

As You Were Saying...

Angels in Leather Jackets. Recently our children's pet dog was struck by a carload of teen-agers. The youngsters were crying inconsolably as the hot-rod skidded to a stop, backed up, and three leather-jacketed, duck-tailed boys got out. What followed was a revelation to me.

Two of them awkwardly tried to comfort the children. The third gently picked up the puppy from the pavement and cradled it in his arms. They drove to a nearby veterinarian and stayed until the dog, which wasn't hurt badly, was patched up. Then they returned to the scene, amid the happy screams of the children.

In the confusion, I didn't even get the boys' names. But

I know that, whatever their wild ways, as long as they can feel pity for a child's tears or an animal's pain they will never be delinquents.—Mrs. Ernest W. Burchfield, Athens, O.

They Didn't Learn This in College. While attending the University of Colorado a few years ago, my wife gave birth to twin boys. Complications arose, and because the community blood bank was short of the rare blood type my wife required, more had to be found quickly.

In desperation, I went to the local radio station and a disc jockey broadcast an appeal. When I returned to the hospital, half a dozen students with the needed blood type were already lined up in the hallway with their sleeves rolled up.

Who says that today's youth are callous and indifferent? I strongly disagree.—W.G.J., Dubuque, Ia.

How I Found my Job's Reward. When I became a social-welfare worker some years ago, one family I encountered made me wonder why. The children were unkempt, the father drank, and the only housework was done by an 11-year-old girl who cared for her ailing mother and younger brothers and sisters.

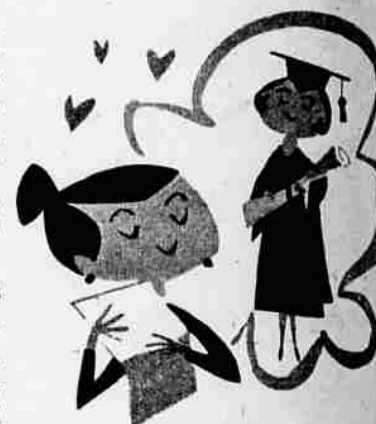
My first reaction was to drop them, but something in the girl's eyes made me keep trying. I managed to find the father a job and give Jenny some motherly advice. They improved and after a few years I lost track of them.

A few months ago I received an invitation to Jenny's graduation from college! She wrote on it, "I studied to be a social worker, so I could help others as you once helped us."

Now I know why I chose my career, and I'm glad I did.—Bonnie Currier Hall, Marysville, Calif.

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