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## Flag Day

Today is Flag Day and the nation is celebrating the 157th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Strips as America's national emblem.

It was on June 14, 1777, in old Independence Hall, Philadelphia, that the Continental Congress adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation. The stars to be arranged in a circle." And by this resolution was created the Stars and Stripes.

Tradition has it that the first flag was made by Betsy Ross at her home at 239 Arch street, Philadelphia, from a sketch furnished her by General Washington, who was one of a committee of three authorized by the Congress "to designate a suitable flag for the nation."

This little home is now a national shrine, having been purchased by the Betsy Ross Memorial society many years ago with funds raised by public subscription, tens of thousands of persons contributing to the fund, many giving as little as a dime.

To those who are not familiar with the origin and history of our flag the following may be of interest. It is taken from a bulletin to the schools of New York state, written by Dr. A. F. Flick, New York State Historian.

"In 1775 the Philadelphia Troop of Light Horse carried a standard with thirteen alternate blue and silver stripes in the upper left-hand corner. At Cambridge on January 2, 1776, Washington, without authorization of the Continental Congress, raised a flag consisting of thirteen alternate white and red stripes with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew in a blue field in the upper left-hand corner.

"It was called the 'Union Flag', the 'Grand Union Flag' and the 'Continental Flag' and was employed until displaced by the Stars and Stripes adopted by the Continental Congress.

"The beautiful tradition that Betsy Ross, as early as June 1776, made a Stars and Stripes flag from a pencil sketch supplied by Washington but changed the points of the stars from six to five, has become a classic notwithstanding the fact that historians doubt its accuracy.

"The flag with thirteen stripes and thirteen stars, authorized on June 14, 1777, continued to be used as the national emblem until Congress passed the following act which President Washington signed:

"That from and after May 1, 1795, the flag of the United States be fifteen stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union be fifteen stars, white in a blue field."

"This action was necessitated by the admission of the states of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union.

"The flag of 1795 had the stars arranged in three rows of five each instead of in a circle, and served for 23 years.

"With the admission of more new states, however, it became apparent that the 1795 flag would have to be further modified; hence in 1818 a law was passed by Congress providing:

"That from and after the fourth day of July next, the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; that the union have twenty stars, white in a blue field.

"That on the admission of every new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect on the fourth of July next succeeding such admission."

"Since 1818 additional stars have been added until today there are 48 on the flag. No law has been passed to designate how the stars shall be arranged. At one time they formed a design of a larger star. Now by common practice they form six rows of eight stars each."

# Louisa's Letter

DON'T BE JUST A  
CROWD-FOLLOWER

Dear Girls:  
I heard a talk not long ago on a subject I think worth passing along. The speaker decried the lack of a motive in most of our lives today. He said that our days were filled with trivialities and that we regarded these minor matters with too much concern.

How true that is! We see about us young women—intelligent, young people who have unusual gifts, physically and mentally. If they could be interested in social welfare or in the study of something which would be of ultimate good for the race, they would amount to something. They might be the means of saving lives or making good men and women out of potential criminals. But what do they do, and how do they spend their days?

Well, in the first place, they feel they must keep up their social duties. So, since it is smart to give cocktail parties, they buy bootleg liquor and help their guests swizzle it down. Then, of course, if one is to look sophisticated, one must smoke, so they pick up another unnecessary and expensive habit.

Between times, they do a little gambling on bridge, and what with a little shopping and golf

we have a complete routine of their lives.

Of course, a life like this is a most useless one for a single person to live, but it becomes more serious when the person is a parent. To not only fritter away one's life on such trivialities but to set an example that may eventually lead one's child into habits that mean disgrace or failure is nothing short of criminal.

But the first thought of some of our young people is to keep up with the crowd, and to do this some of them will sacrifice ideals they have cherished all their past lives.

If to be smart, they must drink or get familiar with members of the opposite sex, although they have little taste for it at first, they follow the crowd. After a while, they not only become used to it but begin to like it only too well. A gradual breakdown of character sets in and in a little while they join the ranks of the old caricatures who try to act young, and only succeed in making themselves ridiculous.

The woman who has some worth while goal in life, who is willing to do for others instead of catering to her own pleasure, who, though not averse to fun and recreation, does not fill her life with these to the exclusion of everything else, will achieve more happiness in the end, and will

# THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"  
and which contains Four Great Treasures ...  
**by BRUCE BARTON**

## LUKE USHERS IN WOMEN

Paul, the most adventurous of the early Christian missionaries, was often sick, and had as a physician a Greek gentleman named Luke. Luke had a friend named Theophilus who, as he thought, would be interested in the story of Jesus, but not in the form set forth by Mark or Matthew. Accordingly, Luke wrote:

Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus.

You will note that he does not criticize the accounts already written but observes merely that he does not find them adapted to Theophilus. He did not claim to have been, and in fact was not, an original disciple, but he said that he had enjoyed exceptional opportunities for hearing the story from reliable men who had first-hand knowledge. These are perfectly straightforward reasons for writing a book and they furnish a pleasing introduction both to the Good News as Luke wrote it and to that later book, partly compiled from his own

experiences as a companion of Paul, the Acts.

Luke did not care a fig about quotations from the Old Testament which might be very convincing to a Jew, for Theophilus was not a Jew. But he did tell of the Good Samaritan, and of the Prodigal Son, and some other exalted stories of the appreciation of Jesus for folks beyond the narrow walls of Judaism. Matthew never could have written this book any more than Luke could have written Matthew's.

One other fact is significant about the third Gospel. In some way the writer got hold of a fresh source of information about the women of that early Jerusalem community. Who told him and what was told we can only guess, but the fact is clear that Luke knew more and tells more about the women who were friends of Jesus than any of the other writers. That element gives an added quality of fineness to his book, which is probably the most beautiful book in the world.

Years later, in Ephesus, where Greek philosophy had tinged the thought and vocabulary of all educated people, a man named John wrote another story of Jesus. It is hardly the life-story; rather is it an interpretation, and a very fine one. We should have lost some of the most beautiful sayings of Jesus if it were not for this fourth Gospel, and one has only to read it through to understand why in every age it has been so greatly loved.

## Looking At Washington

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program was declared to be "dictatorial" and it was charged that American institutions were in danger of being engulfed by an all-powerful central government. The Democrats were specifically accused of reckless spending and risky inflation.

Fletcher had the backing of a group of "Hoover men" but his election was a part of a harmony program. The committee dispatched a felicitous telegram to former President Hoover in California.

Because about 80 members of the House have "flagrantly abused" the telegraph privilege, Chairman Warren, of the Accounts Committee, complains of the "gross abuse of the members who have been sending personal telegrams at the taxpayers' expense." This year the item is 130,000 as compared with \$50,000 last year and a recent bill authorized the Sergeant-at-Arms to take out of members' pay charges on private telegrams sent out as Government expense. A member is permitted to send telegrams only on strictly "official business." Messages to newspapers or individuals, congratulations, condolences, political and other matters are not considered "official business."

Quite a popular pastime is that of picking out the members of the White House inner circle, with various powers assigned this man and that of the group. Truth of the matter is that while the President consults many individuals, and has something like expert advisors on particular subjects, final decision is his own.

Attacks on some of the group has not, apparently, made much difference in their standing with the Chief Executive.

The promptness with which the treaty with Cuba was rushed into

feel and look younger than the woman who selfishly thinks only of herself.

Yours,  
LOUISA

the open is explained, it is said, by the development of a well-defined terrorist campaign in the island. Apparently the enemies of the existing government set out to demonstrate that it could not protect foreigners, including the ambassador from the United States. Suspicion naturally falls upon the henchmen of Machado, anxious to embarrass the government which rules in its stead.

Newspaper correspondents are somewhat upset by a recent ruling of Speaker Rainey to the effect that official transcripts of what is said on the floor cannot be given the journalists without the consent of the members who make the remarks. They usually want an opportunity to correct their speeches for the official record. However, there is nothing to prevent a newspaper man, on the job listening from printing in his newspaper what was actually said. The ruling will make reporters listen to debate if they want to get the highlights, rather than depend upon the official report for what is said.

The Georgia delegation is anxious to have railroad freight rates investigated, alleging that certain tariffs favor other sections at the expense of industry in their own state. Charges along the same line have been heard from other states. Now that the railroads must be welded into a national system it is obvious that rates must be fair to all parts of the country. An investigation into the entire rate structure may show the charges absurd, or, on the other hand, may justify the complaints.

An official map of the new air-mail set up, issued by the Post Office department, recapitulates the administration argument in the contract-cancelling debate. With service in 46 states the system includes 28,548 miles, or 3,300 miles more than when contracts were annulled. In addition, the new service is estimated to cost \$9,500,000 to \$14,000,000, compared with more than \$19,000,000 for the smaller system that existed in 1933.

Over-subscribed more than eight times the government's offering of \$800,000,000 in bonds and notes was gulped by a market hungry for sound investments.

# WILL YOU SMILE

**Fifty-Fifty**  
"Do you ever have to hurry to catch your morning train, Mr. Ballantyne?"  
"Well, it's fairly even, you know. Either I'm standing on the platform when the train puffs in, or I puff in while the train stands on the platform."

**Such Is Life**  
"Daddy, I don't think mother knows much about raising children," said little 4-year-old Mary Jane.  
"What makes you think so?" asked the father.  
"Well," said the little girl, "she makes me go to bed when I'm wide awake and makes me get up when I'm awfully sleepy."

**Getting His Reward**  
"Do you know," said the little man, "that your great big hulking brute of a bulldog killed my wife's dear little unoffending pet poodle?"  
"And what about it?" asked the big man defiantly.  
"Well," said the little man, looking around carefully to see that nobody was spying, "would you be offended if I gave you a new collar for your dog?"

**Crossed Wires**  
Brown smothered his wrath and entered the front room. "Are you the electrician?" he asked a man who was tinkering with a lot of wire.  
"Yes, sir," was the reply.  
"Been long in the trade?"  
"About a year."  
"Ever make mistakes?"  
"No."  
"Well, it's all right, I suppose, but the electric stove is playing 'Love Me' and the radio cabinet is burning to a cinder."

**Everything Right**  
The usher—What's this? The Spectator—It's a photograph of a bunch of orchids. Please hand it to the sourette when she takes her bow on the screen. Here's a picture of a dime for you.—Exchange.

**The Omission**  
Gilbert Stuart, the celebrated portrait painter, once met a lady in the street who saluted him with:  
"Ah, Mr. Stuart, I have just seen your miniature and kissed it because it was so much like you."  
"And did it kiss you in return?"  
"Why, no."  
"Then," said Stuart, "It was not like me."—Labor.

Officials were elated at the heavy demand for the three percent bonds, which were over-subscribed eight times in cash subscriptions.

The new borrowing pushes the public debt beyond the \$26,596,000,000 war peak, but had no apparent effect on the market. Only in June, 1931, when an \$800,000,000 issue of three and one-eighth percent bonds were over-subscribed eight times has there been a comparable response to a government offering.

See Castevens Motor Co. for radio batteries, tubes and service.—adv. tfc.

**NORTH CAROLINA, ALLEGHANY COUNTY.**  
C. A. Doughton, a citizen of Alleghany County, North Carolina, hereby enters and lays claim to a certain parcel of land in Gap Civil Township, said County and State described as follows:  
Beginning on a stake in the Virginia-North Carolina State line across the island in New River, then various courses so as to include all the island in the State of North Carolina.  
Entered the 16th day of April 1934.  
V. W. Reeves, Register of Deeds, Ex-Officio Entrytaker  
CHAS. A. DOUGHTON  
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# AMAZE A MINUTE

SCIENTIFACTS BY ARNOLD

**ANCIENT CLOCK RESTORED**  
THE FACELESS CLOCK OF SALISBURY CATHEDRAL, BUILT IN 1386 AND USED FOR FIVE CENTURIES, IS TELLING TIME AGAIN AFTER 45 YEARS INACTIION.

**PRIVATE LIVES = PSYCHOLOGISTS HAVE DISCOVERED A NEW DRUG, SODIUM AMYTAL, WHICH CAUSES PATIENTS TO DISCLOSE INTIMATE SECRETS.**

**WALKING ASH TRAYS!**  
THE AMERICAN GAME COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT HUNTERS WEAR ASH TRAYS TO PREVENT FOREST FIRES.

# The Family Doctor

By John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

**IMMUNIZATION**  
People living in rural districts should always remember the great benefits of being immunized, so far as possible, from serious disease. We now have reliable immunization from at least two of the most formidable enemies—typhoid fever and diphtheria. Typhoid serum for the former; antitoxin for the latter.

I have the greatest of confidence in and respect for our army of family physicians—true benefactors of the race.

"I want a man to do odd jobs about the house, run on errands, one who never answers back and is always ready to do my bidding," explained a lady to an applicant for a post in the household.

"You're looking for a husband, ma'am, not a servant," said the seeker for work.—Whitely Seaside Chronicle.

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# "Get a LIFT with a Camel!"

## "KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES" —Tessie Can't Resist A Uniform —By POP MOMAND

G'NIGHT, COMMODE!! I'M SHOWIN' OFF--

BY GOLLY--CAN IT BE POSSIBLE THAT TH' PEST IS REALLY GOING HOME THIS EARLY?--HOT DOG!

HOW COME YOU SHOOD TH' SAILOR HOME SO EARLY--T'NIGHT, GAL?

TES HES! I HAD TO GET HIM OUT OF TH' WAY--BEFORE MY OTHER DATE COME--TES HES!

KNOCK KNOCK--BAM!

HERS HE IS--NOW--

H'YAH, BABE! WHO'S D'IS GUY?

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