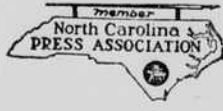


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## EDITORIAL

### 'I AM AN AMERICAN'

● ● President Roosevelt has asked the American people to observe Sunday, May 18, as "I Am An American" Day for the following purpose:

"To impress upon all our citizens, those native born and naturalized, the special significance of citizenship in this nation."

The President may be sure his urging will not be in vain.

His suggestion fits squarely with the new national practice of designating a special day, and in many cases an entire week, for emphasizing the duties and privileges of American citizenship—and, of course, it was meant to do so.

American Citizenship Week, in fact, will be so widely observed throughout the United States this year, during the week of May 12 to 18, that it hardly seems possible the movement could have attained its present importance and scope in just two years.

But that is exactly what has happened.

Two years ago the observance of Citizenship Day was a purely local event in the city of Manitowoc and the county of Manitowoc in the State of Wisconsin. The object of the observance was to assemble all of the young people of the community who had attained the age of twenty-one during the year at a public ceremony, welcoming them to the status of American citizenship.

On that particular occasion two years ago, the Hearst newspapers noted that 350 young men and women of the Wisconsin community had been so honored. The scene was so inspiring, and the idea so meritorious, that these newspapers were prompted to suggest nation-wide emulation.

The response was amazing. In a matter of weeks, cities as far away from Wisconsin as San Francisco and Los Angeles had likewise honored their newest citizens.

And a year later, with the support of the American Legion and the National Education Association, there were Citizenship Day observances in a majority of the States.

While the original purpose of honoring new citizens is more than ever characteristic of the special day or week devoted to emphasis on American citizenship, it was inevitable that infinitely broader purposes would be served.

The special significance of citizenship is, of course, not a matter that relates to special groups.

As the President says, it is a matter of significance to "all our citizens, both native born and naturalized."

Thus, the privilege of saying, "I Am An

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American," extends to all who are worthy of it, and accept its obligations, and conduct themselves in accordance with the fundamental principles of this nation.

The manner of observance of "I Am An American" Day and of American Citizenship Week will vary in the several States.

In many communities, such as in San Francisco, where Mayor Angelo Rossi has appointed a special committee of citizens for the purpose, separate days of the entire week will be designed for specific purposes.

The functioning and duties of Government will be discussed for the information and enlightenment of the people on one day.

Other days will be devoted to greater appreciation of our basic American liberties, the freedom of speech and assembly, the freedom of the press and of religion.

Still other days will stress the historic background and tremendous merit of free education.

And, of course, those who attained citizenship during the past year, either by naturalization or attainment of maturity, will be recognized and honored on their special day.

This is one of the most constructive and invigorating of all our public enterprises.

It attests the alert and earnest Americanism of the President that he lends the weight of his high office and the inspiration of his exceptional personality and popularity to such an enterprise.

Never at any time in our natural history has there been greater need for appreciation of the significance of American citizenship.

It is the target of alien, radical and skeptical and disloyal attack. But it is also the HOPE of the civilized world, and the richest possession of every man and woman who can say in all pride and humbleness, in all gratitude and appreciation:

"I AM AN AMERICAN."

—Baltimore News-Post.

### SPIRIT OF LINCOLN SPEAKS TODAY . . .

● ● Eight score and five years ago the Fathers of you Americans who are today in the realm of the living brought forth upon your continent a new nation, conceived in freedom and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, which a people can best realize through a democratic form of government. Now you are engaged in a great battle with foreign totalitarianisms, testing whether that

nation, or any other, so conceived and so dedicated, can endure. Let you, the Americans of today, highly resolve that your Founding Fathers and the others before you, who, through their struggles and sacrifices, created the great American Democracy—that priceless heritage which now is yours—shall not have struggled and sacrificed in vain; that this Democracy, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—freedom from foreignisms—and that the Republic of the United States of America—a government of the people, by the people and for the people—shall not perish from the earth.

## TOWN TALK

Rupert Hardy of Fort Jackson spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Statler left Tuesday for Martinsville, Va., accompanied by Mrs. George Fisher and Jack and Benny Statler who will spend a month.

Willis Hux was a visitor in Richmond Monday.

Mrs. Bill Duke of Farmville visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Faison of Portsmouth spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. W. G. Bunch.

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Price were visitors in Faison Tuesday.

Mesdames Lawrence Stell and Upshur Higginbotham were visitors in Goldsboro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cashwell and children, Dorothy, Wilbur, and Margaret of Durham, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cashwell and daughter, Sylvia of Suffolk were week-end guests of Mrs. M. Gulbranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowers of Littleton were guests of Mrs. D. P. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Staller of Martinsville, Va., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Orbie Kee of Norfolk visited relatives here Sunday.

N. E. Cox spent Easter in Goldsboro.

Buck Bennett has accepted employment in Sanford.

Misses Helen Robinson, Louise Hudson, R. G. Floyd, and Quentin Mitchell spent Sunday in Washington, D. C.

Misses Elsie Hudson, Ann Shaw, Mrs. Mary Lou Cummings accompanied Mrs. Minnie Pruden to Duke Hospital Wednesday where she will remain as a patient.

Miss Katherine Traynham returned to Salem College Wednesday.

W. M. Farber spent the week-end in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Lillian Meade and Howard Hawkins spent Sunday in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hasty and children visited friends at Pleasant Hill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lynch and children and Mrs. P. Y. Lynch visited friends and relatives at Brunswick and Ebony, Va., Sunday.

T. J. Lynch and daughter, Shirley, A. J. Lynch and daughter, Sylvia Jeane, were visitors at La Cross Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Martin and Mrs. Lacks spent the Easter holidays with relatives at Roxboro.