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## Competition Serves Public

No one in public office is overly happy when opposition develops at the polls. Such an attitude is both understandable and forgivable.

To be unchallenged at a time of political battle is highly complimentary. It means that your friends are satisfied with your accomplishments, and that your enemies don't have the gumption or the poor judgment to tackle you in a duel.

Aside from the flattering aspects, it takes time, money and effort to wage a campaign, even if your opponent is regarded as weak. No successful politician ever sells his challenger short.

He is always aware, or should be, that some of his closest friends and casual acquaintances will feel offended if they aren't personally approached for support. Maybe it's foolish that way, but no one is going to change human nature.

But, forgetting the office holder's viewpoint and looking at it from a civic point of view, opposition is definitely in the public's interest. Public servants more often than not are inclined to regard their office as personal property if they stick around long enough.

There are of course some pleasant exceptions, and these exceptions as far as The Mirror is concerned can stay in office forever. It's a wonderful experience to rub shoulders with someone who realizes that serving the public is a privilege rather than a special and exclusive right.

Here and now, no matter whom you vote for in the approaching election, get it in your mind and heart once and for all that City Hall and the County Courthouse belong to you, your neighbors, and the citizens down the street or up the road a piece.

When you go calling at either place, whatever your business might be, it isn't necessary for you to crawl or hang your head like a small boy who just got caught with his hand rammed in the cookie jar.

You deserve respect, so long as you're respectful yourself. That, of course, should be your policy anyhow, whether you're dealing with politicians, preachers, your shoe-shine boy or the garbage man.

Any citizen who goes out of his way to be insulting to a public servant down at City Hall or over at the Courthouse forfeits his right to be treated with respect. Holding public office at best involves a multitude of problems, and mistreatment at the hands of crackpots and chronic gripes shouldn't be one of them.

But it's a sorry rule that doesn't work both ways. If an officeholder is entitled to decent treatment, why shouldn't a citizen whose taxes pay the officeholder's salary be accorded a little decency too?

Kicking a rude officeholder out of office doesn't always remedy the situation. His successor may be even ruder, eventually if not at the start. And, to be practical about it, replacing an insulting officeholder who is otherwise capable with a glad hander who can't handle the job wouldn't be exactly smart.

All of us will do well to scrutinize every candidate closely, in or out of office. Judge his capabilities and consider the peculiarities of his personality. Decide for yourself how he stacks up as a person you want to handle your business.

Remember, when you go to the polls you won't or shouldn't be going to do some office seeker a favor. You shouldn't be influenced by the smirk he has been greeting citizens with for a few short weeks, nor his bone-crunching handshake.

It's up to you to hire somebody for a job. Get the right man, or at least the best man available.

# Village Verses

## OLD TOWNS

I love old towns, where memories  
Like climbing ivy cling;  
And stardust from a golden past  
Is found on everything.  
Where little children, bright of eye,  
Are taught to fear the rule,  
While sitting at the self same desk  
That Grandma used in school.  
I love each street, that knows the steps  
Of men both rich and poor;  
The faltering man, with heavy heart,  
The gay man, strong and sure.  
Give me the home where bits of light  
Come trickling thru a door,  
Just as a million other beams  
Have tumbled out before.  
Yes, old things get into your soul,  
And build a lasting shrine;  
That's why I'll cherish 'til I die  
This lovely town of mine.

—JGMCD.



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BY RUTH CURRENT  
STATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

**FANFARE FOR SPECIAL MEALS!**—Juices make delicious appetizers, including favorites like cranberry, apple, tomato, citrus, pineapple, or vegetable juice cocktail, tomato and sauerkraut.

Light soup, including bouillon, soups, tomato bouillon, cold jellied soups, or small servings of milk soups or other hearty soups add variety to menus.

Hors d'oeuvres, or an assortment of flavorful relishes, such as celery and olives or radishes, or stuffed eggs, sliced cheeses, tiny frankfurters, potato chips, ham or chipped beef rolls, tiny hot fish bites or hamburger balls, cottage cheese with chives, and antipasto combination add just the right touch to special meals.

**FLAVOR FOR LEFTOVERS!**—Saute onion and brown leftover meats for your casseroles. Makes all the difference! In fact, onion is always a better flavor this way.

For a delicious and unusual dish, serve cooked broccoli or cauliflower with a sauce of creamed shrimp or crab meat.

Do you have browned flour on hand for gravy? It gives better color, better flavor. To brown the flour, just heat it in a shallow pan in the oven, shaking or stirring often, to an even light brown.

**CLEAN CLOSETS FREQUENTLY!**—Thoroughly cleaned closets are good housekeeping musts. At frequent intervals, take everything out of the closet and look over carefully. Discard worn or outmoded garments. Clean the ceiling, walls, woodwork, shelves, fixtures, clothes pole and hooks. Wash and wax floors. Put fresh liners on shelves, or clean those that are there; and be sure all boxes and garment bags are cleaned before you replace them. Our department stores have everything a good homemaker needs in doing a good cleaning job—waxes, polishes, brushes, soaps, spot removers.

**STORING COOKIES!**—For almost any type of cookie, a tightly-covered container, or an airtight wrap is best. Cookies should be thoroughly cooled before being stacked for

storage. And crisp and soft cookie varieties should never be stored in the same container, since the crisp varieties will soften quickly under such circumstances.

**LIGHTING!**—Up to 25 per cent of your energy can go into merely trying to see. Poor lighting is what made Grandma raise her kitchen

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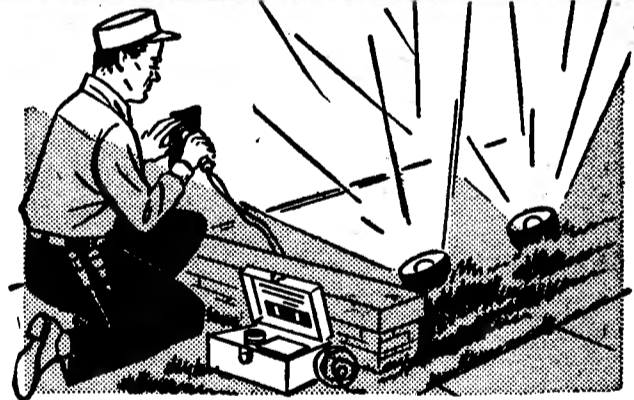
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