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*Depress the Tracks.
Give the Business Men Fair Play.
Build a New Village Hall.
Enforce the Traffic Laws.
Build the Truck Road*

MAKING IT REAL

Did you ever hear of a Ritual of Graduation?

It's the kind of graduation exercises they have at Skokie School. The word "Ritual" might lead you to think there was something ecclesiastical about the events that go to make up this "Ritual." But there wasn't. In fact there was more of the theater present than the church. It was really a dramatization of the old-style graduation exercises. The graduates were all present. They sang and danced and talked and were given diplomas.

Recall the traditional commencement? The graduation class, boys and girls seated stiffly on the stage or front seats? The speech, full of good, but undesired, advice; vague and platitudinous? The handing out of blue-ribboned diplomas? Mama and Papa and Aunt Rosie? A long and hot and rather irrelevant affair?

But at Skokie the other evening the children themselves did almost everything. They gave a realistic representation of the various school activities, exhibiting in a convincing way the results of their years of primary education. They presented sample discussions of economic and scientific problems. They sang and played, as on regular school days.

The central idea of the occasion can best be presented in their own words: "As the episodes follow one upon the other, we hope to make manifest to you the spirit which has animated us in our lives at Skokie. We are trying to create for ourselves a picture which we can carry with us into life. It must be a picture which is real, with the reality of idealism. We hope that the memory of it may help us to hold to our ideals. We also trust that we may at the same time convey to you, our parents and friends, some realization of the underlying purposes of our school life."

The most impressive episode in the entire program was the turning of all the children on the stage toward the great silver doors at the rear of the stage, through which the graduates were to pass, symbolizing their entrance into the "World Outside." At the portals stood Father Time, stern but kindly guardian.

It seems to us that the children will remember the "Ritual," and in years to come its effects will show themselves in a deeper understanding of life's problems and a more sensitive appreciation of life's values.

A MISTAKE

Among our friends are two men who are often misunderstood. One is crippled; the other is blind. Many people think that these two are to be pitied, and thus thinking they proceed to do a vast amount of pitying. It takes the form of feeling so sorry for them, of wanting to do something for them. No doubt these well-intentioned, but misunderstood, people often experience

a pleasant glow of self-righteousness along with their pitying.

Neither of these friends wants pity. Both heartily hate it. They don't want it any more than a man with nearsighted eyes wants it. These two men have unusual abilities. Morally and mentally they are alert and independent, quite competent to fight their own way in the so-called struggle for existence.

THIRD TERM TALK

The New York Times recently devoted part of its front page to "A third term for Coolidge," says Arthur Brisbane in his "Today" column in the Chicago Herald and Examiner. Discussing the subject, Mr. Brisbane says:

"There can't be any Coolidge third term discussion until after the President shall have been re-elected in 1928. He has been elected only once thus far. If, as is probable, he should be re-elected in 1928, that would be his second term and the right time to begin talking of a third term."

"When Washington was president and an aggressive editor was accusing him of royal ambition, a desire to be king, the people worried about too long tenure of office. Having got rid of an English king, they didn't want an American King called President in place of King George. Washington answered that sufficiently when he refused to be elected more than twice.

"Thus far President Coolidge has been elected once. And, anyhow, the United States is not worrying about a successor to King George just now, but wants stable, consistent, efficient government especially now in the midst of various crises, financial and others, following the war.

"Mr. Coolidge's accidental brief tenure of office following President Harding's death was not a presidential term. He sat in the President's chair when the president died, but did not become President on his own account, not in the sense in which Washington understood the presidency, until he was elected in November, 1924.

"Third term talk will be postponed by sensible people until about 1930. Meanwhile, there is plenty of work for the people to do without worrying about distant issues. If the President carries the nation successfully through his first elected term, without serious mistakes or setbacks, he will have rendered a great service to the United States and the people of his party, not being idiots, will ask him to take charge for four years more. Time enough after that to talk about a third term."

EMIGRANTS

It's surprising how many emigrants there are! Go to almost any of the big ports—New York, Boston, Montreal—and you'll see hordes of American emigrants. Most of them are well dressed, and almost all of them seem happy at the prospect of leaving their native land.

Judging from their looks and language they come from all parts of the United States. You'll see Californians there, most of them young and vigorous; Kansans, browned by the prairie sun; New Yorkers, tired and somewhat overdone. All occupations are represented. Mingling on dock and deck are lawyers, doctors, teachers, business men, ministers.

They are migrating to the shores from which their ancestors or themselves parted some years before. It is not really a new land which they are seeking. They are revisiting those scenes which somehow have become a part of them, returning to the family homestead.

The tide of migration is still moving outwards. In late August it will begin to turn, and thousands of immigrants will re-enter the New World, short on cash and long on experience.

THIS AND THAT

Until We Find a Title

TO GRACE

*Dark as the raven's wing
Dusky, yet softest skin;
Pleasure your glances bring,
Manliest hearts to win.*

*Rave of your blondes divine,
Sing of litian-haired fiends;
They bring to my heart no sign,
As do the deadly darksome queens!*
—THE CAMPUS CRITIC.

Yep. We were guilty of perpetrating the above in our younger collidge days—but since then we must needs admit that a blonde or two has made us pret' nigh slip and one red-head—well, let's not discuss them at all.

WORLD'S WORST WEBERISM!

Commenting upon the latest gangland shooting, Walley Paulsen, ed. of the North Shore page of the Chiefteen, opined "that it was hard to tell who was Genna be next."

Oh—Oh! Walter how could you?

WE'RE ALL FOR IT!

Noting the suggestion coming from Dr. Lulu Hunt Peters of London that a tax be put upon fat people according to their gross poundage and while being willing to bet our whole pile that Doc Lulu is one of those slim straight-up-and-down propositions, we wish to say that we are all for her idea.

Yuh see, despite all the eating, etc., we do, we just naturally get slimmer and slimmer and most likely instead of having to pay a tax we'd be able to collect a bonus for our extremely non-fat condition.

YOU SAID IT, EDDIE!

*"Love may be joy, or it may be sorrow,
Who of us can foretell?
But after all, what would heaven be
If there wasn't any hell?"*
(Reprinted from a volume of poems called—"To Harriette, from Eddie," "Eddie" being Mr. Edward Dooley, last year of Dartmouth and a famous quarterback.)

THEY'RE BIGGER AND—

Much, much smarter on the North Shore! Which is just a comparison between the Michigan and the North Shore mosquitoes. Yes. They do have the pesky lil brutes over in the Wolverine state, as we discovered when we were over there for the 4th, but they do not—not by a jugful—compare with our own monster mosquitoes!

But Doc, We Haint Seen A Bustle This Spring!

Noting Doc Evans warning to the girls against the wearing of starched petticoats and starched lingerie we couldn't help wondering where the pore dear Doc has been all these years!

It's kneesy to be seen that the pore M.D. has lost his eyesight—starched petticoats, indeed!

IRA DELKEY

*Ira Delkey lives on the Lincoln Highway;
He raises peonies for the Chicago market.
Last year he sold one hundred dozen to Chicago florists.
He stands about five foot seven in his boots;
His head is partly bald, and his face, entirely.
I met him first four years ago, and he said he liked Haackel;
So I bought one of Haackel's books and sent it to him.
I stopped at his place not long ago
And found him ploughing in his garden.
His knee bothered him quite a little;
He said he hurt it years ago,
And for years he hadn't been trouble'd by it;
But now that he was getting on in years,
It was h'ndering him in his work.
He was just as independent and free
In his mind as ever. Said he didn't
Like people that were slaves to another's ideas.
They weren't of much account, people
Like that. He liked to make his own ideas.
And it was a pleasure to meet free people.
I told him they suited me too;
I didn't care for people
Who borrowed their opinions
From others. Then I had to go;
And Ira Delkey said, "See you again
Some time." I hope so.*
—P. B. K.

"Man's Jaw Broken Laughing Over A Joke"

As we noted in a recent headline. So we wish to hereby announce that we are in no way responsible for any such accidents as may occur from reading T & T. And we can not in anywise be held legally liable for any damages on that account.

She's The Confectionery Kid!

Miss Cherry Barr, Prospect ave., SE., has returned from Camp Wohelo, Montague, Mich.
(Clipped from Society Notes in the Grand Rapids Herald)

ALL OVER

Well now that the fire-cracker-less Fourth—safe and sane, etc.—is all over and only a few hundred were killed or wounded—we can settle down to the nice long all summer grind.
—T. R. C.

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