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OUT OUR WAY



SOUL FOOD

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Other Papers Say:

BEWARE—DANGER AHEAD! As we see it, this country is going to need clear thinking during the next six months or more, as NEVER BEFORE. Already people are coming into this office to herald Tuesday's election as a great victory for the Democrats, and a great triumph for the Wets.

Chats With Parents

A DISILLUSIONED CHILD By Alice Junison Peale Perhaps one of the most disillusioning discoveries that a child makes is that his parents are not, after all, omnipotent.

injury to his self-esteem which such a discovery entails. His father is a part of himself. His presumable omnipotence increased the child's own feeling of importance. In the nursery such disappointments are not so serious, for the child readily adjusts himself to the newly discovered fact.

him, and telling him he should not talk about such things they will have impressed him with the fact that they feel inferior and so the child concludes they really must be.

FARM PRODUCTS PAY FEES OF 190 COLLEGE STUDENTS BANNERS ELK, N. C. (AP) — A system of accepting farm produce from students for expenses at Lees-McCrae college here has enabled 100 to remain in school this year.

Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me.—Proverbs 30: 8.

A GOOD SYSTEM GONE WRONG

The American people have seldom exhibited greater wisdom than they did when they invented the parole board for penal institutions. It added a truly human element to the treatment of criminals. But they have gone to the opposite extreme in their attitude toward the parole board, now that they have created it.

Instead of giving it the careful consideration that all human institutions require, they have gone away and left it to run itself as though it were a piece of automatic machinery. Seldom has there been a more evident gap between theory and performance.

Each of the paroled men had been out of prison only a short time when he committed murder. In each case it is very easy to see, now, that the parole was a tragic mistake. And in each case all that Ohio can do about it is to punish the guilty man and hope that such a thing will not happen again.

Unfortunately, such incidents — and almost every state has similar ones — lead to a general outcry against the parole system itself, urging that when men are convicted of crimes they should be compelled to serve out the entire sentence without being shown any leniency under any circumstances.

What they fail to see is that it isn't the system that is all wrong so much as it is our way of handling it. The parole system is everything that its supporters claim—or it would be if it were properly administered.

But we have left the system, in many instances, to run itself; which means, of course, that politics has put in its hand and made a mess of things. What we need to do now is to revamp our method of administering the parole system. Our own heedlessness is what is really the matter, just as in many other governmental problems.

DANGER IN ECONOMY

The cry for economy that is abroad throughout the land is a sensible demand on the part of people everywhere. Governments — local, state and federal — have spent too much money. The time for retrenchment is at hand, and expenses should be reduced until people are better able to bear the costs of unnecessary activities.

That is where the rub comes. What one man considers unessential, another insists is vital and necessary. To agree upon items to be chopped out of an appropriation bill is never an easy job for legislators, or for citizens.

However, there is one thing that should be upheld. That is sound and sensible expenditure in behalf of public education. Nothing has done as much for the nation as the money put on our public schools. Nothing would do as much harm in our opinion, as a foolish and absurd policy of retrenchment that would cripple our schools.

There are in school affairs, like every other activity, some unessentials, some extravagances inherited from the boom days. These must, and should be, clipped. In case of doubt, however, it would be better to retain them than to dispense with them before we are certain of our ground.

MENTAL APPETITE

What kind of rice would we have if the minds of men and women demanded food with the same insistence that the stomach does?

Suppose, your brain, if neglected and forgotten for a day, would set up the same insistent clamor for sustenance that your appetite does. Would you know more, or do you, maybe, take care of the normal craving that visits intelligent minds and see that you provide a diet for the thinking machine?

Truth is supposed to be the goal of education and philosophy, and religion, as well. The truth will "set you free." How many of us realize that the best pursuit of truth comes only when a mind is free of passions, prejudices and popular superstitions? How many of us make any systematic effort to remove these cobwebs from our brains?

HOOVER LOSES JOB, BUT THERE'S ALWAYS ONE FOR AN EX-PRESIDENT



Herbert Hoover will be ex-President Hoover next March 4... and there are indications that he may become connected with Leiland Stanford university... Ex-presidents have done varied things... Monroe, a poor man, was glad to serve many years as justice of the peace, whereas Taft served as chief justice of the U. S. supreme court...

By RODNEY DUTCHER (NEA Service Correspondent) WASHINGTON—On March 4, the United States will have two living ex-presidents, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover, for whom no national reward other than glory has been provided. Coolidge, upon retirement, went into the writing game, and did very well. He also is a member of the board of the New York Life Insurance company. Hoover plans to return to private life, he has announced. That seems to be a welcome haven to most of our ex-presidents, and even Theodore Roosevelt once said, "There is something attractive about retiring from office and becoming a private citizen."

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Health LOGIC AND MEDICINE Whenever the dictates of simple logic are applied to medical practice without the safeguarding checks of experiment and experience, serious results are likely to follow. Among certain primitive peoples the treatment of pus infections in the chest consisted in making scratches in the scalp. These wounds would become infected and pus would pour forth from them. Their logic for this procedure was simple. They argued that there was pus in the body and that the pus sought for a way to come out. When it came through the lungs, the results were likely to be disastrous.

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