

"How Local is a Local Election - a Non-political Sermon"

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1. In discussing issues which gave birth to necessity for this sermon, must say that "forgetting", despite its many virtues, is a decisive contributing factor. Virtue if we forget what should be forgotten, but vice if we don not remember what should be remebered. Sad comment on human nature that the generation which experienced a Tower of Babel should give birth to a succeeding generation which completely forgot the lesson of its fathers and proceeded to a degree of wickedness which precipitated a Flood. And the generation following also forgot the experience and lessons of previous ages, for it too produced a Sodom and Gamorra. Same with this election year business, we tend to forget what should be remebered.
2. A local election is not local because:
  - a) the man elected to local office may rise to city, state or national office, for such is the procedure in democracy.
  - b) if an issue of corruption is raised, it cuts through geographical lines, and must be squashed wherever it is regardless of the district in which it occurs.
  - c) if issue such as anti-semitism or other bigotry raised, it touches roots of American Democracy everywhere, must be challenged in all places and all levels.