

Principal Reporting-----

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Sixth, Tenth Win At P.T.A.

BE THANKFUL

Along with all the other things you have this year for which to be thankful, give thanks for your teachers. In the aftermath of World War II and the present "cold" war, everyone is viewed with suspicion. One's motives are questioned; one's acts are examined to see if a hidden or at least an undisclosed purpose can be found. Your friend and close associate for years does not escape. Neighbor is set against neighbor, community against community, vocation against vocation, sect against sect, and so goes the list indefinitely.

FOR TEACHERS

Under such conditions it is not too strange that teachers have not escaped. The work and especially the functions of our schools are being questioned. Teachers come under the glaring searchlight: Who are they? What are their backgrounds? To what organizations do they belong? What do they do during non-school time? What do they believe? With whom do they associate? Since they are public servants and are close to the people, it is easy to find things which are viewed with alarm.

Teachers are human and, therefore, make mistakes. In the teacher group, as in all other groups, there are some whose acts and beliefs do not meet the general standard.

Let's take an honest look

at the record in order to see how your teacher may have helped you. "Who has helped you most when you really needed help; who has helped you lift your eyes to the stars; who was a friend when you really needed a friend; who worked and worried with you over your problems; who next to yourself most enjoyed your successes?" Your parents, I hope, stand first on the list, but some teacher of yours probably stands high on the list also.

Each of you very likely can recall some teacher who has played an important role in your life. He or she meant something to you which money could not buy. He or she helped you to see opportunities; helped you through his faith to believe in yourself; helped you to have courage and faith.

FOR THEIR UNSELFISHNESS

Teachers for the most part are unselfish. They get pleasure from helping others. Teachers as a group are noted for sincerity of purpose, persevering effort, and intelligence in procedure. Teachers have an unfailing allegiance for our way of life and are trying to help others to understand and to appreciate our freedoms and the democratic way.

One of the great contributions of America to the world has been its system of free public education. That contribution has been

Mrs. Underwood's sixth grade in the elementary grades and Miss Oglesby's tenth grade in high school won the attendance prizes at the P.T.A. meeting this month.

made possible largely through the earnest, painstaking, unselfish, and loyal work of our schools.

As you count your many blessings at this Thanksgiving time, I hope that your teachers will appear on the list; and that you may say along with Walter D. Cocking, whose article gave the idea for the above thoughts, "THANK GOD FOR AMERICA'S TEACHERS."

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