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**Doing Excellent Work For Nation's Safety . . .**

By Charles D. Rowe

At various times the writer of this column has called attention to the excellent work being done by the American Legion, that great patriotic organization of men who have faced the enemy in the stress of battle and fought to preserve our liberties.

Constantly since its organization following World War I it has continued to fight for the safety of the nation. And today it is no less active than in former years. One of its most important activities during the years has been a program of Americanization. The latest move in that direction is the preparation and broadcasting throughout the nation of thousands of booklets stressing the patriotic duties of all Americans and also emphasizing the wonderful privileges and freedom we have here in America. It is an educational treatise on Americanization. This is a noble work and deserves the sincere commendation of every true citizen. We have grown so accustomed to our American freedoms that we too often take them as a matter of course. Now and then it is well to have some thoughtful organization call them to our attention as the Legion is now doing.

I was handed the July number of the American Legion Magazine by a Libby veteran who is still trying to serve his country in peace as well as in war. An outstanding article in the magazine—Can We Head Off War?—by James F. O'Neil, national commander of the American Legion, frightens one with the information it discloses of how dreadfully close to war we may be. But it also encourages one with the argument advanced by Commander O'Neil to the effect that we can insure our safety and probably prevent war by immediately strengthening the national defense by means of a stronger army, navy, air force, and industrial mobilization. O'Neil says it is the duty of every American in this election year to study the record of all candidates for high office and vote only for those who sincerely advocate an adequate national defense. And he is wise in that contention.

In this time of a national election, how many of us appreciate the great privilege we Americans have of electing our officials by a secret ballot. Today large parts of the world do not have it. We have not always had that privilege ourselves.



**HOLLOW COMFORT**

The noted infidel, Robert Ingersoll, was once asked to deliver the funeral address at the grave of the child of an intimate friend. The best comfort he could offer to soothe the tears of the grief-stricken mother was the line, so often quoted since then: "It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

How different this hollow comfort is from the assurance of the man who has come to God through faith in Jesus Christ! Jesus said: "My sheep hear My voice . . . and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand."

He who has learned to know Christ as his Saviour from sin need not pin his hopes for the future on the shallow comfort of greeting card philosophy. Having placed his hand into the hand of the eternal Shepherd, he can say: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me."

There is nothing uncertain about the Christian faith, not even when it comes to the end of time and the beginning of eternity, because the Christian faith is based on God's eternal promises. It is the aim of our church to help you get and retain that faith. Our services are yours for the asking.—ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

In earlier years the American voter walked into the polling place and announced openly the candidates for whom he wished to vote. An election secretary marked down his votes as he announced it. A finer system for controlling an election by threats and intimidation could hardly be imagined. Men fought for the right of a secret ballot and gradually secured it. Today a voter steps into a booth where nobody can see how he votes and a ballot has been devised that insures the secrecy of his voting. This matter of a secret ballot is an American right and privilege. It has been given us so as to prevent any dictation of how an American shall vote. And we resent most vigorously any attempt to dictate our vote.

It is well to view with much suspicion anyone who would exert pressure on a voter. The mere fact that he does indicates an ulterior, a selfish motive. And it is clearly un-American. A secret ballot has been provided so as to protect the citizen and give him freedom in voting. Anyone who brings threats or intimidation against one violates the law and displays his own lack of Americanism. Any such action should be bitterly resented and opposed by every citizen.

In speaking last month before the first annual Montana Girls State, in Billings, Governor S. C. Ford said that the state's welfare is at the mercy of its lawmakers, who "can represent selfish interests or who can work for the advancement of the state and its peoples. They (the legislators) can follow the dictates of their conscience or they can fall for the siren song of lobbyists or pressure groups who come to our capitol at legislation time, seeking to influence the final outcome on measures."

**CHIROPRACTORS URGED TO FOSTER BETTER POSTURE**

Lewistown, June 19, 1948—Chiropractors gathered here for the annual convention of the Montana Chiropractic Association were urged today by Dr. H. H. Anderson of Libby to foster better posture in a long-term program.

"No greater contribution can be made by the chiropractors of America to the nation than by improving posture and thus increasing efficiency of all our workers," Dr. Anderson declared. "Poor posture is expensive."

"The problem of poor posture and the low efficiency of workers which it brings on can be approached in two ways," Dr. Anderson explained.

"The first is a long, careful, and well planned program to teach Americans how to walk and stand and sit in ways which will promote health and efficiency. We have such an educational program under way, and it is having its effect."

"However, that takes time." Meanwhile, many postural faults can be helped by direct treatment, or the bad effects can be modified or eliminated.

"In both programs individual chiropractors can play a decisive and important role."

"They can continue to carry out the program of education. They can explain to their patients how to walk, stand, sit, and lie for the best effect on health."

"They can also continue to relieve the bad results of poor posture by correcting the misalignments of the spine. Every chiropractor knows that the most minor displacement in the spinal column can bring on sharp pains, often far removed from the spine itself, which disappear under chiropractic treatment."

"Studies conducted by the Chiropractic Research Foundation show that 35 out of every 100 children have faulty posture, while 35% of men and women past 20 have spinal defects that all likely to lead to organic diseases unless corrected. "Faulty posture is due primarily to displacements in the spinal column. If displacements in children

**LIBBY ITEMS**

(Carried over from Last Week)

Mrs. Hal Dawson and Judy and Rodney left Monday for their home in Yakima, Wash., after visiting at the home of Mrs. Clara Woodruff and other relatives during the past two weeks. Mrs. Dawson is Mrs. Woodruff's daughter.

Mrs. Jennie Crogham is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Bowen and family.

Mrs. Art Nelson returned Wednesday evening from Cincinnati, O., where she has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parker and Keith. Mrs. Clara Woodruff and Mrs. Harold Nelson left this week to attend the Glacier Camp Meeting of the Assembly of God Church at Glacier Park.

Mrs. Don Anson of Great Falls is relief manager at the Western Union while Mrs. Ted Graham is on a two weeks vacation. She is planning to return Monday.

Mrs. J. K. Lyon of Bryn Mawr, Wash., arrived at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bowen this week for a visit and to recuperate after a long illness.

Clark T. Johnson of Butte has purchased the J. K. Legond place on Bob Tail. He is clearing some 40 acres and will put up new buildings. The transaction was handled by the E. A. Strout Realty, John F. Bowen, Associate.

W. H. Vick and family of Great Falls have bought the Earl Buckingham property south of town. They are planning improvements. John of Bowen of the Strout Realty handled the transaction.

A. M. Templin is assembling a car load of scrap iron for shipment. J. E. Guston, manager of the Kalispell Feed Store, was in Libby on business Tuesday.

Attention: Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Theta Rho, Junior Odd Fellows, the annual picnic this year will be held at Logan Memorial Park, August 15. Keep that date open. Attention members of the Royal Order of Moose. The annual picnic will be held at Logan Memorial Park, August 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baeth flew to Spokane on a business trip last week.

Mrs. J. J. Leav of Billings came last week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Moody. She will spend a couple of weeks with them.

Forester in charge of insect and blister rust control, George De Jarnette of Missoula, is on a tour of inspection in the Kootenai Forest this week. He is visiting the Troy and Yaak districts.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sahr and Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. Len Homann, Misses Jackie Gompf, and Norma Pival, and Morris Post and Barney West are among Libby residents that spent Sunday in Glacier Park. relatives during the past two weeks.

Mr and Mrs. Ralph Roberts returned Tuesday afternoon from Butte and Helena where they spent a few days. They attended the wedding of a niece in Butte and visited relatives and friends for a few days in Helena.

Mrs. A. M. Crilly of Hardin, was a guest in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Blaze Echo and Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Rice last week. Mrs. Crilly, Mrs. Echo and Mrs. Rice were girlhood friends when all three lived in and around Sheridan, Wyo. Mrs. Crilly left by bus Thursday morning to return to her home.

Roby Nelson of Eureka was a Libby visitor Tuesday.

Arthur Miller of Spring Valley, Minn., is visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Boepple. This is Mr. Miller's first trip west and he got quite a thrill coming through the Rockies on the Great Northern. He thinks Libby is a beautifully located town.

Judy Fraser returned to Spokane

are not corrected, organic troubles invariably result later in life. "It is the duty of Chiropractors to make this nation posture conscious."

Monday after visiting her grandparents, Mrs. Nina Fraser, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Field.

It is reported that Joe Baenen and Fred Williams got a good 'soaking' at Crystal lake recently, while boating. Perturbance was the only damage according to the report, Fred suffering the most since Joe was fortunate enough to be attired in a swim suit.

Mrs. Mae Whitehouse and Miss Vera Butts of Polson have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Whitehouse for the past week. They plan to leave Saturday for Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brennan and family left Sunday morning for South Dakota where they plan to spend two weeks visiting relatives and attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carlson are leaving tomorrow for Minnesota and Pennsylvania where they will spend a month visiting relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carlson and family, who have been living in Germany where Mr. Carlson was with the American Army of Occupation, will meet them in Pennsylvania. The families will return to Libby together.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelley of Spokane and Mrs. Everette Oylear from Pasco came Saturday to spend a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Little. Mrs. Little's mother from Lind, Wash., is also visiting at the Little home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Thornwall of Post Falls, Ida., left Tuesday after spending a few weeks visiting at the E. M. Preston home. Mrs. Thornwall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert C. Earle left Friday for their home in North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Earle and

G. C. Earle spent a few days in Spokane last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hopkins and son, Gary, of Plentywood, returned to their home Friday after spending a few days visiting at the A. L. Blair home. Mr. Hopkins is Mrs. Blair's brother.

Merrill Partlow returned with her cousin, Alice Zackarison, to Pullman, Wash., where she has been spending the week. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Partlow plan to leave Saturday for Pullman to spend the weekend with the Zackarisons. Merrill will return home with them.

Mrs. Earl Measner returned Wednesday from the Sacred Heart hospital in Spokane where she has been for the past week following surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Castle of Somers are spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Thorne. The Castles are Mrs. Thorne's parents.

Mrs. H. F. Gotfredson came Friday from Coulee Dam, Wash., to join her husband who is in charge of the meat department in Burgans Grocery. A daughter, Anna, is visiting with her grandmother in Coulee Dam, and a son, William, is employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collinson

and sons Terry and Gordon of Billings are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collinson, Mr. and Mrs. Delvin G. Larson and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams.

W. A. Keller spent Sunday in Sandpoint, Ida., where he attended to business.

Mark H. Derr, an attorney from Polson, Merrit M. Warden and J. B. O'Flynn, Kalispell attorneys, were in Libby this week on business.

Frankie Simurdak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simurdak fractured his lower right leg Saturday when he fell from a bicycle.

Mrs. Eva Collinson and daughters Kathy and Mary of Mt. Vernon, Wash., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collinson and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Adamson of Tacoma, Wash., are the parents of a daughter born last week. Mrs. Adamson is the former Shirley Reese. Mrs. Lefebvre is spending a few weeks visiting them.

Mrs. Carl L. Stocking of Roseburg, Ore., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Delvin G. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Con Badt and George Badt. She is also getting acquainted with her twin grandchildren, Gayle and Gary Larson.

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