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EDITORIAL

CHILDREN OUGHT

THE very best kind of man and the most useful to his fellows is the man who does what he ought to do.

There is but one cowardice, it is not doing one's duty. There is but one failure, the failure to discharge an obligation. There is but one sin, not doing what we ought.

The biggest word in the language is OUGHT. The man who keeps it bright within him, always visible and always revered, is a real man.

There is so much of the superfluous among us, so much glory in affairs that are none of our business, so much success that is essential treachery, and so much goodness that is but interesting meanness.

It is better to keep your word than to speak pleasantly.

It is better to tell the truth than to lie entertainingly.

It is better to be loyal than to be affectionate.

It is better honestly to earn the wages paid you than to have grand ideas on the labor problem.

It is better to earn your living and take yourself off other people's backs than to be a saint or a genius.

It is better for you, if you are an employer, to give your workers fair wages, and a little more, to treat them with consideration, and to recognize them as human beings than to wring money from them to give to charity.

It is better to be honest toward women than attractive.

It is better for a woman to deceive no man than to win one.

It is better to pay your debts than to give to the poor.

It is better to have a little efficiency than a lot of knowledge.

It is better to do one good act than to speak many good words.

One earned dollar is worth more to you than a thousand given you.

"There are," said Elizabeth Inchbald, "persons who love to do everything good but that which their immediate duty requires. There are servants that will serve every one more cheerfully than their own masters; there are men who will distribute money liberally to all except their creditors, and there are wives who will love all mankind better than their husbands. We have acts of generosity, self-denial, and honesty where smaller pains would constitute greater virtues."

Duty is the egg of all goodness. It is the primordial protoplasm from which all organized excellences develop.

Without it religion is hypocrisy, love is poison, activity useless, kindness cruelty, and every good quality as a red apple full of wormy meat.

THE ONLY WAY

THERE is only one best way for a democracy to do what it has to do. Only one good way, in fact; and all other ways are poor, stupid, and ineffective.

That one way is through the Public Schools.

First, enlarge the schools until they take care of the training of every boy and girl in the United States until the age of twenty-one.

Second, let the schools assume the direction of the youth all the working hours of the day.

And third, modernize the Public School so that it shall train youth for Life and for Citizenship.

Take up these three items. First the Public School should train ALL the children. There are thousands of boys and girls who

cannot get a proper education for the reason that they have to work to help support the family. This is abominable.

We are the richest nation on the globe. We spent \$327,000,000 last year in charities; that is, in endowing colleges, hospitals, and churches. If every cent of this had gone toward getting ALL the children into decent training, the effect would have been infinitely better.

Charity doctors symptoms, a right Public-School system strikes directly at disease.

The South is full of poor whites and negroes who cannot get schooling. Many "charitable" organizations are trying to remedy this. But is this our business or the states' business, the nation's business? The North has many children, in city slums, in poor country districts, everywhere, who work in factories, assist their parents in piece-work at home, peddle papers in the streets, or in some other way are drafted into "business" when they ought to be learning how to live.

The state should not only provide ALL of these boys and girls with schoolhouses and teachers, but, if necessary, with food and clothing.

It may be said we have no right to interfere with parental privileges, and no right to overburden taxpayers. That is a mistake. There is a greater right than any of these, a greater duty: the right of every child to a square deal, to a decent preparation for life, and the duty of the state to train its young. Before these sovereign obligations all other obligations disappear.

Secondly, children should be under training ALL THE TIME. That means all day and all year. Teachers are needed on the playground even more than in the schoolroom. Children need guidance during the summer vacation as much as in winter. The idea is intelligent supervision and training of all children all the time during adolescence. Nothing short of that will do.

To say this is extravagant is begging the question. Extravagance implies something beyond necessity. The training of youth is a necessity.

And do you realize what it would mean? It would mean, that we could do easily and intelligently a thousand vital things which we now do clumsily and with angry friction.

Every real reform would be quietly accomplished.

Teach every child the truth about school and keep him in temperate environment until he is mature, and your "drink evil will vanish."

Nine-tenths of the abandoned women are enlisted in their fearful life before the age of twenty-one. Get all your girls decently taken care of, and your social evil would be reduced to a minimum.

Criminal gangs in great cities are recruited from boys who grow up in the slums. Cut off the supply.

Give every child a proper education, and capital and labor would cease violence and hate and begin to adjust their relations with some intelligence.

It would clean up politics and render the people capable of managing their own business.

A monarchy may be secure upon an ignorant populace. A democracy will crumble. There is only one thing the matter with the United States and with the world. We do not educate all our children. That includes all other faults.

This programme may seem impractical. It is because we are not used to the idea. But let us get it into our minds. Let us resolve never to stop until we shall secure the training of ALL children ALL the time.

We may not secure the things now, but at least let us get the VISION of the thing. For "where there is no vision the people perish."

Betty's Notebook



by Betty Jo Winters



Miss Darla Nunn, freshman at Jefferson was recently selected by the members of her class to be on the Junior Court. Five other couples shared this honor with Darla, which I'm sure made a beautiful court.

Miss Nunn is a member of St. Phillips Episcopal Church and spends her leisure time bowling, dancing and attending sport activities.

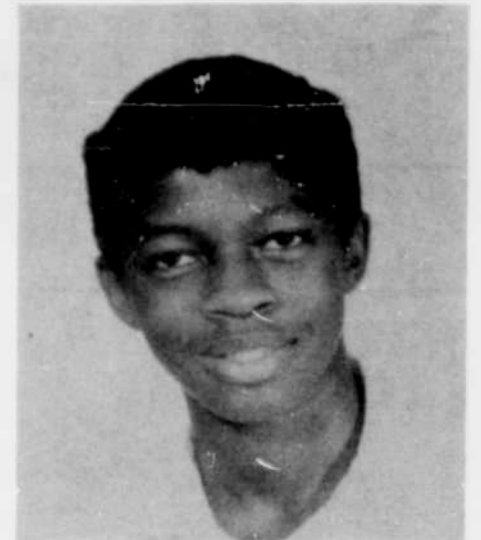
Darla has a brother, Joe, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshia Nunn.



After careful thought, Ancer Lee Haggerty decided among other offers to accept a \$500 academic scholarship at the University of Oregon. He will also receive supplementary football scholarships. Ancer will enter the University next fall and major in medicine.

For Ancer sports are unlimited, he loves them all. His top achievements are: Second plate winner in both city and state for wrestling; a four-year letterman; honorary captain of the varsity football team; and a member of the Shriner's football team, first string.

Ancer's favorite hobby is reconstructing old jalopies. In the summer months, he enjoys swimming.



Native of Portland, Frank Foster, was installed into the office of junior-class president at Jefferson on the 18th of May. Frank won the office over four other candidates.

Frank has been on the honor roll at Jeff throughout his sophomore year. He is a member of the senior choir and is on the junior varsity track team.

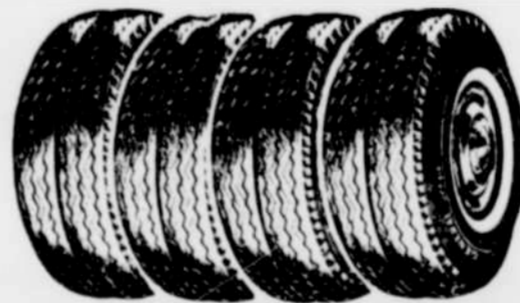
With this busy schedule, Frank usually takes time out for chess and reading. His favorite author is Jules Verne.

Who Is Who From Evergreen High



LaVonne McGee, finishing her junior year. She is Girls League secretary, vice president of the Church Youth Group, member National Honor Society, awarded letter and pin for the Booster Club, Girl of the Month, sings with the school and church choir, swing choir, and Melloettes. LaVonne wishes to attend Howard University where she will major in political science. Her hobbies are singing, dancing, skating and baking.

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