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Students Cheat . . . Adults Blamed

Educators at the American Council on Education admitted that cheating had become a part of the American culture.

Even honor students cheat to keep themselves high on the deans list. Students taking the required courses get by the easiest way possible, even if it means cheating.

The educators softened this student condemnation by declaring that adults in the United States set a pretty shabby example.

Disregard of traffic laws, figuring ways to evade taxes, gloating over a clerk's mistake instead of returning the excess change, mob disobedience of court decisions, slick trading, keeping just inside the law—all help to support the notion that it's all right if you can get away with it.

A revival of church-going and cheating becoming a part of our culture at the same time is a strange combination. How incongruous can you get? While we are wrestling with momentous national and international problems we also need to tackle the far more elemental problem of basic individual integrity.

For many, Christianity has lost even its Old Testament morals. To a nation whose youth can accept cheating so casually on Monday after worshipping on Sunday, God must be saying "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting."

You who wonder what one person can do to make a difference in this complex age can start right here. You can refuse to cheat, and you can start a movement in your school to restore moral integrity.

Adults can be sure their conduct sets an example worthy to be followed by the young man in their household, on the street, and at their job.

—Texas Christian Advocate

Committee Reviews Needs of Youth

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of feature articles by Ann Sullivan on the newly released report of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, following two years of work and study by hundreds of people throughout the state of Oregon.)

Psychological needs of many Oregon children and youth are just not being met either by their own homes or the other institutions which contribute to family life education.

So relates the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth which has culminated two years of work in a report for Oregon.

What evidence brings the committee to make such a flat statement as above? Consider these:

1. The venereal disease rate among teenagers has increased greatly. Figures supplied by the Oregon State Board of Health show an incidence in 1950 of 40.3 cases of gonorrhea in all ages per 100,000 population, and 48.6 for the 15-19 age group. While the all-age incidence per 100,000 population increased to 53.1 in 1958, the teenage figures was a startling 171—a 350 percent increase against about 33 percent for all ages.

2. The rate of births to mothers not married to the fathers of their children increased in Oregon from 18.5 per 1,000 live births in 1950 to 28.8 per 1,000 in 1957 for women of all ages; against this is set an increase of 50 percent for girls under 20 and 52 percent for the 20-30 age group.

(The committee noted that it knew almost nothing about the abortion rate, especially among the teenagers in Oregon, and nothing about the amount of contraceptive information commonly shared among teenagers, or anything definite about the relationship between teenage pregnancies and "shotgun" marriages.)

3. There is an increase in the rate of teenage marriages. Between 1950 and 1958 these marriages in Oregon increased by one-third. The proportion of teenage brides increased from about 38 percent of all brides in 1950 to 43 percent in 1957.

4. There is an increase in the birth rates for teenage mothers. From 1950 to 1957 the crude birth rate dropped from 23.7 to 21.8 per 1,000. Within the same period, births to girls in the 15-19 age group increased from 92.9 per 1,000 to 116.4, a percentage gain of 25.3.

The committee notes that good families tend to reproduce themselves as children from them are married and in turn establish their own homes.

"Unfortunately," the report adds, "the same may be said of 'bad' families. They tend to reproduce themselves in successive generations."

The report points out that the "goodness" or "badness" of families to some extent are produced

or influenced by the total culture of the nation or the community, and to some extent by economic factors.

"But ultimately good and bad families result from what the individuals in them have learned about family relationships from life in their own families in childhood. In a sense, even that hard-to-define thing called personality, which influences so strongly the marital relations upon which the family is founded, is developed through learning."

The committee makes these recommendations, which in the report carry considerable amplification and explanation:

1. A carefully planned research program should be set up, testing among other things social and psychological causes for the phenomena, the weight of the drive for conformity among young people, evaluation of teenage marriages (good or bad), etc.

2. More family counseling services throughout the state.

There is almost a total lack in Oregon of family counseling agencies where families with difficulties could turn for help. There is no organized non-sectarian family agency except in the Portland area.

There is only limited unorganized service, totally inadequate because it lacks community backing and support. Children are directly affected by the tensions and turmoils of their parents. Many of them are deprived of one or both parents by separation or divorce, and the juvenile courts and other agencies "pick up the pieces" at great cost.

3. School counseling services under professionally trained personnel should be provided throughout the state. . . . Classroom teachers in Oregon are unable to get help in dealing with behavior problems because "counselors" are either poorly trained or non-existent.

4. It is recommended that institutions of higher education provide more adequate teacher training programs in relation to family life and sex education.

5. It is recommended that more parent education programs be provided throughout the state with respect to family life, child rearing and sex.

6. It is recommended that regional and local conferences and workshops promote part of communities and school administrations.

7. It is recommended that communities be led to recognize the need for better law enforcement, especially in connection with the rising rate of VD among teenagers.

From This Corner . . .

By T.M.B.

In spite of the severe weather that most of the nation has suffered the past two weeks, the friendly natives (those who have been here 10 years or more) tell us that spring is "just around the corner." Kinda reminds us of when Hoover was president and "prosperity was also just around the corner" and there was to be a chicken in every pot. We do hope our spring isn't as long coming as the other was in developing!

The farmers are busy getting crop land prepared and the seed in the ground just as rapidly as the weather will permit. Some say that we are way behind normal years in having the crops in and others say it is just as well to wait until the cold weather is over.

Spring doesn't have to be here to bring a change in our outlook. It is near enough that the merchants are beginning to lose their "winter" blues. The homeowner is busy raking, trimming his trees and getting his little plot of vegetable or flower ground ready. And on the inside, the "missus" is letting off steam by preparing for the general spring cleaning. This means going through everything in the house from the basement to the attic and discarding what is no longer needed. It also means scrubbing, washing, painting, and (at our house) the making of some new curtains. Hope does spring eternal!

Today (Friday, March 11) is probably an exciting time for quite a number of people in the county. It is the last time would be office seekers can file. We'll try to check tomorrow and get a complete list for all the offices.

A few politicians in the county may have a paradise—no opposition—but there are enough in some of the other races to more than make up for it. One county office seeker said the raise in pay for some of the county offices had been a big factor in creating so many qualified people for them. Anyway we are sure to hear some fine, straight-forward dodging of the issues.

And speaking of politicians and political parties . . . Did you ever suspect that Sen. Richard Neuberger had so many fine traits before he died? Even the opposition party has been very kind and found a lot of nice things to say about him. But then perhaps we should not confine it to politicians . . . most of us give bouquets to the dead instead of the living.

Ez Tike says anyone is welcome to borrow his lawn mower as long as they don't take it out of his yard.

Father: "Daughter isn't that young man rather fast?"
Daughter: "Yes, but I don't think he'll get away."

United States Comptroller General Campbell said one reason the soil bank program had been unsuccessful in holding down surpluses of farm crops was that of the 23 million acres the government paid on to keep out of crop production, approximately 5 1/2 million was already idle land that had not been producing crops.

Certain to become some of our most permanent fixtures are the temporary taxes proposed for government use now. The temporary gas tax will probably fall in this class. The president proposes increasing it again and there are plenty of people willing to go along with him on it. The temporary telephone tax was supposed to be a war emergency levy but it is still in effect. Congress did vote to let this 10 percent tax on local service expire on June 30, 1960, but President Eisenhower, in his recent budget message, asked congress to renege and let it expire a year later.

There seems to be some thinking that Gov. Hatfield might appoint a Republican to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Neuberger, in spite of the fact that Oregon law requires appointing another Democrat. No government official, national, state or local, has a right to choose which laws he will enforce under his oath of office. If that were true they might as well have the power of making the laws and eliminate our law making bodies.

The parents of a real nice girl asked her why she quit keeping company with a certain young man. Her reply was, "He kept whistling dirty tunes."

SHELBY, MONT. PROMOTER: "There are probably child TV viewers who believe that the human head is divided into little rooms, one with a hammer pounding away and another with the sparks flying; that the stomach is made of glass with a long crook-

ed tube leading into it; that the stomach has a cute little trap door that lets the good "B's" out and keeps the bad aspirins inside.

It takes little more effort to display good manners on the highway than it does in the home. Remember, you don't have to drive down the center line to prove you are sober.

(This didn't happen in a local cafe.) A customer had complained about the pastry. "I was making pastry before you were born," replied the indignant cook.
"Maybe," replied the customer, "but why sell it now?"

Wives may object to life insurance, but widows never do, and you find few old men who will say, "I bought too much life insurance."

You don't have to be a good Christian to learn that the expenses of the church go on just the same whether you are in attendance or not.

The Owyhee Chronicle carried a two page section on fertilizers, similar to that in the Journal last week. In "Scoop" Colley's column he said that he had been accused of spreading lots of fertilizer but he was just telling about it and leaving the actual spreading to those better qualified than he.

Then he wound up his column with this tale: A farmer used the word manure in front of his teenage daughter while some of her classmates were present. The girl protested to her mother later, "Can't you get daddy to say fertilizer?" she demanded tearfully. "What will my friends think?"

We'd better leave well enough alone," her mother declared. "It took me 10 years to get your father to say manure."

Methodist Ladies Hold Workshops At Weiser Meeting

Several ladies from the local Methodist church attended a western district WSCS meeting in Weiser, March 9. Those attending from Nyssa were the Mmes. W. W. Foster, Kinsey Keever, Orland Cheldelin, Clifford Fox, Paul Ludlow, Bill Barton and Rolland Laurance.

Mrs. Foster conducted a workshop on Christian social relations and Mrs. Keever was in charge of a workshop on supply work.

Featured speakers for the day were Dr. I. L. Shaver who has spent 40 years as a missionary to Japan, and Miss Lillian Bailey who has been working at the Jessie Lee home at Seward, Alaska who told of her experiences there.

A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of two special memberships. Mrs. F. M. Cole was presented with a life membership by Mrs. Ledru Williams, president of the Caldwell society, in behalf of that organization, and a baby membership was given to Rosanne McNeil, daughter of the Methodist minister at Vale. This membership was presented by Mrs. Earl Faw, president of the Vale society.

BUILDING FUND DINNER HELD AT BYBEE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bybee were hosts at a dinner Monday evening to raise money for the building fund for the LDS church.

There were 48 present and assisting were Mrs. Owen Froerer and Mrs. Donna Glenn. Approximately 130 women were in attendance during the day.

VISITS FROM HAWAII

Mrs. Pegi Fernandez of Honolulu, Hawaii, arrived Monday evening for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corey.

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Missionary to Speak Sunday at Adrian Community Church

Mrs. Margaret LaPorte, a missionary from Costa Rica, will be guest speaker at the Adrian Community church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service.

Mrs. LaPorte was reared at Buhl, Idaho, and graduated from the College of Idaho. During the war, Mr. and Mrs. LaPorte were missionaries to the Philippine Islands.

Owyhee Community Church News

Wednesday—Prayer meeting and Bible study was held at the John Price home.

We-Two has been postponed until Thursday, March 24, at the Jim Langley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kriner, Jr. and family left Wednesday for Klamath Falls to attend the wedding of her brother. They will return Saturday.

MISSIONARY GROUP MEETS WITH MRS. CHAS. BELFIELD

The Golden Hour Missionary chapter of the Nazarene church held its meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Belfield with Mrs. Roger Tucker assisting.

Mrs. Robert Martin was in charge of the meeting with Mrs. Kenneth Sanders leading devotions and Mrs. Joe Hobson giving the monthly emphasis. Mrs. Robert Jackson showed slides of the native workers in Africa.

NYSSA GROUP ATTENDS BIBLE TRAINING MEETING

The Jerry Cooper family and Nora Williams of Nyssa were among the 975 in attendance at a three day Bible training meeting for Jehovah's Witnesses held in Walla Walla, Wash., from Friday through Sunday.

Allen Jones visited his daughter, Carolyn, at Oregon State college last weekend.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Taylor and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Ontario, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of Nyssa were Sunday afternoon guests in the Russell Smith home following the sacred concert at the Church of the Nazarene.

Recent evening dinner guests at the Tom Eldredge home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eldredge, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Brown and Mrs. Mattie Sargent all of Fruitland.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Perrigo of Fruitland were guests March 6 of the Maurice Coreys. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Prun joined the party in the evening.

Mrs. Lena Stiner of Corona, Calif., left March 8 after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miner. She is the sister of Mrs. Freida Miner, mother of Harry Miner. Her brother, Otto Burki of Pierre, S. D., also visited a few days.

Sunday dinner guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jackson were Mr. and Mrs. John Grotteit, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tucker and Mrs. Roy Wild.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farr and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Weeks spent Sunday in Boise where they attended a Kansas dinner.

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