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THE FOURTH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Helen Caldwell Cushman We, the American people, are too apt to forget the principles on which our country was founded, why it was founded. We become too complacent, too neglectful of our rights, and take too supinely all kinds of infringements on our liberty, our freedom.

name, and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these united colonies are and OF RIGHT OUGHT TO BE, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES.

I Am An American

I am an American. My father belongs to the Sons of the Revolution; My mother, to the Colonial Dames. One of my ancestors pitched tea overboard in Boston Harbor; Another stood his ground with a grim stare.

I am an American. My father was an atom of dust, My mother a straw in the wind, To His Serene Majesty. One of my ancestors died in the mines of Siberia; Another was crippled for life by a heavy blow on the knout.

"To see it in our power to make a world happy—to teach mankind the art of being so—to exhibit on the theater of the universe a character hitherto unknown—and to have, as it were a new creation entrusted to our hands, are honors that command reflection, and can neither be estimated too highly, nor too gratefully received."

FROM THE BATTLE BEGINS FROM THE N. C. O. As the battle against secrecy continues, some amazing revelations develop which suggest that the American Society of Newspaper Editors began its fight not a moment too soon.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

A MOTORIST'S PRAYER

July 4, 1952

Our Heavenly Father, we ask this day a particular blessing as we take the wheel of our car. Grant us safe passage through the perils of travel; shelter those who accompany us and protect us from harm by Thy mercy; steady our hands and quicken our eye that we may never take another's life; guide us to our destination safely, confident in the knowledge that Thy blessings go with us through darkness and light... sunshine and shower... for ever and ever. Amen

N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles

What is going on, they have hopes that someday they will be able to throw off the yoke. Once they have been deprived of this knowledge, however, they live in the dark canyon of despair. And anyone, whether he be a county, State or national official, who undertakes to hide the public business from the public eye is an enemy of liberty.

SPORTS AFIELD

You often hear that spinning is a foolproof method of casting. Nevertheless, as many fishermen will tell you, you can get into trouble with a spinning outfit. Most such troubles, according to Joe Bates, one of this country's first spinning enthusiasts have to do with the selection and handling of spinning lines.

Test Your Intelligence

- Score 10 points for each correct answer in the first six questions: 1. Who composed the opera Carmen: -Bizet -Massenet -Wagner -Puccini 2. Rhodessa is in: -Australia -Central Asia -Africa -West Indies 3. England is presently ruled by the House of: -Windsor -Stuart -Tudor -Soviet 4. Which of the following Communist countries is led by an anti-Soviet: -Czechoslovakia -Albania -Hungary -Yugoslavia 5. President when the White House was burned in the War of 1812 was: -Jefferson -Monroe -Madison -Pierce 6. The Diligent quintuplets were born in: -Spain -Sicily -Argentina -Italy 7. Listed below, at left, are four U. S. Presidents and opposite them, mixed up, are their Secretaries of State. Match them, scoring 10 points for each correct answer. (A) Washington -Root (B) Lincoln -Kellogg (C) T. Roosevelt -Jefferson (D) Coolidge -Seward

HAYSEED

By Uncle Sam

"Zebulon and Nathaniel were a people that jeopardized their lives unto death in the high places of the field." Judges 5:18. Patriotism gives a person a right attitude and feeling toward his country. A true patriot cannot be a criminal at heart.

The Itinerant Termite

Almost every year about 'this time, when the termites begin to swarm, the eggs begin to rise in the trees, and the flowers begin to bloom, the Bureau's phone begins to ring as home owners telephone to inquire about termite exterminators who give fictitious addresses or no address at all.

"The final chapter of this story is written in the summer when those who failed to check with the Bureau file complaints against the Fly-By-Night Exterminating Company." Furtive attempts are made by the Bureau to locate the itinerant pest control operators, and the honest ones, who have no intention of being deceived, have no objection to being located at all times.



"Look! Our baby is taking his first steps. Isn't it wonderful?"

triot will support any movement, vation will cause people to be faithful to the government and rulers. The Bible teaches its readers to be loyal, loving and kind. All ought to pray that the Lord will prosper their country and lead its rulers in right paths.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Little Flyer

- HORIZONTAL 1 Depleted feathered creature 3 Short-napped fabric 6 It is a small 12 Facility 13 Social insect 14 Genus of shrubs 15 Loose egg 16 Willow 18 Onager 19 Heavy hammer 21 Riches 23 Daybreak (comb. form) 24 Chinese unit of weight 25 Identical 27 Pallid 30 Abraham's home 31 Born 32 Scottish sheepfold 34 Indian mulberry 35 Domestic slave 37 Cushions 38 Prospectus 40 Half-son 41 Slayter 43 Invigorating medicine 49 Impale 50 Residences 53 Wittleham 53 A trash 55 Mover's truck 58 Challenge 57 Interpret 58 Abstract being 59 Bean

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in, including 'WREN' and 'SHEEP'.

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After my blithe chatter about the heat and ability to take it, I had a quick come-uppance. I should have known better. Who could have foretold what was in store for us? 93 is not cool but it would seem like a desirable and comfortable oasis after those fiendish days that have reached 105 this week—five in a row. Even the furniture is hot to the touch—and as for sleep—there isn't any. I imagine that human errors occur as frequently in this abnormally hot weather as they do in abnormally cold weather—we just aren't made to function efficiently when the mercury climbs to such dizzy heights.

It was 106 for the second day in Bamberg, S. C. It reached 106.5 in Wilson, even on the beaches it was hot—107 at Morehead City, for example—and the coast was plagued by a west wind which brought a scourge of sand fleas. If you want to go where it is cooler—try Miami—it was 20 degrees cooler there than in North Carolina all week.

It is always a delight to share with my readers some books which have charmed me, or some cogent lines I have read here and there. And I am pleased when a reader returns the compliment. One of them with whom I have had many an interesting conversation, who is as charming a person as I have met anywhere, sent me this written by Oscar Hammerstein, II, of the Rodgers - Hammerstein writing producing team, responsible for South Pacific, Oklahoma and the King and I. It's called Have You A Civilized Mind? It begins with a quote from Francis Bacon.

"If we begin with certainties, we shall end in doubts; but if we begin with doubts, and are patient in them, we shall end in certainties."

"Too many men become certain about too many things too early in their lives. Over-eager to have everything settled in their minds, they lack both the wisdom and the courage to expose their hastily adopted ideas to healthy doubts. They cling with blind passion to their false 'certainties' and too often are ready to kill or be killed for them. In these immature absolutists lies the seed of tragedy. The earth is sick with them. The certainties of a strong man are built on a structure of resolved doubts. By the time he reaches a conclusion he has traveled the hard road of reason. Even then he will be tolerant of another man's beliefs, and willing always to compare them fairly with his own. The man with a civilized mind is neither afraid nor ashamed to change it."

"Your uncritical loyalty to weak ideas cannot make them strong. Be ever ready to let your ideas stand up and fight for themselves. Let them survive or die according to their merit. It is only in ideas honestly and bravely tested that you will find security."

To which we add a humble and a fervent 'Amen.' The world does change in spite of us—and old-wives tales and absolute positions are proved each day to have no validity. If we are to stay alive in this world, we have to be flexible, and open to reason—otherwise, we are out of step with progress, and had far better be physically dead—since our minds are dead to all purposes that matter. Intolerance is a sure sign of immaturity—we remain fixed at some earlier point in our lives and do not grow beyond that point.

Stephen Benet wrote in his Book of Americans, a poem about that great liberal, Thomas Jefferson—and it might be well for us to read on this Independence day, 1952. It is too long to quote in full—but these are the lines I like most. Thomas Jefferson, What do you say Under the gravestone Hidden away?

"I was a giver, I was a molder, I was a builder With a strong shoulder."

"I liked the people, The sweat and crowd of them, The thrust and stress always And spoke aloud of them."

"A wild-goose-chaser? Now and again, Build Monticello, You little man! Design my show, give, They use it still, Oh found my college At Charlottesville. And still go questioning New things and thinkers, And keep as busy As twenty tinkers. While always guarding The people's freedom— You need more hands, sir? I didn't need them, I got no riches, I died a debtor, I died free-hearted And that was better. For life was freakish But life was fervent. And I was always Life's willing servant. 'Life, life's too weighty? Too long a haul, sir? I lived past eighty I liked it all, sir.'"

I spent most of the week end in the water and under it at Lake Tut. The water is rising rapidly now, and you can dive safely off the board on the sun table. Yes, I kept my promise and dived so many times that I had a headache. Saturday night when I came out of the water about eleven, the air felt so cool, I actually shivered—what a delightful feeling to be able to shiver again. You might consider taking your family there for Independence Day—it is not far to drive and the courtesy and consideration of the well trained staff will please you, I am sure. Did you know that one of the biggest Fourth of July in the world takes place every year in Denmark? On that day in the National Park in Jutland, the flags of all the American states fly together. Often more than 50,000 Danes sing The Star Spangled Banner—and follow it with their own National anthem, There Is A Lovely Land. The Danes are one of the most democratic, enlightened, and progressive nations—and there is less illiteracy there than in our own country.

For all my friends who go fishing on this long week end, this poem about fishing by Struthers Burt—and how homesick it makes me for cool, blue water. With trout lie there are white, white stones, With running water over; And half the air is made of mint, And half is made of clover; And slow clouds come and go and sail Like giant fish with lacy tail.

And they say that a businessman is old enough to retire when he picks a secretary by her brains instead of her looks. —HELEN CALDWELL GUSHMAN

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