

"Attendance is the Price of Membership"

Are We a Civilized Community

By Samuel Rosinger

THE Superintendent of our public schools recently published a statement to the effect that the appropriation the Community Chest has made for supplying indigent children with luncheons, is on the point of exhaustion. However callous or indifferent the attitude of our community might be toward the plight of the unemployed, it should sit up and take notice of the suffering of innocent children.

As chairman of the Jefferson County Tuberculosis Association, the writer was the first to advocate and introduce in our schools, the feeding of undernourished children who came to school either without luncheon, or brought edibles unfit for human consumption. The T. B. Association did what it could with its limited means, to cope with the situation. When the Community Chest was established, the writer pleaded with the Directors for a substantial increase in their appropriation, for a child whose vitals are gnawed by hunger is unable to absorb knowledge. And to demonstrate the truth of this contention, the writer appeared before the Board of Directors of the Chest with a number of anaemic and emaciated school children, human skeletons, fourteen to fifteen years old, who on account of their enfeebled physical condition, could not advance beyond the first few grades. When the writer saw, after years of pleading and persuasion, that the Board failed to make adequate provision to cover the need, he resigned his position in protest to what he felt was a great injustice to the childhood of our community.

Let a thorough survey be made of the situation, and, I am sure, that twice fifteen hundred dollars will not cover the need. To feed an undernourished child on a ten cent luncheon, is a miserliness of which this rich community can be anything but proud.

The dreaded flu has raised its ugly head in our country. An undernourished child is the easy prey of any disease, and if contagion spreads at any place like a conflagration fanned by the wind, it is in the schools. Therefore, even as a matter of self-protection, the community ought to build up the power of resistance of poor children. Let us not be guilty of the vice of child exposure, so commonly practiced by the pagan world. Let us carefully conserve our most precious asset, our childhood. For on the physical health, mental vigor and moral strength of our childhood, rest the future welfare and prosperity of our community.

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Slants at the Meeting

IF the provocation of mirth is the test of quality last week's ladder at least attained heights. As Sam said it was not Jacob's ladder and it didn't lead to Heaven; but it did tend towards something carefully labeled Health, Happiness and Prosperity, ensconced in a crack and which might make some of you fellers do a little climbing.

The first rung was WORK & EARN,—a misnomer. It ought to have been WORK & SQUIRM. The WORK doesn't mean anything but the SQUIRM just reflects that proverbial dog-knot we are already in.

MAKE a BUDGET discoursed on by Will Johnson; whose elucidation was about as clear as Einstein's "Unified Field" offering a solution to light, gravitation and electro-magnetic phenomena of this cosmic dilemma of ours.

RECORD of EXPENSE was urged by Lederer to prevent assets from laughing at disbursements.

The next four rungs were all disjointed. They were not arranged chronologically, synthetically, mathematically nor hypothetically. They followed BANK ACCT., Dr. Reed; OWN LIFE INS., Cousins; OWN HOME, Conway Broun; and MAKE a WILL, Paul Tullos. Of course, after you hook-up with Home Wrecker Broun for one of those fragile domiciles, you might as well make a will, take out insurance and call for Dr. Reed all of which is a perfect equation for our good undertaker, Keith Hotchkiss.

The eighth rung INVESTMENT of SAFE SECURITIES by Frank Weber contained just a tinge of irony for some of the busted buyers mouths were agape like the Grand Canyon and they were ready to swear allegiance to the OH YEAH, Class.

PAY BILLS PROMPTLY naturally provoked a toast from Sam who in altruistic spirit like that

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of the Kaiser in 1914 when he was going to save the World against itself, demanded the hesitant to kick-in with the coin that he might get his.

SHARE with OTHERS by Beech was the philanthropic keynote of the program and which is being given a governmental trial by the Soviets. But we have a sneaking idea that not over 90 percent of you want to extend your charity that far.

These intramural programs might redound to the credit of the individuals but perhaps set up excessive abuse to the wearing apparel. However, Dry Cleaning is off a few octaves in the business world and the Gore that Marks the Shepherds might be persuaded to work and squirm.

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VISITING ROTARIANS

The following visitors were present at last week's luncheon:

Charles V. Holbrook, DeRidder, La.
Bill Steen, Shreveport, La.
Henry G. Dalehite, Galveston, Tex.
J. W. Smith, Houston, Tex.
A. M. McElwee, Fort Worth, Tex.
C. G. Greenlay, Houston, Tex.
J. S. Fowler, Bedford, Ohio.
Wm. A. Thompson, San Antonio, Tex.
Mr. Abell, City.
Thos. H. McKee, New Orleans, La.
Dr. T. H. Brownrigg, City.
G. Sargel, City.
H. Lefkowitz, City.
Mark Frederick, Fort Worth, Tex.
L. B. Maddox, City.
H. A. Downey, City.
A. L. Morgan, City.
J. T. Swanzy, City.
A. L. Tulley, City.
Karl Schwartz, City.
Grover Good, Dallas, Texas.

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

Growth of Rotary

- 1910 United States (Organized Feb. 23, 1905)
- 1912 Canada, England
- 1913 Scotland, Ireland
- 1915 Hawaii
- 1916 Cuba
- 1917 Wales
- 1918 Porto Rico
- 1919 Uruguay, Philippine Islands, China, Panama
- 1920 India, Argentina
- 1921 Spain, Japan, Mexico, France, Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa
- 1922 Newfoundland, Norway, Peru, Denmark
- 1923 Netherlands, Brazil, Belgium, Italy
- 1924 Bermuda, Chile, Switzerland
- 1925 Alaska, Guatemala, Austria, Czechoslovakia
- 1926 Portugal, Hungary, Sweden, Venezuela
- 1927 Colombia, Finland, Costa Rica, Salvador, Belgian Congo, Ecuador, Bolivia, Germany
- 1928 Paraguay, Java
- 1929 Greece, Egypt, Palestine, Yugoslavia, Nicaragua, Romania, Honduras, Ceylon, Burma, Luxembourg, Federated Malay States
- 1930 Algeria, Morocco, Southern Rhodesia, Estonia, Sumatra, Straits Settlements, Kenya (Africa), Siam

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The Book Shower for the Merchant Marine.

There is a countrywide collection of books being made to replenish the libraries used by the seamen on American ships. These libraries are a source of amusement and education for the men on the high seas. Your Chairman requested you last week to bring one or more books with you today to the meeting. The Fellowship Committee at the door will demand of you a book, and you might experience difficulty in getting to the meeting if you fail to bring one. Fiction or biography or anything that a man will read, is acceptable. Let our Club make a good showing. Enable us to get up a collection of a couple of hundred books.