

As We Live

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Mature Person Acts His Age
One often hears it said, "He is a very mature person" or "He is very immature." What do these labels mean?

Most people consider "mature" to mean that a person is acting his age. If he is an adult, he acts like an adult, not like a child or a teenager. On the other hand, the person who behaves like one younger than himself is labelled immature.

Roughly speaking, this interpretation of maturity is correct. A mature person does act his age. But back of this is the fundamental problem of adjustment. He can act his age because he is well adjusted to what our society expects of a person of his age.

Not all people are mature in every area of their behavior. In fact, an all-round mature person is a rare specimen. Most people are both mature and immature. In some of their behavior they act their age, while in other respects, equally important, they act childishly.

Why, you may ask, do they not grow up all over? Why don't they reach adult level in their emotional behavior, for example, as they do in their physical growth?

The answer is that they have not learned to do so. This may be because they never had an opportunity to learn to be mature in certain areas of their behavior. Or, as sometimes happens, they may have tried to be mature but some obstacle they could not overcome stood in their way.

Whatever the cause, the fact remains that they are not all-around mature people. This, in turn, means that they make poorer adjustments to adult life than they could otherwise make. Only when a person approaches the ideal of well-rounded maturity can he hope to be really successful and happy. This matter will be discussed in columns during the next few weeks.

LETTERS FROM READERS
Cynic: "Just what is a cynic? What makes people cynical?"

(A) A cynic is one who shows disillusionment about people and their behavior. He finds that they very often do not act according to what they profess to believe. Most people who are cynical become so during their idealistic teens. They expect people to act in one way, especially if they accept them on the basis of what they say they believe. Then they are disillusioned when these same people act in almost direct contradiction to their professed ideals. Some people get over their cynicism as they grow older; some never do.

Teen-age Jobs: "When I was a girl, my friends never felt they should have jobs while they were still in school. My daughter tells me that all the girls now want to get baby-sitting or other jobs. Why?"

(A) The teen-age girl of today is faced with many more de-

mands to keep up to the standards of dress and recreation set by her classmates than were the girls of your day. To meet these demands, she needs more money. Few families are in a position to give her what she thinks she needs, so she tries to earn the extra money by working.

Unreasonable Husbands:
"So often you advise, 'Talk it over with your husband.' But what do you do if a husband won't talk it over?"

(A) I advise the wife to state her side of the matter and give her husband a chance to state his. If he refuses to do so, that is that. However, I do not think a wife should stop there. If she is convinced that she is justified in acting in accordance with the opinion she expressed, then she should do so. The husband has a chance to protest. If he protests after she has acted, it is too late to do anything about it.

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FLYING FROM SPOKANE, WASH., to Guam in 30 hours, 18 minutes, this B-36 crew completed first non-stop bomber flight to Pacific island. Standing in front of bomber's wing is 16-man crew and Lt. Col. Lee J. Moffatt, aircraft's commander. (International Soundphoto)

Sunday, October 31, 1954

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Weekly Roundtable Planned by Chamber

A weekly Monday roundtable of the Jackson County Chamber luncheon meeting as an activity of Commerce membership committee was approved by the board of directors Friday. The first meeting will be held tomorrow at noon in the Jackson hotel at a specially-constructed "round-table," officials said. Purpose of the meetings will be for a weekly briefing session on what's doing in the community, they added. Any Chamber member or prospective member is invited to attend. The roundtable session will be in addition to the weekly Thursday coffee "klatch" at the Medford hotel. The latter is entirely for the purpose of welcoming new residents of the area and is held at 9 a.m., a more difficult time for attendance, members said.

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DeLand, Fla.—(AP)—Readers of the DeLand Sun News may have been puzzled by two inches of blank white space on the front page of their paper recently. The Sun News explained the space was "reserved" for action taken at a meeting of the county crime commission from which the press had been barred.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 p.m. previous day.

Blotters Found To Be Useful as Gaskets

Buffalo, N.Y.—(AP)—Blotters everywhere, but not a drop of ink. That's the situation in the grinding wheel industry where tens of thousands of blotters are used as cushions for the tools. The blotters serve mainly as gaskets between the wheels and their steel flanges to equalize pressure and prevent damage.

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Young Republicans Plan for Convention

A meeting of the Jackson County Young Republicans will be held Monday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jackson County Republican Central committee headquarters in the Jackson hotel. Plans will be made for the state Young Republican convention in Medford on Nov. 12, 13, and 14.

The other major item of business, according to Winston Carl, president, will be nomination of a slate of officers for the local club for the coming year. All members and those interested in Young Republican activities are invited to attend.

Meeting of Foresters Scheduled Next Friday

The monthly meeting of the Siskiyou chapter of the Society of American Foresters will be held at the Grants Pass Country club Friday, Nov. 5, with a social hour at 7 p.m. and dinner at 7:30.

Mel Starnes, Grants Pass, will discuss plans for the new chip-board plant now under construction in Grants Pass. He recently returned from the east where he visited a plant similar to the one being constructed, and will talk about better wood utilization and the development of products from sawmill wastes.

4-H Club News

Antelope Freezing Club
Antelope Freezing club met Oct. 13 at Mrs. Davis' home. The club enrolled six members this year. New officers elected are: President, Ruth Westover; vice-president, Lottie Mae Combs; secretary and reporter, Jane Westover.

Linda Mallory is leading the Freezing club since Mrs. Mallory is leading the Clothing club. Our next club meeting will be held Nov. 6 at the home of Linda Mallory.
Jane Westover, Reporter



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