

Money Needed

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(This is one of the stories written by a student of the tenth grade at the end of the unit studied on Short Stories. The editor)

It was on a crisp, cool day, that first day of school at Deer Mountain High. A beautiful golden morning this was as Ark Mainer, principal, called school into session.

Mr. Mainer, or Ark, as most people called him, had just purchased a new car, of the luxury type, you might say.

"It's a humdinger", one boy said.

"It's a honey", said another student.

Ark matched his car perfectly with a low heavy frame and straight brown hair. He was a skillfull driver of his shiny new maroon 'boat' with all the extras.

Ark needed finance for this 'boat' that out classed all the other cars around there. There was \$978 in the school fund. He needed only \$500 more for the car, but he "could not take that", he argued.

That first month of school was a busy one for students and teachers alike. Ark was now beginning his third school term as principal.

Mr. Mainer said to Miss Lebon, a third grade teacher, one day, "Would you like to go with four other teachers and me to the State Teachers Meeting?"

"I'll be glad to, but if this headache keeps up, I

won't be able."

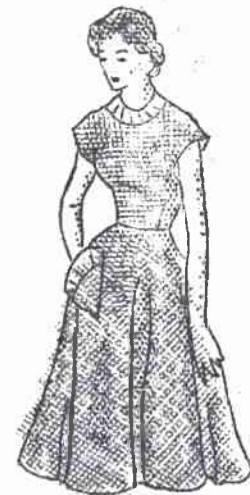
Miss Lebon decided to go and on Friday they were off to learn better methods of school teaching. It was then the teachers noticed how quiet and unlike himself the principal was.

For the few days before the meeting Ark had been thinking of how to finish the payments on his new Chrysler. The school funds kept popping in his mind as a source of funds. This was what he needed and more, but his conscience kept pounding away like hammers in a blacksmith shop, repeating, "No! No! No! That would be dishonest. No! I should say not."

Ark, thinking it would unload part of his burden, told a close friend, the secretary, of his troubles. "I'm in a terrible fix", he said, "I need \$500 for the car, but it seems impossible to save much over \$200. I certainly need

\$300 more. Now, if I could (See MONEY--Page 10)

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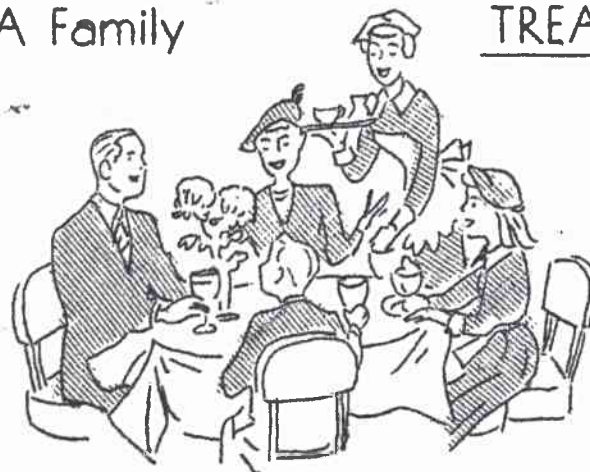


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