

Human beings of different ages have different attitudes toward many situations in life. Youth, inexperienced, often are inclined to act like middle-aged folk, so youth's inclinations must be guided carefully by adults.

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By G. R. A.

THREE WISE "CANNOTS" — What our children of today are taught will determine the way of life this nation will have in ten years ahead. Nothing, therefore, could be more important to the future welfare of the people of America than the substance of education that will be given to the 25,000,000 youngsters who enrolled in our schools last September. A sound observation regarding one phase of this education has been made by Moore C. Schinnerer, superintendent of the Cleveland (Ohio) schools.

John W. Studabaker, chairman of the "Scholastic Magazines" editorial board and former U. S. Commissioner of Education, comments Dr. Schinnerer's statement, and I hope it will be read by all parents and teachers, by everybody who is interested in teaching of economics, Dr. Schinnerer wrote. "It is not directed just to the teachers of economics, but to all teachers. It is directed to all teachers because the job that needs to be done cannot be done by just the teachers of economics."

THERE IS a colossal oversupply of people in my country who never discovered some of the basic principles of economics or think that the economic laws have been repealed. We hear much wailing that the schools have failed in this regard and the cry for required courses in economics. We have failed—in school and out—but the answer is not in re-entrant courses.

"The answer, in my opinion, lies in a continuous effort to inculcate in children, from the kindergarten through high school, some basic and very simple facts. There are three things which should be taught to every child to understand and if these three are ingrained, we can leave the more complicated principles to the experts.

NO. 1: You can't get something for nothing. Too many think they can. That is the basis of gambling and most speculation. Giving a thing for nothing in school that is earned is proving that the student can get something for nothing. This is a bad business. When parents urge a son to buy a car, they should urge something which is earned. One thing that is not to be understood is that it puts into it. Only parasites get something for nothing.

NO. 2: You can't spend more than you have and remain solvent. This is the basic principle of borrowing, the more impossible it becomes to keep afloat. Know any one who leads a mortgaged car on a new one and has both a newer car and a bigger mortgage? The second car is full of cash people. It is bad economics. It is somewhat like a drug addiction. This applies to a person, a business, or a government.

NO. 3: You cannot equalize ability by help-up systems. It is wrong to expect as much from a youngster with a low I. Q. as is expected from a youngster with a high I. Q. It is wrong to set up handicaps so that they come out even. Leave that for the exclusive use of the racing steeplechase. Competition still has a place in America, thank goodness, and I don't see it any other way.

"In every school day, there are numerous incidents in each student's school experience where these three fundamentals are present. Just repeatedly bringing them to the pupils' attention will work wonders. If all our people accepted these three economic axioms and lived by them, we would live in an economic paradise."

AS I HAVE written them down here, it seems to me that Dr. Schinnerer's three fundamentals are lessons on which we all need to be refreshed—especially in a world in which glittering promises of something for nothing are being made by the Socialists and Communists and their dupes.

Try to get these three fundamentals propounded to one America's top public school educators.

(Contributed by Dr. George S. Benson, President, Harding College, Searcy, Ark.)

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Serving the Citizen, of Michigan's Finest Suburban Residential Area

Start Tuesday On \$186,338 UF Campaign

Bigger in every way—in quota, needs, scope and number of workers—the 1954 Torch Cross campaign will start Tuesday in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area. Volunteers will meet for their kickoff luncheon Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Cranbrook school gymnasium, Orchard Ridge and Lone Pine roads.

The campaign will extend for three and one-half weeks to raise a local share of \$186,338 of the metropolitan Detroit goal of \$1,250,000. Scope of the local effort is broader this year because of the participation of the American Red Cross in the campaign.

In joining in this fall campaign, the Oakland county chapter, A.R.C., will not require an independent campaign next spring. "IN ADDITION, a much better job is done for all the agencies, many of which are too small or too specialized to be able to do an adequate fund-raising job for themselves. The whole nation is turning to our system, which is considered to be the most efficient humanitarian program yet developed."

More than 60 meetings are being completed during the next week in homes of captains and volunteers throughout the area, with teams of trainers outlining the program to the hundreds of volunteers gathering in "living room" training sessions. "The business and industry drive will be launched two weeks early to provide extra time needed for chapter organization, continuing with steadily improving results.

According to John K. Stevenson, general campaign chairman, the real success of the drive will depend on the residential campaign. The larger quota, combined with the tremendous growth in the number of homes in the area, heightens the task of the volunteers this year. "Homemakers again will be asked to make personal contributions of their own, even where the wage earner participates in chapter plans or contributes otherwise at his work."

"In every sense, this is a personal campaign, a direct approach of neighbor to neighbor in a joint effort to raise the funds we need for health and welfare," Stevenson said. "By doing the job on a personal basis, we can make more contributions of our own."

As Birmingham-Bloomfield area Republicans prepare for the final three weeks of the 1954 campaign, new leaders have been elected or appointed to key positions. The Birmingham Republican committee elected Dorr Lovett, 1189 Stanley, as chairman to succeed Allen Harwood. Harwood continues as a member of the organization but is prevented by the pressure of business duties from full participation in the current campaign.

The Birmingham Republican committee does not feel that this is an "off-year" election, Lovett declared. "We are intensifying our efforts in a drive to encourage the strongest Republican turnout in Birmingham history."

GORDON GETSINGER, 1445 W. Square Lake, has been appointed to leadership of the Republican club in the Bloomfield area. He also will serve as captain in precinct one of Bloomfield township. Henry Woolfenden, Kensington road, Bloomfield Hills, president of the racing steeplechase. Robert J. Johnson, 20553 Thirteen Mile road, captain in the other three precincts are Jamie Martin, 456 Tibbury, Bloomfield Village, Mrs. C. C. Lincoln, 371 Crabtree, Wing Lake, and John Livingstone, 71 Hershkiser, Bloomfield township. The new leader in Southfield township is Robert J. Johnson, 20553 Thirteen Mile road.

Two Very Wet Weekends Precipitate Decision

Like to water the patch of new grass? Want to wash the car this Saturday? Feel like hosing down the basement? Go ahead, Mister—it's okay. City Manager D. C. Egbert this week removed the restrictions on sprinkling which he imposed 19 weeks ago, on June 1.

"This year's dry spell is about over, I reckon," said Egbert as he looked out his office window and through the misty pour trying to see the Michigan Bell office across the street.

HIS ADMINISTRATIVE assistant, Jack Walker, then reminded him the boss of the previous weekend when the 50-year precipitation record was drowned under 1.55 inches of rain which fell in an hour and 20 minutes. "Yeah, and look at what's happened in Chicago this past weekend," added Egbert. "Seems safe to lift the ban, doesn't it?" "Sure does," seconded Walker. "But place a note in my tickler file along about next June 1—may need to dust off the ordinance again," said Egbert, with another look out his rain-streaked window. Until this week, Birmingham householders were under ordinance to use only necessary water, and to sprinkle their lawns only every other day.



DEFENSE SECRETARY CHARLES E. WILSON Leaves church after Mason rites. (Eccentric Photo)

Hundreds Pay Tribute to Mason

Among the some 700 persons who paid final tribute to the late George W. Mason Monday at funeral services Christ Church Cranbrook, were many area residents, headed by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, W. Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills. Last rites for the president and chairman of the board of Chrysler corporation, P. J. Eby, president of the Chase bank in New York, J. T. Wilson, chairman of the First National Bank, Kenosha, Wis.; B. B. Geyer, president of Geyer Agency, Inc.; H. G. Perkins, vice president of American Motors.

George W. Romney, American Motors executive vice president; Dr. Alexander C. Keithven, former president of the University of Michigan; Ernest C. Kander, chairman of Universal C.I.T. Credit corporation; and A. E. Holton, president of Essex Wire.

A Sellout Audience Awaits Miss Skinner

With a complete sellout of season tickets marked up months ago, Birmingham's recently formed Town Hall is anxiously awaiting its first program on Oct. 22 at the Birmingham theater. Sponsored by St. Anne's Guild of St. James Episcopal church, the first guest will be Cornelia Otis Skinner, noted monologist, in her original work, "Mansion on the Hudson."

Speaking before a meeting of 300 Republican leaders, including Edward E. Wilson, son of the secretary and Republican chairman of Oakland county, Feikens said, "I am an angry man tonight. I am angry at the loss of the Democratic party in Michigan—Walter Reuther—for his demagogic, foolish, ever-gained by the Communist Russians?"

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All This Water Wastens Action On Giant Sewer

Officials On 12 Towns To Confer

County and local government officials now are ready to push construction of the Twelve Town Drain District's sewerage multimillion dollar project that would mean relief of flooding in South Oakland County's twelve communities. By NORMAN DOUGLAS

After seven years intensive work in an area sewer system study, officials involved will unveil the structure of the supplemental system to the legislative body of the twelve municipalities seeking inclusion in the project. A meeting in Berkeley, Oct. 21. "Continual and heavy fall rains in the area during the past 30 days have heightened the need for a more adequate storm sewer system to serve South Oakland County."

FLOODED basements in the majority of local communities last week caused thousands of dollars in property damage while increasing building activity in the area threatens to further overload present sewers.

Bodies area city managers and their longshore who will study and help explain the project, the advisory committee will also present Homer Clark, of the engineering firm of Hubbell, Roth and Clark the project's consulting engineers; and Oakland County Drain Commissioner Ralph Main.

Since the close of World War II, construction of area administrators has been actively promoting construction of the long-talked-about sewer system. The cities of Birmingham and Royal Oak in 1947 petitioned the county drain commission for construction of sewers through Royal Oak to assure adequate capacities of storm water runoff.

THIS PETITION was held in the drain office until a study could be made of the entire southeastern portion of the county. The project has been rumored to be anywhere between \$13 million and \$30 million.

The system actually would be constructed parallel to existing drains. It would serve Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Berkley, Oak Park, Clawson, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak township, Southfield Township and a portion of Lathrup Village.

The system, like the present network of South Oakland County drains, is to be built by the Red Run drain and into the Clinton River. STEEL SOME discussion on the size of the various drains and their resultant costs, according to City Manager Donald J. Egbert. "But it's difficult to guess the amount of water and the rate of rainfall in any given storm," he continued. "Chicago engineers discovered that while they believed their sewers were constructed to take in maximum storm, the system has completely over-taxed in the fall early this week."

PTA Hears Deputy

Kenneth Brown, deputy superintendent of schools for Oakland County, was guest speaker at the first meeting of the season for Hickory Grove PTA on Tuesday. He discussed the "Organization and Responsibility of School Administration for Oakland County" and explained the Conlin Tax Plan.

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NAMED PRESIDENT of American Motors Corporation, is George Romney of Vaughan road, Bloomfield Hills. One of the nation's youngest top executives, Romney became executive vice president of the organization last May with the merger of Nash-Kelvinator and Hudson Motor Car Company. He succeeds George Mason, who died suddenly Friday.

To Erect Stores At Corner of Hunter, Webster

Plans for construction of a business block at the northeast corner of Hunter and Webster moved a check for \$14,000, the estimated cost of the drive. The firm owns the block bounded by Hunter, Webster, Worth and an alley 200 feet north of Webster.

A spokesman for the company said negotiations are underway with several possible tenants, and their needs would determine the actual size and type of buildings to be erected. "But there will be adequate off-street parking provided," he emphasized.

THE COMMISSION also authorized City Manager D. C. Egbert to develop plans for the sale of some city-owned Hunter frontage immediately south of Webster, and to plan for an access drive to connect to one already to the north.

As further insurance against financial involvements in a lawsuit, commissioners are considering seriously the possibility of issuing enough to revenue bonds to finance the Merrill-Pierce lot—estimated at \$250,000—then retiring the debt 50 per cent from parking meter revenues, and the other half from assessments against benefited businesses.

IN THIS manner, it is believed, the city will be able to build the lot and use it although the debt might decide later the city should find a different method of paying for it.

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Feikens Criticizes Reuther's Insincerity

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STRICTLY FRESH

Could mascot of Britain's Princess Margaret be said to be the best accident preventer they've ever had? Most drivers in the outfit have to care for the animal. Fully ahead of us usually has ours, but it never improves him.

Lady in Toronto, Ont., heard an awful racket in the bird cage, and found that her pet budgie had grabbed a birdseed-stealing mouse. THAT bird hadn't been eating birdseed. Cow in Mount Airy, N. C., drank nearly five gallons of kerosene the other day, but owner says, that advises anyone smoking to steer clear of bossy.

