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## AN AMERICAN GIFT

BY RUTH TAYLOR

There was a story in the paper the other morning which couldn't have happened any place but in America and which to my mind expresses beautifully the spirit that is America.

An original parchment manuscript of the Bill of Rights, embodying the early amendments to the Constitution of the United States affirming freedom of speech, religion, press and assembly, was presented to the Library of Congress - not by a descendant of one of the signers, not by a man whose forefathers fought in the War of the Revolution - but by a second generation American, the son of immigrant parents.

This gift was made in the spirit of gratitude for the freedom which its donor's parents found here, that freedom which he himself so enjoyed and cherished. What could be more expressive of America than that the son of immigrants could have progressed to such a point of financial independence in this country as to be able to purchase such a rare item? And what could be more fitting than that he, an American by birth, commemorated the memory of his parents, Americans by choice, by giving to the American people this great manuscript?

In accepting the parchment, the Librarian of Congress wrote, "The manuscript of the Bill of Rights is the only one of the basic American documents needed to complete our holdings. I can think of no act of generosity to the people of the United States which would have more meaning at this time or to be more widely appreciated than the gift of that particular document."

It is a particularly significant thing that the manuscript of the Bill of Rights should have been given back to the American people by one to whom the Bill of Rights has meant so much. But, after all, that is America: A nation founded not on a code of laws, of regulations and restrictions, but upon a Bill of Rights for all people. A land that has given refuge to the downtrodden and depressed peoples from all nations, affording those who had intelligence and energy the opportunity of becoming useful citizens of a brave new world: A country where the least may become the greatest, where each has the power to make a contribution to the common melting pot.

We Americans have cause for gratitude not only for this gift but for the fact that our country, our nation, our way of life, inspired the gift. In accepting it, let us in our own hearts pledge ourselves to the continuation and implementation of that self-same Bill of Rights so that it may serve as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to countless generations yet to follow.

### Cut - Over Lands Furnish Grazing

Cut over timber lands can be used advantageously to fill in the grazing gap between winter annuals and lespedeza, report research men of the State College Experiment Station.

Tests at the animal husbandry farm near Raleigh during three years showed that beef cattle made an average daily gain of

1.21 pounds in the period from mid-April to the last of May. When the cattle were returned to the woods pasture for a two weeks longer grazing period, the gains were very poor and in some cases there were losses. The best gains came in the first four weeks, with three yearlings to five acres. The forage consisted chiefly of hardwood browse and native woods grasses.

The State College Forestry Department conducted studies on the grazed area and a similar ungrazed area. Where the woodlands were grazed for approximately two months each spring for three years, the grazed land contained 83 percent more young pines of 6 inches in height or more per acre than the ungrazed land.

### THE COMMON Defense

The Americanism of American Chaplains

A documented statement in the office of the Chief of Chaplains reports this story:

"March 2, 1943. The following incident was told by soldier survivors of the S. S. (deleted). Authenticity can be verified by soldier survivors now in Greenland concerning the heroic conduct of the four Chaplains aboard the sinking ship - Jewish, Catholic, Protestant. With utter disregard of self, having given away their life-jackets to four men without them, the Chaplains stood hand in hand praying to the God they served for the safety of those men who were leaving the stricken ship on all sides of them. This is the picture engraved on our minds and hearts as the S. S. (deleted) disappeared beneath the waves." In the companionship of death the adherents of three faiths joined hands and with their hands, their hearts.

The Chaplains have demonstrated to the armed forces that they are translating verbal declarations of faith into tangible deeds of action. The soldiers and sailors have also demonstrated this fact in working together, living together, and fighting together.

Shall we here in the United States say that only on a battlefield people can be tolerant of each other? Shall we say that only in times of emergency we can forget our prejudices and hates? Shall we, at home, by our example in word and deed, create disunity because we are not face to face with the deadly fire of the enemy?

The Chaplains stand out as leaders of interfaith cooperation and understanding for Americans everywhere. Let us therefore put an end to all hate breeding at home. Let us discourage the foul prejudice fanned by our fascist enemy, and by our more insidious enemy, the un-American American.

When we hear anyone attacked

### J. O. U. A. M. MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Edison Council No. 270 Junior Order United American Mechanics will

because he has a foreign sounding name, because he is a Catholic or a Jew or a Protestant, let us speak out against the attacker. Let us denounce all stories that are un-American and let us challenge all rumors that damage our united effort. And, finally let us stamp out vicious attempts to divide Americans and thereby to undermine American unity. Let the world know, once and for all, that

we are all Americans and that we stand together at home, as on the battlefield, for humanity and the freedom with which God has endowed all men.

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