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## Code of a Columnist

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON.—This one will be about revealing an understanding between you and me on the business of newspaper columns.

Originally I thought I would discuss the tricks of the trade, but just as I was about to do so I was reminded that you are a matter of legitimate concern to me.

I don't know the other half of the story, but I don't want to hear of America's most gifted and eminent columnists (that assumes me) any further. I don't dare write anything really critical of you. Not if I want to remain in this business.

I don't know who he heard say that if anybody it sounds as if it were me.

We get pressure both ways. Several days ago I had a letter from an editor demanding to know whether I intended to support Hitler, because if I did I would have to look for another column. It was in a day's work. But I know it is interesting to you to hear what I said in reply. Because readers are as much entitled as editors are to know it.

## A COLUMNIST DECLARES HIS INDEPENDENCE

My reply was as follows:

"You ask whether I will definitely support Mr. Hitler, and after reading the article on your editorial page signed by 'A Reader,' I would like to answer him."

If I could give you a definite reply I should be glad to do so. I am an independent writer and editor. I am not a member of any party. From day to day I try to report, add up, analyze and interpret the news from an independent point of view. Such opinions as I find it my duty to express are found in my columns. I am not a member of any party. I am not a member of any party. I am not a member of any party.

As I issued on Sept. 5, 1930, and signed by the President and Secretary of the United States, I was not a member of any party. I am not a member of any party. I am not a member of any party.

## NOVEMBER IS TWO MONTHS OFF

"At the moment I lean toward Mr. Hitler for reasons which have been explained in my columns. But the calendar is young and I want to give more of it before I make up my mind."

"One thing is definite. I have never been one to intend to be a prophet. I am a reporter. An editor who wants a journalistic multiplicity for one side or the other will be disappointed in me."

## NEWSPAPERS NO LONGER ARE HOUSE ORGANS

It is a sad state of affairs, but it is a fact. Newspapers are no longer what they once were. They are no longer what they once were. They are no longer what they once were.

## Nazi Style

France is Being Politely and Systematically Looted

A bottomless space that would have made one William Tecumseh Sherman look like a poor snail on his march through Georgia. The French are being systematically looted.

## Lamburn Plant

Lamburn Exchange

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## Berlin Bulletin Board

By Herblock



## Letters to the Editor: "Reader" Gets His Answer

Dear Sir:

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## LOCAL BOARD

DID THEIR DUTY

I was told that the system would fail because the local service boards with an much power would be even more subject to local influence. The record in millions of cases will bear me out that no such thing happened—or could happen. We avoided that by the device of the great Washington lottery which selected the local service boards.

## Use of Bridges

Hatebridge Daily

Covered bridges, they say, stood up better against the flood than the modern kind that have the present-day lower end. Unlike those of his daddy's time, he does his neck in at the bend in the road where one can see both ways.

## TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psalm 51:10.

## Side Glances

Nothing is so important to success at a summer resort as the impression you make upon your dining room. Before entering the dining room make your wife give you a thorough inspection, pleasing her off your own back and making her feel that your necktie is not at all wide.

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## No Place For Politics

By Hugh S. Johnson

WASHINGTON.—The strength of the World War selective service act that it followed the essential of the American system of local self-government.

The essence of that reversal will be found in section 4 of the 1917 Selective Service Act. It took every power for the classification, taking or deferment of men for military service out of the hands of any centralized official or bureau and lodged it solely and exclusively in the local or district boards of neighbors of the registrants, except for a very limited right of appeal.

That was what made the drafts in the war among the states in both the Federal and Confederate Government a success. When General Crowder detailed me to draw up a plan for the 1917 draft, his only instructions were "reverse every one of those errors."

It is impossible to over-emphasize the necessity and the healthy effect of that. The printer's ink was not dry on the paper of the law before every Congressman and political official in Washington and throughout the country was demanding from constituents to do this or that for the son of Mrs. A., Mrs. B. and so on throughout the alphabet. I have enjoyed few opportunities (and neither, I was told, did any member of Congress or of the local or district boards) of the exercise of a palatable letter explaining that there was no authority in Washington or elsewhere, except in these neighborhood committees, who had the slightest power to prefer any man either through fear or favor. MORE I mean.

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## Visitin' Around

With or Without Consent?  
(Cathin' Groomin' Item)  
New Bern Tribune  
Miss Annie Belle Williams attended a show in New Bern Saturday night.

Building a Better Mouse  
Trap, No Doubt  
(Ararat Item; Mount Airy Times)  
Quite a lot of mechanical work is being done at the new garage in Ayval.

All Together, Now!  
(Locust Item; Stanly News & Press)  
Andrew Blackwelder had the misfortune of losing a good milk cow last week.  
(Locust Item; Concord Tribune)  
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