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Editorial

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

The word "democracy" is used so often that to many people it has become almost meaningless. But it is not the definition of democracy that is significant. It is its workability which should concern us all. The administering of democracy is not something which goes on behind closed doors. Everybody is supposed to participate in this form of government.

So many people who complain of not knowing what is going on in Washington don't try to find out. They make a lukewarm effort to understand the various bills under consideration and then give up saying: "What I think wouldn't bear weight anyhow." In this thought is the downfall of the democratic form of government.

No matter what one's conception of democracy may be, one thing is sure: it is based on the foundation that the individual is important and should have a right to express an opinion in matters of government. Among the rank and file of Americans, there are very few who take time to write to their congressman when they want to object or approve legislation. Furthermore, there are many who do not even know the name of their congressman.

DOG LICENSES

We never could quite see why a dog should be subject to capital punishment for not wearing a license. It is thousands of towns it is common practice to take an unlicensed dog to the pound and execute him if his owner doesn't interfere.

Much better, we think, is a plan recently suggested for licensing dog owners rather than the dogs themselves. And, instead of merely making a license available to anyone who wants one, it might be humane to issue them only to those people who could prove that they could provide a comfortable home for a dog. In addition, licenses could be taken away from those who treated a dog cruelly.

It is our opinion that many dogs are better citizens than their masters. We would like to see a turnabout of dog man's legal relationship whereby the owner would be the responsible party and the dog's sole concern would be over wearing his master's license plate.

IT MAKES THE WIRES HUM

Few people realize the part coal plays in producing the electric light and power with which this nation is so abundantly supplied. For example, in October, 1944, according to the Federal Power Commission, fuel burning electric generating plants produced 13,450,394,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity; waterpower plants produced 5,771,352,000.

The coal industry can be justly proud of the fact that 55 per cent of all this electric energy is generated from bituminous coal. Last year, for electric utilities, railroads, factories, homes and farms, over 600,000,000 tons of coal were produced.

The industry is now working to provide postwar coal for home heating in more uniform sizes and practically dustless. No wonder the United States has outstripped the world in all manner of production when it has industries that, while meeting abnormal demands, plan ahead to give constantly improved service when conditions become normal.

SAVE YOUR OWN BACON

Knowledge of fire causes and of conditions which permit a small fire to become serious, is very essential to fire prevention. Without such knowledge inspections are valueless. A simple report that a cellar contained rubbish, or a store was selling cotton batting in the basement area, means little. But if this rubbish is beneath the stairs or the cotton is open on a table at the foot of the main stairway, any experienced fireman can visualize the inferno he would have to go through to reach a fire in the basement.

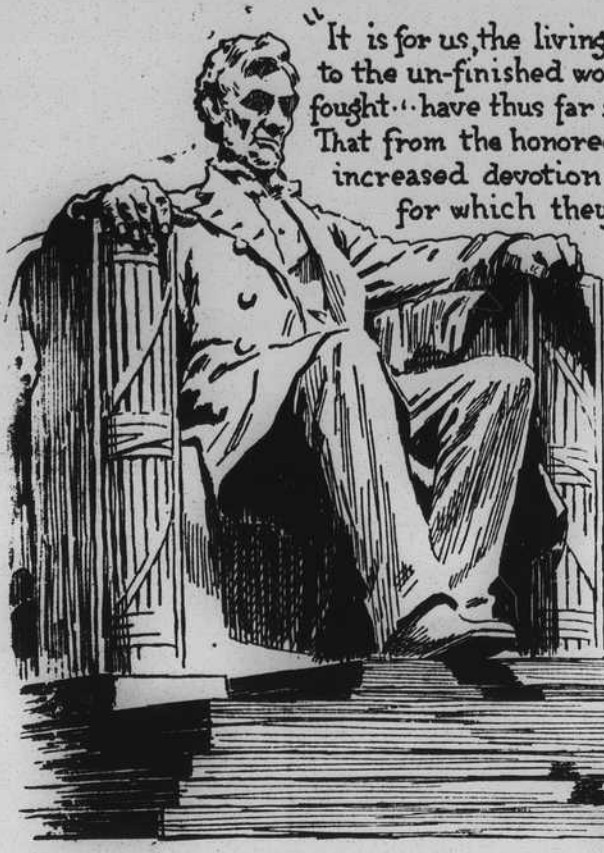
Study shows that a large percentage of fires endangering life and property originate in basements and cellars. Such fires may result from an accumulation of paper and boxes, or the improper use of spigots instead of pumps for the discharge of oil from drums, or the continued use of defective stovepipes, or any one of several causes which, even though corrected, could develop between inspections.

Repeated fires of this character emphasize the inaccessibility of fires in cellars and basements. As a result, the important facts to be considered in controlling such fires, are the location of stairways and other entrances, and providing means of fighting fires in basements from other than an interior stairway.

Many basements are bound to remain a serious fire menace unless they are provided with a sprinkler system which, if not supplied by a connection to a street main, could be fed by hose lines from a fire engine.

The foregoing simple suggestions will enable any person having the well-being of his property and community at heart, to safeguard his own premises at little or no cost, with possibility of great saving to himself.

Listen Again to Lincoln



"It is for us, the living... to be dedicated to the un-finished work which they who fought... have thus far so nobly advanced... That from the honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause... for which they gave their last full measure... that we highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain..."

WE COMPLACENT, GRUMBING, FAULT-FINDING, STAY-AT-HOME PATRIOTS—

This Week in WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, (INWNS). — Although President Roosevelt is generally given credit for being the father of the New Deal, there is little doubt, after listening to the testimony of former Vice President Wallace before the Senate commerce committee, that Mr. Wallace is its most ardent guardian.

For in his statement to the committee Mr. Wallace frankly and clearly expounded all of the principles of New Dealism and went several steps farther than the President has ever gone in proposing government controlled social reforms. It was obvious while listening to Mr. Wallace that this committee hearing was an historic event. For his appeal really put it up to our representatives in Washington to decide, once and for all, whether our government should become a loving and generous parent to the people, or should consider personal social responsibilities to be outside of its province.

Mr. Wallace made it crystal clear that the kind of government he dreams about, and will work for, is one which will guarantee a job to every man, will assure each citizen a comfortable home, adequate medical care, protection against economic worries, and a good education. He wants to make the President's "Second Bill of Rights"—the proposal which includes all of these social programs—as important as the original Bill of Rights. And he thinks the government should spend whatever number of billions is necessary to carry out this plan for "prosperity and security for all."

Although there are many in Washington who bitterly oppose Mr. Wallace's goals, and consider them highly impractical, even they will admit that he put his cards on the table and left it up to the people and their representatives to decide whether they want his socialized type of government or whether they don't.

Mr. Wallace said that the chief question in deciding whether he should be secretary of commerce and head of the RFC should hinge on whether RFC funds should be used to help small business or only large business. But he later made it clear that there was a lot more to the decision than that when he expounded his social philosophy of government and his determination, if put in power, to give life to that philosophy.

It is believed by many here that Mr. Wallace has high hopes of being the next President of the United States and that President Roosevelt is working with him toward that end. It is evident that the man who controls billions of dollars of RFC funds, and who will have a major hand in the postwar employment program may be in an excellent position to run for that office.

Although the Wallace debate took the limelight temporarily away from the national service act, that measure undoubtedly is the most important war measure which congress has to decide upon in a long time. And from the political viewpoint it is one of the most difficult decisions congress has ever had to make. For it is supported by the President, by the army, by the navy and by war agencies, but is opposed by repre-

sentatives of labor and industry. That means a definite split in Congress, even though under Secretary of War Patterson, in an interview with the North American Newspaper Alliance, tried to make it entirely a war problem when he said, "The issue now before congress is whether the home front is really ready to go all-out in backing our men at the fighting fronts, or whether it is not."

TODAY and TOMORROW By DON ROBINSON

COUNTERFEIT coupons. The office of price administration seems considerably cheered because, in a two-months' check-up, only 3 1-3 million counterfeit gasoline coupons were picked up. "These counterfeits," Administrator Bowles proudly points out, "are a substantial reduction from the estimated number of counterfeits a year ago."

In a statement on the situation Mr. Bowles goes on to pay high tribute to the members of the petroleum industry who have given whole hearted cooperation and "to the many American people who have shown their disgust for black markets and those who patronize them."

Somehow, however, I am not too impressed by this record. Having been in Washington, where everybody talks in terms of billions, for some time now, Mr. Bowles may feel that a few measly million aren't worth worrying about. But among motorists, who scribble and save on gasoline in order to get along on two gallons a week, the mere mention of millions of gallons is enough to make them start seeing mirages.

I don't blame Mr. Bowles or the OPA for this condition. I realize that it is practically an impossible job, without employing a 10,000,000-man police force, strictly to enforce any kind of rationing. But when we realize that so many men in this country who will deal with racketeers in order to get more than their share of essential products, it is hard to continue to feel much faith in the integrity of the American people.

An even more disturbing story of counterfeiting was the recent seizure in Chicago of counterfeit meat coupons totaling 2 billion red points. That is enough red points to buy all of the beef sold to our population for a three-weeks period.

The fact that a few criminals would look to the ration coupon field as a juicy source of dishonest revenue is to be expected. But the revolting side of the story is that they knew there would be a market for these coupons—that they knew there were thousands of butchers, restaurant owners and housewives who would jump at the chance to buy these coup-

ons even though it would rob others of meat and could lead to a total breakdown of our rationing system.

It is estimated that the meat coupon racketeers expected to make about \$2,500,000 out of the sale of these stamps. The gasoline stamp counterfeiter did collect over a million dollars from their racket. Either field offers excellent opportunities for the future for promising young crooks. And it is quite possible, unless some method is devised to bring this type of counterfeiting to a halt, that all rationing currency will become worthless and the black market will become the sole source of scarce products.

The OPA is taking effective steps to control the counterfeit menace. But in the final analysis, the only adequate control will come from a decision of the American people to refuse to contribute to the welfare of criminals.

It is significant to note that the sale of counterfeit gaso-

Dale Carnegie

Author of "HOW TO WIN FRIENDS and INFLUENCE PEOPLE"

CONSERVATION OF ENERGY ESSENTIAL

If you are one of those who put a job off till the last minute — well, then you are in good company. Homer Croy, the writer, tells me that Will Rogers did that. As an example he had to file his newspaper comment by two o'clock each day; but he always waited till the last possible moment to bang it off on his old portable. If he was at the studio he would go out to his car, where he kept his typewriter, climb into the back seat, spread the typewriter on his knees, glance through the newspapers, then begin to peck out his copy. And usually he would get his copy onto the wire by a nose. But he always got it there except once when he was down in Mexico and miles from a railroad.

He was a man of prodigious energy. He slept only seven hours a night; often was up by six o'clock in the morning and would set a pace that wore others ragged. When he and the late Frank Hawks, the aviator, went out to raise money for the Red Cross, they flew from one town to another. During this time Will would make three speeches a day. He was gone a month and came back in fairly good condition. Most of the movie stars of today who go out on bond-selling tours, and do one show a day, come back completely fagged. But not Will Rogers.

He had an energy-saving secret that was invaluable to him. When he worked, he worked; when he rested, he rested all over. And when he was not working, he was resting. Right there is a most valuable secret. If you are driven to the full of your energies, then rest every possible moment. Relax fully, completely.

He could fall asleep anywhere, at almost any time. He would even fall asleep reading a newspaper — then wake up refreshed. This ability to doze off to sleep for five minutes, even one minute, was one of the secrets of his amazing energy.

Here is another example of men who have to do long and sustained jobs and must conserve their energy. During the first World War Eddie Rickenbacker was, for a while, chauffeur to General Pershing. Naturally General Pershing was working to the full of his powers. So when he was being driven from one place to another on the line, he would lean back in the car, in the rear seat, fold his arms and go to sleep. Winston Churchill conserves his energy by going to bed in the afternoon.

line and food coupons is confined almost entirely to metropolitan cities. "Large rural areas that have practically no counterfeiting," says Mr. Bowles, are offset by cities that are turning in an appalling number."

Part of the reason for this is that there are more customers per square mile in cities than in the country. But it is undoubtedly true that the country people wouldn't do business with the racketeers, and the counterfeiter knows it. Racketeers know that at all times, country air is unhealthy for crooks—and in wartime they realize that farmers and small town people, imbued with a high form of patriotism would feel it was about time to start shooting if they were offered the "opportunity" to join a plot to undermine rationing.

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