardless to their opinions on local affairs. We will be glad to publish contributions on both sides of any question. The Post offers this opportunity to its readers and is the only newspaper in Luzerne County which opens its columns to all contributors and prints their contributions unedited.—Editor.

Missed Her Paper

Dear Editor:
For two weeks now I haven't received my copy of the Dallas Post. What is the matter with you, anyway, that I don't get the paper? This is the first time since the Post was newly organized that I have missed the paper. Missing it once might have been an accident, but to miss it two times in a row is too much and

Buddies

By Albert T. Reid



especially when its paid for. The date on my paper says 12-20-28. That means December 20, 1928, doesn't it?—Mrs. J. D. S.

We're sorry, but rules are rules. The circulation of the Dallas Post is audited for the benefit of our advertisers who want to know what they are getting when they buy space in The Post. The auditors will not count subscriptions one year in arrears. That means that your subscriptions does not help us to get advertising and also means that your subscription does we send you the paper. Your subscription is more than one year in arrears and your name was automatically cut from the mailing list when after repeated notice you did not renew your subscription. How do we know that you want the paper when you don't renew it.—Editor.

Who's Who?

To Post Editor:
Will you kindly tell me who Will Wimble is? And also who it is that writes that "Heard Around the Corner" column in the paper? Sometimes "Heard Around the Corner" is real good but sometimes the writer fills it up with a lot of "Smart Alec" stuff that to me spoils all of the good things he has written. Once I was going to cancel my subscription but the next issue got around before I could get up on the hill to see you. That week he had a real good column so I decided to let the paper come. I guess it all depends on who's being written about whether "Heard Around the Corner" is interesting or not.—An Old Subscriber.

Everybody knows the writer of the Will Wimble news isn't Will Wimble. If you live in Shavertown he'll tell you himself who he is. But I promised him that I wouldn't divulge his name or I'd be glad to tell you. Maybe Harold won't like it if I tell you who's writing the "Heard Around the Corner" column.—Editor.

Dallas Post:

You fellows certainly like to blow your own horn. The way you talk sometimes you'd think The Post was as big as the New York Times and more important.—Anonymous.

Bigger and more important to us, brother, than the New York Times will ever be. And by the way if you don't sign your name to your contributions we won't publish any more of your letters.

Birth Control

Dear Editor:
It was with pleasure that I read your editorial on "Birth Control" in last week's issue of the Dallas Post. Each week I find myself getting more enjoyment out of the Dallas Post, for I can usually count on finding something in the paper that has spunk and life in it and speaks of the liberal attitude of its editor. More and more I am coming to believe that although you have only a country weekly newspaper, you also have the only liberal newspaper in Luzerne county. Few indeed are the city papers that would have run an editorial on so important and tabooed a subject as birth control. Since you seem to know what you are talking about, will you kindly tell me

where I can get more information on this important subject?—Mrs. H. A. B., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Although there is a national law preventing the use of the mails for distribution of information on Birth Control and also a law which throttles your family physicians from giving it to you, I am sure that you can get some valuable pamphlets on the subject by writing to The American Social Hygiene Society, New York City.—Editor.

To the Editor of the Dallas Post:
I want to express my appreciation to the Post for the fine cooperation

given in presenting the work of the Yard and Garden contest; also for the statement made by "Will Wimble" relative to the contest.

Rev. H. F. Henry, Chairman of the Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club Yard and Garden Contest.

See our editorial this week, which was written before this letter arrived.—Editor.

Uncle Eben

"Knowledge is valuable," said Uncle Eben, "but it ain't so good when a man knows a lot of things he doesn't tell."
—Washington Star.

"How far will you drive your car?"

We ask that question to be able to recommend the most economical type of Goodyear for your particular requirements.

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