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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Old timers look back with nostalgia to the good old days, when the Fourth of July was a real holiday — with parades, speakings (especially political, picnics, and pink lemonade, with an occasional fight to make things even more exciting — and, of course, flags were on display at almost every home. If there were any flags waving this Fourth (with the exception of the post office) we failed to see them — though doubtless many homes did have them. What we are leading up to is the failure of the town and communities of the county to heed the request of the American Legion and Legion

Auxiliary to ring the bells at 2:00 p. m. on July 4th. We are happy to report that at least one community did this. The Junior 4-H Club of Pensacola were the little bell ringers — pealing out 190 strokes — one for each of the 190 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

We cannot help wondering if a great many of the grown-ups would not like to introduce their children to a good old fashioned Fourth — even at the risk of being called "squares" — or is there a new name for it now? The children might not get a kick out of it, but we believe the oldsters would.

THE JONESES AGAIN!

The Joneses must have been talking to Indianapolis builder Jack Albershardt. He says an increasing number of homes now need three-car garages. And only a few years ago we were all worrying about getting a chicken to go into the pot for Sunday dinner!

The gentleman from Indiana says that about one of every two new home owners needs a three-car garage and about one in 25 is able to afford it. And of course, naturally, the Joneses are in this group who can afford it, or have the credit, thus upsetting the economic stability of the entire neighborhood.

Of course Junior has to have a car and the Mrs., naturally has hers and Dad

wouldn't think of giving up his. So the three-car family just has to be considered.

But there is another reason, too, says Builder Albershardt. Those who have two-car garages have to leave one car on the street because the second space is taken by a collection of barbecue gadgets, badminton sets, patio chairs, garden hose, old tires, bicycles, fertilizer spreaders for the lawn and of course, the lawn mower, to mention just a few.

If the Joneses would just stop buying all these gadgets and get back to borrowing from the neighbors, then this problem of what to do with the second, or even the third car, might be solved. Plus, if the Joneses would just stop buying automobiles,

Desecrating American Flag Must Cease

A bill, making it illegal to desecrate the American flag is apparently bogged down in Congress with no indication it will be put to a vote any time soon.

The bill was introduced after some rights workers hauled down a flag at Cordele, Ga., months ago and tearing it asunder. A wave of indignation swept the country and rightfully so. It was an unpatriotic act.

It happened again during the Mississippi march, and even Dr. Martin Luther King criticized the action.

Marchers yelled "these flags don't represent you." And they took the banners and tossed them in the dirt and dust beside the highway. An aide of Dr. King retrieved them.

It was bad enough for the marchers to chant "black

powder" slogans but showing a lack of respect for the flag was too much. It was a slap of the most disgraceful kind at the country where even today, with the disadvantages the negro has advantages he has in no other country in the world.

Dr. King said also there is a decreasing sentiment for civil rights movements. Tramp'ing on the flag is just another reason for this disinterest. The civil rights movement needs a house-cleaning to remove some of the radical elements. The sooner it comes the better.

Meanwhile, Congress should see that the bill making it a crime to desecrate the flag is passed. Then these punks who pull down Old Glory disrespectfully can be put where they belong — in a jail cell.

IT NEVER FAILS

FOR YEARS MR. & MRS. UPRIGHT HAVE DONE NOTHING BUT BLAB ABOUT THE GREAT WORK THEIR SON IS DOING IN COLLEGE —



BUT INSTEAD OF WALKING IN WITH A DIPLOMA — HE WALKED IN WITH THIS —



SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



WASHINGTON — This is the season of the year to meditate on the value of freedom and the virtue of responsibility. The supreme value of civilization is freedom. The premium that we pay for freedom is individual responsibility.

This calls to mind that good government has certain attributes that are as important today as they were more than five generations ago when freedom's battles raged in the Carolinas and Virginia and throughout the thirteen colonies. All of its attributes are known, but more than ever Americans need to reflect on sound principles that are the lifeblood of a well-governed nation.

Good government derives its powers from the consent of the governed. Good government is government under a written constitution, which establishes a government of laws and put it beyond the control of impatient public officials, temporary majorities, and the varying moods of public opinion. By a government of laws, I mean a government in which certain and constant laws rather than the uncertain and inconstant wills of men govern all the officers of government as well as the people at all times and under all circumstances.

Good government esteems freedom to be civilization's most precious value, and knows that Thomas Hobbes spoke eternal truth when he said: "Freedom is political power divided into small fragments." Accordingly, good government divides its powers among different depositories to prevent despotism. The Constitution of the United States does this in two ways. First, it allots to the Federal Government the powers necessary to enable it to discharge its functions as a central government, and leaves to the States the power to regulate their internal affairs; and second, it di-

vides the powers it vests in the Federal Government among its three departments in this manner: The power to make law in Congress, the power to execute law in the President, and the power to interpret law in the Supreme Court and the inferior Federal courts.

Good government secures to each citizen political, eco-

nomie, and religious freedom by specific rights which he is entitled to assert, even against government itself. To this end, it guarantees to him such rights as the right to speak and worship freely, the right to earn his livelihood in any lawful calling, the right to acquire, use, and dispose of property, and the right to perform such acts and enter into such contracts as may be necessary to do these things.

In the nature of things, all government operates through the agency of men, and no government can be better in practical operation than the men who operate it. Our system of government, properly administered, virtually insures good government. But, even this well-nigh perfect system will not produce good government unless two conditions are met.

The first is that the people must be eternally vigilant, and the second is that public officers must be faithful to the trust reposed in them by our government of laws.

One of the greatest dangers of our day is that men seek to govern by their own notions rather than by the rules established by our government of laws. This jeopardizes not only good government, but the system of government of laws itself.

This is the challenge of our day. The seriousness of the challenge is that it is directed against freedom itself. It is a challenge that emphasizes the indispensable need for individual responsibility as a saving restraint.



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