

Here Is Your Freedom Guarantee

America has two documents which she holds sacred—the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The signing of the Declaration marked the birth of a new nation. But only with the adoption of the Constitution was the future of the nation assured.

The purpose of the observation of Constitution week is to recall to the American people the true significance of the events that occurred during the week of September 17-23, 1787. It was on September 17, 1787 that the United States Constitution was approved unanimously by the delegates. In the week following, the proposed Constitution was made known to the American people. By 1790 it had been ratified by all of the thirteen colonies. For a century and a half, the Constitution has stood, modified by the twenty-one amendments, as the guardian of liberty and the supreme law of the land.

The peculiar glory of the Constitution is that it is not a charter of rights granted by government to a people, but a limit of powers to which a vigilant people restricts the government. It is not a government edict which the people must obey, but a people's law which government must obey. "We the people of the United States"—these severe potent words were and remain the most revolutionary words on record.

Every word in the Constitution serves to safeguard our inalienable rights—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It was written for every American.

It establishes for you a stable and responsible government.

It makes you a citizen of the United States, if native born.

It gives you citizenship, if foreign born, on complying with naturalization laws.

It allows you a voice in the government through the officials whom you help to elect.

It defends your rights even against the government itself.

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It guarantees you together with all people the right of peaceable assembly.

It permits you to petition the government to right your wrongs.

It guards your property rights.

It prohibits the government from taking your property without due process of law.

It lets you hold any office in the nation for which you are qualified.

It enables you to become a citizen of any state.

It prevents you from being held to answer to a complaint unless you have been lawfully accused.

It insures your right of trial by jury of your fellow men.

It grants you the right of habeas corpus, that is, the right to know why you are held prisoner.

It insures you a speedy trial.

It permits your having counsel for defense.

It prevents your being tried again if once acquitted.

It permits you to have a trial in the state and district in which you may be charged with an offense against the laws.

It lends you the power of government to compel witnesses to appear in your behalf.

It relieves you from compulsion to testify against yourself.

It forbids excessive bail.

It forbids excessive fines or cruel punishment.

It protects you from slavery in any form.

It keeps any state from depriving you of your constitutional rights.

It sanctions your bearing arms for the protection of your life and home.

It guarantees you that the legal obligation of contracts shall not be impaired.

It permits you to participate in amendment to the Constitution from time to time.

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Rake's Progress



NATURE NOW

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"The Bonny Banks Of Loch Lomond"

Glasgow is as we had envisioned it, cool, dark, withdrawn. The smoke from thousands of chimney pots has blackened the old red sandstone buildings, blending them into a background of somber sameness.

But Central Scotland, temperate and moist of climate, has its own particular brand of pastoral beauty. This is especially true of that portion surrounding Loch Lomond which we first saw from the small town of Balloch on its most southern shore.

HERE WE FOUND a man with an Austin car who drove us all around the west shore of the Loch and then back along the Clyde river which winds to an inlet as it approaches the town. Rightly celebrated as one of the most beautiful lakes of the world, Loch Lomond is indeed "bonny" in every bank. As we drove northward, the hills were covered with a rich mixed forest of hardwood and evergreen trees.

WE ENJOYED the old village of Luss where the small stone houses and large flower gardens crowd the narrow streets. It was Sunday and the fishing boats rocked idly in the small harbor while the villagers stood apart in quiet groups appraising the manner and mood of the scattered tourists who came their way.

Beyond Luss the roadway steepens northward, its stone walls topped with honeysuckle and fringed with delicate fern spleenwort and polypody fern.

GREAT CLUMPS of male and deer fern alone thick in the noonday sun reaching up from moss-carpeted earth and rock. Bracken fronds and ferns, a variety of wild and more branched than our own. These were only part of a rich carpet of ground cover plants luxuriant in the moist climate so suited to their growth.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO
September 29, 1907
"It is surprising to the best friends of the public library, and even to those who do not care so much for it, the amount of interest the villagers take in the new departure. The number of books drawn weekly and the readers at the reading tables devouring all of the latest papers, magazines and periodicals, is worth seeing."

"Postmaster Hanna has the following rules for the use of pens and ink tacked on the wall: Dip the pens very deep in ink well; then throw ink on desk and wall and jab pen in desk three times; use the blotter and manicure nails and pick teeth with pen while meditating what to write. Then proceed to write, and kick on the poor pens and ink in use in the postoffice."

"Hay-fever seems to be no respecter of persons, as several new victims among the church attendants, and members are on its list this year. We wish it would join some expedition seeking the north pole; not that we wish the pole any harm, but it might get lost along with the many who have been seeking it."

30 YEARS AGO
September 22, 1927
"With 55 boarding students and 19 day students registered and enrolled, Cranbrook Boys' School, Michigan's first prep school, opened its first year Monday."

"Senator James Couzens declared this week when interviewed in his news story on Bates street, that the Birmingham of the future will be similar to the better suburban towns outside New York, Boston

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Last week's column presented my contention that it is time the Birmingham board of education rectified a mistake its predecessor made more than 35 years ago.

It concerns the re-location of the Adams school playground. It now is on the south side of Oakland, between Adams and Worth streets. All these years during school hours, it has required the barricading of this Oakland block for school children's safety. They must cross and re-cross this street to and from school, and during recesses and lunch hours.

Because of the increasing use of Oakland, particularly by traffic which goes to and from the rapidly growing area out North Adams, the time is growing increasingly short when the city will be able to keep the street blocked.

IT'S BEEN MY PRIVATE CONTENTION for some years that the playground should be re-located. Maybe to the west. Perhaps to the north. Possibly even to where it originally was intended to go—on the EAST side of Adams road, just north of where Madison street would go if it were extended.

Last week, I mentioned that the Adams playground is where it is because of what the then school board considered good reasons.

After hearing from several long-time Birmingham residents tell what happened 'way back then, this week I am able to give you the "reasons."

Clarence Vliet, now retired, was school superintendent when the Adams school was planned and built. Lou Randall was the school district's business manager. This was right around 1920.

VLIET, RANDALL AND TWO school board members favored a special bond issue for Adams school, which was to be built on the east side of Adams, north of Madison as extended.

But three board members opposed the plan. They sided with the Birmingham Estates subdivision, which objected to a school and playground abutting their rear yards. One of these three members was a resident of this nice subdivision.

The campaigning of these three was successful—voters defeated the proposition.

Fortunately many were labeled so that we could now verify some re-occurring European species which we had followed all over the continent, among them members of the oak, beech, chestnut, larch, pine, cedar and yew families. Underneath their branches the ground was covered with a most tantalizing assortment of fungi including the beautiful red Amanita

Some months later, the board was unanimous that a school was needed in this area of the district. But they wanted the bond issue kept as low as possible. They had in mind a small vacant block, where the school is today.

THE EARLY '20's SAW the school only partially completed. Rising costs prevented finishing the second floor of the original Oakland and Adams wings. (The Worth and Madison avenue sides were built from another bond issue about 1925.)

The original building, however, was designed so a tunnel could be constructed northeastward from the school's northeast entrance directly under Adams road and to the playground area.

But the board reverted to an old reason to decide finally against the tunnel and the playground on the east side of Adams road—the subdivision immediately south would not hold still for this idea, either.

So the board had three houses condemned and the playground built on the north half of the block on the south side of Oakland.

A FEW YEARS LATER the Grand Trunk railroad was relocated and run through the second floor of the nice subdivision. About 30 years later, a new junior high school was built immediately north of the subdivision, and the school's playground abuts the rear yards of that subdivision.

There still is a playground site available east and north of Adams school. It has no houses on it, although there have been some plans drawn by the present owners.

Of course, a future school board still could tunnel under Oakland avenue to the playground.

BUT THAT SEEMS SUCH a waste of money for such a pitifully small and admittedly inadequate play area.

No other school in the Birmingham system has such a meager play area. Just recently, the board expanded Walnut Lake's playground by buying property on which two houses were located.

It'll be interesting to watch how this or future school boards improve facilities for the elementary school children of the north central portion of Birmingham.

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From The Eccentric's Point of View...

"Ike Rebuffed By Congress" reads a newspaper headline, summarizing the work of the 85th Congress, recently adjourned until next January. Unlike former military staff aides he was brought up with, and who instantly did what he told them when he headed the Allies in Europe, Ike has learned that the people's elected officials "have minds of their own." In no small degree, Congress is a protective bulwark against the inroads unceasingly being attempted by career bureaucrats.

As we write this (Sept. 13) Arkansas Governor Faubus still clings to his determination to prevent Negroes from entering classes in a Little Rock high school. He has continued his stubborn attitude of "maintaining peace and order", even though a federal judge has ordered that high school to open its doors to Negroes. By the time this paragraph is printed, the problem probably will have been adjusted... with the federal Constitutional interpretation by the U. S. Supreme Court over-riding a similar document regulating the people of Arkansas. Truth is, indeed, sometimes stranger than fiction.

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