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For What It's Worth

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

With the possible exception of his first day of school, no other event can compare in thrills to a young lad's first day on a regular job for which he gets paid a man's wages. I went through such an experience second-hand recently when my son reached his 16th birthday, immediately got a work permit and landed a job.

I couldn't resist the temptation of describing for him my own first day of manual labor. I had just reached the age of fifteen; but when the boss of the section gang where I applied for a job asked my age, I had informed him that I was going on sixteen. Assuming that my birthday was but a few days away, he put me to work. It was three weeks before he found out and dispensed with my services.

Anyway, on that first day I was full of the vim and vigor which I imagined was necessary to hold down a man's job. Arriving at the scene of our labors, where the crew was to hoe weeds on the railroad right-of-way, we were each provided with a hoe, and the fireworks started. Within a half-hour's time, I was at least a good fifty yards ahead of my veteran co-laborers and still going strong.

Before long one of the regulars moseyed up and tapping me on the shoulder said, "Son, how much you getting paid an hour?"

Not stopping for a moment, I blurted back over my shoulder, "Forty cents." And continued to make the gravel fly.

The next time I heard my questioner's voice, he was holding the slack of my breeches in a firm grasp, pulling me to a definite stop as he drawled, "Well, son, that's what the rest of us are getting. Why not come back and be sociable like?"

That was my first lesson in labor. By five o'clock that evening, I realized that I would never have been able to keep up my original pace for eight hours. In the future, I always gauged my speed in accordance with that of the old-timers. They knew what they were talking about.

Council Requests New Census Here

A mid-term census will be requested by the Brookings City Council soon, according to action taken by the City Council Tuesday.

Stipulated in the request, made of the Secretary-of-State's office, was that the census should take place within the next 30 days.

Reason for the census, according to Councilmen, is the fact that a part of the city's fund-furnished by the state are based upon population of the city.

The 1950 census gave Brookings a population of around 1,500, and present funds are based on that figure. However, Councilmen believe the present population is well over 2,000, and are interested in acquiring funds based upon that figure as soon as possible.

The city is allowed only one more special census before the next one, scheduled for 1960. Councilmen say that it is in the best interests of the city to determine the new population as soon as possible.

Advertising in the Brookings-Harbor Pilot brings results.

ROTARY NEWS

Beginning with colored pictures of two Boy Scouts holding four big red snappers that had been caught off Bird Island, Howard Crane, assisted by Boy Scouts as operator and narrators, showed the Rotarians at their noon luncheon an interesting collection of pictures taken at the recent Scout Jamboree held in Southern California.

Naturally the activities of the Brookings Scouts were a large part of the pictures shown. Each group of boys cooked their own meals and these activities were very necessary with a sizeable group of hungry boys to satisfy. Many of the shots showed the different boys engaged in cooking and the group in their mess tent. To supply milk for the 50,000 boys it was necessary to ship it in from the dairy districts in Wisconsin so the boys told their listeners.

As Scoutmaster Crane was in direct charge of the Brookings group of some 20-odd boys he was kept pretty close "around home base" and the pictures while showing Sunday services, fireworks, and some general enter-

tainment, did not attempt to catch the larger picture of the whole jamboree.

Mr. Crane thanked the Brookings Rotarians for their generous financial support as well as the help in work given the boys by individual members in earning the necessary funds for the trip.

Frenchy Arrell reported that 289 persons had reported for the Walking Blood Bank, and announced that the same schedule as of a week ago would be maintained throughout this week.

Some dozen or so Scouts who were at the Jamboree were guests of the club.

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Financing of Our High School

This Tuesday afternoon, the people of the Brookings-Harbor school district will decide at the polls whether they will spend \$375,000 for a new high school for their children.

Now, that is a lot of money, in anyone's vocabulary. And it will be these self-same citizens of this school district who will have to pay it.

However, that is not as much money for this district as it once was. Just a few short years ago, such a load would have been well-nigh impossible for this district to bear. . . in fact, this district would not have had valuation enough to support such a load.

But the valuation of school district 17C has increased greatly in the last few years, and the load faced by it will not be nearly so burdensome as some might expect. Recent figures released by the county assessor show that District 17's valuation is far greater than that of other districts.

This means that the added cost of a new high school, spread over the district's growing valuation, will not have nearly the impact on individual owners that might be feared. The district's tax rate last year was 4.4 mills, less than half that of any other district levying taxes in the county.

The new school will increase taxes. However, it appears that it will not increase them to the point they have reached twice in recent years. This district weathered both those building projects, and there is no reason to believe it cannot weather this one, which will not be as rigorous as the two previous ones.

And, after all, what choice do we have? To send our children, as we do now, to a crowded, overworked school, it's children going on shifts, its classrooms spread through adjoining buildings never intended for schools? That is no choice, for any attempt to do so will result in the immediate opposition of state authorities, and eventually the loss of school support funds. When that happens we are in worse trouble than ever. And we are under warning, now, to correct our crowded conditions, or lose our standing as an accredited school.

So we have a Hobson's choice. . . we simply must have the school. And we can take pride in the fact that it will be a school worthy of our children.

One thing we must guard against, however. In our knowledge of the necessity of our school, we must guard against such complacency that we do not bother even to vote on the issue. We are sure the overwhelming majority favor it. . . but that majority must vote to show they do. Complacency has sunk more than one measure which was favored by the majority. . . it could again.

The Germans Choose the West

Sunday the people of Germany went to the polls—and their votes put Germany solidly on the side of the western democracies.

For Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, it was a sweeping vindication of his policy of tying the future of his country with the western republics. For the Socialists, who had attempted to straddle a fence with the eventual hope of reuniting east and west Germany, it was a crushing defeat. For the Communists, it was near oblivion.

In Germany, there was one powerful factor working on the side of democracy. . . one great single fact that no amount of oratory or violence could obscure. On one side of the iron curtain there was poverty and fear. On the other, there was food and freedom.

And throughout the world, whenever the choice is clear, we can expect to win the battle of ideology. Whenever a choice is as simple as this. . . to look across the border and see how your brother fares. . . we have little to fear from Communism.

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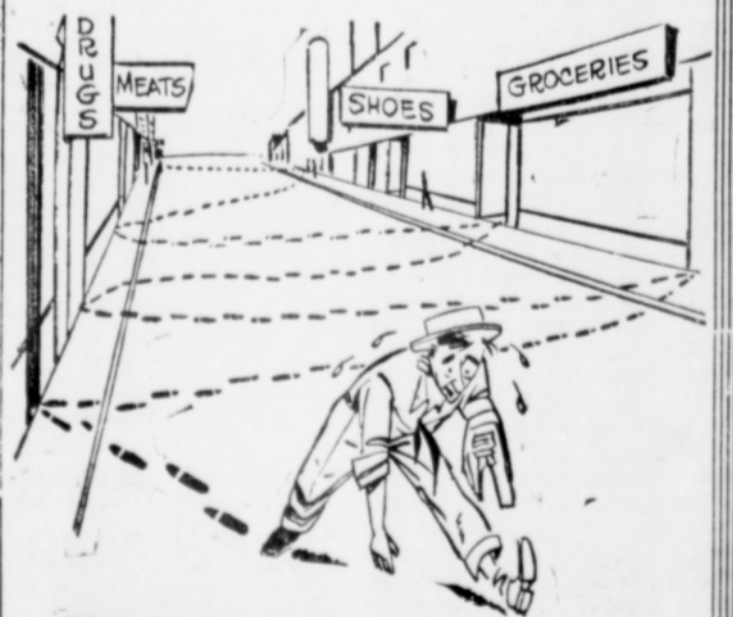
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