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THE TRAINING OF A LINCOLN

With the opening of the new reading room for children at the Public Library, we adults may recall, perhaps, the tenacious hold of a book upon a child. Ask the next child you see reading what he is reading. With a struggle he will lift his eyes from the pages he loves; with a greater struggle he will detach his mind; and with a hasty "Oh, just a book!" he will dive head foremost into the pages again, unwilling to lose a precious moment answering an unnecessary question. Lincoln was tenacious, lying there in that little bare cabin, holding his book in a grip of steel. How often has this nation thanked God for Lincoln? Why not do everything we can do to encourage our children to read, and to give ourselves every possible chance of thanking God for another like Lincoln—even in Highland Park!

A child both loses and finds himself in a book. He loses a sense of time and of what is going on about him, but he finds clearness and coherency of thought. Lincoln did so, by lying before the log fire in his father's home. He might have been down at the cross-roads store listening to idle gossip and the ugly scandals of the countryside, and while he would have learned much about human nature there, he would not, in all probability, have learned those human traits that would have been most useful for a growing boy to ponder on—certainly none that had a clean incentive to imitation of them. —Contributed.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

According to opinions expressed by qualified observers recently, the editorial pages of American newspapers are regaining the prestige that was supposed to have declined during the heyday of yellow journalism a few years ago.

This renaissance of the editorial page is accounted for largely by the changed character of the editorials themselves. The editorial of the present is employed primarily for the purpose of conveying information and interpreting the news. It is less devoted to political and class propaganda.

While newspapers differ widely with respect to editorial policies, there is an unmistakable tendency toward a more accurate statement of the facts and a fairer attitude in their interpretation than was the case in the past. The conscientious editor of today would not think of deliberately misleading his readers as to the facts upon which his editorials are based, even though he may not draw conclusions with which all agree.

Broadminded readers (and this class is increasing) do not object to opinions differing from their own, provided they feel that such opinions are honestly arrived at. They want facts above all else and the newspaper that strives to give these faithfully in connection with its editorial interpretations of the news will never lack for appreciation of its editorial page.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

A philosopher has said: "Man can make a garden out of a desert and a desert out of a garden."

This means that the struggle to make a garden out of a desert brings out of men the best there is in them. With the result achieved, the serpent of discontent enters the garden, and what has been attained by so much labor and sacrifice may be lost by a lack of appreciation of what has already been accomplished.

It is well that we should give thought to the wrongs and abuses of the social and governmental order, but it is also essential that we should give thought to the advantage and opportunities of our social and governmental heritage.

Perfection in society and government is not to be expected so long as the men and women who go to make up a national or social order fall short of perfection. If we will take a good look within ourselves we may be able to discover reasons why we have not yet arrived at the New Jerusalem.

When we survey history and look about the world as it is today, we Americans will find many reasons to be thankful that we live in the age and in the land in which we have been born. Things are not perfect, of course, but they are so much better for the average man here and now than they have ever been at any time elsewhere, that we ought to count our blessings, thank God and take courage.

SCIENTIFIC HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

There is a growing tendency to pay more attention to scientific highway construction. The initial surveying work to secure the best location for a road must be backed up by sound engineering principles applied to the construction of the hard surface itself.

With states, cities and counties spending hundreds of millions of dollars on permanent paving, the taxpayers are learning that they cannot afford cheap and imperfect construction. They find that it is always at their expense that so called cheap construction by incompetent and inexperienced contractors is carried on.

All over the country, state highways, market roads and city streets that were not built by competent engineers, are breaking up under heavy traffic and in a few years have to be rebuilt.

Permanent highways can only be built with a proper equipment and after the subgrade has been allowed time enough to settle. The contractor should have a good, long record of experience and a reputation at stake. The type of pavement laid should have a time tested service record at a low maintenance cost.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Subject for next Sunday's lesson, sermon, "Matter."

Services are held in this church, 387 Hazel avenue, every Sunday morning at 10:45. Sunday School meets at nine-thirty o'clock and is open to pupils up to the age of 20 years. The Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing, is at 8:00 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to make use of the reading room at 387 Central avenue, which is open every week day from nine o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening and Sunday afternoon from two-thirty to six o'clock.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH

North avenue and Lauretta Place. William B. Doble, minister. 9:30 a. m. Sunday School. 10:45 a. m. Morning service. 6:30 a. m. Epworth League. 7:45 p. m. Evening service.

A missionary topic illustrating a motor trip in the Congo country. Friday, Sept. 18, regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society in the church parlors.

Wednesday, Sept. 23, mid-week service and final meeting of the Official Board for the Conference Year.

The annual conference session will be held at First Church, Elgin, Oct. 6 to 13.

FIRST UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Green Bay road and Laurel avenue. Rev. F. R. Cardwell, pastor.

9:30 a. m. Bible School. The Word of God is rich with blessing and worthy of study by all.

10:45 a. m. Morning worship with sermon by the pastor.

7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor. Topic, "Getting Strength from God."

Leader, Clinton Fritsch.

7:45 p. m. Gospel services. Inspiring singing. Evangelistic preaching.

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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. P. C. Wolcott, D. D., rector. The Rev. P. C. Holmes, assistant.

The Holy Communion—7:30 a. m. The Church School—9:30 a. m.

Mattins—11:00 a. m. (The first Sunday in the month, Holy Communion).

Evensong—5:00 p. m. Thursday and holy days, the Holy Communion.

H. P. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:45—church school. The Regular classes have been resumed and all children are urged to attend.

11:00 morning worship. The Rev. Frank Pitt will preach.

Rally Day will be observed on Sept. 27. A pageant, "Seedtime and Harvest," is to be given at the church school worship hour at 9:45 o'clock. All parents are cordially invited.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Central avenue. W. F. Suhr, pastor.

Sunday School at 9:30. German service at 10:30. English service at 11:00.

Note the change in time for the Sunday School. Instead of at 9:45 we now begin our classes at 9:30.

Your quiet influence will influence your children more than many words. Come to church.

DEERFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Sept. 20: Church school at 9:30; adult class at the same hour.

Worship and sermon at 10:45; the theme, "Sight and Insight."

Evening service at 8:00.

The monthly benevolence offering will be received on this Sunday and is to be applied to the work of the general board of education.

The workers of the church school met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pfters on last Thursday evening. Promotion day was set for the last Sunday in September and Rally day for the first Sunday in October.

Choir rehearsals were resumed last Friday evening. It was agreed to meet on Friday evening at 7:45. Several new voices will be added to the choir and any others who are interested in this ministry of song will be cordially welcomed.

In view of the fact that cool weather is coming on, and that many of those who are trying to swim the English channel have not succeeded in doing so, most of us around here have decided not to attempt this feat this fall.

WHY THE CHAIN ON GASOLINE TRUCKS?

Explanation Given of the Dragging Chain Attached to Gas Tanks

Do you ever wonder why it is that gasoline trucks have a chain hanging down to the ground when they travel along and when they stop? This is done, says the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club, to get rid of static electricity which otherwise might set fire to the tank.

Static electricity in connection with gasoline is a subject which should be more familiar to motorists, as an element of danger is involved. In proof of this the accident prevention department cites the case of a naval surgeon whose automobile was destroyed and his owner severely burned through the firing of gasoline by a spark produced by frictional electricity. The surgeon had walked some distance to his garage in his overcoat and rubber boots. The friction of the flopping coat against the boots generated the electricity, while the rubber insulated him from the ground and allowed his body to store it. The spark therefore went through the grounded automobile, igniting the gasoline.

Another case is cited of a chauffeur who hung an ordinary five gallon can on the iron hook of the gas pump. The gasoline had been pumped when a spark jumped from the can to the pump and fired the gasoline. They put out the fire and as the car was waiting to be filled they repeated the process and the gasoline caught fire again.

A large percentage of automobile mechanics may be seen smoking while working on cars, even when tinkering with vacuum tanks. Motorists seeing this conclude that gasoline has ceased to be dangerous, and because nothing happens they acquire a contempt for its known hazards. Sometimes, however, something does happen, and the result is always serious.

The vapor from a gallon of gasoline when mixed with the right portion of air produces a hazard equal to eighty-five pounds of dynamite.

If a motorist will consider the potential destructive power of gasoline on a par with dynamite fewer accidents of this nature will occur.

SCOPE OF CHICAGO REGIONAL PLANNING

Purposes and Progress of the Movement Explained by Its President

Within 50 miles of the loop are parts of three states, all or parts of 14 counties and over 250 cities and villages. The function of Regional Planning is to help match up the public works plans of these many governments into a comprehensive scheme that does not end at city, county and state lines.

Already the federal, state, county and city engineers who make up our committee on highways are at work co-ordinating their pavement programs for the next five years and more, with the help of representatives of the automobile and materials industries. More and wider pavements will be the result.

Landing fields for aircraft are being mapped, and other transportation means are being studied so that railroads, ports and waterways, airways and highways may all be interrelated.

Uniform rules for controlling subdivision platting to preserve ample highway widths, have been drawn up by a committee of county authorities, real estate men, surveyors and city planners, and have already been put into effect by the Cook county commissioners. Plans are being laid for extending the practice of zoning, for co-ordinating public health activities, and for extending the parks, forests and playgrounds. Water supply, adequate and clean, is necessary. Co-operative drainage and sanitation measures are regional instead of local problems, and are being studied as such.

Funds are already available for completing the base geographic maps of the region and the surveys of economic, industrial and population movements. The Chicago Commonwealth club and a committee of the University of Chicago each contributed \$5,000 making a total of \$10,000 to make these basic surveys. A committee headed by Major Rufus W. Putnam, and including representatives of the public utility companies and Northwestern university as well, is commencing work.

All of the work is being done by co-operation of the public utility companies, municipalities, and other bodies which are endeavoring to provide for their own future.

BACHELOR GIRLS TO HAVE OWN APARTMENTS

The Briar Hall apartments, on 904-914 Sherman avenue, Evanston, have been reserved for women tenants only. This is said to be the first strictly "Bachelor Girls" apartment building on the north shore. All of the apartments consist of a living room, kitchenette, dressing room and bath, at rentals varying from \$55 to \$57.50, including gas and electricity. The building contains twenty-four small apartments, floors are carpeted, and decoration will be of the highest type. Property managers for the apartments are Smart and Golee.

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