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Just Chattin'

Here's an unusual character along life's highway

By W. W. EDGAR

TROLLING down life's highway you meet some most unusual characters. Some leave you laughing with their attitude on life. Others cause lump to form in your throat as you listen to their tales of woe. And then there are some who leave you in a state of utter amazement.

The other evening, for instance, I was sitting in a group, chattin' about one thing and another, when one of my hosts remarked, "If you think you haven't met some characters in your travels, wait 'till you meet a fellow who is coming over tonight. He's all 'Against' the world."

"Against?" I asked. "Against what?"

"Wait 'till you see," was the only answer I received.

But, I didn't have to wait long to find out.

Within a short time a rather nattily dressed chap joined the group. He didn't seem different than any of us until a few minutes later, he turned to me and, very seriously, asked:

"You're one of these fellows who thinks so-called modern times are wonderful, but tell me—How long would it take you to get from Plymouth to Pontiac today—if you didn't have a car?"

After a moment of thought we answered, "We don't know how long it would take—but we'd have to take a bus from Plymouth to Detroit and then transfer to one that would go straight out Woodward to Pontiac."

Our friend sat and chuckled, then shot back, "My grandfather could have made it that quick in his horse and wagon—so what's so great about being modern?"

His retort brought a few chuckles and the incident was forgotten until later in the evening when the convert got around to topics of the day—the economy, the war in Vietnam and the possibility of a tax raise or tax reform.

Then, during a slight lull, our friend left us aghast when he asked:

"Can I afford peace?"

He didn't wait for an answer. Instead, he poured his thoughts out in what seemed like a never-ending stream:

"What would our economy be like, he asked, 'if peace was declared tomorrow and the 400,000 men we have in

Vietnam were added to the work force?'

"Don't forget," he emphasized, "our auto plants are so geared that we could make all the autos and trucks we need in six months. Why do you think Walter Reuther is asking for a guaranteed annual wage and a shorter work week? He knows there is not enough work to go around. So, what would it be like if we had another 400,000 men dropped into the labor pool?"

BEFORE we could muster an answer, he shot back— "Tell you what would happen—we would have the greatest unemployment problem we have ever known. We'd have no recession—or a depression. We'd have a panic!"

With your type of thinking we chorused, this is a fine kind of world we live in when we must be at war, killing thousands of our young men, just to show that there won't be a mammoth unemployment problem."

"Well," I answered, "I don't hear anyone screaming that they can't buy an electric refrigerator, or a freezer, or furniture—even though we are in a population explosion. So, our present work force must be doing a good job of providing them."

"I see a TV antenna on almost every home," he went on, "so, there can't be a shortage of TV sets—or radios—or even food processing."

impressions

by sue shaughnessy

There is a great deal of college fund assistance available for the students in Michigan's private colleges, but unless next fall's sophomores and freshmen get busy the money won't be put to use.

Students have until Jan. 15 to apply for the \$2,000,000 in aid which the State of Michigan has allocated to sophomores and freshmen in the private colleges.

Last year, only 25 per cent of the State Tuition Grants were fund given out. Originally estimated to help 7,000 students, during the first semester of the program only 2,500 were granted.

The program provides grants ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 per year for students attending private colleges located in Michigan. In order to qualify the student must have lived in the state for at least three years and will enroll for the fall term.

The amount of the grant is determined by the annual "effective income" of the student's family. By this the state counts the total taxable income less \$600 for each dependent, standard or itemized deductions and the federal income tax paid of \$10,000 or less.

The Very Rev. Malcolm Carron, S.J., president of the Michigan Catholic Colleges Committee, said, "Many students apparently have not applied for tuition grants for they are under the impression they are not eligible if their family has an income of \$10,000 or more."

This is not the case, he emphasized.

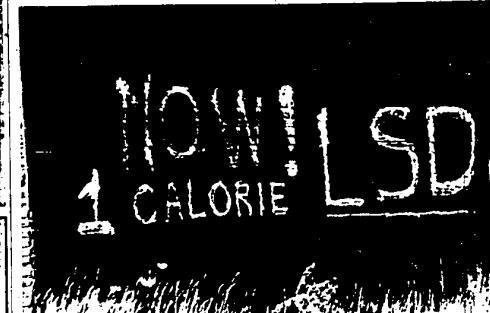
The size of the grant is related to family expenses, number of dependents and other variables."

At the time they request the grant from the state, applicants need not have applied for admission to a private university. They need only indicate the private school of their choice, which must be in Michigan.

The grants are not reserved for all A-students. If a student is accepted by an accredited university he qualifies academically for the grant. The grant will not be paid unless the student is accepted.

Application forms are available from the registrars of Michigan's private colleges. Some of the local colleges which could supply this form are: Madonna, Lawrence Institute of Technology, Mercy College, Marygrove College, and the University of Detroit.

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Open Blood Account Now

Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Farmington Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Northern Inn, 31228 Five Mile Road, between 3 and 9 p.m. Appointments may be made by phoning Red Cross 422-2771.

To start a Red Cross blood account a person must be between 18 and 59. From the age of 18 to 21, if not married or in the armed services, parental consent is necessary.

They must be in good health. (Women who have become mothers within the past 12 months are not eligible to donate.)

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If you dip the roasting fork in butter before sliding the marshmallow on it and hold the fork level while toasting the marshmallow will slip easily off the fork.

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