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Mother's Day

THE observance of Carnation Day by War Mothers everywhere in the United States on Saturday, May 10, in connection with Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, is typical of the true Mother. The War Mothers gave their sons and still they "carry on" for the war sick and disabled, when the responsibility should be resting on other shoulders.

The trait of Motherhood is one of the reasons why the people of America finally have come to recognize Mother publicly by setting aside one day a year when she is first in hearts and thoughts.

Observance of Mother's Day is a splendid testimonial to human character and a refutation of the charge that people are mercenary. Few hearts can be steeled against the appeal that comes with Mother's Day.

Mother and the ideal for which she stands—the center of home—has been the subject of verse and prose because she possesses qualities that are idealized by them. She places service above her own needs and desires.

The principal qualities of mother love are sympathy and appreciation and a practical sort of love that manifests itself by giving all it has. It is this spirit of sympathy, appreciation and practicability that makes Mother unspeakably precious to the civilized human race.

An Important Thing

A SCHOOL teacher once asked her pupils what they regarded as the best and most valuable thing in their community. The children wrinkled their brows, looked perplexed and some of them answered the question, but all of them were far from the mark.

The teacher indicated the answers were wrong as each pupil made his or her supreme effort to find the correct answer to the knotty problem. Finally the teacher, when they were all expectant and very much excited over what really was the best thing in their community, told them that they themselves were the best and most valuable.

It was somewhat of a jolt for little folks, especially those with a keen imagination, who had conjured up many wonderful things. The teacher's answer brought them back to earth, but it gave them a sense of their importance in the world.

It should also give every person living in the community, regardless of whether they have children in the public schools, something to think about, when we think along lines of community development.

For we cannot build for the future any better than by making better boys and girls who will become better men and women and make this a better community in the next generation.

We can build for the future, not alone by teaching children at home how to live right, but by supporting the teacher, the school authorities and the whole public school system to the best of our ability and to the limit of our means.

We cannot hope for our community to rise any higher in the future than our public school system.

The Nameless Kind

SOME people mean well, but never do well.

They are always intending to do something that never gets done.

Instead of taking a just pride in accomplishment, they are continually humiliated by the inadequacy of their excuses.

They do not even drift with the tide of humanity, but are simply switched into the eddies of life.

For them there is a beginning, and an end, but nothing in between.

They have neither true friends nor bitter enemies, because they do nothing to inspire either friendship or enmity.

They are nameless, because no one is sufficiently interested to name them.

Keeping Up Our Reputation

FEW people ever come to Andover without commenting upon the beauty of the village, the cleanliness of its streets, the general atmosphere of contentment that pervades its homes, the air of prosperity that is reflected by its beautiful residences and well-kept lawns.

Visitors who make this outspoken comment do so not for the purpose of winning favor with local citizens but because it is their honest view.

And those of us who have observed other cities and towns in our class know that it is true. There are few on a par with Andover when real beauty is taken into consideration.

The reputation which this community has gained is due to the pride that local people take in their homes. That same sense of pride has made itself felt to such an extent that our public officials have been imbued with the idea of making it an attractive place in which to live.

We can make it even more beautiful by continuing to give expression to our pride in making our homes, our streets, our lawns, our public buildings more appealing to the eye.

People who live in pleasant surroundings are more contented and contentment should be the ambition of everyone.

A community that makes beauty of its surroundings one of its principal goals will not go backwards, because such an aim means alertness and a desire to do better.

Let's ever keep before us that a city beautiful is an end much to be desired and is worthy the best thought and effort of its citizens.

Spring scenery is beautiful, but many a man in overall suit will do much to ruin it, as far as looks are concerned.

As Community Centers

THERE was a time when the little one-room school houses for four or five months during the year were a rendezvous for rats and mice. But those days have gone forever.

The small buildings are disappearing and in their place have been erected consolidated schools costing from $10,000 to $100,000. They represent a large investment of taxpayers' money which should not be allowed to lie idle all summer and earn nothing. They can be made to pay large dividends in community enjoyment.

It may have been all right to let the birds and beasts and reptiles take possession of the one-room buildings because there was not much money invested in them, farmers were busy and they could be placed in condition for school cheaper than a caretaker could be employed. But with the expensive consolidated schools, it is different.

This kind of reasoning does not apply to the modern rural school plant, in the light of a new day and a better understanding of how to make use of school houses as community centers.

For an expensive school building to be unused from April or May until September is sheer waste. There may be a time when rural schools will be run on an all-year basis, with vacations being arranged at periods when children can help with the crops, not for the present, the consolidated school should justify its existence during the summer months, in a better vacation for the children and a richer community life for the adults.

There are countless uses to which the school buildings may be put during vacation—uses which each school community can work out according to its own needs.

Parent-teachers' associations have a habit of discontinuing their meetings during the summer, but even they can make use of the building, as can all other organizations.

Closing the school year does not mean that all of the life that centers in and around the school building should cease.

The most successful photographs usually tell the biggest lies.

Graduation Time.

SCHOOLS are nearing Commencement and the students are in the throes of preparation for the event of their lives, which is a stepping stone to new experiences. No other occasion in life, save possibly marriage, seems of such tremendous importance to these young people.

They now approach the great landmark of life, a time of fresh beginnings, and face untried issues. But young folks make these sharp breaks with ease. Most of them are delighted to try their inexperienced wings.

Getting ready for graduation, in the minds of some young women, means principally long sessions with the dressmaker, and a splendiferous display of fine feathers. The girl of the struggling home sometimes makes more show than the one from the abode of wealth. The former may feel that this is her one chance to show she *is* as good as anybody. Her parents may sacrifice on the absolute necessities of life to give her this splurgy sendoff.

School authorities should try to persuade young people not to waste family resources in this manner. The necessity of providing costly graduating clothes and incidentals has deterred many parents from sending their children thru the schools. The principles of American democracy would have every one of these young pople appear in a simple and inexpensive gown, with special applause for all who make these frocks for themselves. Those that adopt such ideas show that school training has put some very wise ideas into their heads.

Young people preparing for graduation should have their hearts on higher purposes than dress or sports. They should be anxious to keep up their achievement in study until the last day of school. They should not be content merely to get by, but should covet marks that will send them out with honor.

Many people who buy oil stock, invest, and then investigate.

The Part Women Play

IF YOU read only certain parts of the newspaper in which you are especially interested and your wife is like other women, she is wiser than you. She reads the shopping news.

She likes to hear you jingle money in your pockets. She likes to stretch money to the limit, so she won't have to ask for more. She likes to shop stragetically. Know what she does.

Comfortably at home in a cushioned arm chair, she scans the advertising columns. She compares, judges and selects the goods she desires; maps her route; with the least effort and the minimum of time, goes direct to the stores she planned to visit and buys. She obtains what she wants at the lowest prices it is offered. She is certain of full satisfaction, for she knows advertised goods live up to their claims. She saves time and steps and returns sufficiently alert to prepare you an appetizing dinner.

These advertisements are written for your benefit, too. Read them. Help her help you save.

It is estimated that it costs the railroads of this country seven million dollars a year to blow their whistles, and if automobile drivers were careful at crossings, look what a saving would result.

The most difficult lesson in physics seems to be that an automobile and a train cannot occupy the same crossing at the same time, without more or less serious consequences.

Our idea of a patient person is one who tries all of the contests in magazines in which something is given away free.

Some things that really come with waiting are hunger, bill collectors and whiskers.

In the days of long ago the profits fixed the law, and today the law fixes the profits.

The main objection to most spring poetry is just that. It isn't poetry.

GREENWOOD

Mrs. Reva Thompson, Reporter

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
E. J. Cory, Pastor

Mother's Day.

Morning worship at 10:30.

Sermon: "Is this the Mother's Day."

Every effort will be made to get to church those mothers who are not usually able to come. Let those who have cars kindly bring these people to church.

Sunday School at 11:45 a. m.

The subject will be: "Jesus Acclaimed as King."

Evening worship at 7:30.

This may be the last evening service for the summer.

Tuesday, May 13, the regular monthly meeting of the McGavern Class at the home of Mrs. F. J. Lerch, hostesses Mrs. Lerch and Mrs. G. C. Lewis.

Wednesday, May 14th at 7:30 p. m., Prayer Meeting.

Boy Continues in Same Condition

A blood transfusion was necessary for little Leo Williamson, Tuesday. This is the second transfusion since the boy has been confined to the St. James Mercy hospital, Hornell. His condition does not improve as his meny friends wish.

Redmond — Miller

Miss Hazel Miller of Jasper and Walter Redmond of this place were united in marriage, Saturday evening, May 3rd. The ceremony was performed in Avoca, by Rev. Daniel Redmond, uncle of the groom. The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Redmond are living in Alfred, where he is a student in the university.

Peterson — Norton

Married, Sunday, May 4th, Jeremiah M. Peterson of Canisteo and Edith V. Norton of Greenwood. Rev. E. J. Cory was the officiating clergyman.

Ordo Williamson returned from the hospital, Saturday after receiving treatment for infection in the arm.

Mrs. L. T. Hardenburgh entertained Canisteo friends Tuesday evening. Cards were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kellogg and two children, Miss Helen Brown, Mrs. Fish and Miss Neree Deron attended the show in Hornell, Friday evening.

Dwight Young of Alfred University spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. F. D. Young.

D. D. Baker had business in Ithaca, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dennis were calling on friends in St. James Mercy hospital, Wednesday evening.

Redmond Goodno has been brought from the hospital to his home here, where he is convalescing slowly.

Mrs. George Williamson, who is in poor health is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Glenn VanFleet of Canisteo.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Murdock and son, Guy and Miss Ella Knapp spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tubbs of Knoxville.

Rev. Peter VanDuren, daughter, Ethel and son, Richard, of Elkland, were guests last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Howard Warriner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kellogg and two children and Mrs. M. S. Streeter were business visitors in Rochester, Saturday.

Rev. E. J. Cory and Harland Knight were calling on Rev. W. J. Brown in Hornell Sunday afternoon.

Miss Grace Young is spending a few days this week in Wayland.

A. W. Baker and D. D. Baker are each driving a new Nash coupe. The cars were purchased in Hornell last week.

Miss Isabelle McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent McCormick, has been ill with an attack of appendicitis the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allen and three children, former Buffalo residents, are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Earlen leave Monday for Nunda, where they will have charge of the Mary Jemison Inn.

Harland Knight of Ithaca spent the week-end with Mrs. Knight here.

Mrs. Sarah Redmond of Alfred is assisting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Goodno during the illness of Master Redmond Goodno.

Clifford Prentice of Washington, D. C., was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dennis, Tuesday.

Mrs. F. E. Carney and son, Nelson and Mrs. Jennie Cline spent Sunday with Purdy Creek relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Scribner have returned from Pine Castle, Fla., where they have been spending the winter months.

The Scrap Book

THE TWINS

By Henry Sambrooke Leigh

In form and feature, face and limb,
I grew so like my brother,
That folks got taking me for him
And each one for another.
It puzzled all our kith and kin,
It reached a fearful pitch,
For one of us was born a twin
But none of us knew which.

One day, to make the matter worse,
Before our names were fixed,
As we were being washed by nurse
We got completely mixed,
And thus, you see, by fate's decree,
Or rather, nurse's whim,
My brother John got christened me
And I got christened him.

This fatal likeness even dogged
My footsteps when at school,
And I was always getting flogged,
For John turned out a fool.
I put the question, fruitlessly,
To everyone I knew,
"What would you do, if you were me,
To prove that you were you?"

Our close resemblance turned the tide
Of our domestic life,
For, somehow, my intended bride
Became my brother's wife.
In fact, year after year the same
Absurd mistakes went on,
And when I died, the sexton came
And buried brother John!

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The Family Doctor

By JOHN JOSEPH GAINES M.D.

"PSITTACOSSIS"

Nothing like being up to the minute nowadays, when one can be it so quickly and economically; all you have to do is to read the papers systematically during your spare time.

Hence psittacosis — understood commonly as "parrot-croup." If you have a sick parrot, it isn't good policy to nose around him when he has a coughing spell, or is especially vociferous; no matter how much you love the feathered pet, you had better not put on any necking parties with him, if he exhibits any signs of not feeling fit.

The very latest advices tell us that the danger is limited to birds that have been recently imported. It is said that no thoroly acclimatized birds have it, or almost none. But if you have a friend visiting within the tropics who notifies you of the shipment of a Polly, you may indulge just a bit of apprehension —and wisely hang her in the garage for a season after her arrival.

This psittacosis thing is described by those who have seen it at first hand—as being singularly fatal, on the order of pneumonia. However, no germs such as the bird carries have been found in human victims, and that makes things all the more perplexing for the physician in charge. I have never seen a case; hope I never may. I'm just giving you such information as I have gleaned in my habit of reading everything pertaining to the welfare of my people.

I dimly remember reading of a flock of turkeys, imported from Ceylon, bringing diphtheria to America. This dread disease has been traced to cistern water from roofs frequented by English sparrows; scarlet fever the same. Modern sanitary precautions have, however, done away with the filthy cistern. Anyway, we should be constantly alert for sources of probable infection, and—avoid them.

Uncle Ab says that most troubles can be met before they have a chance to start.

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