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Fred Hill Candidate for Sheriff

We have been requested to announce that Fred Hill is a candidate for sheriff. Your vote for him in the 1954 primary will be appreciated.

Mr. Hill is a veteran peace officer having served 4 years as deputy sheriff in Artesia and 4 years as Eddy county sheriff. If elected he will do his best to have the law enforced to the best of his ability.

Dog Gone!

Pilar Ordunez reports that he has lost a small black female dog. All black with a small patch of white at the throat. Anyone seeing a dog of this description, please notify Pilar Ordunez, Hope, N. M.



LOOKING AHEAD

BY GEORGE S. BENSON
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Milestone in Human History

It would be wonderful if all the adults in the nation could take time to refresh themselves in the facts of American history. It isn't a dull subject. On the contrary the discovery of this new world and the formation of the United States of America were the most moving events since the days of Christ on earth. Every school child, every college student and every adult should be intimately acquainted with these events and should be constantly reminded of them through out life. Our nation would be far stronger in every way if this could be done.

The writing, adoption and ratification of the United States Constitution was, I think, mankind's greatest step forward in the field of government. This made possible, for the first time, a structure of laws and governmental institutions establishing the sacredness of the individual

an dsafeguarding human liberty.

Constitution Needed

With the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, the colonies had announced the philosophy of individual liberty. With ratification of the Articles of Confederation 18 months later they had joined themselves together as "The United State sof America." But they still had no central form of government. The colonies weren't truly a nation, and they were beset with grave problems which threatened destruction of the very ideals they sought to achieve in their new land of the free.

Thus the primary purpose of the Constitutional convention which assembled in Philadelphia, in May, 1787, was to form the framework for a national government which would "establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. . . ." George Washington, who had led the American armies in the war to establish individual freedom and national independence, held the first meeting to discuss a constitution, at his Mount Vernon home. To it were

invited outstanding citizens from all the colonies. For two years informal talks were carried on. Then the Constitution convention was called.

America's Finest Men

Upon reaching the convention, delegate James Wilson, noted lawyer, said: "For the first time in six thousand years of human history men have come together to deliberate and peacefully resolve what their government shall be." Seventy-three delegates had been chosen. Only 55 came. They were truly great men, selected by their people for outstanding intellect, integrity, leadership. There were 25 college men, 34 lawyers, eight financiers or merchants, six planters, three doctors and two ministers. Forty-two had been delegates to the Continental Congress, eight had signed the Declaration, six the Articles of Confederation; and seven were governors of states.

They were moderate men. George Washington was unanimously made convention president and he played a tremendous part in shaping the Constitution. James Madison, of Virginia; James Wilson and Benjamin Franklin, who was 81 at the time, also played vital roes. Franklin, one of the keenest minds of all, was crippled and had to be carried in and out of Convention hall in his wheel chair.

"Democracy" Not Mentioned

The living spirit of the U. S. Constitution cannot be passed along in a soingle newspaper column. It is to be found, however, in any good history of the convention. The document itself has seven parts. The first establishes the legislative body, the second the executive branch, and the third the judiciary. The fourth section states that full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts and records and judicial proceedings of other states. The fifth provides a method of amending the Constitution. The sixth and seventh provide for payment of debts under the articles of Confederation, and make the Constitution the supreme law of the land. Later the Bill of Rights was attached.

The U. S. Constitution thus provided the framework and foundation for the government of laws under which we live. The form of our national government is a Constitutional Republic. The word "democracy" doesn't appear in either the Declaration or the Constitution. It is an American citizen's primary responsibility to know the history of the Constitution and how it works "to secure the blessings of liberty" for each of us.

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Sage and Cactus

By Doughbelly Price

Say this Dexter White, Junior Brownell, Harry Truman and Joe McCarthy has shore got one little man by the name of doughbelly messed up. The more I read and listen to it the less I now and believe. Harry says that it is demagogary (what ever that is) but it sound a little like politics to me. A polotican has got to go pretty low to come up. And most of them never get up.

I was in Santa Fe a few days ago trying to borrow money (no dice on that) but I did learn a new word. AGENDA. And it was being knocked around the state capitol like a mother less calf at a roundup. Every time you asked somebody something they had to look at the AGENDA. The time is coming when them people around the state capitol will not talk English it will be that latin, gibberish. I am going to fix me one of them AGENDAS.

Since the bird that has the CPA behind his name and does his very best to keep me out of jail (and he may fail this time) bounced in to my Clip Joint the other day and give me an estimate on my income. He was very blunt, didnt lick his lips or button his coat. It would have been more but he run out of figures I guess.

I am a buisy little man trying to get the bank paid up and build up their confidence in me so I can borrow the money to pay the man with the whiskers. After I pay the bank back I can start trying to make a living. So life is one continual round of pleasure.

This is Thanksgiviing and I can be thankful that the bankers is dumb enough to loan me the money to pay income (if they do) so I can go on fleecing the public, just like many others do. But it iis legitimate I hope. And if it aint it wont be the first business I ever had that was not legitimate. And may not be the last.

Today's Meditation

Every one . . . who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in Heaven. Matthew 10:32. ASV.

All passengers on a ship, so the story goes, had been ordered below because of a storm at sea. They became alarmed as the waves dashed over the vessel. At last one of them crept up on deck and came to the pilot, who was faithfully and confidently doing his duty. The pilot saw the terror-stricken man and gave him a reassuring smile. The passenger then went below to comfort the others saying, "I have seen the face of the pilot, and he smiled. All is well."

There is nothing so effective or so simple as an honest witness—telling what we have seen and heard, and witnessing in our lives to what the Lord has done for us. The power of the Holy Spirit makes us witnesses of Christ, able to confess Him boldly so that our confession honors Him and brings blessings to others and to ourselves. We have a glorious promise that those who confess Him here He will confess before the Father at the day of judgment.

PRAYER

Work Thou in us, O Lord of life. By the power of Thy Holy Spirit, help us to be Thy faithful witnesses that men may see Thy light shining in our lives and find the way out of their darkness. For Thy name's sake. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The triumph of God is seen in those who love Christ and witness to Him.

The Low Down From Hicory Grove

Start shootin'—boys and gals — you of the heavy foot. You seem nice and grand people at home but when you hit the highway, you throw precaution to the winds — sometimes manners. You don't think you need talkin' to. You do—and not trying to be popular, or running for mayor or something—and knowing I will never qualify as a bobby-soxer idol or something in the first place, I wade in. You don't see a "don't cross —double white line." You turn in traffic without signaling. You get out in the country—and if no officer shows in your rear vision mirror, you push her up to 70, or who knows what. You don't exactly choose to be hauled into the morticians but sisters and brothers, the latch string is out for you.

And now, a step further into speed —this time the box car truck driver, and owner of the juggernaut. Four and 6 lane highways are duck soup for you—you pound the old rig on the back and up to 60 and 70, but it is not your road—you don't own and keep it up like the railroad folks do. It is not smart. Too many head-ons. When the public turns, it turns. Look how it was with the New Deal—but it happened. The public, some day, will lower the boom—you will find yourself with your 300 or 400 horse power rigs and no place to use same. Mussolini lived fast and dangerous-like—but he didn't live long—and as the bartender says, "choose your poison, folks."

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Sage and Cactus

By Doughbelly Price

You know I think that man McCarty is just a little bit punch drunk, he has had so many fights and has never win one. But I can sympathize with him. That is my shape. But I do know enough to quit. And he just keeps on. If he was going to be hung with a new rope he would want to investigate the mad that made the rope. And it seems like some of the boys is afraid of him. It all sums down to the same old thing POLOTICS and votes.

I am going to start a manufacturing plant and make tags to go on the many men that is going to run for governor. I seen one of them and he dont look so hot to me. I have made a resolve. That in this next election I am not going to vote for what a man is. I am going to vote for what he aint.

This bird has got LLDs BVDs and B degrees hung all over. It is just impossible for him to have any good hard gray matter in his noggin. He has been in too many schools and colleges. He looks like an oil and gas man to me. Oil on his hair and gas on his stomach. And we have had enough of them kind. They can shore play banquets and shake hands with a strong grip. But when it comes to making a decision they have to look for a present. and the way things is now there just aint no more of them Presedents.

Ike is getting panned some but I am still with him and he is still going about his business just like he did when he spanked the pants off the Germans. Aint looking back for wood water or coal. Harry and the

boys spout off about him but he is just like the man the jackass kicked. just considers the source and goes on. Stay right in there Ike I am with you.

Today's Meditation

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. — I John 1:7. Read Ephesians 3:14-21.

In our store room we came upon an old mirror. Dirt and the dullness caused by neglect were upon it. Soap and water and a mirror-cleaning solution soon changed its appearance. It became beautiful, shining, and useful again.

In this business of living, many lives have become dirty and dull. In many instances, lives have become so because of pursuing temporal things to the neglect of spiritual things. Thus time has passed, and we have been prone to assume the attitude that tomorrow we shall start living Christian lives and giving to God all the honor due Him. But only as we submit our lives to Him today for cleansing through Christ will they become shining and clear.

Christ is our Savior. The Bible so pictures Him. When we confess our sins to Him, we receive salvation and the blessing of new life through Him.

PRAYER

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ness and redemption, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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