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Editorially

TRUE DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

America's oldest and truest form of Democracy was demonstrated Monday evening at the Town Meeting held in Florin. A revival drive to see what was wrong --of this type of meeting throughout the nation driving several blocks the mechanic noticed appears in the making, and in this revival lies a great hope for all of us.

America's democratic strength was born in common needs, common aspirations, faith in God and respect for the other fellow, and was reflected in the Town Meeting where means for reaching these goals were developed thru a spirit of oneness in which ALL worked for the common good.

Fractically every right and privilege we enjoy today as Americans had its foundations in the Town Meetings of our forefathers, who at all times had an intense interest in the functioning of their government,

Any weakness that may have been laid to Democracy should rightfully be placed upon the heads of the people of this great country put his dirty shirt to bed and jumped in the who upon occasion have forgotten the com- laundry chute. mon needs, common aspirations, faith in God and respect for the other fellow.

Democracy today stands as great hope of the world. Because through our working together for the good of the majority at all times recognizing our responsibilities to God and iellow men we can accomplish anything upon which we place our sights.

The greatest human force in the world to- a little notebook. "I found it at the Pentagon," day lies in the ballot box of America. Only he said, "it's in code." through apathy toward government is it possible for Democracy to falter. A sincele, vital interest on the part of every American in his government-local, state and national-is our for expert attention. insurance that Democracy will continue to function as well for our children as it has for fice to finally decode it: "Knit one, purl two. us and our forefathers.

Through the centuries great nations have risen and fallen. Every failure has been preceded by the fattening up of the people for the kill by the rulers who knew that the best way to cover up their own inadequacies was by stead." And the unhappy tosspot said, "Okay keeping the masses so satisfied with material Doc, but twenty-five or thirty is a heck of a things that they would pay less and less attention to what was going on in high office.

Up to the present time, Americans have kept alive their interest in government, falter-

in a community problem was high. So long as chaser. the people of Florin, or Mount Joy, or Lancaster, or Harrisburg or Philadelphia—or any Did you hear about the man who was ruincommunity in the United States—are interested in what is going on to the extent that was typified at Florin, we need have no fears as to where this courtry is going.

lenge from within or without so long as it re- ed: "What's wrong with him?" "Oh, he's wormains Democracy in its true form with its au- ried about his wife," they told me. "What's thority springing from the PEOPLE THEM- she got?" I inquired. "The car", came the re-SELVES recognizing their responsibilities to ply. GOD and FELLOW MAN.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

For going far and ferreting out trouble, no eryone is dead utter destruction. nation can hold a candle to us free and farcy folks of our U.S.A. We are not satisfied to my crawled two dazed monkeys, a little girl look for bees and bugs in our own machinery monkey and a little boy monkey. Hand in here at home—we gotta fix everything, every- hand, they looked with disbellef at the ruin where. We room the earth. Tranquillity and and devastion about them. restfulness and pleasant-like living are not ours any more. Who can be tranquil with the little girl monkey turned to the little boy monincome tax guy banging on our door every key and said: "Do you suppose that we oughmonth-or even every 3 months-and skim- ta start the whole thing over again?" ming off all excess, excess that was once deposited in our own joint account down at the one safe and sure place for dinero-the bank.

No nation could find itself in the mode or mood in which we find ourselves if it had not farmed out its thinking. No alert people would U. S. A. Treasury door—and then take off for had overturned in the road, to forget his troub be so simple or suckerish as to open wide the

First off, folks have to take a night off from fun-stay home. You can't do much serious pondering on economics, socialism or the dim inture of the nation or where you or your offshoots are going to get off, if the dame you are dancing with assays high in pulchritudinous

Fun is alright-okay-I am for it, but horsesense is also akay. Both is what we need. We have been detouring the horse-sense route.

Yours with the low down,

JO SERRA



A WISE OWL

Foster Conner got himself a auto, and the first couple of days he had it, he couldn't get it to run faster than 50 miles per hour -So he gets a mechanic to go with him for a Foster was driving in second gear -- - and explained to him that in order to get more speed out of the car, he must drive in high

We have a lot of trouble with one or our young lady employees. She constantly refuses to look for anything in our "morgue" or "dead" file because she's aflaid of ghosts.

Bright and early monday morning, I got a extra large tuna fish salad sandwich - - - You are so right, Gwennie, it pays to advertise!

A Marietta woman, seeking a divorce because her husband was always intoxicaled was asked who reason she had to be sure he was drunk. She replied: "I was sure when he

Saw some little shavers doing tumbling at the playground today and I asked: "Can you signad on your head?" He looked me square in the eye and replied: "Nope, It's too high."-

A friend of ours who is employed in Washingion sent us this one. — -- — An excited citizen rushed it to the office of the FBI waving

J Edgar Hoover's agent examined it and read: "K1, P2, Co8 and so forth. Putting the vast, intricately cumbersome machinery to work he found he could not break it so he sen!

It took a young lady clerk in a back FBI ofcast on eight," etc.

A gentleman in Landisville was told by his doctor to quit drinking-or else. "Tell you what you do," said the doctor. "Every time you feel like taking a drink, eat an apple inlot of apples a day!"

Bob Divet says "Diplomacy is letting some- do just that? No, I was safe enough one else have your way.

ing at times, but always coming back resound- Then there was the hot shot who went sportingly when the stench has become too great. ing around town from bar to bar drinking from Bill. I remember how mad he'd been when I laughed at him. At Florin Monday night the interest shown whiskey sours - - - with his wife for a

Walked downtown today and saw a local is sound, and seems about the only hubby pacing up and down in front of his way to go about catching mice short hubby pacing up and down in front of his Democracy will ALWAYS meet any challhome. When I got to the service station I ask-

> So now they they come up with the 1953 _LDS version of a bedtime story.

Our scene is the end of World War III the entire world has been destroyed by atomic power. There's not a human being alive-ev-

Out of crumbled debris of wood and mason-

Slowly, and with an air of misgiving, the

* * * Speaking of war - First you lick 'em, next you feel 'em, and finance 'em.

A kind-hearted farmer out Mastersonville way told the forlong lad whose load of hay les and come in and have dinner with his famlly. It would be time enough to right the hay-

rack after a meal. The boy demurred; said he didn't think his father would like it.

But the farmer persisted and won. Coming out from the repast the boy said he felt better and expressed his appreciation of hospitality. At the same time, he was sure his father would not like it.

"Nonsense!" said the host. "By the way." he added, "where is your father?" "He's under the hay-" said the boy.

Field Day Aug. 14

A Better Mousetrap

By John Bulling

after dinner coma, when the ad south of Lancaster City.) first caught my Fiction about it. In fact, lit was in the want

type. It went somehow like this:

HERE IT IS AT LAST!!! BEAT A PATH TO OUR DOOR, FOLKS! 'KILLIT' IS GUARANTEED TO KILL RATS AN MICE, DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU FAIL TO KILL RODENTS AFTER FOLLOWING THE

dress, and a request to send one dol-lar for a genuine 'Killit'. The thing chinery. was guaranteed. What could I lose? and showed the ad to Mary. She insisted that we didn't have any mice or rats, but I said maybe not, but it would be nice to have a guaranteed mousetrap anyhow. I wadded ers Association. up a dollar bill and stuck it in an envelope and addressed it to the

Killit people and made a special



I showed the ad to Mary, but she insisted that we didn't have any mice or rats.

Later I got to thinking about it. I hoped that Killit would not be a cat-we already had one cat, and there just isn't room for another one in our two by four apartment. But then, they couldn't send you a cat by mail, could they?

I thought of a buddy of mine, Bill Stout. He was a chronic smokeryou know the type. The world is his ashtray. He had already started several expensive fires by laying down cigarettes and forgetting where he'd put them. He had seen an ad in the paper for an ashtray guaranteed to snuff forgotten cigarettes. Just the thing for him. He'd ordered the thing, and when it came in the mail he had found out why it had been guaranteed-it had to be filled with water. How we'd all laughed at Bill for being caught by

BUT how could a mousetrap be guaranteed to kill if it didn't bought a lemon and the story hap pened to leak out, I should never hear the end of it, particularly But a mousetrap guaranteed to kill -there was no way of getting

I tried to figure out what the thing we all know as a mousetrap

That same Sunday night I had dreams about mousetraps. I'm one of those guys who can always remember his dreams with crystal clarity. The mousetraps I had entertained in my subconscious during the night, while they had seemed pretty good at the time, were complete washouts in the harsh light of day. Most of them were Rube Goldberg affairs, and none of them would have worked,

I began to forget the beastly mousetrap though Mary didn't. Apparently a workable idea had come to her while she was down at the market, and she had held up the line at the cashier's counter by denanding a piece of paper and a pencil-neither of which she ever has with her-and sketching out a fairly detailed plan of the thing, deaf to the selfish barracking of the pushing assortment of waiting housewives. She brought it home, indignant at the attitude of the shopping public, and showed it to me. I said it would have been the best mousetrap to hit civilization yet, and where are you going to get

the cyclatron to work it? We weren't kept in suspense too much longer. A package came in on the mail on the Wednesday or Thursday of the same week. It was very heavy, and had cost twentyfour cents to mail. We ripped it open and out came a flat slab of wood about six inches square and a piece of lead pipe a foot long. And a sheet of printed instructions which started out: Place the mouse or rat to be killed on the wooden block and strike it smartly behind the ears with the pipe. . . .

Stimulate your business by adver-A WISE OWL tising in the Bulletin.

Pasture Renovation

A Lancaster County Pasture Renovation Field Day will be held on Friday, Aug. 14, starting at 1 P. M. at the farm of Clair H. Witmer, Willow Street II, Pa. (located near H. H. Sna-WAS ABOUT to doze off into an vely farm and about 3 miles

This Field Day will feature many actual demonstrations of modern machinery that may be used to break up an old pasad columns and I only noticed it ture sod and prepare the soil because it had been set in heavy for a new seeding. Eleven different machinery companies will each have a plot of sod ground on which to demonstrate their machinery.

A short afternoon program will feature Penn State Extension Specialists, Frank Bamer and Joseph McCurdy, on the There followed a name and ad. subjects of pasture improvement and modern pasture ma-

This event is being conduct-I took the paper to the kitchen ed by the Lancaster County Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the Lancaster County Farm Equipment Deal-

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