The Kent News

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DON'T BLOW THE WHISTLE

Do you remember Lincoln's story about the little steamer with the big whistle? Every time they tooted the whistle it blew off so much steam that the boat stopped running. And that's the trouble with lots of people today. If they only use their energy to drive the paddlewheel of opportunity instead of eternally blowing the whistle of discontent they would find themselves going up the stream of success so danged fast that the barnacales of failure wouldn't have a chance in the world to hook onto their little craft.—Exchange.

CONTINUE 6-DAY PLAN AT COLLEGE

President Paul E. Titsworth has sent the following letter to students of Washington College:

"To Members of the Classes of 1932, 1933 and 1934:

The petition of the students for a return to the five-day college week, handed to the Board and Governors last June, has been carefully gone over and the whole matter of schedule restudied this summer by the Curriculm Committee of the Faculty.

Under the former plan, the college operated actually four and one-half days out of seven, it being practically impossible to schedule Friday afternoon classes. The situation naturally created a schedule congestion during the working week.

Colleges now recognize the demoralizing effects upon student morale of "week-ending." Two and a half days of free time each week detract from the attention which college work increasingly requires.

An examination of the schedules of twenty-two colleges chosen at random reveals the inclusion of classes Saturday mornings. Nineteen showed recitation or laboratory periods five days a week up to four, two colleges running classes until six o'clock five afternoons a week.

The statement that the schedules of the students have not been more evently distributed under the six-day than under the five-day plan is not based on facts. An analysis of the recitation schedule indicates that the number of students pursuing three-hour courses during a week has been increased by the six day plan from 376 to 555 while those pursuing four-hour courses has been decreased from 421 to 289 and in the case of five-hour courses, 57 to 28.

While there undoubtedly are disadvantages attached to the six-day plan the Committee, after many years of experience with schedules of all sorts, feels that the present system offers the most opportunity to tchieve what persumably students come to college for.

Much as we should like all our former students to return to college next fall, in all honesty and fairness we do not wish any to come back who feel they can not work happily with the present schedule and accept it.

I hope the summer is treating you well."

THE PLIGHT OF THE RAILROADS

If you are wondering why the railroads want a 15 per cent increase in freight rates, you might consider the testimony recently given the Interstate Commerce Commission by J. J. Pelley, president of the New York New Haven and Hartford railroad.

The depression has caused such a terrific slump in freight revenues, Mr. Pelley explained, that nearly 500,000 railroad workers have been laid off. Unless relief of some kind is forthcoming in the near future, he added, a good many railroad workers now employed will join the 500,000 jobless ones.

Whether the rate increase would directly help these unemployed workers is a question. Their plight probably won't improve until freight traffic picks up. But the mere fact that they have been laid off testifies to the way the depression has hit the railroads.

Planting and Reaping

The best armor of old age is a well-spent life preceding it; a life employed in the pursuit of useful knowledge, honorable action and the practice of virtue in which he who labors to improve himself from his youth will reap the happiest fruits.—Cicero.

American Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts, the American sisters of the Girl Guides of Europe, were organized in 1912 by Mrs. Juliette Low, a friend and associate of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the father of all scouting, who urged and inspired the undertaking.

Tuberculosis Leads

Tuberculosis is the greatest foe of the white race. Heart failure may sometimes outrank it in statistics, but this is a general designation for many diseases.

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Glides out of the night with a wonderful light
To sooth every grief—every sigh—
Like a crystal delight pure faith doth invite
The night-wanderer on to the Sky.
To look through each cloud as one that's allowed
A privileged part, on the way.
Life's cedar-top-thrills banish all ills,
So proceeding with faith, meet each day!
We drink very deep of the waters of life
When faith's crystal cup do we borrow,
Away every fear—all distrust—all the strife
Like a fawn swift away—even sorrow-

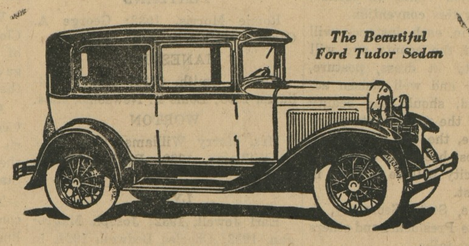
The reciept for perpetual ignorance is to be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge.—Elbert Hubbard.

Miss Highhat (introduced to man she loved 20 years ago)—I beg pardon, sir, but I did not get your name.

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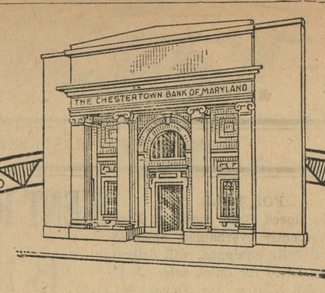
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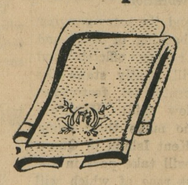
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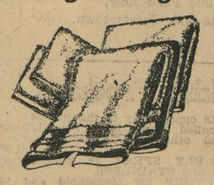
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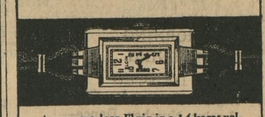
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