

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

Lena Milam

By Samuel Rosinger

Every teacher who impresses his personality upon a child, is an artist of the highest type. He is superior to a painter or sculptor, who imparts a semblance of life to inanimate matter. The teacher carves the image of God in living flesh, and chisels out of savage instincts the masterpiece of the human soul.

If such be the consummate skill of every teacher who is not a mechanical crammer, but a creative spirit, what a miraculous artistic power must that teacher possess whose medium of molding life is heavenly music. What inspires the soul with purer sentiments and stirs the heart with chaster delight than the sweet strains of celestial music. Music is the voice of God, speaking a universal language. The poet tapped the infallible wisdom of Divine intuition, when he declared: "There is no truer truth obtainable by man than comes of music."

If our schools would care more for character-making culture than for that hash of unpalatable and undigested information which children are fed on, music would occupy the heart of the curriculum. It would be given precedence even over the study of languages, which are merely feeble stammerings as compared with the fluidity of music's melodious speech.

As Director of the High School orchestra and Musical Director of our city schools for fifteen years, Lena Milam has instilled a love for music in the tender hearts of hosts of children. She opened up to them the magic world created by the music masters of the ages, a world in which we may find enjoyment, solace and inspiration for everything that is noble and beautiful. She has been most gracious and liberal in giving of her services to every religious, cultural and civic organization. Through the laurels which her orchestra won in many state contests, she put Beaumont on the musical map of Texas.

Musical associations all over the state have recognized her outstanding ability, and elected her to positions of honor and responsibility. This meed of tribute is paid to her by one who feels she has richly earned the gratitude of the whole community by the ennobling influence which she has exerted upon the childhood and the youth of our city. May she continue to sway her magic baton for many years to come, and may all her spiritual children rise up and call her blessed.

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Slants at the Meeting

Jakie's boy, and how COULD you do it. Not our eyes but our ears we couldn't believe. The Song Bird of Texas 'Varsity.

Volume? He had more than Niagara and harmony oozing out faster than kicks from home-made gin. He seemed to be trying to throttle those old pipes but when he finally broke loose on that Indian Love Call we could visualize squaws answering like ballot-box-stuffers burying Uncle Tom Heflin down on the Tom Bigby.

"The Soc and Bust 'em Club" under the tutelage of Mrs. Reed, fresh from triumphant tour of Amelia, Brooks Switch and Spindle Top and finally knocking over the board and bed resistance of Huntsville, was the feature number.

And did they live up to their name? Right up to the hilt. And if they don't turn the capitolists over at Austin we will still be better prophets than some of the economists with their fairy tales of "Round the corner prosperity."

Outside of the cleverness of the skit and the poise of the participants, the most striking feature of the performance was the perfect enunciation and clarity of speech.

This club has been afflicted with so much laborious and incoherent dialogue of late that the members are suffering from callous tympana. In fact we had rather have a fella tell us to go to 'ell in a hand basket, in good English, than spit out a lot of discordant gutturals as meaningless as Hoover's commissions and as insulting as Tom Love's conscientious objections.

And good luck to McDonald's boys and girls.

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Rotarygrams

"We must adjust ourselves to a new mode of living, one in which there is less luxury but more stability."

—Ignace Jan Paderewcki.

"We know now that an increasing concentration of wealth did not guarantee an intelligent or fair use of that wealth."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Few Americans have explored the world of leisure."

—Sutrat Chase.

"Thinking men know that work is the salvation of the race—morally, physically, socially."

—Henry Ford.

"No one who is in good health can be completely out of luck."

—Fannie Hurst.

"This generation's convictions change every ten minutes."

—Faith Baldwin.

"It is necessary for each generation to find its formulas for successful living even if it is necessary for succeeding generations to tear those formulas off."

—Edward A. Filene.

"The most prevalent fault in America is to live to make money and not to make money just to enjoy life."

—Sir Arthur Keith.

"Poverty today saves Europe from war."

—Benito Mussolini.

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Men or Machines?

One man can make a machine, and one man can operate a machine, that will do the work of a score of men. But, in times like these, it might be well to think about laying off the machine-maker and the machine-operator in order that twenty men may find jobs.

Kansas City recently gave the matter some thought. That mid-western metropolis needed new water mains. It had a million dollars with which to lay them. The job could have been finished in a few months with a few machines and a few men; but Kansas City elected to spread the work over a longer period and to give employment, not to machines, but to men.

Results were eminently satisfactory. Men who could not find employment elsewhere always were able to go to work laying pipe, wiping joints or digging ditches. Wages were not magnificent, but they were enough to pay the rent, buy food and fuel, clothe the family and provide a little amusement. And Kansas City became famous for the conspicuous absence of its breadlines.

Texas highway building program, despite hard times, continues at an unprecedented rate. Public works and private construction are maintained at fairly satisfactory level. But machines are doing much of the work that men, now idle, could do. Man-power may be slightly more expensive than machine-power, but the small additional expense incurred in its use may be more than offset by the advantages it bestows upon the community. Machine earnings seldom find their way into the tills of the local merchant; man earnings invariably do. Moreover, it may be worthwhile to note that man's muscles and sinews will build upon the same work that destroys the machine.

County and city officials and private employers of labor and machines well might weigh the respective merits of man-employment and machine-employment in the light of present conditions. And, when the decision wavers between one machine and twenty men, they should think seriously before the decision is awarded a thing that has no responsibilities and knows not the pangs of hunger and the sting of cold.