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GIVE THE STUDENTS A BREAK!

Tuesday, Sept. 5, Ashland's four public schools will open. Hundreds of students will be back in class, many of them attending for the first time in their lives.

With the youngsters' return to study comes a shouldering of greater responsibility on the part of all motorists who drive Ashland's streets. A definite hazard will occur at all school crossings and it will be well for drivers to remind themselves that greater caution must be observed.

Although Ashland has been comparatively free from school crossing accidents, only constant vigilance on the part of drivers and persuasive instruction to children by parents will keep the record clean.

Don't drive fast through school zones or across intersections where children pass. Be especially alert during hours when children are going to and from school. And remember that during first weeks of the term many children are likely to be unskilled at crossing streets; some of them may at any time dart out into the path of your vehicle and, even though it may be no fault of yours, striking such a child would be a tragedy for you as well as the injured one and his parents.

Don't let your car's bumper and wheels be destructive implements—drive carefully through school zones and crossings.

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SHOUTING PLATITUDES WON'T KEEP US OUT OF WAR!

Once upon a time a king bethought of himself a great plan whereby he would build a road directly to his summer palace and avoid bothersome, wasteful, circuitous routes. Too, he believed he could illustrate to his people the wisdom of getting at a thing to be done and let nothing alter the plan.

But the wise old king, ere he had finished his highway, learned that rock and mountain, water and tide, make demands which must be satisfied. The road which was to have been straight as an arrow, could never be built.

And so is it true with all man's ambitions and hopes. Although the goal may be definite and known, still no direct, simple route may be followed without deviation to attain it. In the present struggle of man kind, which may go down as one of the blackest decades in all history, we as neutral Americans well know that our goal is to stay out of war and live at peace with our fellow man.

However, the acknowledging of our purpose is not the achieving of it. Nor will a determination to keep entirely isolated during belligerent times give us an impenetrable immunity from without or within. We must keep our goal in sight, yes; but then we also must discover the most practicable way of reaching it.

Smug "we won't sell supplies to warring nations" decisions will not attain our ends if, by so doing, we hasten the defeat of our natural allies and become the next ambition of a fattened foe. It might even be possible that immediate industrial cooperation would obviate the necessity for us entering the fray later to save our own necks.

The better our allies fight—if fight they must—then the less need and desire there will be on our part to send men to the front. Supplies and foodstuffs for England and France at the onset of war might accomplish what the sacrifice of thousands of our men later on could not do.

Hence, it would be well for all of us who sincerely desire a lasting neutrality to consider the war-shortening value of our industrial resources when made available to European democracies.

There is no easy, direct avenue to isolation for America. Our neutrality, if it is to last, must be an active, curative force in the destinies of the world. The sure road to peace is not necessarily a do-nothing lock-ourselves-in-the-closet policy. Doing nothing for

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THE PROBLEMS OF YOUTH ARE MANY... BUT NONE SO INTRICATE AS WHEN TWO "DIZZIES" TRY TO DECIDE WHAT TO ORDER IN A SOFT DRINK PARLOR... OSCAR IS NOT SO BRIGHT HIMSELF - BUT HE KNOWS NOW WHY THEY CALL FOLKS IN HIS PROFESSION - "WAITERS!"



either side might easily become the most effective policy we could devise for ensnaring ourselves.

When war comes we have got to take sides, and it might far better be in the beginning, when our help will benefit democracies most. If we hold off too long, then there will be no escaping costly military participation.

OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

IN a spirit of public service, the writer will set the world at rest by revealing the transcript of a telephone conversation between Prime Minister Chamberlain in London and Chancellor Hitler in Berlin which was received through our widespread communications system and comes from the usual "high source."

Hitler: "Wie Gehts, Herr Chamberlain, it's quite a time since we met—March in Munich, wasn't it? And how have you been?"

Chamberlain: "Quite well, Your Excellency. I am feeling a lot stronger than I did then. Sometimes a rheumatic pain hits me; how are you?"

Hitler: "Just fine; I have considerable to occupy me but mainly I suffer from lack of exercise and a lot of indigestion."

Chamberlain: "Perhaps Herr Hitler, you sometimes eat more than you are able to digest—you had better be careful."

Hitler: "Not at all, not at all. What I am needing is exercise but I have not room to carry it on properly. My minorities help some out not much."

Chamberlain: "Looking out for minorities sometimes mixes things up doesn't it?"

Hitler: "What I need is a good corridor for exercise room—do you know where I can get one?"

Chamberlain: "A good coroner! Surely I can get you one and it will be the happiest moment of my life when I do that, but aren't you rushing things a bit, Herr Hitler?"

Hitler: "Why not; I've been cramped up too long now and a good corridor will fix me up just fine."

Chamberlain: "Oh, it's a corridor you want. I beg your pardon.

Corridors aren't so plentiful, Adolph; in fact I know of only one that would suit you and they are using it to get to their gateway."

Hitler: "Well, I could use a gateway too, if it's a good one. Can't you fix it up for me and persuade the owners to let me have it? You have helped me out before and I think you have a gift for that sort of thing."

Chamberlain: "Well, these folks are pretty tough eggs and are harder to convince; they say they'll fight if anybody tries to take their corridor."

Hitler: "How about just a strip across it then?"

Chamberlain: "They say they don't want anybody monkeying with their corridor at all."

Hitler: "But maybe my needs are greater than theirs and I will have to take it by force. Come, come, Mr. Chamberlain; fix it up for me and it's the last thing I'll ever ask for."

Chamberlain: "That's what you said last time, Adolph; besides, I think you have enough exercise room. Sometime you will exercise so much that your development will require still more exercise room. Why don't you settle down with what you have and quit spending so much money on those big exercising machines?"

Hitler: "No, you come over here—you always did that before."

Chamberlain: "Listen here, Adolph; I've had the rheumatism ever since I lost my shirt talking to you the last time."

Hitler: "Are you letting a shirt stand in the way of your being reasonable and getting these people to take a sensible view and give me what I ask for?"

Chamberlain: "Well, Adolph, why don't you talk to them about it?"

Hitler: "I did. They said no."

Chamberlain: "If you are as smart as some people think you are then you had better take up swimming for exercise and go jump into the..."

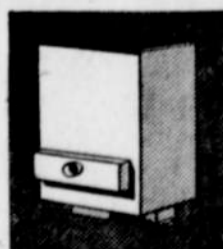


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