

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The following comments on government have been taken from the writings of forty of the world's best thinkers and so arranged that they look like the works of one individual. As you read these comments you'll be able to recognize most of the men who authorized them.

All free governments are managed by the combined wisdom and folly of the people. If the prince of a state love benevolence, he will have no opponent in all his empire, for a wise man neither suffers himself to be governed, nor attempts to govern others.

Though the people support the government the government should not support the people; when the latter happens the deterioration of a government has already begun and decay soon follows.

Governments exist (or ought to exist) to protect the rights of the masses. The bored and the rich need no protection — they have many friends and few enemies. The aggregate happiness of society,

which is at best promoted by the practice of a virtuous policy, is, or ought to be, the end of government.

All good governments must begin at home. It is useless to make good laws for bad people; what is wanted is this, to subdue the tyranny of the human heart.

Of the different forms of government, democracy is best because it makes it easy for people to do good and difficult for them to do evil, and that is the proper function of a government.

One has only to go back through history to know that the deterioration of a government begins almost always by the decay of its principles.

A hated government does not last long. For no government, any more than an individual, will long be respected without being truly respectable. This love of good government is borne out by the amazing fact that the many are governed by the few, and not the few by the many. The culminating point of administration is to know well how much power, great or small, we ought to use in all circumstances.

We ought never to lose sight of the fact that Right is the royal ruler alone; and he who rules with

least restraint comes nearest to empire. Self-government by all the people is the teleologic idea. The Democratic form of government is the noblest and best because society is pretty well governed when the people obey the magistrates and the magistrates obey the laws.

Power exercised with violence has seldom been of long duration; but temper and moderation generally produce permanence in all things. On the other hand, all government not based on love and directed by wisdom, is tyranny.

And the surest way of governing, both in a private family and a kingdom, is for a husband and a prince sometimes to drop their prerogative.

No government can be free that does not allow its citizens to take part in the formation and execution of her laws. A government founded on impartial liberty, where all have a voice and a vote, irrespective of color or of sex should stand firm.

No man undertakes a trade he has not learned, yet everyone thinks himself sufficiently qualified for the hardest of all trades — that of government.

great deal may be done by severity, more by love, but most of all by a clear discernment and impartial justice, which pays no respect to persons.

We should remember that neither stones nor wood, nor the art of artisans makes a state; but where men are who know how to take care of themselves, these are cities and walls. In the early ages men ruled by strength; now they rule by brain, and so long as there is only one man in the world who can think and plan, he will lead the masses. Of course, there must be both the law and the sword. Laws without arms to back them up would give us not liberty but lawlessness, and arms without laws would produce not subjection but slavery.

When we have looked into all the forms of government, without partiality to that we were born under, we are at a loss with which to side.

For are they not all a compound of good and evil? It is therefore most reasonable and safe to value that of our own country above all others, and to submit to it, which is exactly what the masses do in every country on earth.

Tryon School Closing Held Last Week

Tryon Consolidated school closing was held in the Tryon Baptist hall on Monday afternoon June 29. After the program and presentation of certificates, sports and baseball were enjoyed on the

school-grounds, and lunch was served. The program was as follows: "The Merry Peasant", Rhythm Band, Grades 1-6; Choral Speaking Selection, Grades 6; vocal solo, Barbara Smith; vocal solo, Douglas Sturdy; Choral Speaking Selection, Grades 4 and 5; Exercises, Grades 1-3; duet, "My Secret", Marilyn Best and Vera Killam; duet, "Happy Hans and Hilda", Douglas Sturdy and Carol Howatt; chorus, Primary department.

The chairman, Rev. W. G. Killam, gave a short talk. He complimented the teachers on the afternoon's program and on the year's accomplishments. He spoke to the children on habits and the best way of living.

Mr. Jerry McQuade, the principal, presented the certificates and prizes. The following students received prizes for leading in their respective grades: Grade X, Janet Howatt; Grade IX, Everett Bell; Grade VIII, Mildred Howatt; Grade VII, Russel Cairns; Grade VI, Barbara Smith; Grade V, Sammy Cairns; Grade IV, Marilyn Best; Grade III, Carol Howatt; Grade II, Aletha Mayhew; Grade I, Lois Cairns. Grade VIII certificates were presented to Mildred Howatt, Albert Woodside, and George Painter.

Grade IX certificates to Everett Bell and Darrell Bartlett. Lorraine Leard received a prize for the best class-room conduct throughout the year.

Prizes for attendance were given to Albert Woodside, Mildred Howatt, and Laurie Woodside. Prizes for the largest Spring Flower collection went to Allister Mabey, 1st; and Marilyn Best 2nd. Jack Sorensen was presented with a prize for making the best Scrap Book.

Mr. Jerry McQuade was presented with a gift by the senior pupils. In his speech of thanks he expressed regret that he was unable to return to Tryon for another year, and thanked the community for their support and kindness during his years in Tryon.

Miss Florrie Mabey, the primary teacher, was also presented with a gift by her pupils. Miss Mabey expressed her thanks and spoke of the splendid work which Mr. McQuade had done in the school, and of how co-operative he had been in community affairs. Miss Elaine Smith, a former Tryon Consolidated pupil, accompanied the rhythm band, the chorus, and the singers, at the piano.

At the singing of "The Queen", the guests went with the children to the school-grounds for the sports, conducted by Mr. McQuade.

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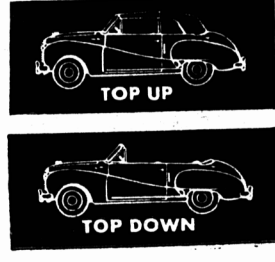


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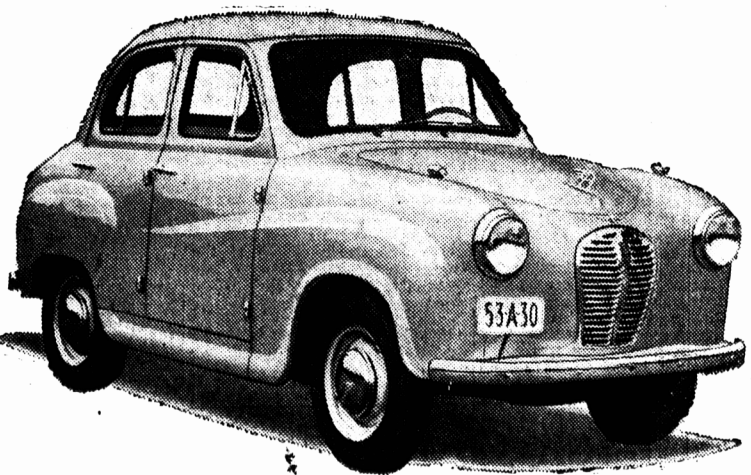
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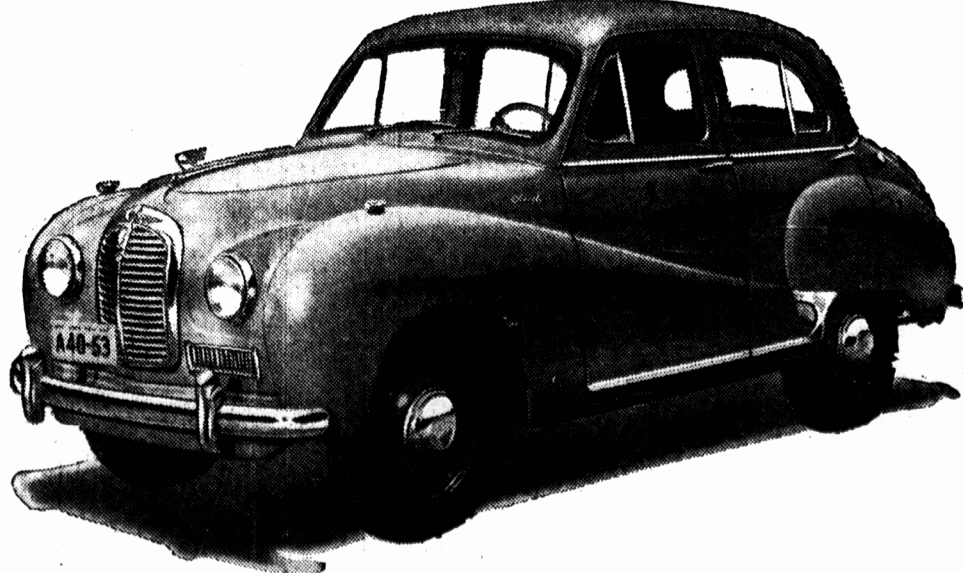
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