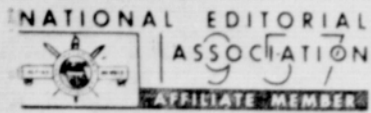


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**For What Its Worth**  
By Clifford P. Rowe

A familiar quotation which made a great impression upon me as a youth was that which warned "He who dances must pay the fiddler". The moral behind this pronouncement was that he who dissipated would in the long run pay through injury to his health for his deviation from the pattern of normal behavior.

Of late, however, I am beginning to wonder if maybe the creator of this bit of so-called wisdom had failed to take into consideration the wonders of science which seemingly are available to those who err as well as to those who painstakingly pursue the straight and narrow. Certainly the staggering amount of money thrown away each year in pursuit of frowned-upon pleasures would seem to indicate that "paying the fiddler" discourages but few.

The recent cancer scare which sent many nicotine devotees in the general direction of abstinence and reform was indeed short-lived. Rallying in the cause of survival, the cigarette manufacturers saw to that. Forestalling

any general reformation, the filter made its grand entrance in time to lure the faint-hearted inhalers back into the fold. Latest reports indicate that tobacco sales are already exceeding old records.

Similar service has been provided the imbiber of alcohol. Undoubtedly the greatest deterrent to over-indulgence in this field has always been the ever-present dread of the next morning hang-over. True, there were many who who casually accepted those agonies as a necessary part of making fools of themselves, but there were many who did restrain themselves, bolstered by a desire to awaken the following morning clear-eyed and bushy-tailed.

But here again science came to the rescue; and so today the "tranquilizing drugs" hold out relief to those who assist in making the liquor consumption the 50 million dollar industry that it is. The hang-over as a deterrent has lost its threat.

One can only hope that science will some day come up with something which will remove the necessity for filling one's lungs with smoke or for tearing one's system apart periodically with the juice from the corn. Needless to

**A RECREATION PROGRAM . . . . ?**

Every year about this time, after watching the "oldsters" play basketball we can't help feel that some of us are being short changed in the exercise department. In the course of a long winter some of us become soft and flabby. We're not worried about summer, because the average guy manages to get out fishing, or to cut the lawn and such.

But its a long winter. The basketball night, each Wednesday in the old gym is a fine start. But it narrows it down too much. Not all of us are basketball enthusiasts, and some of us might be over the hill as far as dashing up and down the court. We're not concerned about the 'teen agers, because most of them get their exercise in school. We are thinking about young men over 18.

Obviously anything that could be done would have to have the blessings of the school authorities, because frankly, the school gyms are the only spot where such activities could be carried on.

First we would like to see a "municipal basketball league" formed. It's probably too late for this year, but we are convinced that four teams could be organized, perhaps with the support of merchant sponsors. A game every other week would probably be sufficient, with the off week for practice or for resting.

Secondly, we would suggest setting up some "Athletic night". Facilities, such as a volleyball court, or perhaps a handball court would be excellent. Anything to get the "old man" away from his comfortable TV chair. Let's give this some thought!

**Letter to the Editor:**

public. I believe the State Highway Department realizes the dangerous condition of the Winchuck bridge when it is frosty or icy, for they have given orders to sand whenever there is any likelihood of it being clear and cool.

We who have the task of sanding thank most of the public for their caution in approaching and passing us when we are at this work.

However, there are a few, a very few, who seem to delight in knowingly and flagrantly ignoring the rules of safe driving by disregarding our "Men Working" signs, with flares in front of them. And then they make no attempt to slow down when they see a flagman with a slow sign in one hand and a red blinker light in the other.

As a warning to these few so inclined. You do not know when

the state police will be there for our protection. We who sand, feel we have a right to protection and will protect those who willfully endanger us when we are trying to protect their life and property

P. D. Stark

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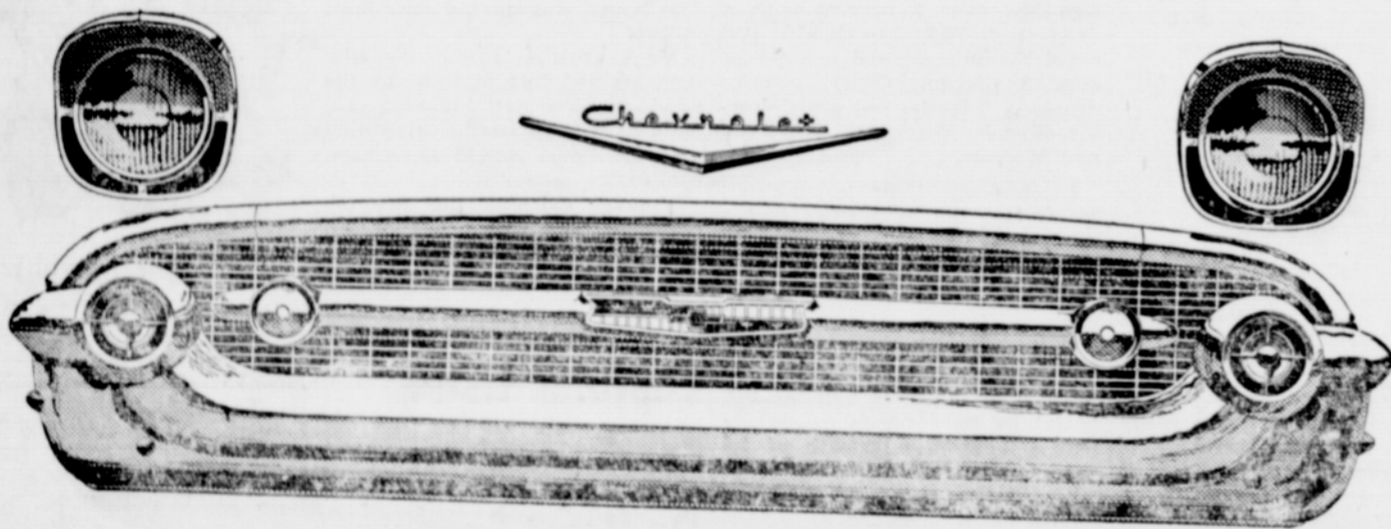


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