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Among the Educators

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, East Lansing, Mich. (Editorial Correspondence)—Most people know about Michigan State, if only that its football teams are frequently good enough to beat Notre Dame. Last Saturday was the most recent event of this kind. But hardly anyone who hasn't seen the campus here is prepared for the fabulous, out of this world scene that greets him when he rides four miles east from the capital city of Lansing.

From a prewar school of some 4000 students, Michigan State registered 17,400 last month and it now almost as large as the great institution at Ann Arbor, which has more than 19,000. From "Michigan Aggie" the college here evolved to Michigan State College and the 1955 legislature changed it to Michigan State University, over the protests of alumni of the University of Michigan.

No institution is expanding faster than this one, which is in the midst of a \$50,000,000 building program. Thousands of students are housed in new dorms, built with borrowed money which will be repaid from rentals. The institution is a huge hotel operation, serving 27,000 meals a day. It could not have grown as it has without providing housing.

The housing includes provision for married couples. The University operates nearly 1300 apartments for them. Many are still in wartime quarters, but there is a tremendous new apartment project for married students that I doubt if any college in America can equal.

Michigan State has the room, being at the edge of greater Lansing. It can landscape around its new buildings. It even has a beautiful stream through its spacious campus.

Those attending the education meeting are housed in Kellogg center, which is a gift of the Kellogg Foundation. When an authorized addition is erected this will have cost two million dollars. It contains 196 beautiful hotel rooms, a lobby, dining rooms, a handsome auditorium. Meetings of Michigan groups are welcomed here. About 500 gatherings are held here annually, usually at least two are here at a time. Prices are extremely reasonable and service is superb.

The school has courses in hotel, restaurant and hospital management and Kellogg Center provides the students with practical experience as well as the public with fine service. The fact that the University is four miles from the city makes campus hotel service more necessary than it would be otherwise.

The guiding genius of Michigan State's rise to educational greatness is its president since 1941, John A. Hannah. He is a graduate of the institution and his wife was born on the campus, daughter of a former president. It was my good fortune to sit between them at our opening dinner last night. They are modest, dismays what they have done lightly. The president remarked that he was host to the president and vice-president of Notre Dame at the game here last Saturday and out of politeness was forced to restrain himself during the game.

He added that the athletic department wants to add 25,000 seats to the 51,000 seat stadium, which is nearly always sold out, but that he can think of better uses for that money than seats that will be needed at most four times a year. "And suppose we some time have weak times; we won't need them at all," he remarked. However, this seems a remote contingency. I can't imagine weakness in anything here.

A Few Odds and Ends

Chicago and Detroit papers are falling all over themselves about Princess Margaret's romance, with huge black headlines stressing all the angles. You'd think they were across the border in Canada. And in Chicago, where a mayor once wanted to "punch King George in the snoot."

United Fund campaigns are on back here, under different names. Detroit, with Benson Ford as general chairman, is after \$14,450,000 for 155 agencies. The Lansing area seeks \$865,000 for 55 agencies. They don't go after peanuts in Michigan, needing by in proportion to population.

A humorous note—to me at least. Michigan's attorney general is on traffic probation after several violations in which the tickets were torn up. One more arrest for a "moving" charge, like speeding and he'll lose his driving license. He is a Republican, the secretary of state, who has out him on the pan, a Democrat. They have politics back here, too.

Lots of residence construction in the north end of Chicago. One wonders where all the money and all the people are coming from. Many are moving out of the city. More prosperous, they can make the payments on nice new places in a comparatively rural setting. A good sign, but it creates a lot of problems.—R. M.

People Neither Bees Nor Ants

The Honey Bee, because of its highly developed intelligence, the complexity of its social life and the subdivision of community functions, stands at the head of the insect world and has always interested both ancient and modern naturalists.

Many recent books since Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian poet, dramatist and symbolist, wrote his "Life of the Bee" in 1901 many books have been written on additional discoveries of scientists about this highly intelligent insect, whose rigid life pattern had been fixed many millions of years before man appeared on the scene.

The civilization of the bee seems to have been the model and inspiration of the totalitarianism, communists and socialist conception of government for it has all their features combined. Everything it regulated instinctively by food fed to offspring. Even the Queen, mother of them all, is created by diet, so are the Drones who die after the nuptial flight—and the various castes of the workers. Each according to the needs of the hive community, not the individual. Through eons of time, the system became hereditary.

There is no individuality in the bee hive. When the hive becomes too populous, with 50,000 or more workers, a new queen is reared, whose first act is to kill her sisters, also reared as queens, just as the totalitarian leaders do with rivals. But every bee labors industriously and selflessly for the community.

The Ant, a still smaller insect than the Bee, also has an advanced social civilization, lives in societies consisting of the smaller males and larger females still smaller wingless workers. Some secret or active poison (fermicide) is used for offense and defense. They form colonies founded by a single fertilized female queen and have colonies most of the globe. Diet also regulates the caste. They not only harvest their food but plant mushroom gardens. Their life pattern is said to have developed 50 million years ago.

This also serve as a totalitarian model and some species, like the Driver Ants, have a military caste of blind soldiers who devour everything in their path, an ideal Nazi or Nazi army. Most species practice slavery and others are parasites—all human traits.

The only trouble with applying Bee and Ant social totalitarian patterns to humans is that people are not insects and don't respond to the same stimuli as insects. They are not their children of a common mother, and food and sex will not make a queen, a drone or worker nor a slave. It will probably take another 30 million years to elevate people to the Bee or Ant pattern to make totalitarianism a success.

Miles And Miles And Miles Of Heart



Benson Policies Draw Mixed Reaction from Farm Voters

By GEORGE GALLUP

(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 20—Evidence of mounting dissatisfaction with Republican farm policies comes to light in a special poll of the nation's farmers just completed by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

By a vote of 4-to-3, farmers across the country say they are dissatisfied with the new farm program Congress wrote into law at President Eisenhower's request.

Sentiment in the Middle West farm belt, long considered a GOP stronghold, today runs almost 3-to-1 in opposition to the administration's farm price policies.

In the same survey, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson draws a mixed reaction from farmers, with 37 per cent disapproving of the way he is handling his job, 30 per cent approving and the remaining 33 per cent expressing no opinion or withholding judgment.

Two years ago, Secretary Benson was given a vote of confidence from 34 per cent of the nation's farmers, while 27 per cent expressed disapproval at that time, and 39 per cent had no opinion.

The first question put to farm families from Maine to California: "Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Republican administration is handling the problem of farm prices and farm price supports?"

POP FARM PROGRAM
—Vote of Farmers—
Satisfied 30%
Dissatisfied 37%
Withholding judgment 33%

The vote of farmers by geographical regions is shown in the following table:

| Region | Satis- fied | Dissat- isfied | Unde- cided |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| East | 45% | 31% | 24% |
| Midwest | 20 | 56 | 24 |
| South | 32 | 38 | 30 |
| Far West | 38 | 35 | 27 |

Of interest is the fact that, among farmers expressing dissatisfaction with the program, there is widespread disagreement over what should be done to correct the farm problem.

The dilemma confronting Secretary Benson is compounded by the fact that dissatisfaction comes from both those who want to increase parity prices and from those who want to remove all controls.

"Raise prices paid to farmers or cut down prices of the things he buys," Dairy farmers should have said.

Salem 26 Yrs. Ago
By BEN MAXWELL
OCTOBER 21, 1929

Powerful banking interests had fought tooth and nail to save the stock market from complete disintegration this day 26 years ago.

Canned heat had been fatal to an unnamed found dead in the hot jungle along the slough at the foot of Bellevue street.

Hal D. Patton had recalled that in 1899, 43 years ago (now 60), T. McF. Patton & Sons, Salem book dealers had installed electric incandescent lighting, the first used by a merchandising firm in town.

The lights had been installed by Walter Holman, nephew of Thomas Holman, who first up-ated an electric light plant here in 1898.

As this wonderful year to a razzle-dazzle decade approached the dawn of depression these prices prevailed: 34 Rusak's self-sealing tires in the big market building, 10 cents (the 32); baking powder, 2 1/2 pound; coffee, 40 a pound, green tea, one half pound 24c.

F. E. Watson who had started with Southern Pacific as a telephone operator at the 12th street station in the early 1900s had been made assistant passenger traffic manager for the line.

They Say Today

Quotes From The News By UNITED PRESS

George Wood, general manager of Detroit's do-it-yourself and home improvement show:

"There are still plenty of jobs that are best done by experts."

Gisèle Thierry, 21-year-old Paris mannequin after finishing sixth in the Miss World Beauty contest in London:

"It was unfair."

Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga) on the coming Big Four foreign ministers' conference in Geneva:

"The greatest opportunity of the century to do something for the stability of the world is now at hand if we have the courage to grasp it. It's a matter of vision and courage."

Albert Kinsey, author of the Kinsey Report, on the uproar touched off in the United States by a magazine article on "Sin in Sweden":

"There is no more sin in Sweden than in the United States. There is far more reality in the Scandinavian view on sexual morals than there is in the American one."

Dr. Robert W. Benson, supervisor of acoustic design at the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology, on some findings made in the study of noise in offices:

"When it's noisy the workers can't talk so much," and "If the typewriter doesn't make any noise, the boss can't tell if his secretary isn't working."

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

All Hal Wants to Do Is Grow A New Front Tooth; But Why?

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—How would you like to grow a new front tooth?

This is one of my biggest ambitions. It makes no sense at all, I know.

My friends ask me, "Now, why should a grown man over 40 want to grow a new front tooth? What would you do with it?"

I know what I'd do with it. I'd put a 10-carat diamond in the center of it. And when strangers came up and asked me, "Man, where did you get a diamond like that?" I'd reply:

"Never mind the diamond. You can get diamonds bigger than that wholesale. Let me tell you about the tooth."

And don't think they wouldn't be interested in hearing about it. Many people go through their whole lives without ever getting a chance to have a heart-to-heart talk with a man who grew a new tooth after 40.

Maybe you yourself are one of those who haven't had this privilege. Why? He's the fellow who grew a front tooth after 40?

Your social aplomb would vanish, your self-respect be shattered in an instant. Don't tell me you would stand there sneering and making cutting remarks such as:

"Some people will do anything to gain attention. Pray, why didn't he sprout a tail and become a real sensation?"

No, screw you, might think those things—but you wouldn't say them out loud. Who are you to stand alone against the crowd?

Just like all the others, you'd grab the first possible opportunity to be introduced to me. Then, in the very next breath, in violation of all Emily Post's etiquette edicts, you'd blurt out:

"Is it really true you grew that handsome new front tooth after 40? Please tell me how. Did you go on a special diet? Did you first put an old tooth under your pillow at night. Does sleeping on your face help?"

And believe me, madam (I am assuming you are a lady, but if you were a man it would make no difference), you would get no information from me.

I would merely assume that patronizing smile which them-shut-his wear, and say:

The only way I know to grow a front tooth after 40 is by the exercise of iron determination. To only a few of us is given that kind of willpower, and—begging your pardon, ma'am—I'm afraid you were short-changed. The best I can do for you is recommend a good dentist."

You might think me a real hard-bitten fellow, but I don't mind—any more than I mind the opinion of people who leer at my tooth-raising dream.

People like you simply haven't thought the problem through. And the problem is this: Middle-aged people run out of new things to talk about and new ways to impress others.

The simplest way I know of for a middle-aged person to solve this problem—to get himself looked up to and listened to—is to grow a new front tooth. Now isn't that really true?

The reason why if he does sprout the tooth, he can't share his secret is selfish but equally simple. If everybody over 40 suddenly began to erupt with a new tooth, it would be a 9-day wonder.

Editor's note: We can't see why a guy with two heads thinks growing a new front tooth will make him any more distinctive.

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

Capitol Hill - Gubernatorial Groups Both Seek Nomination

By ROY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, October 21—The 1956 race for the Presidential nomination in both major parties developed into a sharp struggle between a loose gubernatorial group and the so-called Capitol Hill faction.

The gubernatorial group, which includes the Eisenhower-Taft coalition within the GOP in 1952, and the Stevenson-Kefauver battle among the Democrats at their convention, like Adlai were the candidates of the state house cabal.

Governor Goodwin J. Knight of California, with his questioning of Vice-President Nixon's and Senator Knowland's "electability," merely happens to be the noisiest claimant for the Governor's. Less demonstratively, powerful coteries of state executives are planning to nominate one of their own at San Francisco and Chicago, or at least to name a man suitable to them.

Their ambitions jeopardize the prospects of Chief Justice Earl Warren, Nixon and Knowland, as well as Sherman Adams, Attorney General Brownell, Harold E. Stassen and other eminents in the Eisenhower family. As for the Democratic coterie, they hurt the chances of Senators Kefauver, Kerr, Johnson and others of their party on Capitol Hill.

Governors' Successes
In forecasting the outcome of such a fracas, it must be kept in mind that the governors enjoy a long string of successes. In modern times a majority of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential

School Cheating

Albany Democrat-Herald

It is good to know that our educators are giving real study to the problems inseparable from preparing boys and girls to be competent, useful and happy members of society. One of the discussions at the school principals' conference at Salem was the question of what to do about grading the students' work. One principal is quoted as having objected to the practice of issuing grades to students.

"I'm sick," he is quoted as saying, "of seeing boys and girls cheating and lying to get good grades. Grades are the greatest detriment to modern education." He recommended, instead, progress and "growth" reports to parents whenever necessary.

Never having taught in junior high school and not being familiar with all the problems of teachers at that level, this writer is not going to try to tell these conscientious and (we hope) forward-looking instructors how to handle this particular problem. We are, however, upset by the statement we have just quoted.

We hope it is not true that all that is needed to turn an honest, square-shooting youngster into a liar and a cheat is to give him a few low grades in his studies. If that is true, the outlook for our citizenship looks discouraging. Inherent dishonesty not brought out in junior high will come out later as "needed."

We've seen the incidence of crime of all sorts going up in the last few years. If the crimes were largely those of mature persons, maybe we could lay the increase to the development of dishonesty in formative years by the competitive grading system that used to be universal and has been discarded in a great many schools in the last few years. But the heaviest increase in crime is in the teenagers, many of whom have been shielded from the demoralizing competition so feared by some educators. Perhaps some statistics dealing with this point would be of value.

The case against grades seems to be based on (1) the feeling of inferiority supposed to be forced on youngsters who are on the lower rungs of the ladder in scholarship; (2) the incentive to lie and cheat in order to get an unearned better grade.

The case for grading is based, largely, isn't it, on two considerations: (1) it gives a student an accurate idea of his performance in each subject; (2) it supplies incentive for harder work by the student; (3) it lets the parents know how their children are doing, as a basis for their handling an unsatisfactory performance, with the co-operation of the teacher.

As a substitute for grades, many schools are having the teachers write out reports to the parents telling them what the teachers think they need to know about the standing of their children in scholarship and the reasons, if the teachers know them for unsatisfactory work. These notes to the parents are excellent aids to the education of the children in homes where the parents are worthy and intelligent. They can be used as alternatives to the grades where grades are given. Probably conferences with parents would be better in many cases; the teacher could well decide which parents are able to profit by them. More work for the teacher—but every improvement in educational methods seems to demand more from the instructor.

Success of any system presupposes the basic competence of the teacher. A really good teacher can make either system work well.

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Roof Fell in on GOP Chairman

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—The roof fell in on Leonard W. Hall when President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack. Before that, there was a rocky glow in the sky. Now he can't see what lies ahead.

Chairman of the Republican National Committee, it's Hall's job to lay the foundations for a Republican victory in 1956.

His counterpart Paul M. Butler, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has the same kind of job for the opposition. It's a backbreaking job for both men any time. But Hall's looked easier than Butler's before the President fell, III Sept. 24.

The Democrats have no sure-shot candidate for their party's nomination in their convention next summer, even though at the moment Adlai Stevenson may seem to hold an edge.

And before the convention is over the scramble among Democrats may bust the party wide open.

But Hall, a lifelong politician who at 55 is genial and almost bald, saw nothing like that in store for his party. On the contrary, in early September, he was in a spot Butler and any other professional politician must have envied.

To hear him talk, there were no storms ahead on his political lake. He was confident Eisenhower would run again. If Eisenhower did, with his immense popularity, he seemed a year ahead of time to have much better than a 50-50 chance of winning.

And if Eisenhower won, he might again, as in 1952, pull the whole party with him and give the Republicans control of Congress once more. The whole Republican party felt the way Hall did.

Then on Sept. 24 the President was stricken. Now Hall merely, and not too confidently, speaks about the possibility that Eisenhower may run.

If he had to bet privately, I'd guess he'd bet Eisenhower won't run. So Hall, an ex-justice and seven times a congressman, faces a tough year, just as tough as Butler's.

And now Hall, as if accepting ideas Eisenhower wouldn't run at all was saying the party would win by taking Ike's philosophy, personality and the record of his administration.

But trying to win on Eisenhower's record may not be enough since the voters will have to make their own judgment on the Republican candidate, whoever he is. And who he may be is something Hall doesn't know now.

A Smile or Two

Minneapolis Tribune

There's a new Texas story kicking around banking circles. It seems that Clint Murchison, the multimillionaire oil man, closed a deal and sent a check to the bank to pay for it.

The check was returned marked "insufficient funds." Attached was a note: "Not yours, Mr. Murchison . . . ours."

GET THIS SETTLED

Why doesn't science quit messing around and develop an automobile engine that will operate on disposable tissues, granola crackers and beer cans instead of gasoline?

With 12,000 Europeans and 325,000 natives, Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo has doubled in size since World War II.

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