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Not Men But Machines

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University warns that vocational training is quite distinct from education and should always be subordinated to the methods and ideals of liberal education.

The veteran educator also takes occasion to denounce so-called progressive education as "a mass reactionary philosophy" and admits difficulty in understanding how such a "preposterous doctrine" ever received acceptance by intellectual minds.

We are not expert enough upon educational problems to exactly define the "progressive method," but we understand that it has had quite a vogue in this nation. While it may contain some improved techniques in imparting information to students, there is grave danger that moral, social and spiritual values will be overlooked in the process of making education efficient.

Rigorous Diets

Women and young girls all over the country have gone crazy on the subject of reduction in weight. Every one of them who imagines that she is a few pounds heavy and a svelte-like figure plans to cut down food in order to take off the excess.

Well, it is rather risky, ladies. You don't have to take our word for it. Consult your doctor. Few women are dieticians of sufficient experience to know how to properly diet themselves. Nine times out of ten the careless "diets" result in more fat, or at least no reduction, but are accompanied, it is feared by medical authorities, with nervous diseases and a general weakening of the body.

One way to reduce is to take more exercise. Try that before you cut out food. Of course, we know that most people eat too much and could eliminate some poundage by eating properly, but to reduce severely the diet is positively dangerous.

The Honor of the Family

There are many types of people to make up the population of the globe. For oddity we would call attention to the father in Indiana who killed his son because he thought the youth had disgraced the family name.

The youngster, it seems, had been discharged twice by the merchant marine for overstaying his leave. The middle-aged parent considered this a reflection on the family honor and shot the son, inflicting a mortal wound.

Let's not get into a discussion as to the morality of the killing. Few individuals would consider that the father had any. What interests us is the intensity of the parent about the family honor. Regardless of his stern and criminal deed, the old man had something.

GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING is never so beneficial as getting something for something. Rewards that come without effort are, indeed, often harmful gifts.

A BARNFLY, UNLIKE A BARNFLEA, is one who flits from biters to worse.

Adams P.T.A. Plans Summer Roundup

The Adams School kindergarten room will be the scene of lively activity Friday afternoon, May 18, bridging the gap between home and school and to ease the beginners to the next fall gathering for their acquainted visit.

The summer roundup is sponsored by the Parents Teacher Association. It is the occasion for parents and children to learn ways of cooperation in the home and school and to ease the beginners to the next fall gathering for their acquainted visit.

All parents who have children old enough to enter kindergarten next fall are invited to attend. An effort has been made to reach all parents concerned. If you do not receive a direct invitation to come, please feel free to come.

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Whence All But He Had Fled



Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO May 16, 1895 "Some time this year as if everybody was riding a new wood trim bicycle."

"Base ball game did not materialize last Saturday owing to heavy rains."

"The horrible tramps were seen riding down our woodshed this week. No bites broken—no damage."

"The drowning season was a little backward this year, but it opened with a rush that promises good business for coroners and undertakers."

"Superstitious folk will not overlook the injury of 113 persons by the break on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad."

"Mrs. Frankie Shain is the welcome guest of Mrs. Thomas Eides at Fort Huron where she will visit for the next week or two and from the last reports she was having a really enjoyable visit."

"We don't care how much those Troy men rob each other, but they must not molest the residents of Bloomfield, and we have been notified that anyone caught 'Crunching' around Will Walker's wagon will be caught with out any notification and they will not be allowed to balance the account with Armstrong's best cheese. It don't go. Cheese it!"

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Recreation Board Seeking Leaders

An excellent opportunity is offered to college students returning home for summer to gain experience and enjoy good outdoor recreation with the Birmingham Recreation Board summer program. The Recreation Board personnel committee, headed by Mrs. Richard Johnstone, is now taking applications for personnel in connection with the eight-week playground program, beginning the middle of June and carrying through until the end of August.

The committee is particularly anxious to receive applications from Birmingham residents who are qualified as playground supervisors and swimming pool instructor. Anyone interested may call Mrs. Johnstone, Birmingham 4095. It is also suggested that parents who consider this might be of interest to their son or daughter now in school should secure an application from Mrs. Johnstone. It is expected that the selection for playground and swimming pool instructors will be made on or about June 1st. Those who are selected will be given a special three-day course of training and instruction before the program starts.

TO TOUR HOSPITALS Betty Roberts, wife of T. Melbourne Roberts, 1717 Yosemite drive, leaving May 20 on a visit to various government hospitals in the East and South to study rehabilitation work among the servicemen. She plans to use this information as the basis of a series of lectures for next fall and winter. Mrs. Roberts has been selected for Radio Station WJBK for the past several years and has talked before many groups in Birmingham. During her tour she plans to visit several hospital members and veterans.

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Wasting electricity wastes badly needed coal. Trout and tomatoes... Here is a delicious point-free meal recommended by our Home Service Department: Baked Trout with Tomato Sauce

2 lb. trout 1/2 lb. butter 2 cups tomatoes 1 cup water 1 fresh onion 3 cloves 1/2 tsp. sugar 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. pepper

Cook tomatoes, water, onion, cloves and sugar in a saucepan 20 minutes. Melt butter and pour over the tomatoes. Add trout and season with salt and pepper. Clean fish, put in shallow baking pan, pour half the sauce over the fish and bake 30 minutes, basting often. Remove to hot platter, pour remaining sauce over the fish and garnish with parsley.

COAL FOR NEXT WINTER... The Government's program to save coal by conserving electricity has achieved worthwhile results - but the summer peak still affects us. Every ton of coal saved now will be needed to tide us over next winter. To give you an idea of how much coal is burned in making electricity, consider this fact: The coal needed to supply just one Edison power plant for a year would fill a train 93 miles long. Save electricity wherever you can, as much as you can.

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