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EDITORIALS

Compassion
(Exchange)

Humanity's story is made startling by these two aspects: the proportions of its disasters, the magnitude of its victories. The wrecking of a school building in New London, Texas, apparently by explosion and with much loss of human life has dimensions that run not only into numbers of children and parents affected, but measures an entire nation's capacities for compassion.

An understandable tendency of sympathetic persons, and perhaps especially of parents, elsewhere, is to put themselves into imaginary situations similar to that which seems all too real for New London people today. The human mind inclines toward a vicarious sense of sorrow and shock in a mistaken effort to feel as poignantly as it believes it should the sufferings of others.

One of the supplementary reports newspapers are using in connection with the regular news dispatches from Texas contains a list and description of similar disasters dating back as far as 1863. This may be an aid to vicarious suffering, or only to the appetite for sensation. It is not representative of the kind of thinking which can equip public compassion with the means of healing the body and heart wounds which now cry for healing.

In a list and description not of disaster but of the victories which the compassionate Jesus won over suffering, is the story men and women need today if they would express true and effectual sympathy. For in those reports are the springs of confidence of victory over the nightmares of mortal existence, a confidence which, shared by all who have read of the New London tragedy, would produce a mental atmosphere in which those involved can the more easily rise above their own sense of shock and bereavement.

He who brought such comfort to men as the world had never before known, and such as, through thousands of years, has continued to bring unfailing victory over the human sense of suffering, did not say, "My tears, my horror, my shock," but, 'My peace I leave with you." True compassion today must consist in following this example. Such compassion will find its expression in headlines, reports, and in material comfort made more effectual by a wide and calm confidence of man's God-given ability to rise above disaster.

Trailing Education
(Exchange)

Once more the "covered wagon" blazes a new trail, but this time the course does not lead across uncharted prairies. Lowing oxen are lacking and while there is a plentitude of horns, they are heard rather than seen. Instead of hitching his wagon to a star, the college student has bolted his trailer to a motorcar, and, parked conveniently near the campus gates, is enjoying yet another adventure in the always exhilarating experience of contriving an education for the least cost to himself and his parents.

At Logan, seat of the Utah State Agricultural College, "Trailerville" has a student population of forty-four. They are finding that residence in the perambulating pullmans, with its consequent emancipation from rentals and (in the event that the student is culinary conscious and prepares his own meals) freedom from table tariffs, will enable enjoyment of the many little extracurricular refinements—added books, attendance at intercollegiate contests, lectures and concerts, which figure importantly in the more abundant life educational.

The experiment is said to be so economically advantageous to those who have tried it that using the skill and knowledge gained in manual training and carpentry high school courses for the purpose of fabricating a "trailer" may soon be a not uncommon prelude to "working one's way through college."

The Meaning of "30"
(Exchange)

While the symbol "30" has been used for perhaps three-quarters of a century to indicate "the end" by telegraphers and printers, its significance has been unknown to the public generally.

Since the well-known radio news commentator, Paul Sullivan, has been using the phrase "Good night—and 30" to end his nightly broadcasts, many inquiries have been made by listeners concerning its meaning.

Just why the symbol "30" was chosen for the purpose is not known, but it has been employed since the early days of telegraphy by operators to indicate that their transmission of messages was finished. Later on it was adopted by newspaper men to inform the printers that there would be no more copy for the day, or night.

By extension, the term has been used to indicate death, and in publishers' and printers' trade journals it is often used as a heading for obituary notices. Also such phrases as "answered the call of 30" or "30 came to," applied to a person, simply means that he died.

Three-Ringed Enterprise
(Exchange)

As spring shades imperceptibly toward summer, Americans know that one fine morning Youthville will awaken to find the town plastered with posters—portraits of ponderous pachyderms, grotesque giraffes, and daring young men on flying trapezes. Then will follow an earnest inventory of finances, a careful calculating of resources, an insistent willingness to run errands, unusual solicitude as to the state of the lawn. Motorcars will require an unprecedented amount of washing, and the activities usually attendant on a "clean-up week" will be duplicated, as young citizens, by many an ingenious device, proceed to divert to their pockets the coins which will assure attendance at "the greatest show on earth."

He who has never earned admission money has missed much of the thrill of going to the circus. Having earned and carefully budgeted the day's expenses, even to investments for peanuts and pink lemonade, the erstwhile human dynamo is inclined to relax from his labors to "take things easy" against the morning when he shall arise ere sunup, secure in the knowledge that, whatever the precircus-day attitude, parental permission will be forthcoming, as it has, we suppose, during 2000 years of circuses.

Those Ardent Yesterdays
(Exchange)

Headlines have a history apart from that which they purvey. Some Americans may recall that huge front-page type was first generally introduced by newspapers clamoring for readers to remember the Maine. Most of us who do remember, naturally have not forgotten Hobson of the Merrimac either.

Memories which the name of the hero of Santiago evoke today symbolize that era of nitro-imperialism which scarehead journalism helped to touch off in '98. People who resolved then to remember the Maine probably are as mindful now of the emotional nationalism which never once questioned the policy of parading American battleships in other peoples' front yards. Experience has shown that trouble rather than trade is more likely to follow the flag on missions such as those which until quite recently motivated the sending of American marines and warships across the Caribbean.

These lessons do not detract from the high esteem in which Americans hold men like Admiral Richmond Pearson Hobson. But few knew better than Hobson that peace hath her victories, too. This is proved in his career following the war with Spain in the fight he waged in and out of Congress against liquor and narcotics—where opportunities are many but rewards few.

Cuba and the Philippines seem almost as remote from the American scene today as the wave of imperialism which swept them into focus forty years ago. That is an aspect of history wherein changes can best be discerned by reading between the headlines from day to day. Doubtless Americans see more clearly now that the country's real opportunities lie not in bestling its neighbors but in bettering itself. And today's headlines only emphasize those opportunities now confronting Hobson's courageous kind.

Your Best, Always
(Exchange)

Life's prizes go to those who meet emergencies successfully, and the way to meet emergencies is to do our daily tasks the best we can. Opportunities to do big things come to us as fruit of the seed planted in the daily routine of our lives.

In order to accomodate patrons of The Enterprise, the office is open each Saturday afternoon.

COUNTY SHARES STATE HIGHWAY REVENUES

The records of the state Highway Department reveal that as of March 1, it has returned $3,146,748.20 of state highway revenues to Oakland County since the end of fiscal year 1933.

This return of funds has enabled the county to maintain and improve its own highway system including the former township roads, and in addition, to reduce local highway indebtedness. At the same time property taxes for highway purposes have been reduced almost to the vanishing point.

Important from the standpoint of the county highway authorities is the promptness with which the department has released these funds to the counties.

When he took office, State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van-Wagoner found that nearly $10,000,000 due the counties remained unpaid. But these arrears were quickly paid off and since that time returns to the counties have been made according to schedule. This was accomplished in the face of legislative emergency measures which had cut the department's revenues by nearly 60 per cent.

Commissioner Van Wagoner's only comment on this record was that "sound business methods are no less important than engineering skill in the highway office." He pointed out that under his administration there had been a 36 per cent reduction in the Weight Tax which has saved Michigan taxpayers more than $5,000,000 annually; normal maintenance costs have been cut down 20 per cent, and a great construction program carried through on a "Pay As You Build" basis with no new debts incurred.

WEST POINT PARK

Miss June Ault entertained her sewing club, composed chiefly of young ladies from the Northville High School, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow were supper guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Orr Passage of Plymouth.

The Ladies Community Club will hold its April meeting Wednesday, April 7 at the home of Mrs. Lucian Gilbert, instead of with Mrs. Albert Owen, as previously announced.

Ralph Miller and family are planning to move to Northville soon.

Mrs. Norman Gedig of Detroit was a guest of relatives in West Point Park Saturday evening.

An "Easter Questionnaire" was a feature of Sunday's meeting of the Vesper club. When papers were judged, it was decided that Miss Gloria Heichman and Miss Elizabeth Mercer tied in the contest for first place. Suitable recognition will be made at the next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lunday of Detroit.

A business meeting of the Women's Association was held at the home of Mrs. Austin Ault on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman called Sunday morning on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan on Haggerty Road and Mr. and Mrs. John MacIntosh on Eight Mile Road.

Miss Shirley Addis was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Lucille and Harold Schmidtt of Redford.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ogilvie and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gedig of Detroit were supper guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Zwahlen and little daughter Janet Mae of Detroit, were the guests Sunday afternoon of the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McVicar of Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duplew of Lake Orion, attended the christening Sunday of Harold Joseph McVicar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McVicar at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington. Mrs. Clarence McVicar and Frank Duplew are Godparents.

John Rowe was the Sunday dinner guest of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Voorheis and family.

NOTICE OF OFFICIAL BALLOT TO BE VOTED ON AT APRIL 5 ELECTION

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ELECTION, APRIL 5, 1937

"Shall act number seventy-nine of the Public Acts of nineteen hundred twenty-nine, as amended by Act No. 44 of the Public Acts of 1935, permitting the board of supervisors to provide for the establishment of districts or zones within which the use of land and structures, the height, the area, the size and location of buildings may be regulated by ordinance, and within which districts regulations shall be established for the light and ventilation of such buildings, and within which districts or zones the density of population may be regulated by ordinance, be adopted by the county?"

(Make a cross (X) in the appropriate square below.)

( ) YES
( ) NO

HARRY W. MOORE,
City Clerk.
March 25-Apr. 1

Locals

Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mrs. Harold Jamieson, Mrs. Perry Wixom and Mrs. Ulysses Grace and Miss Ida Steele attended the luncheon and business meeting of the Detroit Missionary Society of the Universalist Church on Friday, at McCollister Hall at the Church of Our Father in Detroit.

Dr. A. R. Ericksen of Ardmore spent Easter Sunday at the home of his father, Neil Ericksen, in Chicago.

Roy and Mrs. Plumton and daughter, Ann, were Easter day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orrok Percy at Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Mahaney spent Easter with Mrs. May Mahaney and family.

Dick Conrad, a student at University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois was a guest at the A. R. Ericksen home from Thursday through Easter.

Mrs. Clyde Chamberlin, niece of the late Mrs. Della Walters of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Sprague and Miss Zalda Steele attended the funeral of Mrs. Walters at St. Johns on Good Friday afternoon.

Ruth Clark is spending the week with her parents at Clarenceville.

Mrs. Fred Billing and son Jerry, who have been visiting Mrs. Billing's sister, Mrs. Harry Pagel, left Monday to meet Mr. Billings at Camp Kusino, near Munising. They expect to return from Camp Kusino to their home at Mason about April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pray of Toledo and Mike Kennedy of Redford spent Easter Sunday at the Leo Hendryx home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shear and daughter Doris of South Lyon were Easter Day guests of Harry and Mrs. Pagel.

Charles and Mrs. Elkins entertained their club at an evening bridge, followed by a supper on Saturday night.

Mrs. E. E. Goetz is recovering from her recent illness. Her daughter Betty has been absent from school, due to illness, for two weeks.

Dorothy Ellen Hendryx, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hendryx, and six other little girls enjoyed an Easter party, at Dorothy's home on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloyes Steele were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Steele and children of Ann Arbor, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bond of Pontiac and Miss Mary Kennedy at dinner on Easter Day.

Mrs. John Bentley, Mrs. S. R. McCormick and son John of Pontiac, visited Mrs. Leo Hendryx on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Nelson of Thirteen Mile Road have arrived home from a visit at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Epworth League News

By Douglas Parker

A large crowd is expected to be present Friday, April 2, when the league will hold its monthly party in the form of a theatre party at the Grand Riviera Theatre. Miss Carol Harger, who is in charge of arrangements, has announced that two excellent pictures will be shown, one of them being the very popular, "Beloved Enemy." Transportation will be provided for all leaguers, and the cars will leave the church promptly at 6:45.

Forty-five happy leaguers, bright eyed and eager, despite the early hour, were on hand at six-thirty o'clock Easter morning for our annual sunrise breakfast and service. After they had consumed a very tempting breakfast of bacon and eggs and rolls, the group was led in a brief period of devotions and music by Reverend Stubbs. Though brief, the program was very impressive and was vastly enjoyed by the many members present.

President Norman Barrons, Jr., is scheduled to take over the meeting of April 4th. Mr. Barrons will base his talk on certain problems of youth. The meeting starts at 6:30 and all leaguers are urged to turn out.

The sixth issue of the Epworth Echo will be on sale Sunday and members are urged to get their copies . . . Leaguers are asked to note that the dates of the league play have been switched to the 29th and 30th of April . . . Instead of the 15th and 16th as originally planned . . . A group of approximately thirty leaguers attended church in a body last Sunday and sat in a special section, reserved for them . . . Although the sale of Exposition tickets moved rather slowly, the league made a slight profit in this venture.

Mrs. Jay Button is convalescing at the University of Michigan hospital at Ann Arbor.

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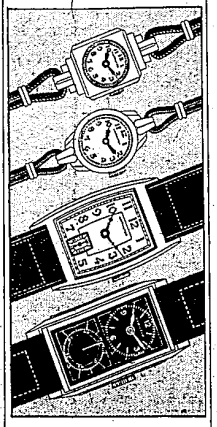

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Electric Cooking is not expensive!

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