

The Way of Life

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NAZARETHS

I was at Deerfield Academy visiting my boy, and on the way back I had an hour between trains at Northampton. It was Sunday evening. The main street was almost deserted. I walked into a side street and past the little two-family house where Calvin Coolidge lived until a few weeks ago.

I went around to the old building in which he and his law partner used to have their modest offices. I stood in front of the square town hall. It was interesting to think of the days when he was mayor. One could picture him coming slowly up the street after breakfast.

"Morning, Cal," people would say.

"Morning," he would answer. And a stranger in the town would probably have exclaimed: "Is that your mayor, that quiet little fellow? He doesn't look like much."

If any one had suggested that the quiet little fellow might one day be President of the United States, the laughter would have echoed from one end of Main Street to the other. A few years later, when Coolidge had become governor of Massachusetts, a merchant in Boston named Frank Stearns began to make the presidential suggestion. He came to New York and persuaded a few of us Amherst graduates that the thing was not impossible.

Even then the idea was usually greeted with smiles, especially by folks in Massachusetts. "That's all right for you fellows in New York," they said. "But distance lends enchantment. We are his neighbors; we know him."

And some of the wisest men in the Commonwealth remarked to the son of Frank Stearns: "Calvin Coolidge is nothing but a figment of your father's imagination."

Nazareth is the immortal illustration of the attitude of the home town. After Jesus had gone out into the world and become famous; after He had performed His miracles in Capernaum and even in Jerusalem, He went back home.

A crowd of His old neighbors greeted Him in the synagogue, but there was no pride or confidence in their attitude. Their skeptical expressions spoke louder than words. "You may have fooled them in those other towns, but we know you. You are only the boy who used to work in the carpenter shop." And the record says sadly: "He could do there no mighty work, because of their unbelief."

It's a wonderful thing to realize that Greatness is growing up somewhere around us all the time—that the most unprepossessing freckled boy may be a future conqueror. Unfortunately most of us can never believe that the home town could possibly produce anything better than ourselves.

sewing machine had not been heard of!

Justice Holmes in his own person is the greatest link our nation has with its own past.

DAM

Work on the Hoover Dam across the Colorado River will begin within a few weeks. This is the largest engineering project the United States or any other government has ever undertaken. The dam will be 730 feet high, 1,100 feet long, and will impound a lake 100 miles long. A canal 20 feet deep and 200 miles long will carry water from this lake 285 miles across the desert of Southern California, irrigating arid lands on which nobody can live now but which will produce homes and subsistence for five million people. The surplus water, not needed for irrigation, will be used for power development, under lease to a private power company.

This is one case in which the Government is justified in investing huge capital, since the problem of controlling the floods of the Colorado River and irrigating the desert is too large for any single state to undertake and too unprofitable for private enterprise.

EDUCATION

Considering that it is only a few hundred years since education has been available to anybody except the very wealthy or those designed for the service of the Church, a good deal of progress has been made, though the proportion of early educated persons to the whole number is still extremely small. So much progress has been made in teaching the elementary subjects to everybody that many teachers assume that education is an exact science, that the perfect formula has been discovered.

Robert M. Hutchins, the young new president of Chicago University, thinks otherwise. Beginning next Fall class attendance and the following out of rigid programs by the students will be abolished. Each student will be free to follow such lines of study as he feels himself best fitted for, and can present himself for examination at any time he thinks he can make the grade. He may receive his certificate that he has a good general education after only one year in college, or he may take ten years.

That is returning, in some respects, to the original idea of a

university, where eager young men met with those who knew more than they did at Paris and Oxford and Salamanca, and absorbed learning according to their respective abilities. It is an interesting development and one which should have a great influence upon college life everywhere.

INCENTIVE

Nobody does the best he can without an incentive. Charles M. Schwab the other day told of a workman at one of his steel plants who declared he could not do another stroke more of work than he was doing every day. He was shoeing twelve tons of clay daily. Mr. Schwab arranged that the man should get a bonus of a small amount for every ton shoveled, and within a week or two the same man was moving thirty tons a day and making no complaint of feeling tired.

It works that way all up and down the line of human endeavor. Not one person in a thousand ever does all that he or she can do, physically or mentally. Give him a definite incentive—more money for more work, or shorter hours or something else that is greatly desired—and the average man will surprise himself and his friends by the increased amount of work he can accomplish.

Every scheme for limiting the amount of a day's work is unsound and unfair to worker and employer alike. The only perfectly fair system of compensation is one based upon actual production, with the worker given the freest possible opportunity to do all that he has the capacity for doing.

KOAC OFFERS GARDEN TALKS.

Beginning early in April, a new series of talks on vegetable gardening will be included in the regular noon programs over KOAC, the state college radio station, at 12:20 Tuesdays and Fridays. These discussions, to be given by A. G. B. Bouquet, professor of vegetable gardening, OSC, will include such subjects as "Unusual but Valuable Home Garden Vegetables," "Protection of Early Vegetables from Insects" and "Vegetables that Supply Greens for the Gardening Year."

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OSC Lists New Topic for Homemakers' Radio Hour

The addition of three new topics to the original schedule of 14 lectures just completed on parent-child relationships has been announced by W. L. Kaddery, program director of KOAC, the radio station of Oregon State college. These will be "Does Your Child Play Enough," April 7; "Punishments and Rewards," April 21, and "Why Children Quarrel and Tease," May 5.

This addition has been made in compliance with popular demand from the women enrolled in the KOAC Homemaker Radio clubs, which have sprung up over the state in increasing numbers since the beginning of this program last fall. The lectures, prepared by Mrs.

Sara Watt Prentiss, professor of child development at the college, are broadcast on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3 o'clock. Groups regularly enrolled in the radio clubs are provided by the home economics extension service with program outlines of the lecture subject to aid in the conduct of discussions before and after the lecture. Fourteen clubs representing eight counties, and including nearly 150 homemakers are now regularly enrolled in the course. In addition there are numerous groups over the state who make a practice of tuning in on these programs but have never enrolled for the supplementary material, according to Miss Claribel Nye, director of the home economics division of the extension service. Counties in which regular-

ly enrolled groups have been organized are Clackamas, Lincoln, Lane, Marion, Multnomah, Jackson, Umatilla and Josephine.

MR. FARNSWORTH IMPROVING

Enterprise Record-Chief Editor. K. W. Farnsworth, water master, who has been ill at his home for several months, is improving and hopes to be out and at work by summer. J. H. Ryan, assistant to the state engineer, was in the county last week and he stopped to see Mr. Farnsworth, and give him a word of encouragement. Mrs. Farnsworth and their son, Willis, have been making many of the stream measurements during the year.

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WEATHER

Drenching rains or heavy snows in almost every part of the country in the past few weeks give promise that we shall not go through another drought season, such as the past two years have been in many sections and last year was over a very large area. Conditions are similar in other parts of the world, also.

The weather experts who have been studying the subject for sixty years, since the first scientific attempt to forecast weather was be-

gun, say that the eleven-year cycle of sun-spots has a definite effect upon the weather. The sun-spot influence is not yet fully understood, but there is ground for belief that we shall not have any more general droughts before 1940, and that for a year or two we may look for unusually heavy rains to make up the water losses of the past two years.

HOLMES

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of the United States Supreme Court celebrated his ninetieth birthday on March 8. A few days before he had delivered one of the most liberal and progressive opinions ever handed down by a judge on the bench. He is still young in mind and heart, though old in years.

To realize how the world has moved since Justice Holmes was born in 1841, we need only recall that railroads were still more of a novelty than the airplane is today, that Texas was an independent republic, that Chicago was a village of 4,500 people, the electric telegraph was only six years old and friction matches had been invented only five years before, while the

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