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WEEDS

That farmer or backyard gardener is counted shiftless and negligent who permits the weeds to overrun his fields and gardens to rob the crops and products of their nourishment. Even city folks, who buy their foods from the markets, know that the cultivated crops and vegetables cannot compete with the devouring weeds and that the farmer and gardener are given the cultivated plants to fight their battles for them.

Illness is the weed in the human body. Like that in the vegetable kingdom, it should be extracted by the roots before its treacherous vines sap the strength of the whole body. Every disease and disorder of the human body has its symptoms by which its presence may be noted, so those who neglect to root out their illnesses in their incipency are like the shiftless and negligent farmer and gardener.

The most insidious and treacherous "weed" in the human body is cancer. It takes a terrible toll in human lives annually because it has been left to "kill the garden." Like the weed in the field this outlaw growth starts in a small and inconspicuous way and in the beginning gives but slight warning of its presence. Left to itself the cancer eventually becomes distributed throughout the body and lives at the body's expense. If not removed in time it overgrows the normal healthy life in its vicinity and causes the death of its victim, as the weed destroys the farmer's valuable crops.

Recognizing the presence and the evil of cancer it behooves all humanity to deal with it as the farmer deals with the weeds in his fields. A good gardener hoes his garden as rapidly as the weeds appear.

PROVINCE OF A NEWSPAPER

It would be comical, were it not some-
one besieged every day by their friends,
urging them to "roast" this and that; to
"see to it" that this and that is corrected;
to have this and that done in the city or
government. These friends actually appear
to believe that it is the newspaper's busi-
ness to handle all these affairs.

But a self-respecting newspaper, though
ready and willing to carry all reasonable
responsibility, must remind its readers that
they, the people, are authority upon whom
rests the responsibility for the present
state of affairs local, state and national.

A self-respecting newspaper tries to re-
port the news of what actually happens,
not what it might wish had happened.
The relation of a self-respecting newspa-
per to the general public is not always
understood. It is the duty of a newspaper
to be in a position to support any good
act and criticize any bad act of public
policy.



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This relationship cannot exist where
favours are asked and granted. Honesty
is the only policy for a newspaper.

If objectors don't like the way things
are going, they should qualify as voters,
and then raise Cain about it.

TOWN GROWTH

Some towns, like topsy, just grow up.
They concern themselves with neither di-
rection nor destination. They accept that
which comes to them unbidden and un-
sought. They build without thought of
present or future. If their streets are
straight and broad it is only because they
just happen to be so. If their commercial,
industrial and residential sections do not
encroach upon one another it does not
indicate that it is because forces have
been at work to prevent such encroach-
ment. If towns of this type grow and
prosper it is because they enjoy some pe-
culiar natural advantage which forbids
community stagnancy.

And then there is another type of town.
They have both direction and destination.
They seek out and bid to come that which
they otherwise would not be given the priv-
ilege of accepting. They build like the
engineer, giving thought to the unity of
the whole and the relationship of the com-
ponent parts. Their streets are purposely
straight and broad. They preserve well
defined boundaries between the residen-
tial commercial and industrial districts.
Even without the advantage of natural op-
portunities towns of this type grow and
prosper.

Thus it behooves every town to make
the best of what it has and then to dis-
cover more that it may make the best of
that also. Established communities are de-
prived the privilege of determining their
own beginnings but they are the masters
of their own destinies.

LIGHTING THE HIGHWAYS

Congestion of traffic and the increased
number of accidents and hold-ups along
state highways have created a demand
for the lighting of rural highways by the
state under much the same plan as new
roads are built and kept in repair, and a
bill is before the Ohio legislature to make
such a proposal effective. Ohio farmers
are expressing themselves as strongly in
far to seek. If the bill becomes a law it
will mean not only much needed lighting
along the busiest inter-city routes, but it
will also bring electricity, with all the
conveniences it makes possible, right to
the farmer's door.

General interest in highway lighting is
likely to develop rapidly from now on, and
it has already been undertaken on a wide
scale in some states. The time when prac-
tically all traveling was done along the
roads in daylight has passed. The high-
ways now are used for both freight and
passenger traffic 24 hours a day.

The things you think you get for noth-
ing cost more than those you think you
pay for.

Being hurt at times isn't half so pain-
ful as going through life afraid to try
anything.

A loafer usually wishes he was doing
something else.

He who laughs last forgets how before
his time comes.

Being your brother's keeper doesn't
mean keep his shirts.

Exercising develops, especially exercis-
ing your discretion.

Time now for the June brides to begin
selecting the grooms.

What really reduces reducers is worry
over what they can't eat.

A little trouble now and then is just
what makes the best of men.

Everybody's idea of a good time is
somebody's idea of a bad time.

Going to work isn't as good a habit as
working after you get there.

A man seldom turns a new leaf until
he has finished the old one.

The world's speediest stenographer
writes 9,120 words an hour, if anyone can
think of 9,120 words an hour that ought
to be written.

A CASE WHERE YOU LOSE IF YOU WIN

By W. R. MOREHOUSE
Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association
(This is one of a series of articles exposing the wiles of sharpers who are after your money.)

EVERY person who takes part in one of the many fake real estate raffles that are going on wins because there are no losers, regardless of the numbers they hold. The numbers, in fact, are only the bait to entice people into the scheme. The raffles are what might be termed "come-on" traps to catch investors. If you have ever tried your luck with a real estate raffle you doubtless felt like giving three cheers when advised that you had won, not knowing that in winning you had taken your first step toward being caught in the trap. You were momentarily over-
come with joy over your success which looked to you like the "luck of a lifetime."



W. R. MOREHOUSE

Puffed over your good fortune, you hastened out to inspect your newly acquired piece of property. A high-pressure salesman representing the syndicate that was "giving" you the lot walked by your side. After a tiresome trip through an undesirable district the salesman pointed out your new real estate holdings—a narrow, shallow lot, unimproved, uneven, and with no conveniences such as water, sewer, gas and electricity. Not even graded streets or sidewalks. Not worth its taxes!

Before you were fully awake to the fact that you had been tricked your attention was directed away from the unattractive landscape before you to another picture. You were shown another lot, ideal in its location with all modern conveniences soon to be installed, and told that if the lot you drew in the raffle was not entirely satisfactory you would be allowed a credit of \$250 for it on one of the more desirable lots being sold "to a few selected people as a special inducement and for a short time only." at the bed-rock price of \$950. You were urged to take advantage of your further good fortune at being thus selected and to seize the chance to buy one of these specially priced lots.



"I've won a building lot."

"Think of it!" exclaimed the high-pressure salesman. "It will take only \$700 cash as we are willing to allow you a credit of \$250."

Where You Begin to Lose

Perhaps, as you stood there, you began to suspect that other "winners" had come to view the same lot you had won. If you reached the conclusion that it was being repeatedly used as "bait" you were right. You realized that after all there is nothing free about so-called free things. But others, unfortunately less suspicious than you, would be impressed by the glow-

ing statements of the high-pressure salesman as to the value of the \$950 lot and his assurance that it must be double and treble in value, and would pay over the additional \$700—to secure lots worth less than half the price they paid for them! The few who would insist on receiving title to the lot won in the fake raffle would soon be silenced by the statement that it would be delivered to them upon payment of

certain expenses in connection with the transfer, which, however, would exceed the actual value of the prize lot. There is nothing to be gained in participating in fake real estate raffles. Raffles usually are only bait used to trap you. Of course, you win, but in winning you lose if you go through with it. Before drawing your money out of your savings account to go into a real estate scheme consult your banker or a Better Business Bureau to find out whether it is a bona fide plan. Spend time to save money!

HOW A FARMING COMMUNITY WAS REBUILT AGAIN

Glass factories and coal mines had kept the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker and the banker busy the year round in Point Marion Pennsylvania. Hired men left the farms followed by the farm owners to get their share of the attractive wages. Suddenly labor saving machinery was brought in to the old hand method window glass factories. The coal business took a drop and hundreds of people had to find new employment. Savings accounts dwindled. Deposits of the two banks dropped off almost a million dollars.

"Bring in more industries," was being sung at luncheon clubs all over the land, every town seemed to be advertising unlimited water supply, cheap fuel and free factory sites. Competition was keen and the reward doubtful.

The question came, "Why not stimulate the agricultural pursuits of the community which have lain dormant so long?" Farm income might be increased and production costs lowered in many instances.

The first move of one of the banks was the purchase of healthy chicks. These were furnished by the bank at wholesale to interested farmers, payment to be made by note payable in six months. The bank followed

through by aiding in the dissemination of culling and feeding knowledge and by helping to market the cockerels which in most instances paid the initial cost of all the chicks.

When the pumpkins began to turn yellow, plans were laid for a great community exhibit. Besides the poultry display, farm produce exhibits from the surrounding country were entered. Altogether it made an impressive exhibit, bringing home the lesson to Point Marion people that there were great undeveloped opportunities within their own doorways which they had overlooked.

The annual exhibit will be continued in the future by the bank. A horse show is sponsored, better seed corn and seed potatoes are made available to the farmers for planting and the bank will continue to build agriculture in the community as a sound basis on which to work. "It will probably be some time before we shall see larger fruits of our endeavors," the banker says, "but we are looking ahead ten to fifteen years."

THE NEW MENACE

Hitchhiking its way towards the nation's center, the European corn borer is threatening to destroy crops to the value of billions of dollars and chase skyward the cost of production. If it worms its way into the Wabash and Mississippi Valleys, it can readily float downstream, spread out and become more difficult to control. Proper cooperation of all concerned will, no doubt, enable us to continue to grow corn profitably.—Agricultural Bulletin, American Bankers Association.

Lodge Directory

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