

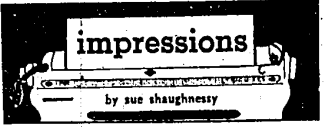
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Answer to Impressions
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Bachelor's Side
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Just Chatter

Wise, Old Carpenter Comes To Defense of Modern Youth

By W. W. EDGAR

Bill Seifert, a genial old carpenter who loves to spend his time doing repair work, turned off his power saw, and ventured to the door of the office the other day and cast that sly look across the room. "I'm just an old guy," he said, "but I have been around for a good many years and I think I know what's wrong with the present generation—and the fault shouldn't be placed on the young folks alone."

It was sort of a surprise to hear him talking in this vein for usually he is the prime example of the old time cliché, "say nothing and saw wood."

Before he could be asked for his version he commented, "the big problem is the fact that the young folks of today don't have enough to do around the house."

Here he chuckled for a moment and then asked: "Remember the days when we had chores to do at home before we could do anything else? And if we didn't get them done, we'd get a good shelling and be sent off to bed."

We could recall those days all too vividly, when one of the big chores was to see that there was a sufficient amount of cord wood piled up for use in the kitchen—so that Mother could keep her stove going to heat the house and prepare the food.

"Yes," said Old Bill, "but we don't have stoves like that anymore. We have these new fangled things that run by electricity or gas—and there is no need to have a wood pile any place—let alone close to the kitchen."

"You see," he went on, "the inventors and those other smart fellows have eliminated a lot of these jobs around the house that used to keep the kids busy. Now, not even Mother has to slave anymore—and she is looking around for things to do."

Without taking a breath, Bill finishes training. Pvt. Thomas N. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett N. Stewart, 38100 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, has completed a seven-week armor vehicle mechanic course at the Army Armor School, Ft. Knox, Ky.

The French motion picture, "A Man and a Woman," won the film industry's Oscars last week, for the best story and best screenplay. No wonder. That topic makes the world go 'round and Miss Sue Shaughnessy, the Farmington Observer Editor, on this page last week outlined the problems of an unattached female alone in a world "built for two," to paraphrase a popular song.

As the only unattached male on the Observer's editorial staff, I would like to respond to Miss Shaughnessy's comments, which I'm sure, are shared by most single persons, male or female, in today's society.

First of all, I want to make it clear that I am in complete agreement with Miss Shaughnessy. Everything (or nearly everything) is designed for a pair, and there are many chores which must be faced but could be better handled by the other half of the family—if there is a spouse to consider.

For example, local restaurants are fine but after many years of cold hamburgers and lukewarm coffee gulped down before rushing off to a City Council or School Board meeting, can get a bit monotonous over a period of years.

In the evening, a single male finds it easier to buy a new pair of socks rather than face the task of mending his own.

In addition, I detest the routine of making my own bed—but then again, not being married, there is no (legal) reason for the spread being messed up in the first place.

My Mustang has two doors—although for a long period of time, the passenger's door was used so infrequently that it sometimes gets stuck and refuses to open without considerable foot being used.

Like Miss Shaughnessy, a bachelor is perennially asked why he is a bachelor (usually by older women who can't understand why he hasn't heard of their charming and attractive sisters or nieces).

Tickets to political dinners and dances, which are given free of charge to newspaper editors, are valuable but it is a shame not to make full use of the tickets which are invariably marked for utilization by a couple.

Like Miss Shaughnessy, I am frequently questioned by a niece and a nephew too young to know better why they don't have any touns to play with.

I tried to resolve that problem a long time ago but the social worker at the adoption agency did not agree with my views of a bachelor raising a child without the benefit of a

Shades of Salvador Dali



The Observer pays \$5 for any picture home on leave. He was experimenting with the above was his new "fish-eye" lens which almost has taken by U.S. Airman Gerald Garda while the ability to look around corners.

Enclosed in a letter which arrived last week from the west coast was a clipping from a newspaper which tells of the battle between the operators of the Twin Citrus Gospel Mission in Marysville, Calif. and the indigents who have been receiving food and lodging at the shelter.

It seems that the indigents are boycotting the spot. The clipping states: "The 40 patrons of the free-food-and-bed center objected to the Christian mission's requirement that they attend an hour-long evening worship before being fed and bedded."

"The Rev. C. W. Renwick, superintendent of the mission, said management would not yield to their demands."

"If they aren't interested in hearing the gospel, we're not interested in feeding them," he said. The mission's directors issued a statement that "the primary purpose of the mission is not to feed, bathe, clothe or sleep the men, but to save souls."

The newspaper story concludes with the statement that "The men had a secondary complaint: a lack of variety in the menu. They said they were tired of chicken stew every night."

A couple of interesting points come to mind after reading the story. The first immediate reaction is one of sympathy for the mission operators.

However, the statement which was issued is interesting also. The patrons of the mission might be indigents, but they are not children and can't be forced to do anything. They have exercised their privilege by boycotting the mission's facilities.

Is Christian charity quite so pragmatic or blatant as the mission's directors seem to feel? It's a sad day if this is so.

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