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## Waiting On "George"

THIS is a fairly good community, as communities go. Even without being beautiful, it is possible for any citizen to point with pride to his home.

But there is one fly in the ointment that prevents Andover from advancing as rapidly as it should.

Everyone is willing and actually wants to have things done, but always waits for "George" that mythical "good fellow," to do it. But when George reaches a certain point, he balks because he tires of carrying the whole load.

The thing needed most of all is a great spirit of working together which entirely eliminates prejudices and selfishness—a willingness on the part of each one to do his or her share in the advancement of our community interests.

In every community there are always a few, in every enterprise, who are willing to work for the public good. They are the "Georges."

Once in awhile we read of some place that keeps booming and showing right along regardless of conditions or handicaps.

Such a place is full of "Georges," and because they are so numerous, none of them is overworked and there is no occasion for balking.

Why can't we all be "Georges?"

There is plenty of room for improvement and plenty of people with the time, energy and money to be "Georges."

It has been said that the night has a thousand eyes. But that is far too few to see all that is going on.

## Short Cuts

THIS is an age of short cuts to everything. No one seems to have time for the "meat" of anything.

The hair is cut short, the dresses are cut short and the sleeves are cut short.

We want our sermons short and we insist on our public speakers making it short and "snappy."

Synthetic foods, substitutes for the real thing, abound and corn beef and cabbage exist only as a comic page myth.

Everybody is looking for a short cut to wealth without work. Robbing a bank seems to be the most favored of short cuts in this class.

Motorists are constantly demanding short cuts and highway commissions are straightening highways to make greater speed possible.

Short cuts to health are sought in sanitariums, after health has been lost by burning the candle at both ends.

But the world's work is not going to be done with short cuts. Those of us who are engulfed in the "short cut" mania will have to learn that patience, time and hard work are just as much requirements of accomplishments as they ever were.

The trouble with running away with a wad of money is that you have to go farther than it does.

## Personality

WHEN the poet said that every institution is but the lengthening shadow of a man, he uttered a truth that is one of the essential facts of life.

Personality is the all important factor in every great enterprise, whether it be business, education or community progress.

During the era of great materialistic development, there has been great emphasis on the need for finer equipment in community enterprises. But any policy that stresses the material side to the neglect of the human factor is not a substantial one.

It would be far better to have a million dollar school teacher than a thousand dollar school teacher in a million dollar school. The first essential for human betterment is to have inspiring personalities in positions of leadership.

It is a splendid thing to provide wonderful school buildings, library buildings, churches and similar structures, because they have advertising value. People will go into a fine public building and derive good from its use, who would not use one that looks behind the times. New school buildings give school work an impression of importance and dignity, and they inspire pupils to better work.

But good work is often done with poor facilities. The little red school house on the whole got good results in training the older people. Its equipment would be obsolete now, its textbooks and courses of study were not adapted to the practical age in which we now live. But it usually had a brainy and inspiring personality as a teacher. Such a person got results, even if the tools used were poor.

The most important thing in social progress is to have bright and able men and women working in positions as teachers, ministers and legislators, as their thought is shaping the purposes and ideals of the coming generation.

## Our Air Policy

NAVAL air pilots insisted in testimony given before the president's aircraft investigation board, that the United States would make no progress in aircraft until a separate department is created and is controlled by practical airmen.

This has been the complaint for years against the war and navy departments—that civilians appointed for political reasons and given power to control the military and naval branches of the government, could not be expected to produce the best results.

If an aircraft department is brought into being and an experienced airman given authority, it would be a radical change in policy by the government, and manifestly a similar policy would have to be followed in the army and navy sections of the national defense.

Placing trained men in authority will not settle the controversy that is constantly arising over our military, naval and air policies.

The investigation, however, will tend to clarify the situation and may be of some value. It has at least developed one fact, namely, that both the army and navy did not receive the amount of money asked for when their appropriations were before congress. This is due to curtailment of the naval air program.

Regardless of who may head any or all of the national defense departments, nothing constructive can be accomplished without the full co-operation of congress.

Babies make a lot of noise, and some of them keep right at it, when they grow up, and until they die.

## A Makeshift

THE French debt commission has gone home with a makeshift agreement that defers final settlement for five years and leaves the question of foreign debts on an open, debatable ground.

The debt cancellationists can continue to spread their propaganda, and the controversy with France, instead of cooling off, will undoubtedly become a more vital issue.

Hope for amicable settlement of the war debt question was felt on this side of the Atlantic when England and the United States reached a funding agreement. Many smaller European powers followed the British example and signed their flame on the dotted line.

But not France. The astute financier, Joseph Caillaux, came to America with the idea of driving a bargain that would make him strong politically at home. Failing in that, he dodged responsibility by returning with a compromise which will not be effective until it is affirmed by his government.

In some cases a compromise is more to be desired than an open break. And this is such a case. A complete collapse of efforts to reach a final settlement would perhaps have produced a strained situation that would have been more disastrous in results than the present makeshift.

The man who thinks that he knows everything really doesn't, because he still has to learn that he doesn't.

## Placing the Blame

A JUVENILE court judge says that nineteen out of every twenty boys who "go wrong" come from homes where the mothers are forced to work.

A leader in the General Federation of Women's Clubs asserts that the blame for the immorality among youth of today belongs on the older generation.

A minister of the gospel declares that "spiritual illiteracy," the disappearance of the family altar, is responsible for young people being on the moral down grade.

Whatever may be the cause, it is not difficult to find people in all walks of life who believe that young people do not have as high moral standards as once prevailed.

If it be true, it is an alarming state of affairs, which needs to be corrected, else the United States will in time perish from the earth.

The present generation may not suffer, but it should have enough interest in the tomorrow of its own progeny to make some efforts to raise the moral plane of youth.

The man who measures his efficiency by the accomplishments of the other fellow will usually remain several laps behind.

## The Greatest of All

THERE are many things that are essential to the growth and proper development of a town, and the greatest of these is co-operation.

Conversely, strife prompted by selfish interests that demand satisfaction is its death.

No matter what you may think about the precepts that have been delivered about co-operation, nothing has been found that is its equal in forging ahead in any enterprise.

It is not to be presumed that everyone will think alike. Men will differ as to means to be employed and are entitled to their views, but they should all be willing to work together when a common goal—a greater Andover is sought.

Co-operation creates and strife destroys. Co-operation builds up and strife tears down.

There is no neutral ground. All of us are either loyal and progressive citizens or we are trouble makers—nothing more.

It is said there is no such thing as neutrality, but some folk do a very good job of posing in that light.

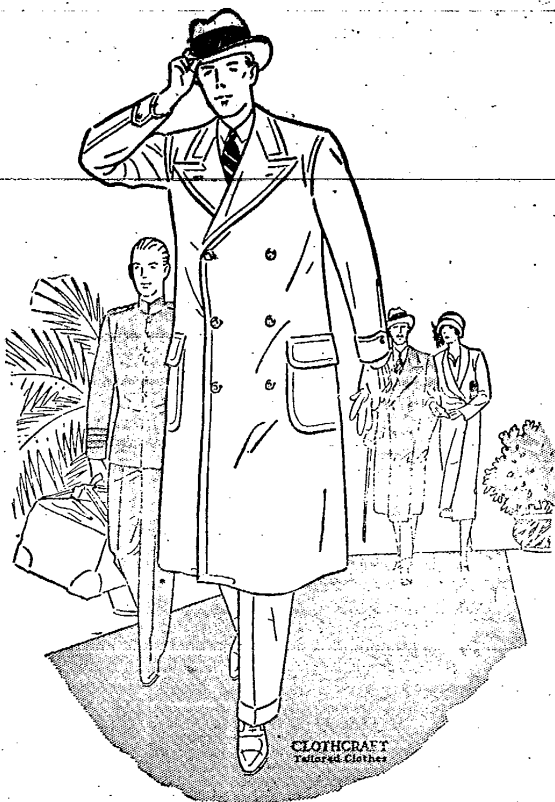
## The Evil Prophets

IT IS a grave mistake to listen to the people who are predicting that this country is going to the "bow-wows," whatever that may be.

Some minds run in narrow grooves and are never able to get out. They are fixed on ultimate failure and nothing, but failure will satisfy them.

As a matter of fact which can not be successfully contradicted, this country was never on a more solid and substantial basis than it is today.

This condition is not due to any help extended by the prophets of evil, but simply because the great mass of the people continue to work and forge ahead while other countries bicker and lag behind.



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