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Specialized Education's Value

(Every year Mrs. Haysker, English teacher at Plymouth Junior High East has an essay contest. The Observer thought the winning essay, by Debbie Bosman, worthy of print.)

A specialized education? No, I wouldn't bother. It takes too much time, effort, and money. Besides, I can do fairly well in a few fields so what value would special training be to me?

Many people have this attitude towards the value of a specialized education. Let us take the presented argument, and see how we can change the ideas.

To begin with, having a special education isn't a bother. Doesn't everything that is truly rewarding take time, money, and effort? Are the many lives a learning saves worth what he spent on figuring how to save them?

Another thing that needs to be stressed is doing well in a few subjects when you could be excellent in one choice only. This will give you an opportunity to find what your strongest points are, and what you can

contribute to make your learnings put to use well. Let us see an example of this.

On a football team, each player is assigned to the position where he will play his best. These players, when trained specially to know the skills of their positions, will make a far better team, rather than if all the players knew a little about each position. This is specialized training, or education for the team.

On a world basis this specialized education has already done a lot to improve our standard of living.

Now that we have the basic ideas for many problems and questions, we need to investigate deeper into them, so they may be solved. Therefore, we must have highly trained research workers in order to make progress. How can we have this without more ideas being specially developed?

All in all, anything that will make our world a better place in which to live has value.

Letters to Editor

Asks Forgotten Be Remembered

Editor:

Each year at this season we receive requests from individuals and groups interested in remembering our patients at Northville State Hospital.

Relatives, of course, assume the major responsibility of remembering our patients. There are a limited number, however, without relative or friend who would appreciate a gift from a donor.

Often of much greater value and of a durability beyond the Christmas Season itself are worthwhile gifts to ward areas and departments — gifts which make much more effective our efforts in patient care. Appliances of many kinds, musical instruments, sewing machines, recreational equipment — these are a few which have been well received. Frequently several donations can be combined into the purchase of a

real resource for more effective treatment plans.

If interested in our hospital's 1965 Christmas, please call or write a card or letter to the Community Relations Department.

LOUIS J. SCHULTZ
Director, Community Relations Dept., Northville State Hospital

Helped Projects

On behalf of Mrs. Robert Duke, Mrs. William Mackay and myself we would like to express our heartfelt "Thanks" to you and your paper for supporting our project, "Pre-Sweetened Kool-Aid" for the Servicemen in Vietnam, by writing your fine article in The Observer newspaper. A mention in your paper of our Kool-Aid Project, and Bake Sale, helped to make our ideas become a reality.

Our Bake Sale was a success due to the generosity and

kindness of so many people. We would like to say a public Thank You to our many helpful bakers and buyers in your paper, if space permits.

The proceeds from the Bake Sale will be used for postage to send the Kool-Aid to the servicemen in Vietnam. We can add hard candy, nuts and other non-perishable items to these packages, as a direct result of the sale.

The winner of Topp's Department Store \$15.00 gift certificate was Beverly Holm of Lathers Street, in Garden City.

Names of the many local organizations that are helping this project become a reality will be included with each box of Kool-Aid that is sent to Vietnam.

MRS. BILL HOUSTON
Garden City

OBSERVING the Scene ...

By MYRA CHANDLER

Everybody has a favorite group which does good. The soft spot in my heart is for The Old Newsboys. Probably it's personal.

All during my growing up years I can remember my Dad — in fair weather or foul — most weather to freeze in — he went out on his corner on Griswold across from the Old City Hall in Detroit, to hawk his papers. Before the sale, of course, he marched down Woodward Avenue in the traditional parade.

As the years pass the parade route must seem longer but my Dad always manages to step lighter on "Goodfellow Day" and has for over 35 years.

Friends toss their contributions to him from windows of businesses along the route.

My Mother used to make a special day out of it, taking my brother and myself downtown to give our contribution to Dad on his corner. We even skipped school for the occasion.

He shares his corner and has for years with Senior Inspector Arthur Height and Victor Lim.

Afterward all the Old Newsboys were invited back to the Detroit News for Mulligan Stew and to count their money, along with checks given them from loyal contributors.

At our house as far back as I can remember, it was Goodfellow Day, not the Hudson Santa Claus parade that began the Christmas season.

It always put my Mom in the mood to Christmas shop and begin the hours and hours of Christmas cookie baking that was to fill many suit boxes with cookies and the house with a heavenly aroma.

Whatever your memory, and in contrast, no matter how many stories you might have heard about people driving up in a big car to cash in shoe coupons — so what — cheaters exist everywhere.

But fellow citizens, so do those who need a helping hand — even in these affluent times.

And really isn't it better to give to five cheaters knowing you are also helping 500 needy? Particularly kids whose turn it is to believe in Santa Claus.

The Goodfellows can't do it alone. They give their time, their talent — all they ask of you is to buy their papers. No money is paid in salaries.

No profit is made from the newspapers they sell or the things they purchase for the kids. Everything is at cost.

And all it will cost you is what you want to pay for your newspaper.

Watch for your favorite Old Newsboy on his corner and be sure and get your Goodfellow edition.

In Westland you can buy your paper Dec. 2 and 3. In Farmington, Dec. 9. In Plymouth, Redford Township and Livonia on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Be a GOODFELLOW even if you aren't an Old Newsboy — buy a paper and see that no kiddie or family goes without a bountiful Christmas.

Unhappy With Livonia

Editor:

Being a resident in the city of Livonia is supposed to mean something — well, let me tell you a few things about this city that I have turned me against it.

We both work here, have a daughter in college and try to live and let live, yet we are plagued by children that do not know the meaning of respect. They continually use our yard for a short cut to school, both winter and summer, when you tell them to use the sidewalk, they think you are a "kook." Both small

children and big boys, really, you don't know who is the worst; if you speak to their parents, they deny it or say I can't do it about it.

We have called the police, they say, you can't touch them, they are juveniles. We have no rights, even if they are trespassing on our property. Is this right?

The way this city is run means only one thing to us, we're going to look for a better place to live if this is what they call running a city.

MRS. M. ROBINSON,
Livonia.

Improving Justice

Justice is sometimes hard to come by but indications are that the little man has much more of a chance to be smiled upon by the Blind Goddess than he had a few years back.

U.S. Judge Irving Ben Cooper, writing in the August/September issue of American Trial Lawyers, states in his article, "Mass Production of Justice Is No Justice," "without full cognizance of the pulsating problems which lie behind names, charges and numbers of cases, no real estimate of what confronts courts can be gleaned."

He continues: "The community is as much concerned with what goes on in local courts as with the issues that come before any other tribunal."

Cooper points out that judges need staffs to assist them investigate defendants and suggest the best type of treatment to restore the lawbreaker to society.

Livonia did this recently with the addition of a probation officer who is doing an excellent job.

The Detroit News reported Nov. 20 that Detroit's Recorder's Court would with 10 new judges out of 15 — probably be "more liberal toward the rights of the defendants" and would probably reduce bail bonds required to gain freedom for prisoners awaiting trial.

"Bail sentences, already considered light in comparison with some sections of the state, will become even lighter as the court makes more and more use of its probation department," the story said.

New Broom?

The National Right to Work Committee, feeling recent elections clipped the wings of organized labor, has announced plans to add more states to those that have banned union-shop contracts.

With the increasing number of Michigan school districts and municipalities that have granted union shop agreements to public employees to join unions to hold their jobs — here's hoping legislators here will wake up to the fact that many people don't belong to unions and don't want to.

—BILL GAIL

Letters to the Editor:

Calls Editor "Hot Air"

Once again Bill "Just call me hot air" Gail has used his pen for the purpose of attacking unions. He refers to a provision in a contract for the checking off of dues as "unique."

I personally challenge Mr. Gail to show me five out of one hundred collective bargaining agreements which don't contain a standard check off provision which is all that "Hot Air" has quoted.

Old "Hot Air" sheds crocodile tears over the plight of individuals struggling to make ends meet further burdened with the payment of union dues. Of course, if people throughout history hadn't exploited their employees, the need for a union would have never occurred.

If these people, none of whom with the exception of old "Hot Air" have complaints, were being exploited by the union, they wouldn't have voted for it in the first

place. If these individuals had received a decent competitive wage prior to the union, they wouldn't have struggled to make ends meet.

I would urge citizens in Michigan to favor burial of old "Hot Air's" favorite organization by repealing the "Right to Work" laws. All southern states which have these laws hire businesses by paying substandard wage and then these businesses compete with Michigan businesses by underbidding them on the basis of cheap labor costs.

As a result, the southern states uniformly have the lowest standard of living of any geographic area in the United States.

These men truly struggle to make ends meet because they are paid \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hour for the same jobs that men belonging to unions receive \$3 and up per hour in Michigan.

The only thing that sounds morbid to me is that the views of old "Hot Air" are being published in the twentieth century rather than in the nineties.

Old "Hot Air" seems to favor McKinley, a five cent cigar and Tippecanoe and Tyler too. The nineteenth century was a fine era for those who lived during those times, but I, for one, prefer the 1960's.

Perhaps, if old "Hot Air" woke up to the fact that he too is living in the Sixties rather than the Nineties, his outlook on life might take a change for the better.

In the interim, I would urge old "Hot Air" to confine his diatribes to the National Right to Work Committee Propaganda where it belongs and can be appreciated by members of his own ilk.

"Polarized" (But not mesmerized)
Allen J. Kovinsky

Editor's Note: You can't deny The Observer stands for complete academic freedom among its writers and readers.

OMBUDSMAN

(A special feature in The Observer Newspapers we will do our best to be a go-between, a red-tape cutter as the name indicates. When you have exhausted all other measures on a problem write to us (keep it short, please) and we'll see if we can help. If, John Q, you can fight city hall — with your own Ombudsman!)

Dear Ombudsman:

Your reply, regarding the needless shooting of W. H. Brewer's cat, has created a very definite problem for me. You state, "The Observer will offer a \$25 reward for any information leading to the guilty party of such action."

I agree that senseless destruction and damage cannot be condoned. I like cats and dogs. However, I do not have any pets because I do not feel I have sufficient room to permit them to run freely. This is my personal opinion, with which many will disagree. That is their privilege.

Now for my problem. During the past several years I have been plagued with neighbors' cats and dogs doing their business on my lawn and in the flower beds. My wife has had to clean up the mess before the children could play in their own yard.

Cats have gone into my garage and scratched the paint on my new car. They meet their friends under my shrubs and the resultant mess has ruined the bottom of the shrubs. Their noisy meetings have extended far into the night. Some of the pets are pushed out of their respective homes and try to get into my house when the children come home from school. They get into the car with us when we are leaving the house. The kindly masters walk their dogs away from their place and then remove the leash, so the neighbor's laws are used for a

only answer offered by one of the many city offices contacted was, should I be able to catch the pet, there was someone in Redford Township who would accept cats for \$25 for a year.

I have used a BB gun, which will sting but not damage as would a pellet gun, sprinkled them with water, and even talked to some of the owners to no avail.

You are now on record to pay someone \$25 and publish names of anyone caught trying to keep their property neat and clean. What do you propose to do to the person who permit their pets to roam the neighborhood?

What action will be taken to protect those who do not have pets? A reasonable solution will be greatly appreciated.

Robert S. Smith
Dear Mr. Smith:

For your own good skip a BB gun can hurt a cat, and there is a State law which prohibits cruelty to animals and is punishable by a fine and/or jail sentence. There is a law prohibiting dogs to run loose — if you would care to file a complaint at your local police station about a specific dog, it will be protected.

There is no law against cats — they are free to roam and maybe that's where the expression comes from — on the other hand, if your local pet store will sell you a flea collar that will keep cats away from your house an

Dear Ombudsman:

I have a suggestion to aid the public in obtaining the proper zip code numbers.

Would it be possible for your newspapers to publish in an area map similar to the one used to area code numbers in the telephone directory that would show the numbers according to the zip codes?

The book is priced at one dollar and is being sold by the Sunday School children of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for their mission program. If you want one of these directories you may call 425-2993 during the day or 422-1782 or 422-4883 any evening. Your directory will be delivered and you will be helping the project of Danny Hattara who represents the group of junior and primary members of the school.

Perhaps this is not possible but I was rather curious to know why it couldn't be done.

Enjoy your newspaper and appreciate receiving it free of charge.

Mrs. Charles Skoglund
Livonia

Dear Mrs. Skoglund:

The map available is printed with code which is accompanied by an entire book or zip code directory. HOW-EVER, there is available Zip Code Directory with over 35,000 U.S. Post Offices listed. The book is priced at one dollar and is being sold by the Sunday School children of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for their mission program. If you want one of these directories you may call 425-2993 during the day or 422-1782 or 422-4883 any evening. Your directory will be delivered and you will be helping the project of Danny Hattara who represents the group of junior and primary members of the school.

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