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Editorials

A Royal Battle

One of the great battles of this century is going on, under the surface, in thousands of cities, towns, hamlets and countryside of this nation. In some places the conflict rages openly; mostly this is in the big cities, conspicuously, Chicago. In some localities it is beneath the surface but still existing. Many have been fortunate enough to avoid it through good judgment used in the past, but how the struggle comes out in the other communities may well have its effect upon them ultimately.

It is the fight over the school system, not brought on entirely, perhaps, by the depression, but tremendously intensified by it. It is quite possible but that for the depression, school costs would not have seriously occupied the attention of a very large section of the American people. There was little or no thought before of the payment of the bond issues—there was only pride in the magnificent new buildings and athletic fields and gymnasiums. But the financial collapse has turned things around, and in place of pride there has come a sharply critical attitude, critical of every single item of school cost as well as of the so-called "new frills" of education. A good many are insisting on a return to the "three R's" with probably two of them left out for good measure, and tend to emphasize the American people's penchant for swinging from one extreme to the other.

So much have the schools become a target, and so great is the volume of criticism that the editor of one national magazine not long ago announced that in its next issue his magazine would deal in its first pages with what was termed the greatest and most-highly organized tax-eating octopus that ever fastened itself upon the American people. The next month it was revealed that this was, in his judgment, the educational system. He said it had, by playing upon patriotic sentiments and "posterity" and "our duty to the next generation" succeeded in weighting down the present generation with a hopeless load of debt—but that this debt was beginning to fall of its own weight, and that the taxpayers would be saved simply through almost complete failure to pay for the system.

But there are eager and forceful advocates of the opposite side of the question. They point out that this country is today in quite a considerable mess, and that the chief bog lies in educating the inhabitants to such proper management of the resources and devices we have as to make for a better social order. They point out quite forcibly that even today, in this country which is often said to stand first in education among the nations of the earth, education is still far below what it should be, that a large proportion of the people have almost no schooling, another large portion have only a smattering, and only a very small section are really what might be called educated people. Since ignorance has not and cannot possibly order our life properly, education is our only hope, they argue, and while not claiming the present system to be perfect, they maintain that the principle of more and more knowledge and enlightenment is the only hope of mankind. They assert with force that huge sums wasted elsewhere would almost alone support the school systems.

There we have two arguments, and the struggle is on, not an incidental one, but one of the titanic battles of the past few decades. How or when it will be decided no one knows. That one or the other must win out completely is not necessarily indicated. It may well be that each will yield somewhat, that the outcome will be a compromise, just as every law on the statute books represents a compromise.

Monsters Of The Highway

What vehicles clutter up the highways of the nation by day and by night, forcing the building of wider and wider roads to handle the flow of traffic? What vehicles by their own great weight and the terrific loads they carry, have been for years forcing highway departments to build heavier and heavier concrete slabs in order to keep the roads from being quickly worn out? What vehicles then proceed to grow bigger and bigger, pounding roads to pieces almost as fast as the greatest engineering skill and the newest building practices can put them into service? What vehicles enjoy the only transportation system in the history of this country which has had the government, county, state and federal, hand them on a silver platter and with comparatively little expense, the roadbed on which they travel?

Answer to all these questions, and to much of the highway problem for the past ten years—the empty-ump ton motor truck, and its empty-ump-ton trailers swinging along behind, and sometimes swinging into a motorist coming the other way and knocking him for fourteen or fifteen weeks in the hospital.

For years a few voices crying in the wilderness of this State, and others all around, have been attempting to get things arranged so that the huge haulers on our highways pay some respectable share of the road costs they impose upon the people. For years the smart motor-truck people have maintained their voice, not in the scattered wilderness, but concentrated and organized in the rich valley of the State capital, Lansing. Legislative sessions year after year are marked by one of the strongest of the many lobbies up there—the truck lobby, fighting to prevent a higher (which means a just and reasonable) impost upon the heavy carriers. Thus far they have been quite successful. Ten ton trucks with trailers pay nowhere near what they should in taxation for highway purposes.

The trucks are here to stay, with their heavy loads, numerous trailers, and long rows of passengers, for buses are trucks, too. Mass transportation by highways with gasoline engines cannot be halted.

But having taxed almost out of existence the finest railroad system in the world, and having hastened the demise of the electric roads by "soaking the trolley lines" (favorite political pastime of a few years ago), we have now gone the whole hog the other way and given to the railroads' competitors one of the chief items of cost—the roadbed.

Until these mastodons of the highway pay their rightful share, the man who drives his own motorcar will continue to put up the difference. The situation will be righted only when he rebels as a voter and an articulate citizen.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m. and 12:00 noon.
Benediction after 10:30 mass.
Daily masses at 7:30 a. m. and 9:00 a. m.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer period.
10:30 Communion service and reception of new members.
11:45 Bible School with classes for all ages.
6:30 Young People's Hour.
7:30 Evangelistic service: This week the pastor will preach on "The Sacrifice Hit."

Monday night the men of the Church and Congregation will hold its monthly meeting at the church.
Wednesday night we meet for Bible Study and Prayer.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. A. Lendrum, Minister

"Make Room for God" will be the theme for the sermon Sunday morning 10:30 o'clock. There will be special musical numbers, and in the evening, by the choir. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the sermon "The Way to Fame" will be preceded by a song service. Church school at 12 noon. Miss Emily Bunkerfield, superintendent. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. "Abraham" will be the character for study, and Bill Nelson will be the leader.

Tuesday evening, November 7 will be the meeting of the official board and heads of the various departments.
Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m. our mid-week service.

Universalist Church

Sunday, November 5.
Church Service, 3:00.
Topic, "Education Recovery."
A Code for the Schools.
Minister Ralph McCallister.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Floyd Howard entertained twelve friends at a Halloween party Saturday evening. Games were played and Halloween lunch was served.

Miss Lucy Howard spent the week end with Mrs. Edward Keith at Union Lake.

West Farmington school opened Monday after being closed on account of the sickness of the teacher, Miss Helen Snover.

Miss Becky Kerrin, who teaches at the Grace School in Clarenceville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Morris.

Miss Grace German, who is attending Ypsilanti College, came Friday to attend the Walld Lake school and Community Fair.

A marl and peat moss-digging demonstration was held at the Grimmer Brothers' farm, corner of 18-mile and the Novi-Farmington Town Line roads, Wednesday afternoon. It was under the direction of the State co-operative extension of agriculture and home economics departments. (The county agent directed the meeting.)

The Willing Workers of West Farmington cemetery held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Floyd Howard Thursday. Lunch was served at noon. The ladies are sewing for the benefit of the society.

Several from West Farmington attended the Halloween party held at Walld Lake Baptist church parlors Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Heikler Sr., attended a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Putman on Grand River avenue in honor of Mrs. Putman's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Green who have been spending the summer on their farm here, have returned to their home in Royal Oak for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp spent Sunday afternoon in Detroit with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Knapp.

PLAN TRIP TO CHLSEA

The young people of the Epworth League are planning a trip to Chelsea next Saturday, the 4th, for the purpose of carrying to the home for old people a contribution of canned fruit, etc. This is an annual affair and is sponsored by the Epworth chapters of Ann Arbor district. It is fun for the young people and cheer for the elderly folks at the Home.

Send in your news items.

WEST POINT PARK
Mrs. William Zwahlen

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heichman accompanied by the latter's sister, Mrs. Walter Hawkins of Detroit were guests the first part of this week of Mrs. Henry Harman and daughter of Cheesing.

The Ladies Community Club will give a pedro party and dance Saturday evening, November 4th in the Community Hall. Good music will be provided. Everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio have purchased and moved into Wm Banks large house on Farmington Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ogilvie of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owens.

Misses Esther and Barbara Middlewood of Canby were home over the week end, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Middlewood, son Howard, Jr., of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Ethel A. Middlewood.

The girl scout troop gave a Halloween party last Thursday evening at the home of Miss Shirley Zwahlen. Games were played and a regular Halloween lunch was served and a general good time was had by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Nacker of Farmington were guests Thursday evening of the former's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nacker.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge were guests Sunday of the former's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zerbst of Taylor Center.

Mrs. Floss Fretz and son Tom and Harvey Gerver, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rowley of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gilbert Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and son Ralph of Detroit were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ault.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sherman and children attended Thursday evening the Ford Exposition of progress in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert had as their guests last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pankow, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. James Rosebury all of Detroit.

The woman's association of the West Point Park Presbyterian church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Barger and children of Detroit were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sherman.

Charles Gilbert and son Charles Jr. of Brighton visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gilbert Sr. last Thursday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan, an eight pound baby girl last Monday. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Mrs. Arthur Travis, who has been ill with intestinal flu the past week, is slowly recovering.

The executive officers of the P. T. A. met last Wednesday evening at the home of the president, Mrs. M. Addis, and have outlined a promising program for the coming year.

At the Red Cross meeting last Friday afternoon at the Livonia Center school, in charge of Mr. Morrow of Detroit, general supt., Mrs. Marvin Addis was appointed president and Mrs. Zoble of Livonia Center secretary and treasurer. The sub-chairman will take charge of the Red Cross drive a little later.

Mrs. Marvin Addis was the guest Tuesday and Wednesday of her daughter, Mrs. Max Bergin at Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield have returned home after a two weeks motor trip through Connecticut, visiting relatives and friends.

The Ladies' Association who met at the home of Mrs. C. Wolfe, last Thursday listened to a fine reading by Mrs. Wolfe, who took for her topic Temperance and the Effects of Non-temperance. To the next meeting will be at Mrs. Albert Nacker's home on Farmington Road. Mrs. Nacker of Farmington will be the guest speaker. Tea will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Fredericks attended service at the Evangelical church of St. John in Detroit.

Mr. Rainer, Md., with a population of 3,832 persons, claims to be the only town in the United States without a gasoline filling station.

Teacher: "Robert, explain what are the functions of the skin."

Bobby: "The chief function of the skin is to keep us from looking raw."—Farm Journal.



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