

## Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

Liberty is the most precious possession of man. On it depends his welfare and happiness. It is liberty that makes man a sovereign individual, and it is the lack of it that degrades him into an abject slave. By endowing man with freedom of will, Heaven has bestowed liberty on him as his inalienable possession. Therefore, no earthly power has the right to rob him of this Divine heritage, nor has he the right to surrender it of his own accord for any consideration. For liberty is more precious than gold, efficiency, or any other utopian scheme that tyrants luringly offer in exchange for it. Liberty is man's Divine birthright, the supreme gift with which a bountiful God has powered him, and he must not sell it for a mess of pottage.

As a political prognosticator, I admit, I am a dismal failure, and I have made up my mind never again to play the role of a prophet and indulge in predictions. Prophets and politics, somehow, do not go hand in hand. The prophet seeks and tells truth, while the politician plays hide and seek with truth. Nevertheless, I have a warm spot in my heart for Sinclair, for, I believe, that even as an extreme left Democrat he would have made a better governor than the elected hidebound, conservative Republican. This is the age of experimentation. It was experimentation accompanied by hundreds of disappointing failures, that is responsible for our marvelous scientific progress, and it is experimentation with the inevitable failure of a large number of the proposed schemes and formulas, that will bring about our economic recovery. One successful experiment will pay for a hundred futile and abortive attempts.

I really believe that the reason why the Administration deserted Sinclair, was due to the simple fact that Sinclair had stolen some of Harry Hopkins' thunder, or Hopkins considered some of Sinclair's plans too good not to purloin them for the Administration. Be that as it may, unemployment is the pivot upon which economic recovery hinges, and the Solomon who will solve this problem by the soundest plan, will be the restorer of our prosperity. The degrading and detrimental dole leads to inevitable bankruptcy, and every attempt, no matter how costly, as long as it does not infringe on liberty and shows any glimmer of hope for success, is worth assaying. There seems to be very little difference between Roosevelt and Sinclair. Sinclair attempted to abolish the profit motive, while Roosevelt leaves the motive, but abolishes profit by extravagant spending. The results are the same.

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### *Slants at the Meeting*

They called it a Drum and Bugle corps program . . . maybe. We heard a lot of noise but that's not what we saw.

Despite the lilting influence of martial airs on our patriotic cells we would rather look at one Jane Lugenbuhl than listen to one hundred bugle corps.

Perhaps this Drum and Bugle corps has its place but last week it was so overshadowed we couldn't see and scarcely heard it.

With a roguish twitch in her eye and a rakish angle to her hat the gal led that corps like Moses did the Israelites out of Egypt.

Every little movement had a meaning and every little motion a significance and she swayed those buglers like reeds in the wind.

A symphony of motion, rhythm of grace and a melody of charm she carried those boys through their score like bees conveying honey to their hives.

With all the ease, poise, grace, charm and terpsichorean technique this gal enthalls, entrances and enrapt you. She's the answer to motion, rhythm and grace.

Hats off to you Jane, and whether you are leading a bugle corps or a bunch of bums you are still the queen of all the major-domos.

What the H— was the rest of that program, anyway?

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## Training Youth to Work

"Why is it," I hear from many employers, "that I have such difficulty in finding competent young men when I need to fill a vacancy? There are millions of unemployed men. It seems that I could find hundreds of capable young men among the jobless."

I have been puzzled about this situation many times myself. I have asked myself such additional questions as: Why are so many young men and older boys indifferent to present day opportunities? Why do they not equip themselves for some trade or vocation? Why do they shirk responsibility? Why are so many looking for soft snaps?

Perhaps youth misses something in its early training. Perhaps through no fault of its own youth has not been given the opportunity to learn to work by working. Certainly the chores around the house as we knew them twenty-five years ago are few. No stock to feed, no wood to cut, no cows to milk, no corn to shuck, no ashes to remove from the stove, no plowing, no weeds to chop. No need to help with the breadwinning. Yes, youth in our modern city has little to do in the way of necessary daily chores. And is it not missing a most important training process?

Present day youth must occupy its leisure time the best way it can because too many men with families need those few jobs that are available. Youth finds itself discriminated against. Youth then must of necessity find an outlet for its energy in some sort of recreation or play. This is better than doing nothing of course, but youth spends too much time at recreation and not enough at study. Too much time at loafing and not enough at acquiring skills and techniques in trades and professions.

Is youth to blame? I cannot agree that it is. I am persuaded that youth will respond to the needs of the hour if given a chance.

Certainly there are numerous opportunities in our present enlightened age. There are cars to wash and

grease, lawns to mow, flower beds to spade, walks to make, fences to repair, garages to paint, and a thousand little things around the house to keep in repair.

What if a youngster bungles the job the first time. He may bungle a bigger job later if he is not given a chance to learn early. Remember, he must learn by doing as you and I did.

I submit the proposition that youngsters should know something of sweat and toil and hard physical labor. Not that they should aspire to those jobs that require nothing but strong backs, however. There is something about doing things with the hands that gives a sense of achievement. To see a job well done gives one a certain source of satisfaction. To master a job with the hands gives one self-confidence as well as teaching the brain and hand coordination.

Blessed will be the youngsters whose parents encourage them to do things themselves, such things as taking care of their clothes and personal belongings; caring for pets such as kittens, puppies, ponies, pigeons, rabbits, chickens or guinea pigs. Happy is the youngster who has a work bench and tools, or a garden spot, or who keeps up the family car.

To deny youngsters the opportunity to learn to work is to set the stage for a helpless and indifferent manhood. Youth must not be too sheltered from the problems of the world lest it grow to manhood expecting all things to be easy.

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## Letting the Public Know

Rotary's motives are good; Rotary's efforts are sincere; Rotary has no secrets; Rotary welcomes any publicity which will interpret its activities and its ideals to every one.

If we are to eliminate gradually all the recognized evils of business, we must obtain the cooperation of all other business men.

If we are to achieve continued improvement in our communities, we must obtain the cooperation of our neighbors.

If we are to make progress toward the establishment of international understanding and world peace, we must obtain the cooperation of all peoples toward that end.

The education of the public to the advantage of cooperating in these purposes is one of the greatest services a Rotary club can render. As Rotarians it is our duty to represent Rotary to those of our own vocations, to our neighbors, and all those with whom we come in contact. We should tell the world about it.—The Rotary Fellow.