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The Bright Young Things

Every town has its very bright boys and girls and others who seem ordinary. The older folks like to figure out which of them will be the future presidents, orators, singers, business men, jailbirds and what not.

That is something very hard to tell in advance. Some of the most brilliant children have in a way burned themselves out before they got very far on the road to success, while others who showed great promise never even slackened their pace.

On the other hand, thousands of children with just a fair amount of wit have climbed to the dizzy heights. What is it that made them amount to so much? All children are pretty much alike. And so are most grown folks. There are a few tiny little differences in character and brains which make vast differences in wealth and fame.

If one could find out how these little secrets early in life, what a change there might be in careers! They are pretty simple, after all, according to people who ought to know.

First, a child nowadays needs all the education the parent can arrange to give. Things are different today, with millions of our youths in colleges and universities, and many more in night schools.

Only a generation ago, so few went to college that they were almost freaks. The young folks need some of their general knowledge, plus special training in some definite line of work.

Second, a child needs to acquire a lot of common-sense or grit. This is not so much as it is commonly supposed. The parents and teachers can help much, and the child can help even more.

Third, personality and strong character need to be developed for outstanding successes in most lines. Fourth, reasonably good health.

Fifth, and by no means last, there has never been discovered any real short cut for hard work. Whether a child gets the highest marks in school or not, if he develops the five points above, he is going to be mighty hard to stop.

Churches Beckon You

America's moral and spiritual literacy, as relating to the proportion of people who regularly attend churches, or church schools, is staggeringly low. According to data just released by the Bureau of Census, at least 82 per cent of our population is not receiving organized religious education, and the percentage by states varies from 70 to 91 per cent.

Modern one stops to consider the fact that the modern church is not the only mass center of getting over to people the value of Christianity, and compares the number of people who take advantage of this moral teaching with those who don't, one is amazed at the good results manifest in the social order.

One must, of necessity, then pay homage to mankind's inherent sense of right and wrong—for certainly the earth's inhabitants have gone quite a way up the scale of human relationship since first they glimpsed the nature of good and evil.

In America, at least, the potentialities of applied Christianity promise great things for man as he makes the ladder of moral and spiritual education. With only 18 per cent of the people of the United States regular attendants of churches, what a challenge exists before the churchmen of this country! And what a glorious reward is theirs when they shall be able to claim a greater proportion of men and women, boys and girls, as regular communicants.

The Power Of The Film

February is important in the history of the world's fourth industry, that of the moving picture. 76 years ago this month the inventor of the moving picture, Jean A. LeRoy, was born. Thirty-six years ago marks the invention of the movie.

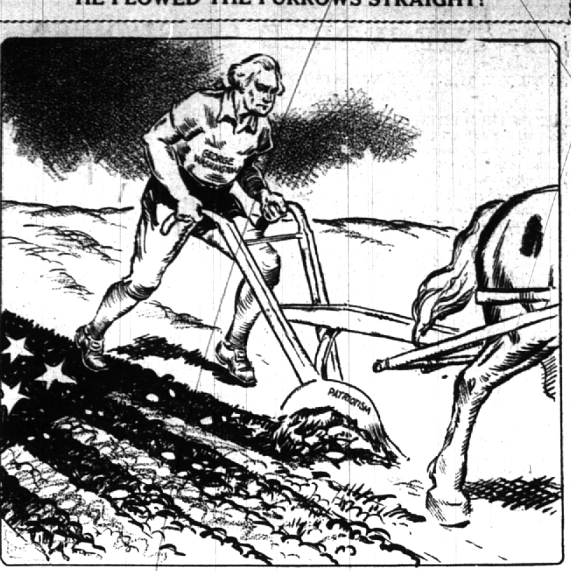
Twenty-two years ago the first movie was filmed in Hollywood. One year ago "Lights of New York" was shown at the Birmingham Theatre. It was the first all-talking picture to be exhibited here.

Since the invention of this popular form of entertainment there has been consistent improvements until now we enjoy pictures in natural color, talking, singing, dancing—there just doesn't seem to be anything left to add, unless it be the third dimension.

This medium has done much to advance civilization and culture. It has brought before our eyes the great personalities of the world. It is a broadening force in this living age. Its inventor says, "In the wake of the world war, the motion picture is a building sentiment for peace." Indeed, it is a mighty factor in the world's thinking than we realize.

MOST OF HUMANITY BELIEVES localities where a little thinking is necessary may be worse than any other. They are not only a good business, all right, but not enough of a politician to know what to do in a political emergency, whatever that is, if it is any distance from a business emergency.

HE PLOWED THE FURROWS STRAIGHT!



The Other Chap Says Something

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM By HERBERT S. CASE in MUNSTING (MICH.) NEWS

What follows is merely a gleaming of things observed and felt during a 10-days trip to and from Detroit. The writer writes them down he knows not why, and after reading, the readers may also be in a like state of mind.

First, as a note of warning. If you drive a 10-gallon capacity car, be sure and look at the gas tank before attempting to get on to the ferry at St. Ignace. We did not.

Result: five o'clock in the morning the ferry was washed on the ferry at this side and off at Mackinac. No amount of pleading and threatening could arouse a sleepy garage man at St. Ignace sufficiently to have him unload his pump.

On leaving the train ferry, one of the lesser officers called a farewell—Now go and tell your friends what rotten service you were given on the railroads' boat. We had been given excellent service.

In Detroit we had a long visit with William A. Comstock, gentleman, friend, and twice Democratic candidate for governor. It has been our fortune, or misfortune, to have been assigned to cover many a candidate's campaign.

One thing will always stand out keenly in our memory about Bill Comstock. With him day and night for months during a bitter campaign, and representing a paper decidedly opposed to him, he never once asked for a favor or requested that an article be written for him.

Thousands are out of work in Detroit. Conditions are bad, and will be for some time to come in that city. Even the blind pigs would over 600 others clamoring for an admittance. But friendship and patriotism are not different things.

The keynote of Bowles' majority speech was economy. His inaugural ball must have cost thousands. But economy never begins at home.

Others wonder, too. Not a nice thing to say about the man who invited us to his inaugural ball, but there were over 600 others clamoring for an admittance. But friendship and patriotism are not different things.

Good old Tom Brennan is assistant administrator in charge of prohibition for Michigan. He lives in a shoe. The prohibition agents are epine upon by special agents, the Emperor Augustus Caesar leaned back in his chair and put his sandaled feet up on the table.

He had had some stuffed nightingale tongues from Northern Europe, some almonds and tiny birds eggs from the Orient, and some Portuguese wine for his dinner. He pushed his diadem over on one ear, and stuck his thumb under his toga up under the arm-pits. All he needed to complete the picture was a big fat cigar.

Call in Salvonus! he shouted. "I guess I'll give him that story of my life for his manuscript. A Salvonus stepped in gingerly. He beamed when he saw the Emperor feeling so jovial and Democratic. "Hello, Salv, old kid, got your penmanship all right?"

"Sure, Emp, let's go on with your life history," practiced Salvonus. "Well, to begin with you can say I studied my lessons hard in Illyricum," started Augustus.

INQUARTON LAKE ESTATES A new colonial brick house on Puritan Road, just south of Oak Street, three blocks from the new Quorton School. Five bedrooms—three baths—large living room—dining room—book room—games room, two-car built-in garage, on a site 90x150.

Colgrove Buck & Tillotson REALTORS Phone 830 The "Big Shots" Say: Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce: "The only sound that really counts is the clang of shovels and cash register bells."

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Kidding The Great Ones Emperor Augustus Caesar leaned back in his chair and put his sandaled feet up on the table. He had had some stuffed nightingale tongues from Northern Europe.

Who's Who and Timely Views SELF-RULE FOR PHILIPPINES URGED AS EXPERIMENT By ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG Senator from Michigan (Arthur H. Vandenberg was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., March 22, 1884.)

Who's Who and Timely Views (Continued) I think the shortest cut to Philippine independence is the direction of a specific trial, which shall produce facts instead of speculations as the basis for action.

Who's Who and Timely Views (Continued) The native legislature would have its own tariff laws. These would become progressively applicable to the United States, and American tariffs would apply reciprocally against Philippine imports.

Who's Who and Timely Views (Continued) When the Philippines are free, they must face our protected markets and they must be ready to protect their own markets. This cannot be done overnight.

Who's Who and Timely Views (Continued) Those who lost out on the stock market probably realize by this time that the race does not always go to him who waits at the tape. Also, those who frequent the pit may find the devil.