

THE LOVE OF LIBERTY

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*The love of liberty is
no less imperishable
than the love of knowledge.*

—Faustino Ballvé

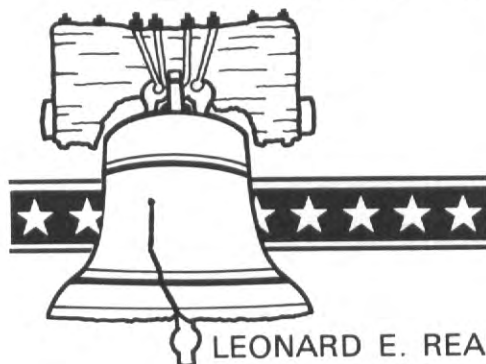
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