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## Sensible Suggestions

The Clarion, published by the students of the Salem high school, has some sensible suggestions concerning reform of student customs, which coming from members of the student body, may receive a consideration that would be denied from other sources. It suggests that high school social functions start not later than 8 o'clock in the evening instead of 9 o'clock as at present and that those attending be home by 11:30 o'clock instead of after midnight. The Clarion remarks:

We are out much later than we want to be and ought to be. Every right thinking and natural parent objects to this. We all know that we can save our mothers and fathers a lot of unnecessary and uncalled for worrying by starting those functions at least one hour earlier. Many arguments could be given condemning the practice of being out late on the streets. None should be necessary. We all have sense enough to realize that the practice is indefensible. Let's use a little horse sense and save ourselves censure and our parents unnecessary worry and apprehension.

Adoption and adherence to this proposal would not only relieve the anxiety of parents and be beneficial to the students, but produce a favorable reaction in the public at large.

Another editorial suggestion the Clarion advances in connection with this subject is for the holding of high school dances under regulation of school authorities in high school buildings, adding:

The movement is now on in all our larger cities to furnish the youth of the country the pleasures that they crave and which if denied them under proper supervision they will seek some other way. Portland finds that this must be done and is now organizing to counteract the evil influences of the public dance halls. If our high school was opened to us for dances properly supervised, it would have a wholesome effect. Parents would be saved a lot of heart burnings and the students given that wholesome support that could not help but be morally beneficial.

On this subject the Clarion exhibits more common sense than the school board has in the past, for young people are going to dance anyway and far better that they do under parental and teacher supervision in school buildings than run wild in public dance halls as many of them are doing.

It is a hopeful sight when youth recognizes short-comings and voluntarily initiates reform.

## Debt Settlement

In the Italian debt settlement, Mussolini offered the United States \$1.17 for each dollar owed, which was accepted as highly satisfactory to the administration as well as Italy, to the former because it was all it could get, and the latter because it was all it would pay.

In the negotiations with the French commission for settlement, Caillaux offered the United States \$1.55 for every dollar France owed, and the administration refused it. As a result Caillaux lost his place in the cabinet and the fall of the French franc threatens a bankruptcy precipitating an international financial crisis, and the United States will be lucky if it gets anything.

The British terms, announced three months ago called for the payment of \$2.41 for each dollar owed us—but does anyone think that with the Italians paying \$1.17 the British or French either, will pay any more?

No one can judge the capacity of any of these nations to pay half a century hence, but a settlement of some kind, whether lived-up to or not, is essential to restore tranquility and establish a basis for reconstruction. But the key to the situation is the French settlement, and the administration's bungle has made a bad matter worse, if not hopeless.

## SECOND WIVES

By VIOLET DARE

**CHAPTER 25**  
 Caroline Phillips insisted on giving Marie her trousseau as a wedding present. Equivocal lingerie, delicate, frail negligees, smart sport clothes, she ordered them all lavishly, and Marie sat back as if in the hands of Fate, accepting all that was given her. She had grown used to that, until she saw what a good time Caroline was having, and how hurt she would be if Marie refused her gifts.

"Madame Henriette is holding up some of Janny's things in order to make those dinner dresses for you," she told Marie jubilantly Monday at luncheon. "Isn't that funny? Janny wanted till the last minute for some of those, because styles are changing so rapidly now—and as a result she won't have hers in time. She was at Henriette's when I was there, this morning. They're using the same mannequin to fit her things and yours on; the girl is just your size and just here—don't that amaze you? Really, I think it awfully funny that Billy should marry two women who are so much alike in so many ways, and yet so different. Now Marie, don't look sad; your life and Janny's will keep crossing forever, because you belong to the same layer of the world; why, like as not you and Bob will be dining with her and Billy, and they with you, in a year or so. I thought it was going to be perfectly ghastly, meeting my first husband after I married Bob, but my dear, we've been better friends since then than we were before, and I've given her second wife no end of advice. That's the way with life in this day and age and place."

"But—I couldn't—" Marie was protesting, when Caroline cut her short.

"Couldn't be a friend of Billy's, when he'll need you as one. Of course you could! When you've married Bob, Janny won't be afraid that you'll try to get Billy back again, don't you see? And knowing Janny as we both do, there's no question in my mind, of

leak out; it seemed to her that it would be much better to keep it a secret until after it had taken place. Mrs. Lindsay's small blue eyes were fairly slabbing her as the tide of questions rolled on and on.

It was Bob who stemmed them abruptly.

"What are you doing, taking a course in being a detective?" he asked, with a good natured smile. "Don't ask either of us for a recommendation if you are!"

Started, Katherine Lindsay looked up at him sharply.

"Then you mean—you're not—"

He laughed again.

"Nothing could give me more pleasure than to announce that Mrs. Lane is going to marry me," he replied. "But she doesn't seem to care to collaborate in any such announcement, unfortunately."

As they drove away in his car Marie looked back over her shoulder toward the jeweler's door, from which Mrs. Lindsay was watching them.

"She'll rush around town and tell everybody she knows that we're going to be married," she said, with a sigh.

"I hope she will," he retorted. "Then I shan't be afraid that something will happen and you'll refuse me at the last minute. Queer—I can't get away from a premonition that that's what is going to happen."

Marie smiled and said nothing. It would hardly have been kind to tell him that the same premonition troubled her.

**Tomorrow — The Premonition Comes True.**  
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Physique of school children in relation to their educational achievement was made the subject of a recent study in Manchester, England. Out of 85 children of good scholarship, only two were below the average in physique, but out of 171 poor students, 68, or nearly 40 per cent, were below the average bodily measurements.

**Legs Thin, King Bars Portrait**

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## All Have Religious Longing, Is Claim; Neglect Kills Soul

That every human being has in him somewhere a religious longing was the contention advanced by Rev. R. L. Putnam, minister of the Court street Christian church, in his sermon Sunday morning. He illustrated his statement by describing an episode of Jesus in the temple, taking his text from John 12:21.

"It was Tuesday," said Rev. Mr. Putnam, "in the last week of Christ's ministry. Jesus was in the temple of Jerusalem. Certain Greeks, probably converts to Judaism, came to Jesus. They came to the Apostle Philip in their quest. He went to Andrew and they both came to tell Jesus."

**Jesus' Word Significant**

"Jesus' word is very significant. He said: 'The hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified.' Most certainly a forecasting of the extension of the gospel to the Gentiles in the conversion of Cornelius (Acts 10)."

"This request of the Greeks we would see Jesus, is in reality a cry of every human soul burdened with sin. Not necessarily an audible cry; more often an innermost longing crushed into silence."

"Three classes of individuals," continued Rev. Mr. Putnam, "utter this cry. First, those who are indifferent to their souls craving after God. There is the atheist—the man who tries to make himself believe there is no God. 'The fool says in his heart there is no God.' He only fools himself. Then comes the infidel who professes not to believe in Christianity.

Even Ingersol standing by his brother's coffin expressed hope beyond. To this class may be added the pleasure seekers, business men and toilers who take no time for spiritual things, and those prejudiced because of preconceived notions concerning everything Christian."

**Many Are Misled**

"Second, those good intentioned folk who let other things continually usurp their time and attention from the Christian life and simply neglect their soul's salvation through procrastination."

"Third, those sincere, honest, conscientious ones who are concerned about their future life, but are confused because of the babel of voices that would tell them what to do to be saved."

"They would all see Jesus," he concluded. "It is the innermost longing of every heart. It is the business of the Christian church to point all such to the Lamb of God on His own terms and conditions of obedience as revealed in the New Testament."

**"Neglect" Is Topic**

Speaking on the subject "Neglect," Rev. J. J. Gillespie told his congregation at the Church of God, Sunday, that most calamities and accidents are caused by neglect.

"There are accidents of ocean, land and air," he said. "Neglect in any way always produces a corresponding loss." The pastor took his text from Proverbs 24:30-34.

"In business," he said, "if the merchant neglects his store he comes bankrupt. Again, if the

gardener neglects to hoe his garden, the weeds grow and choke his crop. Or if we neglect our health, by failing to wear proper clothing, ignore rules of ventilation and sanitation, our health becomes injured.

"If we neglect to educate our minds, it causes ignorance and loss. If our consciences are not educated according to God's word they fall to be a true guide. Of if we neglect to feed our soul on the word of God, and to have it illuminated by the holy spirit, it becomes darkened and dies."

**Behind All Evils**

"Neglect weakens our power to decide; we may we will, but put it off and it is never done. A husband promising his dying companion that he would give his heart to God, but put it off too long."

"Neglect produces a loss of sensitiveness. We set the alarm clock. We hear it, but do not heed it, and we oversleep. The rumble of the cars disturb our sleep the first night but later we sleep on, in the same way our love of God and our fellow men grows cold."

"Neglect destroys interest. In school, music, social affairs, our heart is filled with his own ways."

"Neglect incurs great dangers. A man played with the serpent too long and it bit him. A hunter neglected to take the load out of his gun and the child was killed. A man, neglecting to learn to swim, saw a child drown. Others, expecting to give their hearts to God next week, die suddenly."

"Neglect is the road that leads to ruin, both in time and eternity. The way to escape is through Jesus Christ who opened the fountain for sin and uncleanness and who says to all men, 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'"

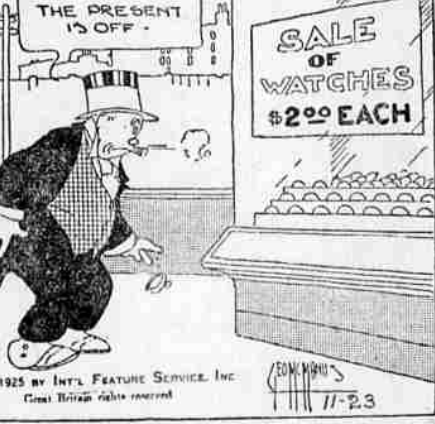
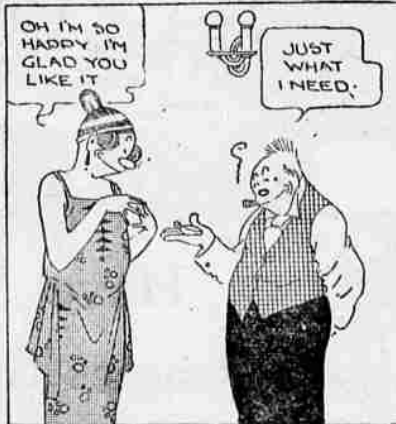
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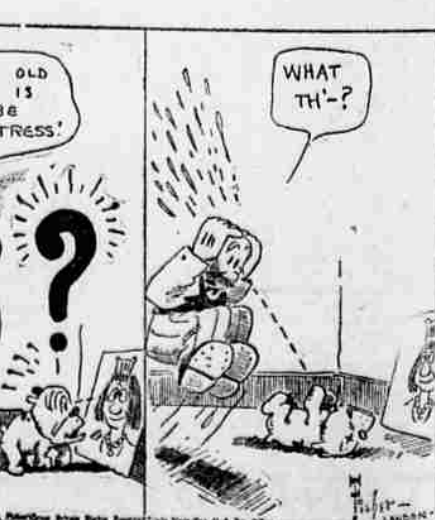
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Barney's In the Same Boat

### MUTT AND JEFF



One Look Was Too Much For the Pooch

By Bud Fisher

**26 Shopping Days**