

Compulsory Dog Immunization Ordinance Goes Into Effect

It was wise Plato who once said: "Seven years of silent inquiry are required for an animal to learn to speak, but it is easier to teach a dog to bark than to make it known to his master." Which merely means, "Understand it, and then get the greatest satisfaction method of getting men to accept truths long known."

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Lucky Dreams Lift Life

It seems to me that lucky dreams are like

The mist that rises 'neath the encroaching sun

To form the delicate film of milky clouds,

As they hurry high upon the race they run,

Some change of nature makes a

change of fortune to curse the self.

So do our dreams work in our lives, we sweat,

Then gather harvests for our barns from seeds

Ave planted in this world through

We reap as we sow from all our toll.

—G. R. A.

Let's Not Complain Democracy; Let's Complain Poor Citizenship!

A friend of mine recently uttered this statement: "From the way things are going in the United States, I am beginning to believe we are not a democracy, but a demeritocracy will not work. It is filled with too many evils to endure."

My friend, you see, was reacting to the surface conditions of society in a free democracy; in reality, he was inflicting the actions of the people who live in a democracy, not the principles of democracy and the people who fail to measure up to them.

As well indite the laws of mathematics because people may fail to learn and apply these laws, as to forget the principles of democracy!

For democracy is merely a synonym for freedom of human thought and action under a set of appropriate laws agreed upon by a few people. Democracy, in and of itself, is merely a sort of "open forum" established by human beings for their own convenience upon the problems of society may be given utterance, enacted into legislation, tried by experience, refined or discarded by the will and action of such free people.

The alternative to democracy is some form of dictatorship, whether we call it benevolent despotism, absolute or constitutional monarchy.

Aristotle, centuries ago, said: "Democracy exists to make people sit; it endures to make people vote."

Who Sat in My Seat At the Inauguration?

A reader who sat in my chair on the special Capitol platform in Washington, D. C., Monday, when inauguration ceremonies were held

President Roosevelt's third term, told me he didn't "feel right" about it, so he gave up his seat to a section right next to the one reserved for members of Congress.

Well, as one of Congress, I was extended the invitation—and I also received an engraved invitation to attend the White House reception at which that afternoon.

Also to attend a dinner at Mayflower the previous evening, in honor of Vice-President A. W. Wallace. But somehow I seemed entitled enough to go—even though Mrs. Ewell kept telling me I ought to "not" some of you Democats."

Is a Republic? I think the sole reason are that I've already

met the Presidents and Mrs. Roosevelt, and the idea of sitting for several hours in extreme damp cold that so often accounds upon the nation's Capital City.)

It was the poor boy who so wisely and understandingly wrote: "A thousand years scarce serve to form a State; an hour may lay it low." That is why it is better to be inscribed in every schoolroom, on every altar, over every spire in the freedom-loving cities of America.

Birmingham's branch of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. now has 2,500 telephones to serve from its exchange, an increase of 240 during 1940. While in improvement on the days when, 60 years ago, the founders of this town, Whittlehead & Mitchell, began to operate the exchange from their general drug store, as a sort of side line.

BURGLARY INSURANCE, Best Companies, reasonable rates, \$82 Burglar, \$84 Auto, \$20 House, \$100 Office, \$12 J. HOWARTH & SON National Bank Bldg.

AT LEGION CONFERENCE HERE

Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a public card party Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the K. P. Hall, Woodward and Maple avenues.

Immunization of Dogs in City Now Required

New Rule in Effect This Year; March 1 Is Set as Deadline

The most radical step ever taken by the city of Birmingham is to immunize all dogs in the city. The ordinance goes into effect this year, requiring immunization of all dogs before a license will be granted. That change was made by the City Council.

Miss Irene E. Hesley, City Clerk, is now mailing post cards to all dog owners in the city, advising them to get their dogs immunized, since the cost of the license is now due and payable by April 1.

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Gray Cars Involved in Novel Mix-up

\$443,000 Issue Sold At Average Interest Rate of 2.51 Percent

The case of the two gray Pontiac cars with identical keys had the police department and two local women going around in a whirlwind of mystery Monday.

Both women thought for a time that their cars had been stolen. First, Mrs. E. E. Carey, of North Wayne, who assumed her car had been stolen at McFarlin's Flower shop on West Maple, jumped in the gray car parked at the curb, and drove it away. Meanwhile, Mrs. Berndt Van Weezel, of 3136 Morningstar Drive, race, notified police that her car had been taken from the auto lot.

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Streets' Condition Hit in Hearing on Grant St. Project

Condition of streets on the west side of Woodward avenue, name of Big Street, was brought up by Chapman, Hamill and Humphrey—described as being practically no man's land by imagination—had been objected to in the improvement of Grant street in a hearing held Monday night at the City Auditorium.

Chapman is terribly keen

to have the city's interest rate compared with other cities. In the first place, he told the committee, the city of Detroit has a 2.5 percent tax.

In leaving the commission meeting Monday night, a representative of the successful bidder

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came to the defense of the city.

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