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MOTHER'S DAY

The American people are said to be materialistic, but also they are emotional and full of sentiment. One of their most deeply cherished feelings is the reverence that they cherish for their mothers. This sentiment is probably more powerful in this country than anywhere else, since our country gives the highest respect to womanhood. In no country in the world are women given such favorable opportunities as come to them here, and at the hight of all honors are placed the mothers of the nation.

The untiring devotion of these women for their children is the finest phase of human nature. Modern life has many faults, and many people are frivolous and are pursuing too low aims. But there are few women who fail to spend themselves to the limit for their children, and a great many wear themselves out in the way they lavish affection and effort on them.

Most women deny themselves things they ought to have, so that their children can have everything they desire. They go without pleasures and opportunities, stint themselves on clothing and sometimes on food, so that they can provide the children not merely with the things they need, but with luxuries and superfluities.

When the world turns against anyone, and people seem to be to blame for the things they have done, their mothers will always find excuses to tolerate their faults.

People often get discouraged about the future of the young folks, when they see many of them misbehaving. But this devotion of motherhood is a powerful force that is all the time working to make better young people. Even when people do wrong and get into trouble, the memory of the hopes and ideals their mothers cherished for them, is a force that tends to draw them back from their errors. Well can we take one Sunday in the year to do honor to this noble sentiment of motherhood.

HOME TRADING

The advantages of trading at home in the stores of a community like Westminster are so practical and obvious, that it seems strange that some people always feel that they must go elsewhere for a certain proportion of their purchases. The feeling prevails among some, that the larger place they go to buy stuff, the better they do with their money.

That idea ignores the fact that the cost of distributing goods increases as people get into bigger places. Goods can not be handled in retail trade as cheaply in a large city as they can in a town like ours.

The concentration of population creates obstacles to economy in business. Land and buildings become very valuable in large cities, and the rental charge becomes a heavy overhead expense which has to be covered in doing business in such a place.

Furthermore, the people who work in these places usually have to live at a considerable distance from their work, and they commonly have to pay trolley or railroad fares to get to and from their places of employment. Living costs generally are greater in large cities than they are in the smaller ones.

As the result of this situation, a very heavy charge is imposed on the big city stores, by the higher expenses which their employes have to stand. They have to pay enough more to offset the costs of working and living in such centers.

That makes a charge which is added to every article sold in these large stores. Any merchant could show by facts and figures that stores can be run at less expense in a city like ours. That means that the charge imposed on goods for selling expense is less. Thus the people get the benefit of lower distribution costs when they buy in our home stores.

HOME TOWN THOUGHTS

The thing that holds a town back is not so much its inherent defects, as the fact that its people do not have faith in what they can do for it.

The man who won't stand by his wife and children is not called a good family man, and the man who won't support his home town business comes short of being a good citizen.

As the birds have to sing to win their mates, so the business men need to sing a song of advertising to win business.

RESULTS OF BETTER HOMES MOVEMENT

Last year, as the result of the Better Homes movement carried on the last week in April, committees for carrying out these ideas were appointed in nearly 4000 communities. Some days ago returns had been received indicating that 4400 such committees have been appointed, and a good many more no doubt will be heard from. So this movement seems likely to amount to something very substantial.

Committees in some places have selected designs for homes costing from $3000 to $10,000, and will erect model dwellings and furnish them as an object lesson to their people. They will thus demonstrate that a home can be pleasant and attractive and artistic, without costing a lot of money.

It is to be hoped that the people of Maryland will realize that this movement is accomplishing some very decided results, and that a rapid improvement is being made in the appearance and comfort of the homes of the nation. A community where there is lack of interest in such movements is likely to suffer by comparison with those that are more progressive.

Living in a nice home has a tonic effect on people's morale. They feel more self respect, more confidence, they are given incentives to work for, and production will be more successful and business more prosperous in such a community.

It is difficult to get the best results in a town where a large part of the people live in unattractive and unpleasant homes. It seems to detract from their power of achievement and create a depressing influence. In many places business interests have taken hold to provide attractive homes for their work people, or for the wage-earning population, and they would generally testify that such use of capital was effective in promoting business prosperity.

A MOTHER'S DAY OBLIGATION

It is a fine thing to wear a pink or white carnation for Mother's Day, but a still finer one to do something appropriate to the day.

There is always a tendency among the young people to look at their parents as old fashioned. The children tell them that they do not understand present conditions, so the parental advice is often rejected. A great many young people have gotten into trouble because they thus disregarded the wise counsel that was given to them. Mother's day is a good time to ask ourselves if the ideals which our mothers cherished for us were not good ones, and if we have done well in setting them aside as much as we have done.

If one's mother is living, something should be done to show her how much one appreciates all the sacrivce and effort she has made for her children. And if the mother has gone, one could well take a little time to think of her memory, and of the things she hoped her children would do and become, and try to live up to that expectation.

Many of us go along year after year without expressing much affection for our mothers. It is often difficult to put such thoughts into words. Many of us thus fail to show how much we care for them, and then some day when they leave us, we bitterly regret that we have not done more for them, and have not shown more devotion in return for all that was lavished on us.

The time to show such affection is when our mothers are with us, and not when they have gone beyond our reach. Let us give lavishly of our affection and our service to our living mothers, so that they can have no doubt of our love. Let us anticipate their every need, and forestall the difficulties they have to meet in their declining years. And then after they have gone, let us see to it that our lives conform to the ambitions they had for us, and are worthy of all they gave us.

TOO MUCH SPECULATION

The policy of the federal reserve banking system is supposed to be to discourage the speculation that has been boiling in the stock market for some weeks, and the action of the reserve system in selling government securities and raising interest rates apparently indicates a belief that too much of the country's money is going into stock market operations.

The stock market performs a useful service in providing an outlet by which securities can be sold for their real value. But a lot of people are always tempted to resort to speculation when they should be using their money and time in some form of work or business. This is a free country and people have to be allowed to take their own chances, but speculation ought to be checked if it gets to the point where money for business operations becomes scarce. The speculators always will play this game of chance, but they should not be allowed to do it with the money that the industries need to hire labor and buy materials.

COUNTRY AND CITY

A research institute is to be established at Columbia university, the purpose of which is to plan for the development of a rural civilization equal in every human aspect to the civilization of cities.

Such an aim as this would have been almost impossible in the days before automobiles, when the rural people were more isolated. But in these times when the rural family can jump into its automobile, and shortly be in the nearest town, attending church entertainments, society meetings, business organizations, social gatherings, etc, it becomes possible to make a very attractive rural civilization.

To realize this ideal, the country children and young people must have school opportunities as good as those of cities. Some will say that is impossible. However, by transporting children to consolidated schools, they are often getting opportunities equal to those provided by cities.

The country district schools should give excellent opportunities, when competent persons are hired as teachers. It may be able to give the personal attention to each pupil which the crowded city school is often unable to give.

The country people will not get so many fine entertainment opportunities. But the radio supplies that need. When libraries and reading rooms are established in all country towns, as they should be, then they have an opportunity which brings culture close to the people.

It will cost some money to provide the rural districts with all the benefits of city life. But people of wealth wil live in the country more and more, and their taxes will help provide these advantages.

IT WAS NOT LUCK

It is remarked by the aviators that it was not luck that enabled the Bremen to cross the ocean from east to west, in spite of tremendous difficulties. Nor was it luck that enabled those who have crossed the ocean easterly to do the same thing. It was science and expert study of the art of navigating planes.

Some always say that great achievements are due to fortunate circumstances. But it is almost always found that when people have accomplished some big thing, they had studied every factor in their enterprise with technical completeness, and they know in advance just what they could and could not do.

THE GREATEST TEMPERANCE MEASURE

Pure water has done more to advance the temperance movement than anything else, according to Dr. W. J. Mayo, speaking before the American Chemical society at St. Louis. He pointed out how in France and Italy the people had taken to wine drinking because of polluted water supplies, and in many countries the excuse is given for drinking liquor that the water is not sanitary.

One of the best measures for temperance has been the establishment of drinking fountains. When a city or town improves its water supply, it encourages abstinence from intoxicants. People then learn to realize that good old cold water is an invigorating drink.

PLOWING CONTESTS

News from some of the rural districts is that they are having plowing matches. Some had thought that the country people had become so sophisticated that a plowing match would not look interesting to them, and that they would demand something smarter and more fashionable.

But there is lots of good stuff in the country districts yet. A plowing match indicates that men and boys take pride in ability to do their work quickly and expertly. That is the kind of thing to take pride in, and many of us here in Maryland would rather have a boy who had won a plowing match, than one who was on his way to be a star football player.

WORKING WITH THE BUSINESS MEN

One of the most essential forms of co-operation is a disposition to co-operate with home town business. The retail merchants here in Westminster co-operate with the people, by doing their best to provide modern stores fully equipped with the latest goods at very moderate prices.

In the main our people co-operate with them by buying their supplies at home. But there are always a considerable number who fail to give such co-operation, as the result of spending money elsewhere for the things they need. Thus the forces in our community that should work for its advance do not all pull together, and some of our money is co-operating with business elsewhere rather than with our own enterprises.

The Better Homes movement is a very fine thing, but a good many people seem more interested in the better automobiles idea.

HIGH SCHOOL MEET AT U. OF M. MAY 5

Events for County Athletes To Be a Feature—Navy and Maryland Play Lacrosse Same Day

One of the biggest athletic days of the year at the University of Maryland at College Park is to take place May 5, when the annual interscholastic field day, with entries from high schools and preparatory schools throughout the state and nearby states, is to be held. Except for a brief period during the World War, the field day has been an annual affair since 1910. In addition to the interscholastic track games the University of Maryland track team meets George Washington in a dual meet and the lacrosse team plays Navy.

A good field with all equipment and conveniences, a quarter-mile track with a 220-yard straightway, and fine prizes help to make this one of the best and most popular meets of the year. Last year Towson High School carried off the trophy for county schools last year. Charlotte High of North Carolina sent up a fine band of athletes who proved their ability by gaining first honors in the open events.

A lacrosse game at 4 o'clock, between Navy and the University of Maryland Varsity, will be a feature of the day. It will be the first time the University has met the Navy on its own home field and the game bids fair to be one of the greatest of the year as both teams are equally matched.

Events listed for the open interscholastic meet are: 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 880-yard run, 1-mile run, 120 high hurdles, 220 low hurdles, 12-pound shot put, javelin throw, discus throw, pole vault, high jump and broad jump. The events limited to county high schools of Maryland are: 100-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 880-yard run, 12-pound shot put, and broad jump.

Only students from high school and preparatory schools with a certificate from their principals will be eligible. Special gold, silver and bronze medals will be given the winners of the events while gold watches will be awarded the two athletes who score highest in their respective classes. A specially designed cup will be given the schools scoring the most points in their respective classes.

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Many different interests set out to control and regulate public opinion to further their own ends, which may be selfish or unselfish. The people have to learn to tell which is which. As long as they give their first interest to sports and pastimes, they will fall for a good deal of emotional and selfish propaganda that is put up to them.

CO-OPERATION

The business men get together in mergers and combines, and they consult together for mutual accomplishment. The wage-earners unite in unions. And similarly the residents of a community have to unite in co-operative movements, if they want to secure prosperity for their community.

If a town consists simply of isolated individuals and families, each of whom is simply working for himself or his own group, there is no go ahead. Such a community falls far behind one where the people join the business and improvement organizations and work together for mutual benefit.



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