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MILITARY TRAINING CAMP

The opportunity to join one of the Federal Military Training Camps, at which 30,000 young men will study military science this summer, should be regarded as a privilege.

Every young man of spirit ought to consider fitting himself to serve his country. This is one of the essentials of manliness. The youth of the land are coming to the front, and they are taking up the burdens of the community, and gaining the benefits of the efforts made by previous generations.

The young man who is proud and pleased to assume these new responsibilities, and do his share to carry them along, should feel that national defense is one of the elements of his function as a citizen. Life will never be satisfactory in a country where the young men refuse to protect it, and will not prepare themselves to take care of it in all emergencies.

Young men who attend these camps will feel all their lives that they have had a valuable experience. They will be proud to think that they have fitted themselves to do their share in the defense of the land if it should ever be attacked. The chances of further wars in their time are not great, but even if there were serious danger of trouble, they should be all the more ready to come to their country's assistance.

The training to be offered will also be a help to young men in whatever career they enter. It will benefit their health, give them a fine military appearance, train their mental faculties, fit them for leadership in whatever circumstances they may confront. The government generally pays all expenses, so that these fellows get free vacations, valuable educations, and a lot of fun and experience for nothing. It's a great chance.

COLLEGE ATHLETIC REFORM

An athletic coach once tried to have certain events removed from the schedule of a track meet, because his college team had no chance of winning those events. In commenting on his action, he said: "Don't let anyone fill you up with any of this sport for sport's sake stuff. You go into sport to win."

That is the attitude that most college authorities are trying to combat. College sport must not become, like horse racing, a duel, between paid experts, experts some of whom are willing to resort to fair or foul means to win. Of course there should be no sport without the desire to win, but a spirit of broad-minded sportsmanship instead of narrow professionalism should prevail.

Still the reformer must remember that Jack's brain will be steeped in dullness if he has no play, and that the best argument in favor of athletics is the condition and character of the boy who takes no part in them. The bored and bilious soda sucker, the armchair athlete, who spends his recreation hours discussing the relative abilities of strong men, whom he does not dare to emulate; the social "snake" who copies the weaker members of the fair sex in softness of living, all these are fellows who have never known the thrill of fighting athletically for their college. Professional coaching or not, athletics are really serving a good purpose if they succeed in partly doing away with these types.

Biologist believe that the human race may bring about its own downfall eventually, if people refuse to take vigorous exercise. Rome and Greece ceased to flourish when their young men no longer had to keep in physical training to fight the neighboring peoples. In our days, when a keen brain, an automobile, and a tailor made suit of clothes win more gold than physical strength, it may be that we are approaching the same decadence. One should therefore frown on any attempt to curb athletics or interest in them, although favoring a better spirit of sportsmanship.

Torrance Fiesta, August 15-19

TORRANCE NEWS

Miss Genevieve Harmon, of Los Angeles, is the guest of Mrs. W. W. Woodington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodington, of Arlington avenue, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Woodington, of Huntington Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Arcene Woodington, of Montebello.

The J. T. Wise property on Andree avenue has been leased by Mr. and Mrs. Swinney, who will live there during the time. Mr. and Mrs. Wise are visiting in the east.

Through someone's blunder Dr. N. A. Leake's two houses on Arlington avenue were built on the wrong lots, and are now being moved by Coy Farquhar, of Harbor City.

THE DEMAND FOR EDUCATION

Pessimists who think the young people are showing deterioration, might well consider the spectacle presented at the colleges.

This is called a materialistic age, and it is considered that most people are thinking only of money. Any college worthy to be called by that name presents a course in which materialistic thought is retiring to the background. There are few studies that relate directly to business. The student is given instruction in history and literature and languages and philosophy, and a wide range of by-branches that should make broader and better men and women.

Practical people sometimes claim that these courses do not prepare for life, and demand that these instructions take on business studies. Yet the college persist in this broad and independent outlook, and try not so much to make business successes, as to send out men and women who are intelligent and patriotic citizens, with a generous conception of obligations to the community.

Do we find these young folks, whom some folks consider vapid and superficial, scorning these courses as too intellectual and spiritual for their supposedly light heads? By no means. These colleges offering these broadening courses are besieged with applicants. Some of the older and more famous ones are turning away more students than they receive, and the newer and less noted ones are filling up with unwonted numbers.

Some folks may think that a college education will bring them business success. But even if their motive is only that, it indicates serious purpose. They want to fit themselves to render service that will command recognition. A generation of young folks so much interested in higher education is not so degenerate as some may think. Only a small proportion of the young people go to college, but the majority would jump at the chance if they had the money.

BUSINESS CENTERS

The business center of a city is a kind of mirror that reflects to a considerable extent the character and purposes of that community. As a rule when you have a shabby business center, you have a poor and undesirable town. If you have a well-built and cared for center, you have an advancing community.

The leading business men of every community should consider that the development of an attractive center is one of the essentials of civic progress, and should invest a fair share of their savings in substantial buildings that would furnish suitable trade accommodations and make their city look like a live one.

When new buildings are called for they should make an effort to have unsuitable old structures removed and attractive ones put in their places. Such property in a live town is a good investment, it grows more valuable as time goes on, and it gives one a sense of pride and achievement to make such a contribution to the welfare of his home community.

MAN COMPARED TO ANIMAL

Man may be likened to a composite of all the traits of the animal kingdom for, as the highest type of evolution, he possesses the attributes of all the rest. One goes through life like a jack-ass, kicking all the time and braying that he may hear the sound of his own voice. Another showing the lion strain, dominating and forcing his way through all the obstacles. There is one other whose disposition scorns the gentle courtesy of the deer, but rather affects the gruffness of the bear, with his self-sufficiency?

Another in adversity may show the endurance of the camel; another the ferocity of the tiger; while yet another, in the consummation of his plans, may show the cunning of the fox. Some have not genius yet succeeds with the industry of the beaver, while others take all before them like the eagle soaring aloft and looking down below. Some are swine in the extent of their selfishness and others partake of the cowardly nature of the wolf; while others have the lordly mastery of the moose. Some we find with the slow movements of the snail, while others possess the treachery of the snake.

THE SHINY AUTOMOBILE

Millions of people of limited incomes are keeping automobiles. Some of them feel at times that the machine is beyond their means. Yet it seems to do the family so much good that they dislike to give it up.

Such folks often feel envious as they look at newly painted and shiny automobiles with which the streets are filled, while their faithful old car is weather beaten and dingy. They sometimes feel lacking in self-respect, as they drive their ancient machine among those of later vintage and more glorious appearance.

Yet they should hold up their heads. Their credit at the grocery store may be better than some of those whose motors suggest freer spending. The first purpose of an automobile is not to dazzle the onlookers with new paint, but to reach destinations and enjoy unfamiliar scenes.

SPREADING MISINFORMATION

It is amazing how much misinformation is spread around by a type of orators and so called thinkers who are trying to create class warfare. They sling around their alleged facts, and many people can not say positively whether the things they report are correct or not.

At the present time, for instance, many apostles of unrest are claiming that the failure to recognize the soviet government in Russia as the government of that country, and to do business with it is causing industrial depression in this country. Many of them go so far as to say it is the leading cause of the business troubles that occurred last year, the affects of which have not been wholly removed as yet.

Many a man who does not make a specialty of public questions, is nonplussed when he hears a statement like that. He does not believe it, but can't positively deny it on the spot.

Secretary Hoover exposed this ludicrous fallacy the other day when he stated that Russia was running full blast previous to revolution, that country only bought one per cent of the exports of the United States. The trade that this created would have only supplied enough business to employ 30,000 of our people. Manifestly such trade as this would be only a drop in the bucket.

The industries of Russia have been destroyed by the soviet government and it will be many years before their trade gets back to pre-war figures, even if their government was fully recognized. But the people will keep on making these preposterous statements, and some folks will keep on believing them. Fortunately more people are reading newspapers and magazines than ever before, and those who can size up information of this kind for its real worth are growing more numerous.

STYLE AND SUCCESS

It was an interesting note in the daily news, when the dispatches informed this country that J. P. Morgan, who is attending the international financial conference at Paris, came and went in an old taxicab that looked as if it were about ready to fall to pieces. Meanwhile the other delegates all used handsome automobiles.

A simialar indifference to style is often manifested by the men of fame and fortune. Meanwhile clerks often dress better than the heads of corporations. They defend seeming extravagances by saying that the man who has arrived can do as he likes, but while he is only starting he must make a good appearance.

But some go so far in their effort to create an impression, as to give a splurge effect. The man who seems to be throwing around money does not impress business people with the idea that he will be a good manager for other folk's interests.

Some slow thinking people are urged to soak their heads, but cooking the people is more popular.

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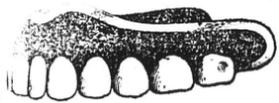
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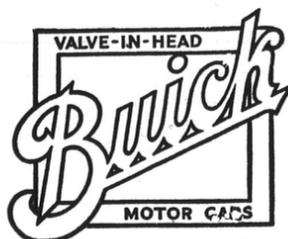
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