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Editorials

At The Other Extreme? Diogenes Fails Again

We expected it would come. Sooner or later someone was going to come along and tell us that the "little red schoolhouse" was not all it has been claimed to be. Miss Merry Hayes' assertions at the Farmington alumni banquet were well-supported too, by knowledge not only of those little old places of learning, but of the big new ones as well.

"The most unattractive building on the inside I ever saw," said Miss Hayes—and her detailed description of the interior of Farmington Union School certainly bore out her conclusion. On the opposition of the then Board of Education to purchasing a diploma for her Miss Hayes did not comment—perhaps because she felt it to be unnecessary.

Contrast these things with the action of the present Board of Education last Thursday evening in appropriating \$100 to buy pictures—and good pictures—for the school rooms. Compare also the fact that Farmington children during the past year were taken to the Detroit Institute of Art, there to look upon the works of master artists. And our graduates of 1929 possess, instead of no diplomas at all, the very newest type—handsome "book" style certificates, with names stamped in gold on red covers.

So the little red schoolhouse must go the way of other romantic, sentimental legends in American history. But it need not surrender all, nor are the modern schools entitled to assume a too superior air.

The little red schoolhouse was limited, yet the casting aside of all limitation in school courses has not yet proven perfection, either. In fact, it is becoming a rather widely-discussed question, as to whether we have not gone to the other extreme from the little red schoolhouse. Many people believe that schools today are hurrying so many courses, so many varieties of study at pupils, particularly high school students, that they are unable to absorb any of it very thoroughly. The result, it is declared, is acquisition of smatterings, a surface learning that is the next thing to none—and sometimes worse.

The little red schoolhouse may cease to be regarded as the cradle of the nation's great—but its simplicity might some time be useful as a balance when the pendulum swings too far the other way.

Not A Line

This is the season of commencements, of senior classes and diplomas. And of advice handed out in liberal doses to all the hundreds of thousands of graduates.

Teachers, parents, friends, and commencement speakers all take the job in hand of putting the graduates on the right path. Nor are newspapers backward in the business. The editorial columns of papers all over the country are filled with the words of sages. Some differ from others, many are merely longer.

We believe that there may sometimes be distinction in not doing a thing, just as there is in doing. And so this newspaper will claim such distinction. We have not a single line of advice to offer or inflict upon the graduates of any class in any school. We print not one line of admonition.

Because, for one thing, knowing whose advice to take, is often just as much of a problem as any upon which the advice might be given.

There is plenty of room at the top, but the distance from the bottom to the top is much greater than the distance from the top to the bottom. Euclid overlooked this.

"There's not much to tell," replied Diogenes. "I hunted high and low, far and wide. I searched up and down the whole county. But it was no use. They wanted me to find somebody who didn't want the vacancy on the County Road Commission."

CHURCHES

Methodist Church
Dr. H. Addis Leeson, Pastor

Dr. Howard A. Field, district superintendent of the Detroit district will be the preacher at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. There will be no evening service. The Sunday School meets at noon.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship.
Dr. Ralph Taylor Andem, State secretary, will preach.
11:45—Bible School with classes for all ages.
12:30—Gospel breaking services on Church lawn. Dr. H. C. Gleiss of Detroit Baptist Union, will speak.
6:00—B. Y. P. U. for young people.
7:30—Gospel service. The Pastor will speak on "More Than Conquerors."
Everyone invited to these services.

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

Sunday School will meet at 10:15.
After the opening service all classes will seek a meeting place outside.
Rev. A. A. Schoen and Charles White are attending conference at Richmond, Mich., beginning Thursday evening and continuing through until Monday afternoon.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
Rev. Paul Grauner, Pastor

9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—English service.
Mr. A. Galen will preach the sermon.
St. Paul's Lutheran school closed another school year on June 14 George Zerb in of the eighth and Mildred Burkowski and Hildegard Garrow of the seventh grades passed in the county examinations with high marks.
Beginning Sunday, June 22, there will be mass at 7 a. m., 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. This is the summer schedule.

West Point Park
Independent Church
Rev. George Cullen, Pastor

10:30—Children's Day exercises, Baptismal services.
The evening services have been discontinued until September.
The school picnic at Island Lake Friday was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 and 11. Daily mass at 8:00.
Clarenceville M. E. Church
Rev. Robert Richards, Pastor

DEPUTY IS ADDED

Peter Smith, another full-time deputy has been assigned to Walled Lake by Sheriff Frank Schramm to assist Deputy W. E. Coe. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home in Walled Lake, having moved into apartments in the Post building.

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