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'Lest We Forget'

Memorial Day is coming up Sunday with the celebration on Monday and it revives the slogan "Lest We Forget."

Although only 20 years have elapsed since VJ in Japan, it appears as if there is a tendency to forget the dead war heroes.

Perhaps it is because we are living in an age when everything moves faster, there are more things to do, more places to go and more ways to get there. Perhaps it is just that people want to forget the things that happened not so many years ago and took so much of our youth.

The fact remains that Memorial Day parades and services are gradually passing out of the picture because of lack of interest.

This lack of interest comes from the veteran organizations, who should be the first to pay homage to their dead buddies, the general public and many instances, the bereaved survivors of the war dead.

Several communities are holding parades and services this year but in all there appears to be a decided lack of the enthusiasm that marked the memorials of six, eight and 10 years ago.

Perhaps it's because the survivors of World War II are 20 years older now than when they donned their uniforms for what they hoped was to be good. The spirit and drive that made them want to don the uniforms and parade in

other parts.

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Likewise individuals have had the course of their lives changed by reading. The Declaration of Independence over very much to the influence of Locke. The masterful command of English that Franklin had was not only part to his reading of the Bible and the Sistine Chapel. One could continue the list without limit.

If men and women can be vitally influenced by reading, children and youth, who, of course, are still in the formative stage, can have their lives shaped by reading, and every parent and every teacher becomes a guidance counselor and a teacher. Reading is a right and a sacred obligation. Every teacher who does not do the same is false to his or her high calling.

Yet the word "censor" has become a dirty word, and those who exercise this obligation become the object of suspicion and obliquity. Our courts are particularly sensitive in this regard and refuse to bar from publication books from which passages were read from park benches to students in the rear of the Filene's Sports World in Berkeley, California. That we believe the court's youth is being educated is not reflected in the tragic figure recently released by the United States Department of Public Health?

120,000 new cases of venereal disease each year from which there will be 12,000 deaths, 1,000,000 untreated cases from which there will be 120,000 cases of heart disease, 65,000 cases of youth under 20 years.

Why must the doctors of Sweden, the New

memory of the comrades appears to have become a thing of the past.

This appears to be true of the smaller communities, where the parade and services, once were one of the biggest events of the entire year.

For example, Plymouth is suffering from just such things we mentioned above.

For the first time in memory, the Navy Men won't hold their traditional wreath-laying services at the bridge near the Hillsdale Inn. They have indicated that they will disband.

The Gold Star Mothers of that section faded out of the picture a year ago.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars are having trouble keeping their state men's color guard marching unit and the women's auxiliary drill team going. Each has dropped out of the competition they dominated for so many years.

The reason—members have been dropping out of each unit and the leaders are having trouble with replacements.

So it appears as if the color that has marked so many of the Memorial Day parades, the July 4th celebrations and other community events is gradually becoming a thing of the past.

Let us forget, for a change, the time to take a look at the past and the time to forget our war dead. They gave their lives so that we could live in a decent world and the least we can do is to devote one day to remembering and paying the tribute they deserve. R. T. T.

Crisis of Our Age

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The more one studies the question, the more involved it becomes; it is really the crisis of our age, as Professor Pitirim Sorokin of Harvard, the outstanding sociologist of our time, has repeatedly warned. If further evidence is desired, the reading of "The American Sex Revolution" will be convincing.

Dr. Sorokin and others frequently quote Dr. J. U. Smith, the monumental work, "Sex and Culture." Dr. Ursula Scherzer, from Cambridge University, England, and his wife is the result of ten arduous years of study. His conclusions may be inadequately summarized as follows: History teaches that peoples and nations by sexual continence release creativity in other fields—colonial expansion, military power, art and science, and the like. Creativity is achieved in all areas. This he documents in full. During this period of creativity, there is always a close family life, a monogamous marriage, and regulation of sexual relations.

As time goes on these standards are gradually relaxed, and sexual license absorbs the energy which produced the creativity. When there is sexual anarchy, a nation is through, and a few virile people with the above ideals will support the same.

The question of censorship is only a sliver of a much larger question which is leading to disaster. Pornography in one area is consciously trying to undermine our society, as George Eliot clearly proves in his article, "Against Pornography," in the March number of "Harpers." We believe the courts and the American Civil Liberties Union are unconsciously doing the same by their misguided actions.

Is it too late? Dr. Sorokin does not think so, but he does not know. The National Education Association, like the Metropolitan District Council for Better Literature, and others will unite and counter attack. We owe this duty to our youth.

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COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

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Observing the Scene...

By MYRA CHANDLER

"Teachers' Picket School," "More Police Quit Force," "County Hospital Employees Stage Sit-In," are a few of the headlines coming out with his morning coffee.

What is behind the teacher strike, the low morale of the police department in Livonia, the civil service employee action in the county hospitals?

There is just one word—economics.

Economics caused the Livonia teachers to picket last week, thus jeopardizing the coming election on a bond issue in Livonia.

Economics caused 100 policemen with 67 years of combined service to resign—leaving Livonia's 36 square miles guarded by three instead of five police cars at night.

Teacher tenure like civil service for police is a strong union, a protection against the employee losing his job.

Both teachers and police in Livonia and surrounding communities have this protection.

Out of the 300 civil service employees did not have to go into binderies. They were kept on in employment but got script instead of money. Script bought the groceries, nevertheless.

Now, as prices go rising and the economy appears to be booming, the sense of security is hung up "we want more money—the going rate," so say the Livonia police department—the teachers.

No one can blame them for this. After all there is the high cost of living they must contend with.

There is one rub, however.

Civil Service is a way of life—people trade lack of economic ceiling for security. In times of strife they ride the crest—times like this there is a definite sense of unrest and frustration.

In the realm of teachers, true, their pay is not much greater than that of policemen in our suburbs, and yet their education is greater, but teachers' lives are not in it for life, and they too have the protection of standardized incomes in times of strife. Not so the lawyer or for that matter the doctor. Perhaps in a slumping economy tend to get into more trouble and have greater sickness—but they pay their bills slowly, if at all.

It would seem that to make the decision to become a teacher—or for that matter a civil service worker, policeman or fireman one must decide on a way of life. One cannot have it both ways.

A young Livonia police recruit was about to complete his required three years in the police department for which he would receive the large increase from \$5,886 to \$6,366. Three weeks before this wonderful raise the young man had an opportunity to start a job for \$7,000 as a meat cutter in a supermarket. "And this is a starting point," said the young man, impressed.

The supermarket can let the meat cutter go if the recession sets in—and certainly does not have to hold to the \$7,000 if the economy goes downhill.

Personally I'd take my chances with the spoils system rather than civil service. I think unions, in matter how much they are needed, are discriminatory.

Competition made the country strong, and bit by bit we are being robbed of our competitive spirit through this image of marching arm and arm together—no one out of step—no one a little ahead—and above all—let no one fall a step behind.

The choice is a free one to make (so far)—but once made and the "security" way is selected—wailing and wringing of hands is out of line.

Yesterday's Headlines

25 Years Ago

The Livonian for May 29, 1940, Livonian that it has addition plans for the Livonia plant. The ruling had upheld the Board of Education in regards to a special election. The judge said that the Board had acted wholly within its rights.

PHIL PAVLIC

LIVONIAN JUNIOR CHAMBER

OF COMMERCE

JOHN T. DUFOUR

PARKS & RECREATION

Vandalism

Editor:

Vandalism has been discussed

at great length in our school

for a very long time. Destruction

has been heavy in Farmington

and there should be

something done about it. I think

because only three of the 37

teachers signed the letter

to the panel at the meeting

it certainly would have

been impossible for 37 teachers

to have "pledged" themselves

to "classroom brainwashing" of

students as was charged in

the article.

I feel that one possible cure

to this situation lies in the direc-

tion of recreational facilities.

For instance, a public swim-

ing pool. Many families could

afford to provide this op-

portunity to our community

and the parents who afford

their children this op-

portunity.

Frederick Hayes, Chairman

Reford Township

Assembly for Human

Relations

Farmington

Greg Farkas

Farmington

Ed Note: Would suggest a

committee of parents contact

area Recreational Director, M.

L. Sits and commission

on what they will put it in the

budget.

I think if the teenagers had

someplace to spend their energy

other than the street, they

wouldn't be so inclined to

hang around the street looking for "ticks."

There are a great many other

recreational facilities that could

be used, too. For instance, a

swimming pool with a

water slide, a sand beach, a

swimming area, a