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STILL A CHANCE

In all the confusion, uncertainty and doubt with which the people of this country are now surrounded, nothing is attracting more attention or eliciting more concern than the future of the young men and women who are being thrust into the business world with the stern necessity of creating their own futures and making their own living. Thousands upon thousands of them are groping blindly about, trying to find themselves, feeling for the right way, seeking their proper place in the scheme of things and searching for their place in the sun.

The discouragements that face these young people must indeed be great, and they cannot be smiled away, or disregarded, or ignored. They must be taken into account, analyzed carefully, considered wisely, met bravely. Jobs are at a premium, it is true, and difficult to procure. But idleness is inexcusable, for time can always be employed profitably in self-preparation for the brighter day when today's clouds will lift and there will be ample demand for the services of the efficient and ambitious.

A fact that every young man and woman should ponder is that "there is no royal road to success." Every path leading to that desirable goal has been rough and unpaved, and still is. But the paths are still open. No avenue to human achievement has ever been closed, or ever will be. Among the youngsters now wrongly thinking that they have bumped against a stone wall at the end of a blind alley are minds as fine and great as any that have left their impress upon the world's history. But they will not be sought out. They must disclose themselves and through industry and activity in the world's work make their own advancement.

Henry Ford was not "born with a silver spoon in his mouth." Thomas Edison never lacked something to do. Robert Fulton never found time hanging heavily on his hands. Lincoln achieved fame because he was ready when the opportunity came. But as these men were workers, so must the great men of the future be workers. If they stop to idle they will find that someone else has gone ahead; someone else has worked; someone else has grasped the opportunity that might have been theirs.

No one, looking back over the experiences of the past, can fairly or honestly say to recent graduates of schools and colleges that they have no chance, for they still have a chance. It is true that all may not reach the pinnacle of fame or achieve what the world calls success, but they will at least have the satisfaction of trying, and that alone is worth while. For, after all, it is only through one's own efforts that characters are formed and progress made.

Yes, there is still a chance.

REASONABLE SPEED

Motorists who have been rejoicing over the repeal of the 45 miles per hour speed limit on state highways, and envisioning an era of unrestricted speed in which they could "cut 'er wide open," may not be pleased to learn that the way was left clear for the state to reimpose the restriction and again compel drivers to conform to it.

It is true that with the repeal of the 45 mile limit and the enactment of the new traffic code motorists are permitted to drive at any speed on state highways, provided they do not exceed a rate that is "rea-

sonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the way," and do not "endanger the life or limb or injure the property of any person."

Thus, while discretion is imposed, the driver is made the judge of what is a safe and sane speed. Upon him also is placed the burden of looking out for other people, and so conducting himself that he does not become a menace to the safety of other drivers. It is a sort of probation intended to determine just how far motorists may be trusted to use good judgment and common sense. If experience shows that drivers take removal of the restriction as a license to "burn up the road" without regard to "traffic and use of the way," then the privilege may be withdrawn. Section 49 (d) of the code says:

"Whenever the department (meaning the State Department of Public Works and Buildings) shall determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any prima facie speed upon any state highway, under its jurisdiction, as hereinbefore set forth, is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of a highway, said department shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit thereat which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or part of the highway, but in no instance shall the speed exceed 45 miles per hour."

Retention of the unlimited speed provision is strictly up to the motorists. If they use it with discretion it will be retained. Otherwise the old limit will be reimposed.

Another feature of the new code to which particular attention should be given is that pertaining to reckless driving. Heretofore the charge of reckless driving would not stand up in court unless an accident were involved. Now the speed and manner of driving, in disregard of the "traffic and use of the way," may bring conviction on the reckless driving charge.

WELCOME

To Rear Admiral John Downes, commandant, his "old salts" and recruits at Great Lakes Naval Training station, the north shore extends a hearty welcome. The activities which began Monday are a refreshing relief from the quietude that has ruled the great midwest training station for the past two years.

In preparation for the reopening \$394,000 has been spent in rehabilitating the plant and putting it into first class condition for the turning out of naval recruits that will be a credit to the service. Forty regular naval officers and a permanent ship's company of 180 men, together with civilian mechanics, have been engaged in the work. Approximately 100 recruits were received at the station Monday. About 300 will arrive monthly until the full quota of 1000 is enrolled.

For this rejuvenation of a plant that should never have been permitted to sink into disuse and disrepair, much credit is due to Ralph E. Church, the north shore's representative in congress. He has spared no effort to bring about the naval station's reopening and the results are very gratifying to his constituents.

SIMPLY A PRECAUTION

The premature use of the outing facilities of the Skokie Reclamation project has necessitated a strict prohibition of the practice by the government officials in charge, the action being taken in the interest of safety and as a precaution against possible fatalities.

As the project progresses and the present and future beauties of the vast area become apparent, there is a natural desire on the part of the public to enjoy them. This is especially true of children, and it is for their protection that Superintendent Hugh Kent has greatest concern.

Water has always held an attraction for youngsters, and the three lagoons already completed offer an almost irresistible lure. So groups of small children have made a practice of gathering about these lagoons during play hours, and it has been feared that a regrettable accident might occur. The sloping banks and deep water offer a handicap to quick rescue should a child fall in. For this reason children under 18 years of age, unaccompanied by adults, are not permitted on the project at any time.

NEWS-COMMENT

A Chicago woman celebrated her 101st birthday anniversary Tuesday. She is now qualified to affirm or deny the theory that the first 100 years are the hardest.

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A commercial air line official announces that trips around the world in 15 days will soon be possible. But who wants to get home so quickly?

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The last U. S. slave born in Africa has just died in Alabama. Now if someone will kill the last Simon Legree we can call the War of the Rebellion a closed incident.

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"Nazis Demand U. S. Apology on Insult to Flag," reads a headline. Uncle Sam apologizing to Hitler for a fancied insult perpetrated by Communists, largely alien, would make a sorry picture.

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"Bureaucrat" is quite a long word, and the increasing necessity for its use has impelled Senator Ashurst, an Arizona Democrat, to shorten it to "buro." In which there seems to lie the possibility of much confusion, as the insertion of an extra "r" makes it "burro," meaning something altogether different. The high state of perfection to which the "buro" has been developed under the new and strange form of government now being tried in America by the New Dealers has rendered him as proficient in his specialty as is the "burro" in his. One difference is that the "burro" is a burden-bearing animal, while the "buro" is a burden-imposing animal. Another is that the "burro" has played a useful part in the upbuilding of the country, especially the west.



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A Kansas City man, removed from the relief rolls, has sued the relief administrator for \$2,600 damages on the ground that the act of the administrator had compelled him "to go around in a dirty condition and seek his own living." That man just can't stand the disgrace of being on charity. He wants work.

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A reputable citizen saw the sea monster that has been giving bathers in Lake Michigan the jitters, and just to prove that it was not one of those "Johnny Walker" or "Three Star Hennessy" hallucinations he took a picture of it. And it is a really and truly sea lion. No credit is given the theory that it is one of the trained ones from Washington.

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The Dionne quintts are now 14 months old and weigh 18½ to 20 pounds. Doggone those little rascals, they're sure enough going to grow up.

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No wonder President Roosevelt wants to redistribute wealth. He is on the point of starvation, being reduced to a simple cereal and coffee for breakfast Saturday. Or is he just trying to match Huey Long, who claims to live in a house like the "po' peepul," and eat the same food that the "po' peepul" eat?

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Sunday was the 21st anniversary of the beginning of the World war. From present indications the world did not learn much from it. But Mr. Hitler and Mr. Mussolini might well have a quiet chat with William of Doorn on the chance that he would drop a word or two of advice.

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"Bottom believed reached in tax reduction; increase seen in 1936," the papers state. And how!

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A new plant has been named in honor of August Koch, chief horticulturist of the floral section of the Chicago Park district. Shucks! That doesn't mean anything. Now, if it were a 5-cent cigar—

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