Philosopher Outlines Future Course for High School Graduating Class

Editor's Note: Graduation time is at hand for hundreds of thousands of American boys and girls. What advice should they be given as they go out into a troubled and dangerous world? What will be their most pressing problems? A wise philosopher, an internationally known historian answers the questions in the following dispatch. It is part of a commencement address which Will Durant will deliver this week end at the Webb Preparatory School, Claremont, Calif. Among the graduates he will be addressing is his 8th grandson, James Easton, 18.

By WILL DURANT
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A task has been assigned to me, and I propose to go through with it as modestly as its inherent immodesty will permit. If now I dare to address you, it is not as one white with wisdom, or practiced in the ways of the world, but as a fellow student handicapped with senility, yet as eager as ever to learn something beween every rising and setting of the sun. You must season my platitudes with a grain of doubt, and grant me the tolerant allowances that youth must always make for age.

My first request to you is —be healthy. It is mostly within your will. In many cases sickness is a crime; you have done something physiologically foolish, and nature is being hard put to it to repair your mistake. The pain is the tuition you pay for your instruction in living. Care of the health should be a required course, for at least an hour each week, in every year from kindergarten to Ph.D. Such a course would include instruction in diet. Our bodies are what we eat, plus what our ancestors ate. Don't let restaurants tempt you; they are the vampires of the stomach; they will burden your flesh in proportion as they lighten your purse. One of the cardinal errors of our time and land is to continue in a warm and sedentary life the diet that once served to provide necessary muscle and heat. Let us keep our inners clean. The hospitals are littered with people who have put too great strain on their digestive organs and have allowed an excess of imports over exports to disturb their internal economy.

Do some physical work every day. Nature intended thought to be a guide to action, not a substitute for it. Thought unbalanced by action is a disease. Cut the lawn, clean the car, paint the house rather than the town, help with the dishes after the evening meal. Help your wife with her work, and let her help you with yours. Husband and wife should be helpmates. Marriage disintegrates when it is only a partnership in sex, play, and conspicuous expense.

Sex

After hunger, is our strongest instinct and greatest problem, nature is infatuated with continuance, and dolls up the women with beauty and the man with money to lure them into propagation; and so it gives to us males such sensitivity to the charms of women that we can go quite mad in their pursuit. Sex then becomes a fire and flame in the blood, and burns up the whole personality — which should be a hierarchy and harmony of desires.

Our civilization has unwisely stimulated this sexual impulse. Our encestors played it down, knowing that it was strong enough without prodding. We have blown it up with a thousand forms of incitation, advertisement, emphasis, and display, and have armed it with the doctrine that inhibition is a mistake— whereas inhibition—the control of the impulse — is the first principle of civilization. Don't let indoctrination determine your desires.

Marriage

Was probably developed not only for the better care of children and property, but to save us from the tyranny of sex. In marriage that instinct is given abundant freedom, but it is channeled within limits consistent with social order. By submitting to marriage we can take our minds off sex, and become adult.

Marry as soon as you can keep the wolf from the door. You will be too young to choose wisely, but you won't be much wiser in these matters at 40. There's no fool like an old fool in love. We parents should help you to get started in wholesome married life: Help you with money, and—if you will permit us—with counsel. Don't let your choice of a mate be determined by the accident of association at a time of physiological needs; don't buy a grab bag in a coma. Let at least three months intervene between acquaintance and betrothal, and between betrothal and marriage.

The difficulties of marriage are far less than its rewards. One touch of a woman's hand can be a paradise, if the touch is not for too much. Napoleon said that the only happiness he had ever known was in loving his children; and I hope you won't have children without marriage.

Character

Comes on a par with health; intellect may come third. The greatest task assumed by such schools as this is to transform egos into gentlemen. A gentleman, as my wife once defined it, is a person continually considerate. Kind words cost so little and are worth so much! Speak no evil of anyone; every unkind word will sooner or later fly back into your face, and make you stumble in the race of life. De vivis, rather than de mortuis, nil nisi bonum. To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves; let us be above such transparent egotism. If you can't say good and encouraging things, say nothing. Nothing is often a good thing to do, and always a clever thing to say.

Religion

Has been along with the family and the teacher, a tutor of character. For 50,000 years or more man lived as a hunter before he took to tilling the soil. Probably man's native character as it is today was formed in that hunting life. He had to be greedy because the food supply was precarious and irregular; he had to be pugnacious to fight for food and mates; he had to be easily stimulated to reproductive ecstasy, because a high birth rate seemed desirable. What are now, through excess, our major vices, were then virtues—qualities making for survival of the individual or the group. When agriculture developed, and social organization became the chief tool of survival, these powerful impulses had to be restrained. They were restrained by a moral code transmitted through parental authority, family discipline, and religious instruction. That moral code, though against the grain of the flesh, was accepted partly through fear of parents, and very much through belief that the code came from an all-seeing God who would reward every virtue and punish every vice. I am not sure that civilization could have come without such religious sanctions of the moral code.

Those of you who specialize in science will find it hard to understand religion, unless you feel, as Newton and Voltaire did, that the harmony of the spheres reveals a cosmic mind, and unless you realize, as Pascal and Rousseau did, that man does not live by intellect alone. We are such microscopic particles in so vast a universe that none of us is in a position to understand the world, much less to dogmatize about it. Pascal trembled at the thought of man's bewildered minuteness between the two infinites—the immensity of the whole and the complexity of each part; "These infinite spaces," he said, "frighten me!" Let us be careful how we pit out pitiful generalizations against the infinite scope, variety and subtlety of the world.

Money

Build an economic basis under your life, but don't get caught in the rat-trap of money-making as a profession; that, too, like sex, can be a consuming fever, and brings only fitful pleasures, no healthy happiness. Your wife will have the responsibility of stimulating you to develop all your creative capacities, but I hope she will not insist on your keeping up with all the Joneses in the town. If you become an employer, your relation with your employees will count for more in your happiness than adding a zero to your wealth. Give every employee the full equivalent of his share in the product. Don't live in a boastful and selfish luxury based on taking more from the world than you give.

Politics

Don't take them too seriously. Expect to reform the government only after you have reformed human nature and your own. Corruption is natural in government because it is nature in man. Don't be frightened by the international situation; it is normal; man is a competitive animal, individually and in groups; peace is war by other means. I believe that intelligent fear will keep us from international suicide. Evils usually beget their cure through their excess; so now the balance of terror is making for peace.

How good it is that the military competition is changing to economic competition! Let the better system win, or a combination. We are witnessing in America an Hegelian synthesis of capitalism and socialism, taking the virtues of each; and this merger, I believe, will be more productive of goods and happiness than the fearful Communism of Russia or the selfish capitalism of the not very Gay Nineties. See, even in depression time, the relative happiness and exuberance of the American people, killing one another ecstatically in the precipitate pleasure of their holidays.

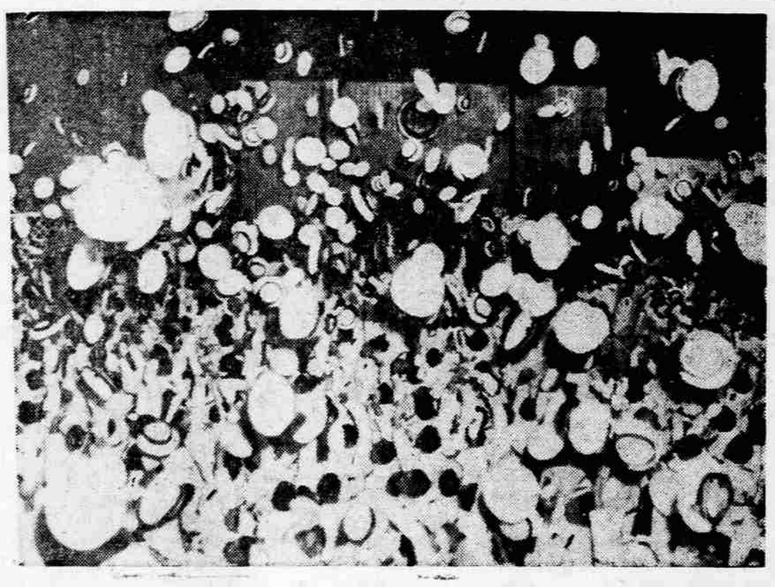
Intellect

I take this for granted in your case; indeed, our schools have put too much stress on intellect, too little on character; we have sharpened our wits even while weakening our restraints. In my youth, I used to talk about the bondage of tradition: now, as befits old age, I distrust the fetishism of novelty. We exaggerate the value of newness in ideas and things. It is so much easier to be original and foolish than to be original and wise. For every truth there are a thousand possible errors; let us not try to exhaust the possibilities.

Most of you now will go to college, and the sharpened competition among individuals and nations will force you into intellectual specialties. The stress on science today is so strong that college, if I may pun a bit, will give you only a passing acquaintance with literature, history, philosophy, music and art. But don't let yourselves be fragmented. When your formal education is complete, give at least two hours a week to rounding yourselves out with these flowers of civilization. Make friends with great poets — Sophocles, Euripides, Virgil, Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare, Moliere, Goethe, Byron, Shelley, Keats, Whitman. Acquaint yourselves with the world's supreme art —Egyptian, Indian, Greek, and Roman architecture and sculpture, Arabic mosques and decoration, the Gothic cathedrals, Renaissance painting, music from Bach to Rachmaninoff. Study the great statesmen from Hammurabi and Moses to Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt. Sit for a while at the feet of great thinkers — Confucius, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Zeno, Epicurus, Archimedes, Lucretius, Epictetus, Marcus, Aurelius, Francis Bacon, Spinoza, Newton, Kant, Schopenhauer, Darwin, Nietzsche, Einstein. Enjoy great prose writers—Isiah, Jeremiah, the authors of the Proverbs and the Psalms, Demosthenes and Cicero, Rabelais and Montaigne, Milton and Swift, Voltaire and Rousseau, Hugo and Balzac, Tolstoi and Dostoievski, Emerson and Anatole France. Follow man's odyssey with great historians—Herodotus, Thucydides, Tacitus, Gibbon, Macaulay, Guizot, Michelet, Froude and Taine. Walk humbly with the great saints — Buddha, Jesus, Augustine, Francis of Assisi, Gandhi. I shall not hold you educated unless you make many of these geniuses your friends. Cultivate them, and you will be molded by the company you keep.

These and the whole world of knowledge, technology, morals, manners, government, literature, philosophy, and art are your heritage, which has grown incredibly through the centuries, and is so rich that you will never be able to absorb it all, to reach the bottom of this fortunatus, purse of the race. This is the patrimony that each of us inherits on entering civilization.

Good health to you, good work, good fortune, good character, good children, good grandchildren! Drink the brimming cup of life to the full and to the end; and thank God and nature for its bracing trials and challenges, its educative punishments and rewards, its priceless gifts and inexhaustible treasure of beauty, wisdom, labor and love.



HATS OFF—Just-graduated Navy ensigns throw their hats into the air in traditional gesture after commencement exercises at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. The speakers platform (center rear) is hidden by the hats.

Regulus Returned From Test Flight

Point Mugu, Calif.—(UPI)—U. S. Naval air missile test center Thursday launched the first of its Regulus II guided missiles, bringing the controlled "bird" back to a successful landing inland after a supersonic flight over the Pacific ocean.

The Navy said the Regulus II flew out to sea, and then turned back to the mainland. It flew to Antelope Dry Lake, Nev., where it was landed.

A spokesman said this was a "new phase in the evaluation" of the Regulus and brought it closer to operational status with the fleet. The missile is capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

The entire flight was about 300 miles, the Navy said.

Gervais Post Office Robbers Sentenced

Portland —(UPI)— James H. Cain, 21, Salem, and Robert L. Krebs, 24, Woodburn, were sentenced to 3½ years in prison Thursday for the break-in of the Gervais post office last December 7. A third man, Gerald D. Corrigan, 33, Salem, is awaiting sentencing.

Langley Motion Denied by Judge

Portland —(UPI)— Circuit Judge Charles Redding Thursday denied a motion by former Multnomah County District Attorney William Langley to dismiss a bribery indictment.

The indictment is one of two remaining against Langley as a result of the Portland vice probe. Langley contended the indictment should be dismissed on grounds that another man, Thomas E. Maloney, was found innocent of a similar charge by a jury last Oct. 31.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 6966

AN ORDINANCE providing for the construction of a sanitary trunk sewer to serve the Grandview-Kenwood Sewer Area as herein defined, and for the assessment of the cost thereof on adjacent property to be benefited thereby; determining the area within which property shall be benefited by said trunk sewer, providing for a public hearing and meeting of the Council thereon to consider protests against said improvement and for the serving of the owners of the said property with notice of said hearing.

THE CITY OF MEDFORD DOTH ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of providing sanitary sewer service for the property in the area described in Section 2 hereof, it is the intention of the Council to cause a sanitary trunk sewer to be constructed along the courses and in the locations described in the plans and specifications heretofore adopted by the Council by Ordinance No. 6956 and now on file in the Office of the City Manager in the City Hall, Medford, Oregon, which plans and specifications are identified by endorsement thereon of the number of the ordinance adopting the same and are hereby incorporated herein, made a part hereof and referred to herein for courses, locations, details and estimated cost of said sewer; and to assess the cost of such improvement, including construction cost, engineering and publication expense, upon each lot or parcel of real property adjacent thereto and benefited thereby in proportion to the benefits received by such lot or parcel as provided by the Charter of the City of Medford.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby determined that real property situated within the following described area in the City of Medford, to-wit:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the east line of Biddle Road with the southerly line of Crater Lake Highway, in the City of Medford, in Jackson County, Oregon; thence northeasterly along the southerly line of Crater Lake Highway to its intersection with the present city boundary at a point 700 feet north of the center line of Delta Waters Road; thence east on the city boundary to a point 200 feet east of the center line of Crater Lake Avenue; thence south parallel to the center line of Crater Lake Avenue to a point 200 feet north of the center line of Delta Waters Road; thence east parallel to the center line of Delta Waters Road to a point on the projection of the east line of Springbrook Subdivision; thence southerly along said projection of said east line to a point 200 feet north of the center line of Roberts Road; thence easterly parallel to the center line of Roberts Road to a point 200 feet east of the east line of Springbrook Road; thence southerly parallel to the east line of Springbrook Road to its intersection with the city boundary 300 feet south of the center line of Buckshot Hill Road; thence west parallel to the center line of Buckshot Hill Road to a point 660 feet west of the center line of Springbrook Road; thence northerly parallel to the center line of Springbrook Road for a distance of 128.22 feet to a point 141.78 feet south of the southerly right of way line of Buckshot Hill Road; thence west parallel to the said Buckshot Hill Road to a point 328.85 feet east of the center line of Waverly Avenue; thence southerly along platted lot lines and extensions thereof to the north line of Ridge Way; thence westerly along the north line of Ridge Way and the extension thereof to the west line of Wabash (Waubash) Avenue; thence westerly along existing property lines, and westerly extension thereof, to a point on the westerly line of Crater Lake Avenue 438.1 feet north of the northeast corner of the easterly Bill of Donation Land Claim No. 42, Township 37 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian; thence continuing westerly, parallel to the northerly line of said Donation Land Claim No. 42 to a point 400 feet distant from, measured at right angles to, the easterly line of Biddle Road; thence northwesterly parallel to and 400 feet from the east line of Biddle Road to the city boundary 300 feet south of the center line of McAndrews Road; thence westerly parallel to the center line of McAndrews Road to a point that is 150 feet distant from, when measured at right angles to, the west line of Biddle Road; thence northwesterly parallel to, and 150 feet west of, the west line of Biddle Road to its intersection with the southerly line of the Crater Lake Highway; thence northeasterly along the southerly right of way line of Crater Lake Highway to the point of beginning, being the area referred to in the title of this ordinance as the Grandview-Kenwood Sewer Area,

will be served by said trunk sewer, if constructed, either directly or through such lateral sewers as may be hereafter constructed, and each lot or parcel of said property will be directly benefited by and adjacent to, and shall be assessed for, the said improvement as provided in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. That the Council will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Hall in Medford, Oregon, on the 19th day of June, 1958, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., at which time and place the owners of said property are hereby called upon to appear before said Council and show cause, if any, why said improvement should not be constructed and why said property should not be assessed for the cost of said improvement as aforesaid.

SECTION 4. That warrants for the costs of the aforementioned improvement shall bear interest at 4% per annum and shall constitute general obligations of the City of Medford, and said warrants shall be issued pursuant to, and on the terms and conditions set forth in, Oregon Revised Statutes 287.502 to 287.510, inclusive.

SECTION 5. That the City Recorder is hereby directed to serve notice hereof upon the property owners aforesaid, by publishing this ordinance once in a daily newspaper, printed and of general circulation in said city at least ten days before the date of said meeting, and by posting five copies of this ordinance in five public and conspicuous places in said city for a period of ten days prior to said meeting.

PASSED by the Council and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 5th day of June, 1958.

Stanley C. Jones Jr.
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:
D. F. Huson
Recorder

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