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What is a teen-ager

Between the learning of childhood and the dignity of adulthood we discover a remarkable creature called a teen-ager. He comes in assorted sizes, weights, and colors, but each has the same creed: to assert his freedom and independence, to preach against conformity, while at the same time dressing and acting like everyone else.

Teens are found everywhere--in front of record players, on top of Mom's best furniture, inside of automobiles, and underneath piles of school work given by teachers who "think their subject is the only one."

Moms and dads throw up their hands in despair, younger brothers and sisters "bug" them. Newspapers squelch them and God loves them.

A teen-ager is truth with a questioning mind; beauty with the shirttail out over his Levis; wisdom with the response, "You tell me to grow up and act my age, then you tell me I'm not old enough"; and the hope of the future carrying a picket sign protesting the "status quo" with the word misspelled.

When you need a teen-ager, he is never around. When you call him, he never seems to hear you, even from the next room, and the telephone is just never yours when he is home.

A teen-ager is a college-he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a disposal, the energy of an overripe banana, the curiosity of a cat, the lings of an orator, the imaginatiin of Walter Mitty, the shyness of a violet on his first date but the confidence of an astronaut on his second, the enthusiasm of the fourth of July, and when he reaches for something--look out.

He likes french fries, cokes,--hamburgers, hot rods, the beach, lunchtime, the opposite sex, and summer vacations. He is not much for visiting relatives, English class, study hall, dressing up on weekends, music lessons coats, or getting up in the morning.

A teen-ager is an amazing and wonderful creature. You can tell him once and you can count on telling him again. You can expect a child one minute and an adult the next. You might as well give. He's your Mt. Everest your joy, your life, and really--probably much like you when you were his age.

But one day worries or anxieties will evaporate when his own child runs to your arms... carrying with him those magic words "Thank you for your understanding?" When he develop into a fine citizen.



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Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

I want to express my pleasure at the work you are doing with your paper. True it isn't the New York Times, but to me it is worth the support of all citizens.

A paper can mean much in the development of a community and God to be developed. But only when the people have a vehicle in which to express themselves can there be progress. I hope you will be able to provide it.

Meanwhile everyone really interested in what a newspaper can become should give you support.

Sincerely yours,
Willie Jenkins

Model Cities

It certainly marks the age of one who remembers the days of "Let George Do It," in the day of radio plays. Those who do remember are struck by the contrast of the public non-involvement of the '40's and '50's and present times.

Locally one of the sterling examples of citizen involvement is the Model Cities Program. The requirement for citizen participation in Model Cities has evoked more interest and concern... throughout the country than perhaps any other element in the program. It has been the most... complex element and most difficult to accomplish. We have reason to believe that Portland program has had much success in citizen participation and would like to take this opportunity to commend those who have given so much of their own efforts and time.

But with the degree of success already enjoyed there remains--more room for even a greater number of citizens participating in Model Cities. The government's policy calls for constructive involvement of the Citizens in the Model Neighborhood area, and the city as a whole in planning and carrying out the program. That means residents views on policy making, planning and carrying out the demonstration is required.

The underlying basis for the policy is the belief that improving the quality of life of the residents of the Model Neighborhood can be accomplished only by the affirmative action of the people themselves.

The convictions upon which.. this policy is based were reached after long and searching explorations. These explorations squarely faced the fact that Federal, state, and local programs involving physical or social change were not addressing citizens' concerns and receive subsequent citizen resistance. Thus evolved the need and programs for citizen participation.

The Portland Observer urges its readers to become a "model citizen" and participate in one of the committees of the Model Cities Program.

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Human life may be likened to the flowers on yonder tree. The wind blows down the flowers, of which some are caught by the screens and scattered on the beautifully decorated mats and cushions, while others are blown over the fence and dropped on the dung heap.--Fan Chen

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