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EDITORIALS

Power of the Press

(Exchange)

The most potent influence in all history has been the power of great orators and masterful writers. The early history of our nation is replete with examples of the tremendous influence wielded by orators who could fire the imagination and kindle the enthusiasm of the colonists for a liberty and freedom so dearly purchased. Perhaps great writers of that early day did not receive the recognition they deserved because the facilities for printing and distributing their messages were not developed to a degree that would make it even remotely possible to reach the various settlements of all the colonies.

The twentieth century presents a vastly different picture; for now we hear the thunderous roar of mighty presses, and great newspapers are produced by hundreds of thousands of men, and the transportation facilities make it possible for those newspapers to be distributed to every nook and corner of the entire nation while the news contained in them is still "news."

Some newspaper men have been heard to deplore the fact that the radio has seemed to be encroaching upon the field of news and comment traditionally supposed to belong to the newspapers. We do not hold to that premise—first, because the radio is more primarily a medium of entertainment, and, second, because no matter how gifted he may be in address and personality, can get a message to the average citizen as lastingly and convincingly as can a writer who is able to print and hold attention with the grip of words.

Middle Aisle Drivers

(Exchange)

Many times in this column we have discussed various phases of automobile driving which, to us, are the cause of serious accidents on the highways. One we somehow have overlooked is the driver on a three or four lane highway who insists on pointing his radiator cap down the black line between the second and third or the third and fourth of these lanes. An appallingly large number of accidents are the result of head-on collisions, more often than caused by some driver attempting to pass one of these middle aisle drivers.

The other night we were returning home when we attempted to pass one such driver. The traffic was heavy from the opposite direction and it was some number of miles before we were able to go around this car without crossing the middle line of the highway. Certainly this was an unnecessary practice on the part of any driver. Many people we know would never have waited until they finally drew over to his own side of the road before they would have sped past him even to taking the chance of hitting an oncoming car. There is great truth in the statement that the too-cautious driver may be as great, if not a greater menace on the highway than the speed demon.

Good Judgment

(Exchange)

Many severe restrictions on personal habits are of doubtful value in making a better world. Many hard and fast rules often arouse resentment. The fanatic usually fails in trying to impose his peculiar notions on others. There are many stunts on religious, political and social problems as people are people. No two are exactly alike. It would seem most sound and practical to modify extremes—adopt the golden mean—use more reason and less prejudice.

Learning by Heart

(Exchange)

It used to be considered an essential part of education to "learn by heart" most of the subjects one studied.

From nursery rhymes to multiplication tables, the eight parts of speech, capitals, Shakespeare, the Bible—all were memorized.

Dr. Rolla C. Reynolds of New York has just said "The purpose of school should not be to make children memorize but to make them think for themselves—a most difficult accomplishment."

Now we agree that to make children "think for themselves" may be a difficult accomplishment, sometimes near to impossible, but we cannot understand how the situation is improved by omitting memory exercises. Before an individual can be taught to "think" there must be some facts, names, places, words stored away for his

use. Can he do any real thinking about a modern poem unless in the reservoir of his mind are many poems, standards of the best, which he can use for comparison? Can he judge the actions of men in moments of crisis unless he has memories of crisis events; to show how men acted in times of similar crisis?

It seems to us to have been a sad day when trends in modern education "forgot to include" the Friday afternoon memory exercise.

National Symbol

(Exchange)

The city of Linton, Indiana, marks "the crossroads of America" and is the country's center of population. The citizens erected a shaft made of coal to mark their claim to fame, but someone stole it. The "Digest" says that inasmuch as Linton is a mining town that a coal shaft merely represented Linton and not the United States and suggest something that would be a representative national symbol. For instance, a collection containing a silver of Oregon, a silver of Charlie McCarthy, the head of a Texas longhorn, a poppet, a model of the Empire State Building, a model of the Empire State system, Joe DiMaggio's pet bat, a hot dog, the ring of a Supreme Court Justice, an ear of Iowa corn, a package of chewing gum in cellophane, a chip of granite from Vermont, a piece of wood "Gone With the Wind" containing a photograph of the Roosevelt smile, a chocolate malted, a Middle Westerner with the accent, and a number of other things you would fancy.

They suggest that the whole collection might be packed for exhibition in a trailer that has been attached to a sixteen-cylinder coupe.

1937 Debate

(Exchange)

The high school debating classes are testing their forum skill to the advantages and disadvantages of the speaker's system (one-house legislature) this season.

Again this year, the material in favor of this debate subject is largely theoretical. The only state using the present system is Nebraska, and the social and economic conditions there are so different from many other states, such as Michigan, that there are no grounds for comparing or contrasting the two systems. Nebraska is an agricultural state, and there are no widely divergent interests represented in the legislative body as there would be in Michigan. The population of Nebraska is not centered in numerous large towns and large cities, as in Michigan, New York, Ohio, etc., and one legislative body should be able to accomplish excellent results for people of like interests.

Many of the men in the Constitutional Convention which formed the United States Constitution were from states which they read only one legislative hour. It is significant, therefore, that they founded a Congress with two houses, and reorganized state governments on a similar plan.

Gobbling Prestige

(Christian Science Monitor)

Can the turkey wrest the heavy-weight symbol championship from the titled eagle? This is the question for which the great turkey arenas of the United States North-west seek an affirmative answer. And no less an organization than the Northwestern Turkey Growers' Association has taken the title of champion for the historic bird that made the Pilgrims famous.

The proposal to make the turkey the national bird is submitted seriously. It has a "leg" behind it. It is significant, therefore, that they founded a Congress with two houses, and reorganized state governments on a similar plan.

Desert Pearls
Desert pearls are not strictly pearls such as are found in oysters, says London Tit-Bits Magazine. They are a regular substance found near cactus bushes, and are made into strings of cheap beads. But they are formed in the same way as the pearl inside the oyster. An animal makes its place out of a cactus leaf, a beetle may bore a hole in it or a human being may occur or bruise it. Immediately this occurs Nature sets about remedying the damage, and the plant begins to cover the injured spot with tough tissue which prevents water from entering and germs from damaging it. When all is well, the cactus dies, or the leaves fall and disintegrate, these pearls remain on the desert floor to be gathered and burnt or made into knick-knacks.

CHURCHES

All notices for this column must be in the Enterprise office not later than Tuesday at noon.

Redford Gospel Tabernacle
18000 Lasher Road
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Pastoral prayer and praise service, 11:00 a. m.
Evangelistic service, 7:45 p. m.
All are welcome regardless of circumstances.
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Clarenceville M. E. Church
Rev. Gula, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Church service, 11:15 a. m.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor
Sunday masses at 7:00 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., and 12:00 p. m.
Benediction after 10:30 mass.
Daily masses at 7:30 a. m., and 8:00 a. m.

Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Delmore Stubbs, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:30. Rev. Stubbs will preach. The W. H. M. S. will receive their thank offering. Church School at 11:45.
Epworth League at 6:30. Miss Lou Chambers, a young lady of sixteen years, who has recently arrived from Shanghai, China, will speak.

The annual Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Baptist Church, Wednesday evening, November 24th. The Teachers' Training class will be lifted on account of this meeting.

Salem Evangelical Church
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor
Worship service at 10:30 a. m. Junior and Senior B. Y. P. U. at 11:30 a. m.

First Baptist Church
Gilbert A. Miles, Pastor
Morning Prayer Meeting 10:15.
Morning Worship 10:30.
Junior and Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6:30.

Mr. Graham will be the speaker at the Senior meeting.

At 7:30 our Special Evangelistic meeting will begin under the leadership of Evangelist Archie J. Graham, Pastor of the Williamson Avenue Baptist Church of Dearborn. Rev. Graham is a Chalk Artist of unusual ability and very fine preacher. We are fortunate in having him with us. This series of meetings will continue for two weeks, the meetings being held each night at 7:30 with the exception of Saturday nights when they will be no meeting. The public is cordially invited.

In the 1st five years Johanneseburg South Africa, the gold-rust city, had a population increase of 150,000, and now has 500,000 souls.

Annapolis Naval Academy

Was Established in 1845
The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis was established by George Bancroft, secretary of the navy under President Polk, October 10, 1845, on the site of Fort Severn, which was given to the navy by the War department. Commander Franklin Buchanan was the first superintendent. The school was known as the United States Naval school, but five years later it was reorganized and was given its present name.

When the academy was threatened with capture in April, 1861, it was moved to Newport, R. I., where the midshipmen lived in the old Constitution and Santee and in the old Atlantic hotel. After the Civil war, the academy was returned to Annapolis. During the twenty years following the war, the navy deteriorated and the academy did likewise. With the building of the new steel navy, begun in 1883, and the new steel navy, begun in 1885, a new program of building was initiated through the efforts of Capt. Philip H. Cooper, superintendent at the time, and Col. R. M. Thompson. Two hundred acres are included in the academy grounds and in 1924 there were 2,600 midshipmen enrolled.

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How It Happened

By VIRGINIA E. STRONG
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JOE BLAINE sat in the program director's office of the small radio station in Massachusetts.

At the director's first mention of "Twilight Reveries," Joe's mind had automatically flown to those smart friends of his who would, he had groaned, rename the program "Twilight Slush." He writhed, mentally, as he imagined their cynical remarks. "Where's the flowing tie, Omar?" or "Won't your hair grow, Byron-me-boy?"

Worriedly glancing at his boss' profile, Joe's voice belied his attempt at casualness. "For the best time, my revered Chief, I refuse. Not that I don't appreciate the honor, of course," he hastily added. "After all, from ordinary education 'twas I who learned to offer a fello' every day. Now, if it were anything but . . . but poetry!" The word glided from his mouth in a flood of contempt.

He rose from his chair preparing to leave the room. "No, no thousand times no," he sang, walking to the door.

"Joe!"

Blaine stopped with a suddenness that matched the program director's incisive command. He had heard that tone before.

"Boston has started using poetry," the radio station's chief announced. "So has New York. You know that as well as I do. What you don't know is this. His smooth, deliberate words became tinged with a threat. 'Twilight Reveries' is going on, for a season, of organ and poetry. You're the only guy in the place whose voice is good enough to put it over."

That is how it happened that Joe Blaine became "Joseph" Blaine, reader on the "Twilight Reveries" hour, in spite of his friends' joshing. That is how it happened that his pleasing, vibrant voice carried homely, sentimental poems to places near and far. And that is why Joe received a good many fan letters from the despised element which goes in for "that stuff."

One of them read like this:

"My dear Mr. Blaine:
"My daughter has been a patient in City Hospital for several months. We despaired of her life because she gave up the battle. Some weeks ago she first heard your program and although she seemed to have no particular interest, the next day she asked to have it tuned in and has listened to you every day since. "Your inspirational readings have brought my daughter renewed hope and ambition. Her condition has changed for the better and the doctors are now sure she will pull through. We feel you have been instrumental in saving her life. I just wanted you to know."
"Her mother,"
"Roberta Jennings."

The Program Director couldn't afford to keep secret a situation so deserving of publicity. That is how it happened that the newspapers first printed stories about Mrs. Jennings' daughter, Carolyn, and of the hard-boiled announcer. And that led to Blaine's visiting Miss Jennings in order to give her a huge bouquet of roses sent by the radio station.

Joe's angry nervousness gave way to an unaccustomed quiet on entering the hospital, for his impression of white-washed uniforms and doctors and nurses—seemed to calm the violence of his mood until his whole being was strangely toned down.

Joe attempted to smile when he was introduced to Mrs. Roberta Jennings and her daughter. Perhaps it was a failure, because Mrs. Jennings, although still grateful, momentarily (and ineffectually) objected to any additional publicity. Or perhaps it was because Carolyn, so white herself, lay there in a white gown on a white bed; a frail little girl, actually quiet as she watched and listened.

Or it might have been her quick, courageous smile as she said, "Oh, how beautiful! Thank you so much," when Joe handed her the roses and the flashlight picture was taken. In any event, the photograph appearing in the newspapers showed a young lady smiling at a crowd of receiving flowers from an unwilling, obviously embarrassed young man.

Fan mail increased after that, of course, for the story was carried in the Boston paper as well. And in order to forestall the offer he had heard was coming from a larger station, the program director again talked with Joe.

"Twilight slush has clicked pretty well, hasn't it?" he began, sarcastically.

"I . . . ah . . . it seems so," his humble tone gave in to carping criticism. When Joe failed in modern repartee, it was the man-bit-the-dog kind of news.

After a puzzled pause, he continued. "If you want to keep it that there'll be a substantial raise in your next pay."

Well, Joe not only continued to read poems but started to write them, too. The hope still remained, of course, that Mrs. Jennings would hear them and get well quicker.

—Also drove to the hospital again—carrying poses he had himself bought.

WEST POINT PARK

Bruce and Fred Taylor of Wilmington, California, were guests Monday of their cousin, James Eastman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thayer, and daughter Ethel of Detroit were guests Sunday afternoon of the former's sister, Miss Anna Thayer.

John Green and family recently moved from the Harlan farm on Farmington road to the city of Farmington.

Mrs. Theda Arnold left Sunday for Grand Rapids where she will be the winter with her grandmother, Mrs. R. M. Schater.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert and family were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chavez of Redford.

Mrs. Carson Baldwin entertained the Girls' Bunco Club Friday evening. Two of Mrs. Baldwin's daughters are members of the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ewald and daughter Marion of Detroit were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Redding.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Zwalen and daughter Janet Mae of Detroit visited Sunday with guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwalen.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Middlewood attended the funeral Friday of the latter's sister, Mrs. Violet Griffin of Detroit.

Earl and Mrs. Redding were guests Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Jerry Austen of Detroit.

Captain and Mrs. O. Duncanen of Rosedale Park, Detroit, were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwalen.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. McBride visited Greenfield village Sunday.

Clinton Hall and family were guests of Mrs. Edward Sgomoski of Wayne, Saturday night.

Mrs. Carson Baldwin visited in Detroit Wednesday.

A number of West Point Park guests visited Palmer Park Presbyterial church Sunday morning, where Rev. John Adams, formerly a pastor at West Point Park, but late of Mason, Michigan, assumed the pastorate.

Rev. Knapp, who for the past two Sundays has been preaching exceptionally fine sermons at the Community Hall, will again preach next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

The Ladies' Community Club is scheduled to meet at the home of Mrs. Marvin Addis the first day of December.

Mrs. Austin Ault was hostess to her card club last Wednesday afternoon. Two weeks old Edwin Emerson Johnson was the honor guest. Prizes were won by Mrs. Albert Orven and Mrs. Edwin Johnson.

Mrs. Ervin Bolinger gave a birthday party Saturday evening in honor of her son Donald's seventh birthday. About 14 of his classmates from the Plerson school attended the party.

Miss Barbara Middlewood and Miss Shirley Zwalen joined the Detroit News Hiking Club last Sunday at Middlestead Lake for one of their hikes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Wolfe and baby daughter Sherry Kay, of Detroit, were Sunday afternoon guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Wolfe.

Messe Zeligler, Chasley Wolfrom, Gerard Zeligler and Homer Middlewood are among the large crowd of deer hunters near Barton City.

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