

MOTORING MANNERS IMPROVING, REPORT

DESTRUCTION MUCH LESS

More Attention Now Paid to Conservation of Beauty; Wild Flowers Better Protected

Outdoor manners are improving according to Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, who bases his conclusion upon reports received from tourists, suburbanites, and camp tenders. "Several years ago," said Mr. Hayes, "organized motorists under the leadership of the American Automobile association and its various affiliated clubs came to the realization that wanton destruction was fast robbing the landscape of its natural beauty and that an intensive campaign for the preservation of wild flower life and for cleaner camps and road-sides would be necessary."

Exterminating Beauty
"At that time we stood in danger of exterminating much beauty that contributed to the charm of the trail; many plants and flowers were vanishing from our fields under the hands of destroyers. Holly, dogwood, mountain laurel, and lady slippers were fast becoming extinct. Yet another evil of the trail was the unsightly camp site."

"The Chicago Motor club and other clubs affiliated with the American Automobile association joined forces with the outdoor associations that have been working for years to preserve the beauty of the landscape, with the result that last year saw a sharp decline in promiscuous flower picking. The year just past also saw a decided increase in clean camps and picknicking grounds."

Room for Improvement
Although there has been an improvement in conditions generally, Mr. Hayes does not believe that the millennium has been reached. "We must gain hundreds of thousands of crusaders for the preservation of the country side this year," says Mr. Hayes. "The camper should heed a few simple rules. He should extinguish camp fires when breaking camp; he should burn or bury all rubbish; he should leave the camp in the same condition in which he found it."

"There are few motorists who would not commit themselves to the observation of these few simple rules. And yet, in actual practice thousands disregard them. This is owing to heedlessness rather than the wanton desire to destroy. Hence, we may hope to accomplish much through education. In the communities where a camping was waged last year, fewer cars were seen loaded with the product of the despoiled woods."

Blamed Unjustly
"Of course, motorists have often been blamed unjustly. But there is no doubt that they have been careless in the past and there is plenty of room today for writing a new chapter in the creed of a good motorist. After all, the motorist himself is the one who stands to lose the most from the desecration of the camp, and the roadside, and from the spoliation of wild plant life."

"Our observation in the past has shown that the long distance motor traveler is by no means the one who causes the most damage. The picknicker and the nomad are as a rule the worst offenders. Lacking civic pride, sense of beauty, and responsibility, only force can reach this type. But they are only a small percentage and if the great majority of motorists decide to hold fast to our slogan, 'Be Good to Your Country,' we can look forward to making 1927 season not only a banner year for the number of people who will go touring but also a banner year for clean and healthful recreation."

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BATTLE RECORDS OF 3200 YEARS ON CLIFF

From Rameses to Allenby Tablets on Mountain in Syria Show Conquests

An interesting story of a Syrian battle monument is told by Dr. M. Allen Starr, eminent neurologist who has recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land, in the April Scribner's Magazine. The monument is a cliff near Beyrout upon which Rameses first recorded his triumph. Every conqueror who has passed that way has placed his record on the cliff. And the latest conqueror is none other than Lord Allenby who led the British forces into Jerusalem in 1917.

"After driving the Turks before him through Mesopotamia and Palestine, and capturing Jerusalem, General Lord Allenby reached Beyrout and proceeded on along the face of the Cliff on his way north into Asia Minor," writes Dr. Starr. "His victories had been notable, quite worthy of a permanent record. And so he had carved on the mountain rock the sea a new tablet in honor of the Twenty-first British Army Corps and French Division and the date 1918. He also placed a second tablet commemorating the action of the desert mounted corps, composed largely of Australians and New Zealanders, which, co-operating with the Arab forces, had formed the right wing of General Allenby's army. This army surrounded the Turkish and German forces in Palestine, and thus accomplished the victory which will go down in history as one of the most striking military operations of the war."

"Since Syria passed under the direction of the French, a new road has been built on sea-level at the base of the mountain—a broad motor-highway more convenient and level than the Roman Road, though one may question whether it will be equally durable. In celebration of its opening in 1922, General Gouraud has placed a tablet near that of General Lord Allenby with his own name."

"This completes the number of twelve panels which distinguish the mountain, and present on its face carved records of battles and events in the history of thirty-two centuries."

They used to say that "money makes the mare go" and the epigram is still true if you substitute "flivver" for "mare."

Some of our folks seem to feel that unless the American people are very careful, they are likely to have good government put over on them against their will.

Claimed the children's teeth are in bad condition, but you would never know it from the speed with which they will put down cookies.

STEWARDSHIP, NOT IMPERIALISM, IDEA

PROF. COX HAS NEW PLAN

Talks Idealistically Regarding Relations With S. American Countries; Is Not Very Practical

Inter-American stewardship instead of Yankee imperialism should be the dominant note in our state policy toward Latin America, according to Dr. Isaac J. Cox, professor of history at Northwestern university, who addressed the members of the Round Table club of New Orleans recently upon "Economic Imperialism vs. Economic Stewardship in Inter-American Affairs." Dr. Cox told the club that for many years Uncle Sam has been too absorbed in self-development and did not have time nor inclination to bother about our neighbors to the south. But lately Yankee investments in Latin America have been so tremendous that this tendency of indifference must naturally give way to careful and just treatment of our southern friends, he said.

It would clear the atmosphere for the United States to assume a brotherly attitude of kindness and firmness and to forego the doubtful role of a dictator. Southern governments take offense at the waving of the big stick, but will appreciate good natured help.

Independence Thrust on Them
"A hundred years ago, independence was thrust upon the people of Latin America long before they were prepared for it," Dr. Cox stated. "The same is relatively true today with respect to modern economic forces. Many of the Southern countries possess natural resources that the world needs, but their peoples lack the energy and training to develop them. Upon the outsider, then, whether capitalist or promoter, must fall the industrial burden of their development. This is the basis for economic control, which in the New World is rapidly taking on the form of 'Yankee Imperialism.'"

"A hundred years ago, when political movements were the order of the day, the United States assumed a sort of hegemony on the continent by virtue of priority in self-government and through the announcement of the Monroe Doctrine. This assumption did not meet with universal acceptance below the Rio Grande. The Powers of Western Europe, however, were then strong enough to offer a political counterpoise to the United States, should that become necessary, and these Powers continued to exercise unchecked their cultural and financial domination in Hispanic America. The outcome of the World War has placed the United States, with her favorable strategic position and

her limitless human and material resources, in a position of economic supremacy to which there is no effective control except our own self-restraint. Latin America, therefore, looks upon this section of the continent as helpless before the great 'Colossus of the North.'

Statesmen's Ideas
"One American statesman — Blaine — attempted to define the relationship in terms of reciprocity, meaning, thereby, primarily an exchange of commodities. This was a manifestation of the spirit of the new industrial age that was upon us, but not a convincing one. Another — Olney — wished to express our policy in terms of protection with Venezuela as the immediate recipient of our attentions. A third — McKinley — would convince himself and his fellow citizens that international benevolence was the mainspring of our action. Roosevelt would express it in terms of guardianship for the weak and the erring; Knox would stamp it with the dollar mark; and Wilson would use it to give full scope for democratic expression, except in certain localities. Hughes would define our attitude, and that of other countries from a legal viewpoint."

MEN AND WOMEN ARE HAPPIER THAN YOUTH

Publicist Says They Get More Lasting Enjoyment Out of Routine Life

No man should ask more of life than to be sufficiently strong to engage in productive work. Bishop Lawrence says wisely that the highest happiness in mature years is found in routine. There is no doubt in my mind of the truth of this, says William Lyon Phelps, in the April Scribner's. It also explains why men and women are happier than children; the latter's happiness consists always in something different, Christmas day, a picnic, a change of some kind; whereas in mature years we hope that nothing will interfere with the daily program. Instead of looking to something new and strange for an adventure, we find daily living one continuous adventure.

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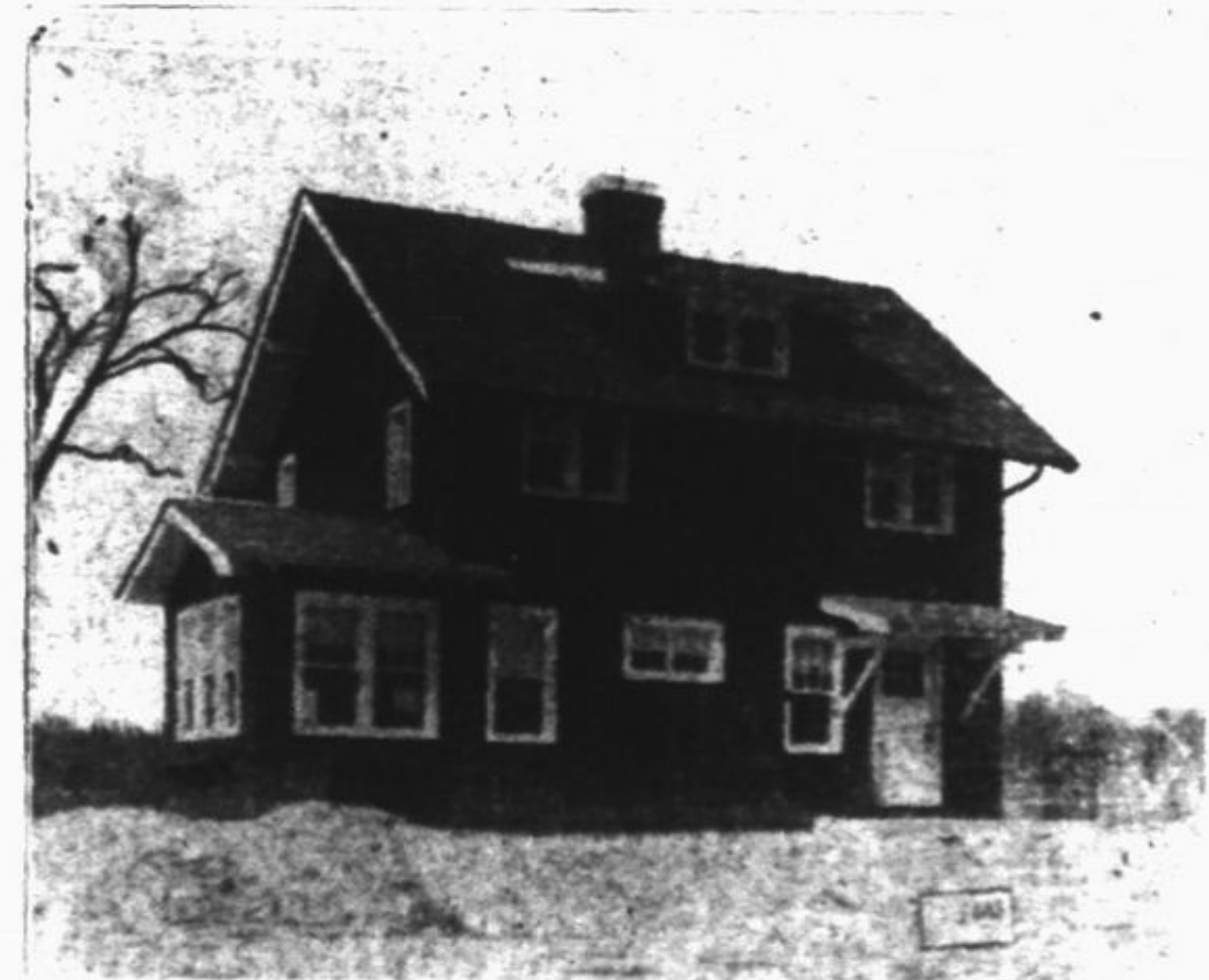
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