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Gew-Gaws In Education

(Crystal Falls Diamond Drill) For some time The Diamond Drill has been protesting against the assumption of additional activities by our high schools. We have been severely criticized by a certain element of the public which holds that any criticism of schools is less majestic or some other form of scoundrelism too bad to condone.

Now comes the influential and usually well poised Marquette Minn. Journal with a declaration against what it terms these "extraneous gew gaws" in the following very pronounced manner: The superintendent's principal responsibility is, or should be, organizing staffs and curricula that will give boys and girls sound elementary instruction and advanced work in the high schools that will fit them for creditable work in a college. It is not to turn out winning basketball and football teams and regional champions in music contests.

The demands of a thoughtless public, and a far-reaching aping of the colleges condoned to too large extent by school boards and by some teachers, have burdened their necks the heavy handicap of over-accrued football and basketball. To add to this over-accrued music contests appears to many of them a bit much. If they expressed their full conviction their revolt would likely be an impressive one.

The fundamental work of the schools has suffered greatly—it could not help but suffer—because they, particularly the high schools, have been hung all over with extraneous gew gaws until they look like Christmas trees. When some of the superfluous trappings are thrown overboard and more attention is given to their primary obligation they will begin to give the communities more value for the money that is being spent on them.

Breaking The Consumer's Back

(Rochester Clarion) Every time you purchase a household commodity at the grocery store, you more than likely pay from three to four different taxes. Assessments upon the raw material have been added to the cost of manufacture; the tax upon the manufactured article has been included in the cost to the wholesaler; the wholesaler has written against his price the taxes assessed against himself; and the retailer has added his own costs to all those preceding. Finally, the consumer pays the sum total of all these taxes in the ultimate cost of the commodity, which, of course, includes whatever tariff duties there may be on the product.

This shifting of tax burdens is the most universal and the least appreciated law of revenue assessment and collection. Although the farm industry cannot dispose of its productions by the addition of taxes yet it cannot escape the burden above outlined. Neither can consumers in other classes. Broadly speaking, therefore, it is apparent that all taxes sooner or later are born and liquidated by consumption.

A principle so plain and in such constant operation should be appreciated by everybody. Yet, scarcely one consumer out of a hundred either knows or cares anything about it. He entertains the idea that he pays only those taxes which are directly assessed against him. These he curses without realizing that direct taxes constitute an insignificant part of the whole. His groceries, clothing, telephone, heat and light—in fact, every necessity he requires—come to him heavily burdened with these taxes. The average man who is least able to be so is, therefore, the real tax-

payer. When Congress votes hundreds of millions in appropriations for what is called "support of the government" and additional millions for "relief measures, it places the whole burden upon the consumer. Yet it is the consumer who is the loudest in his demands for these expenditures. Not until this self-evident fact is appreciated and taken to heart can we hope to affect those economies without which our tax rate goes marching on.

Worse Than War

(William Enterprise) During the 18 months of the World War, 50,510 members of the American Expeditionary force were killed in action or died of wounds.

During the 18 months preceding January 1931, 50,900 people were killed in automobile accidents in this country. There could be no better illustration of the seriousness of the automobile accident situation.

According to a survey by the Travelers Insurance company, the leading cause of accidents in 1930 was failure to give right of way, which accounted for 15 per cent of deaths and 31.5 per cent of injuries. Second was excessive speed, which was responsible for 21 per cent of all accidents, and third, driving on the wrong side of the road, which totaled 16 per cent.

Higher speed is a natural result of improved roads and cars. But the other two primary causes of accidents—which together accounted for 27 per cent of deaths and 4.7 per cent of injuries—a moment to simple ignorance, recklessness or carelessness. They show improper training on the part of the motorist, coupled with inadequate enforcement of traffic laws.

Train Youth, Avert Crime

(By Judge Alfred J. Murphy, Detroit)

It is a tremendous responsibility to order a man sent to prison here to work hard without compensation and to deny the privilege of freedom. I have seen mothers, tears streaming down their faces, watch their sons taken away and willing to go into the grave for them if it would help.

Most of the criminals today are young men less than twenty-five years old. A half million people in the United States today represent the prison population. It has been impossible to ascertain the cost of maintaining this population.

Lack of proper training in their youth is responsible for the development of criminals. Punishment isn't a preventive of crime. Imprisonment isn't a cure. Most of the effort to prevent crime is directed at the results and not at the causes.

I am convinced from the parade that has passed before me in 26 years that the solution of crime lies in finding wholesome activity for the leisure hours of adolescent youth. Unguided youth finds its way to the gambling houses, from there to other associates of vice, and eventually he takes the course of the bold criminal.

Bachelors Don't Deserve Salary Raise

By MARY MARCH

KATE HICKSON overboard two older women who sat ahead of her on top of the bus that rode toward her office in the city that Monday morning.

"It's my firm belief," said one, "that any girl can marry any man she wants, if she's good-looking. It's the man's fault." "Oh, of course," said the other. "Only providing that the man in question is free."

"Of course," Kate heard the other woman saying. "If a man is married it is because no woman ever wanted him. If women aren't married it is because they never wanted to enough to make the necessary little effort."

To Kate's regret she had to alight from the bus at this point. To be sure, the women whom she had heard said nothing very original. Kate had heard some things expressed before. Still the conversation set her thinking. She wondered whether it were true that the men who were not married were single because no one had ever wanted to marry them. What about Morro-Cox and Mr. Hampton in the office for instance.

Kate was still thinking about this as she sat at her desk arranging her books and papers. Suddenly her attention was attracted by the entrance of her trade secretary to Mr. Standish when Mr. Hampton came into her room. The theory must be all wrong, reflected Kate. Surely there must have been plenty of women who would have been glad to become his wife. There was old Mr. Standish, who had survived two wives and was married to a third. Surely his success in matrimony had not been due to any personal attractions.

"Say, Miss Hickson," said Tom Hampton with a little embarrassment, "there's something I've been wanting to ask you. You know Mr. Standish so well? Tom Hampton drew a chair rather close to Kate as if for greater privacy of speech and Kate, noting the detail of his dress and careful grooming, again reflected to herself that the theory she had heard in the bus must be all wrong, at least in this case of Tom Hampton.

"It's funny thing," said Tom Hampton, "but since I've been here I've just about doubled the amount of business I've brought in, but I haven't had one raise. And there are four or five of the men who aren't doing nearly so well who have had raises several times. Of course, it is Mr. Standish's affair, not mine. But I wondered if you knew why it is that he never thinks of giving me any more."

"Let's see," said Kate, dropping into her purely business manner. "There was Jones and Griegson and Lead and Inlake. They had raises, and you and Henley and Jackson aren't married—the others are. Mr. Standish always gives the men raises when they marry, and he keeps on raising them. It's only fair."

"Not really fair at all," said Tom Hampton. "A bachelor might have responsibilities, a widowed sister or a kind aunt who needs something like that. Besides, it isn't any of his business. He should pay us what we are worth."

Kate Hickson had never seen Tom Hampton so fervent before. The mood, she thought, became him well, but she said nothing.

"Something ought to be done about it," he said. "Only one thing to do about it," came a voice deep but a trifle tremulous from the doorway, unmistakably that of Mr. Standish, the much-married boss. "Only one thing, and that is have the bachelors' department set to work to get what they earn."

Old Mr. Standish laughed, as Kate thought a little unpleasantly. Then he said Tom Hampton went away and she sat there thinking. Perhaps those women on the bus had been right—perhaps any woman could marry any man she wanted to, providing he were free. What if Mr. Standish was the impulsion of the strength and good nature and the good looks of Tom Hampton. It is small wonder if Kate's thoughts wandered a little from her work that day and if a strange idea—half impulse, half resolve—took form in her mind.

The next morning when Kate encountered Tom Hampton she came late but she looked at him with a rather arch smile.

"Good morning, Mr. Hampton," she said, and Tom commented to himself that it was an odd thing that he had that day. He had a trim and pretty stenographer, Mr. Standish had. After that he felt a species of self-consciousness whenever she passed him. Always she looked at him with a smile. "What a girl really seemed to like him. When he talked now she looked at him with a smile. Doubtless she found him entertaining. Well, he was rather sure of himself. He thought Tom do himself, and the next day he begged her to have dinner with him.

Three weeks later Tom Hampton asked Kate to marry him, and Kate said she would.

"Funny thing," said Tom, it all began after what Mr. Standish said about giving raises only to the married men. He had to be glad to get a raise," he added, "but I think I would have wooed you anyway. When a man finds the woman he wants, nothing stands in the way."

And Kate murmured: "I think so, too."

CHURCHES

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Swissler Road) Rev. Paul Grubner, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30. German Service 10:30. The quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held July 12, at 2 p. m.

Our Lady of Sorrows' Church Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor / Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. Daily mass at 8:00.

Evangelical Church Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

5th Sunday after Trinity. Sunday School 9:30. Come and join us while it is still cool.

English worship 10:30. Subject: Who is on the Lord's Side? Choir Wednesday evening.

Methodist Church Rev. F. C. Johnson, Pastor

Next Sunday morning the Pastor will preach as usual but in the evening the Young People's Club will have charge of the service. The delegates will bring messages from Albion Institute also teach and sing the Institute songs followed by a short talk on "Our Youth at Albion" by Rev. Johnson. We cordially invite you all to attend.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church Rev. John Adams, Pastor 22333 Grand River, Redford

10:30 Sunday School. 11:30 Morning Service. 9:00 to 12:00 Daily church school except Saturday.

Clarenceville M. E. Church Rev. Robert Richards

Sunday Morning 11 a. m. Baptismal service. 11:30, Children's Program.

Baptist Church Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Communion service and the reception of new members. The sermon subject will be "The Holy Spirit and the Believer."

11:45 Bible School. We welcome visitors to come and spend an hour with us.

6:30 Young Peoples Hour. 7:30 Open air service in the Town Park. We will be the sixth year that we have conducted these out door meetings. Every Sunday night during July and August we will meet on the lawn on the north side of the Town Hall, in case of a rainy night we will go into the Town Hall. We welcome all who are not otherwise connected with a church to come and worship with us. There will be a song service and special numbers. The pastor will speak this first week on, "What Think Ye of Christ?"

BUREAU WARNS AGAINST "MUG" BOOK OPERATORS

The "mug" book operator competes with the cheap charlatan, who sends unordered and worthless merchandise to an individual who has recently died. He relies upon collecting the price from grief-stricken relatives. The "mugger", too, is a death-notice culture, and gathers his harvest from the misfortune of others.

Here is a paragraph from a plausible letter so often received by the widow:

"We regret to hear of the untimely death of your distinguished husband. It is our desire to incorporate a sketch of his life in the next issue of the 'Federal Who's Who Ledger.' Some of this information can best be supplied by the family, particularly yourself, as the bereaved widow. Please send along not more than two hundred words, by registered mail."

"The material, when received by the 'mug' artists, is dressed up and sent back to the widow for 'approval.' She is complimented on the wisdom of honoring the memory of her late husband."

Later she finds that the innocuous-looking questionnaire, enclosed with the form letter from the "mug" book concern, contained a hidden contract to buy the book at a price ranging from \$45 to \$95 per copy. Of course, the only circulation for these books in the hands of those who "pay the piper."

Read before you sign and Keep a Copy.

Edgewater Park Plans July 4 Celebration

What would July 4th be without a gorgeous display of fireworks? Independence Day is a day of celebration and throughout the nation spectacular fireworks displays will climax a day of rejoicing.

Edgewater Park, Seven miles near Grand River, Detroit, has made arrangements for the most extensive and novel showing since the opening of this beautiful amusement center. Starting at noon, July 4th, there will be excitement and thrills for every one at Edgewater Park.

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