

EDITORIALS

Using Tact (Exchange)

A magazine writer stresses the importance of saying tactful things to friends and family. He gives examples to show how telling a helpful interest in the other fellow's affairs proves a win-win. He shows how fame and fortune often follow the practice of recognizing merit and helping reward it with expressions of appreciation. Cultivating the habit of belittling neighbors is virtually cultivating opposition to one's own efforts. If one finds nothing to approve and find to condemn in another, he reacts to his own disadvantage. The world needs more optimism, more encouragement, more sympathetic consideration, and the one who is alert to these needs, and tries to satisfy them, is bound to reap large benefits. Kindness may not be long remembered, but if made the rule, they will prove powerful influential. Certainly, a critical attitude, disposed to express disagreement, is never really forgotten, determines the distribution of favors and often raises an insuperable barrier.

Keep Boys Off The Street (Exchange)

The adventures club in New York City went out the other day, gathered over 700 boys from the worst part of town, dined them in the Hotel Astor, and agreed within the club to use every means to keep these boys from a life of crime. It is easier to train a young boy in the way of right living than it is to train a man or reform him, once he has begun a life of crime. And it is cheaper in the long run to educate 700 boys and protect them, than to allow 7 boys a free education in crime.

Bind Up The Nation's Wounds (Exchange)

"With malice toward none and with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us bind up the nation's wounds doing everything that shall achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." These words spoken by Abraham Lincoln seventy years ago are as much a prayer for the present as they were for that period in our civilization. If some of the people concerned with the vital policies of today, the labor chiefs, executives, court officials and all who have power to mold civilization, would study the above passage and act upon it with the same undying sincerity which came from the heart of Lincoln we might hope to have many of our greatest problems settled. But it will take men who are willing to sacrifice the victory of a moment to the needs of an age.

Not Too Familiar (Exchange)

The differences between Great Britain and the United States are no doubt profound, as the Louisville editor found when he was engaged in reporting the Ohio floods to London editors by trans-Atlantic telephone. But in the club life of their literati they are remarkably alike. And President Conant of Harvard University, when he has occasion to use the Athenaeum Club, the famous Lomaxian institution to which he has just been elected a member, will no doubt find himself almost familiar surroundings. By familiar we mean traditional, austere. Sir James Barrie tells many a good story about the dignity of the Athenaeum. Overjoyed by the honor of membership, he hastened to his new club and, buttoned the first member he saw, the exclaiming clubby upon the mildness of the weather. The old member looked at him astonished. Then a light breaking over his face, he responded, "It is a nice day! Er—my dear fellow, would you mind taking dinner with me; you are the first member to speak to me for fifteen years."

The famed Athenaeum in Boston, according to account, is equally austere. The same gravity, the same smile seen within its esoteric precincts is said to have been induced by a notice in the library, "Only low talk allowed!" As to tradition, the Century in New York could probably rival the lunch is never a lunch, but a mid-day, a dinner never a dinner, but an ordinary. Certainly a reminder of another century!

Fifteen Cents For Louisville (Exchange)

"Small boys do rash things sometimes, they do from the annoying things occasionally, and then they do a bit fine things that we stand a bit in awe of them and recall that prophesy of long ago about the leadership of a little child. A boy in Holland stepped a leak in the dike with his finger and saved the life of his countrymen, a folk tale says. Perhaps the seven-year-old lad in Buffalo, New York, would have done the same thing had he been placed in a similar situation. But he knew only that there was a flood in Louisville."

"Here's my candy allowance," he said, shoving 15 cents across a police officer's desk. "Will you see that it gets to Louisville where the floods are?"

"When asked what his name was, he replied, 'That makes no difference, I don't know anybody in Louisville.' And so, fifteen cents is on its way to unknown friends in Louisville from a small boy in Buffalo. But there was something more than fifteen cents that went to Louisville. A seven-year-old did a lot of thinking before he put his candy allowance, fifteen cents is Big Money when you're only seven, and before that sum went over the counter to the police officer at Buffalo a warm, friendly impulse sprang spontaneously from the heart of a small child and sped on its way to where the floods are."

"Fifteen cents in itself won't make much difference in Louisville one way or the other, but the giftive wish of a child to help those in need has a value that makes an important difference in living everywhere. While no one knows just where that little thought made its contribution we do know that it did not fall in its mission. If we all, big and little, were to give so sincerely, to share so simply and so impersonally as the lad in Buffalo, memories of the present flood would be wiped out in a wave of supply and support that would build up and restore more than was lost."

Dobbin (Exchange)

"A Rocking Horse Wanted" must be old and large; good home" so runs a recent advertisement in the Times of London. It hopes that the want was supplied; for it is couched in terms that betoken a true and understanding love of the faithful race of Dobbin. Dobbin should be old, for he wants to worry less in show; he off his pace, a scratch about the palm upon his shiny flank; and Dobbin must be large. Also how can he substitute for Tom Burgess's strawberry roan, and take with proper elan the fire-breathed gate that came near to unseating Sir Jan Ridd. The "good home" appears well, too—he will not be left to eat his head off in the attic, nor stabled permanently in some floomy cupboard with forgotten foams.

To mistake him for a toy is, in fact, an ungrateful slip peculiar to grown-ups. Ungrateful, because they cannot have forgotten the moment when, emerging from the apprenticeship of "Ride-a-Cock-Horse" and hobby horses, they were first presented to Dobbin, and bestride a "real" horse. Then began the time when they learned perhaps without knowing it, to keep their heels down, and their faces in, and their eyes, if Nature gives a countrywoman, to give him his water before his oats. Let us hope this advertisement is no indication that the stout old fellow is becoming scarce; for if it were so, the nursery might be in danger of losing one of its trust-allies.

Freshening Breezes (Exchange)

Many motorists have: "Petty cash accounts." Never forget a customer—Never of him forget you. Your advertisement on fences and poles cannot be read by cows, horses and autos go too fast. No need to travel these days—just stand on the shore of your nearest river and watch the towns go by. With the water recedes there will be rime on things besides the bath tub. Maybe its nature's way of stream lining. To err is a privilege of freedom.

IMPROVING MICHIGAN ROADSIDES III. A SURVEY FINDINGS

Many interesting facts were discovered during a recent study of Michigan roadside conditions. Michigan makes no effort to attempt to control the use of highways for advertising purposes by means of signs erected on adjacent property. No state permit is required for such signs. No set back from the highway is demanded. And this contrary to the recommendations previously stated, by one of the highway authorities, "absolute control of the highway right-of-way and all its appurtenances should be vested in the highway authority." That is only common sense.

There are certain highways of the state which offer illustrations of the effect to combine beauty and utility. The highway from Saginaw to Bay City along the Saginaw river and the new Dunre highway to the Benton Harbor to South Haven are examples. Those two highways serve to illustrate, in many ways, what is taking a stronger hold than many realize. As you go north from South Haven towards Bay City, the highway begins to slip away from safe driving and scenery for signs begin appearing at the rate of one to the mile. Between South Haven and Douglas and 14 to the mile between Saugatuck and Holland. This means passing a sign on the road of every six seconds. No scenery can hope to cope with such distraction.

High Average Per Mile

Go on farther north where the distance between towns is greater and on the 40 miles of rural highway between Whitefish and Ludington the signs average nine to the mile. From Traverse City to Charlevoix the average drops to four, but from Charlevoix to Petoskey the average is eight signs to the mile. There is an average of 10 signs per mile from Petoskey north to Harbor Springs and on the longer distance from Petoskey to Mackinaw the average is eight. Holland with its attractive south entrance along the shores of Black Lake is clouded with 27 signs on two miles. Manistee has nearly covered its attractive entrance on the south with its park and woods and glimpses of blue water but allows a bunch of pea coat awls and a string of small signs to spoil it.

Petoskey's south approach along the waters of Little Traverse Bay is lined with 42 on the last two miles. As you cross the city live oaks the approach might be for a well kept county fair grounds on one side and a cemetery on the other, give an orderly appearance. But just beyond the posters take possession again, five of them hiding the highway beauties. The first mile north of Petoskey key welcomes you with 42 signs, within 85 seconds.

The South approach to Traverse City flaunts 25 billboards on two miles. The north approach was equally bad with 23 signs on two miles. The approaches to Kalamazoo are exceptionally infested with signs, for eight miles on the West, signs average 10 to the mile, one-half mile being flanked by 18 billboards. A two mile approach by US-131 showed 17 boards to the mile, one every five seconds.

Lansing An Offender

Jackson for five miles on S. R. 50, averaged 9 signs a mile, for three miles US-123 to the mile. An approach on US-127 Jackson has a pleasing entrance but the moment Ella Sharp park is passed 14 signs show up in a half mile.

Entering Lansing from Holt on the South 55 signs in three miles can be seen. The approach from the East on US-16 is living landscape by the highway department but on two and a half miles through rural territory, 74 signs glare their messages.

From Grand Rapids to Muskegon Heights there are 10 signs to the mile, from Battle Creek to Marshall US-121 16 from Marshall to Albion; 9 from Albion to Jackson, 12 from Coldwater to Somerset, 10; Charlevoix to Holland 12; from Coldwater; from Lawrence to Benton Harbor the average is eight signs per mile.

Signs on places of business are not included. Such conditions will grow worse and offset all effort to improve Michigan roadsides. What responsible national organizations think is to follow.

EDITORS NOTE: This is the third of a series of articles prepared by the Federation of Michigan Roadside Owners.

WHO ARE YOU?

The Romance of Your Name

By RUBY HASKINS ELLIS

An Edmonstone?

THIS family originated in northern France, with Count de Edmonstone, a duke of Flanders, whose son William, in 1063, went to Scotland as a special attaché to Queen Margaret, wife of King Malcolm. The king bestowed upon him the land of Edmonstone and Umef for faithful service.

Archibald Edmonstone was the first of the family in America. He



Edmonstone

patented land in 1683 in Maryland and Virginia, and succeeded his father as commander of county militia in Maryland. He married Jane Beall, daughter of the well-known Ninian Beall.

Through intermarriages the Edmonstones became connected with many prominent families, among them the Ormes, who claim descent from the royal house of Stuart.

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ON THE SPOT

There is no cure known for color blindness.

The average annuity for retired United States Government workers is \$990.

The national resources committee values American wild life at more than \$1,000,000,000.

Since 1902 more than 46,000 prisoners have been incarcerated at the Federal prison at Atlanta.

In 1935 the production of commercially packaged and processed foods was 125,000,000 tons.

An oak near Albany Ga., is called the "Lincoln oak" because a profile of Abraham Lincoln is said to be discernible on it.

Included in the music played at a president's inauguration are the "Star Spangled Banner," "The President's March," and "Hail to the Chief."

Quantities of wood four are used as an ingredient in molded products, such as bracelets, buttons, bottle caps, and automobile dashboard knobs.

Epworth League News

(By Douglas Parker)

Saturday, February 14, the league is sponsoring a Cupid party under the direction of Miss Carol Harger, social department head. The general theme of the party will be in keeping with the valentine season and appropriate games will be played. The high spot of the evening will be in the form of a new kind of entertainment, which Miss Harger will introduce to the leaguers for the first time. The party will start promptly at seven-thirty and is to be held in the church auditorium. Refreshments will be served by the social committee.

Sunday, February 14 is going to be an important date in league history. During the morning the leaguers will be presented their membership cards at a joint service. An impressive program is planned. In the evening the league is going to make the trip to the Children's Village on Six Mile Road and conduct the evening services there. In addition to the devotional hour, there will be a program of entertainment and refreshments. Betty Smith is in charge of arrangements.

Talk about an Epworth League play has gained momentum during the past week that its presentation is almost a certainty now. An amusing three act comedy, entitled, "Sound Your Horn" has been selected as the material and directors are busy selecting a cast. Leaguers will hear more of this next week.

The annual district rally of all Epworth Leagues in this locality will be held in Chelsea on March 18th. Our executives are hoping to have at least 40 of our members present at the rally. . . . really demonstrate the strength of our group. . . . Miss Mary Power had charge of the meeting last Sunday and led an amusing discussion on Religious Slogans. . . . a handful of leaguers journeyed to Detroit on

Wednesday and heard an address by Stanley Jones, world famous missionary and lecturer.

Mrs. Albert G. Nette was hostess at a luncheon on Tuesday. The guests included Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mrs. Elmer Dohany, Mrs. William McCullough, Mrs. Karl Ritter, Mrs. Frank Zboray, Mrs. Theodore Hinger and her mother, Mrs. Charles Tappert of Brookdale avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grimwade and Miss Olive Grimwade have returned from a 17 day trip to Florida, where they visited Mr. Grimwade's mother, Mrs. Louise Grimwade and his brother, Will Grimwade. They visited the historic cities and returned along the Atlantic Coast to Washington D. C. on their homeward route.

Mrs. Max Hulett will entertain the members of her Detroit Bridge club on Friday evening.

A SENSIBLE PRECAUTION Against Loss of Your Valuables

Can you think of any safer place for your valuables than in a safe deposit box in our vault with its strong walls and heavy, time-locked door?

Why risk the loss of papers that could not be replaced; of insurance policies or securities?

Rent a safe deposit box in this bank. The cost will be but a few cents a month—a trifling sum in comparison with what it may save you. Act now.



THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK

Farmington, Michigan

"Economical"

Cards were sent to users of electric ranges and these are some of the replies. Forty-one thousand of your neighbors now cook electrically. When you buy a new stove, make sure that it is ELECTRIC and enjoy advantages that no other stove will give you. SEE THE NEW ELECTRIC RANGES ON DISPLAY AT DEPARTMENT STORES, ELECTRICAL DEALERS AND THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY.

"I think it is so economical to operate and I also like the convenience your company gives in showing how to operate it at even greater savings."

"I find that electric cooking is economical and a pleasure."

"Cheap to operate. I like your prompt service."

"My wife likes the stove. Mine's works well, baked well and so also economical."

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
LIVONIA TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Due to the permanent registration system now in effect in Livonia Township, all persons who have not registered under the permanent registration system are required to do so on or before February 20, 1937. If you wish to vote at the primary election, March 1, 1937.

Application for registration may be made any week day between nine o'clock a. m. and five o'clock p. m., Eastern Standard Time, until that day at my office at Five Mile Road, one-half mile east of Farmington Road.

For the purpose of accepting applications for registration I will be at the following places on the following dates:

Ray-Watt's Drug Store on Plymouth Road in Roseville Gardens, Friday, February 12, 1937, between the hours of 1:00 p. m. and 9:00 p. m.

Schaffer and McKinney store at 34215 Plymouth Road (at Stark Road) Saturday, February 13, 1937, between the hours of 1:00 p. m. and 9:00 p. m.

At my home near Seven Mile Road and Farmington Road on the 11th and 15th days of February, A.D. 1937; between the hours of 1:00 p. m. and 9:00 p. m.

Harry S. Wolfe,
Livonia Township Clerk.
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