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Editorials

A Favorite Teacher - A Landmark

By Charlene McDougale

Mrs. M. E. Kornegay, a teacher who loves and is loved by everyone at Lincoln High School, is missed very much.

She is a person that makes all feel apart of what is going on around them. A pupil that is in her room becomes one of her own children. She takes each child as a different person and loves each one. She always shows her appreciation for their co-operation by doing something for them. We really never realize how good a person is to us until we are no longer in contact with them.

For the past twelve or more years, pupils have always looked forward to being in her room. She is the kind of teacher that no matter how large or small your problem is she always has time to try to help you with your problems. By being in her room and seeing how she made us keep our room neat and clean made us have the same desire to try to do the same at home.

Speaking from a personal point of view, whenever our class had to participate in anything we always had the best. When the annual Thanksgiving Baskets would come around, 8-1 would always win one of the prizes. We would have one of the best dances in the May Day festivities. No matter what we undertook, she would help us to strive to be tops.

We know that we can not truly see her walking up the hall but she is consistantly in our minds and always will be. All of us at Lincoln miss you very, very much, even your desk and chair, so hurry back soon because the annual Thanksgiving Baskets will soon be upon us.

American Education Week

Education directly involves more than one-half of all Americans. It is the lives, welfare, security, and freedom of everyone. Students, teachers, and other citizens cannot afford to ignore it.

Fortunately, most Americans have faith in education and believe that educated young people are better equipped to "get ahead" in the world than uneducated ones. However, the really important reason for believing in the value of education is that it can be the foundation of freedom. In the first place, a truly democratic society must rest upon the knowledge, intelligence, and wisdom of all the people. Without the proper kind of education available to everyone, a free society cannot long endure. Therefore, all people must have the kind of education that will fit them for freedom as responsible citizens.

In the second place, with the proper kind of education, the individual will not be able to develop his own powers as a person. He will not be able to decide wisely for himself what he should do or think.

Freedom from arbitrary restraint, from compulsion, or tyranny is essential for the free man, but that alone is not enough. If each person is to achieve the genuine freedom of self-direction and self-fulfillment, he must have an education befitting a free man.

The theme is especially fitting and practical. It offers an opportunity for the nation at large to concentrate on the improvements made in our schools; namely, changes in the curriculum, new school construction, our programs for getting and keeping the best teachers, effective teaching methods, improved facilities; and, finally, how well we, the students, have taken advantage of the facilities and learning situations that have been made available for us.

Schoolmates, it is extremely necessary that we make these years of high school training count. We must measure up shoulder to shoulder with other students of our state and nation; so there must be some time set aside for thinking and making decisions. One important decision is that of deciding which are the urgent and which are the less-urgent studies in a time that demands more and more of its educated citizenry.

President Kennedy said in his recent address at the University of North Carolina: Quote, "Peace and freedom do not come cheap; and we are destined, all of us here today, to live out most, if not all of our lives in uncertainty and challenge and peril". (End of quotation)

Nothing comes cheap, if it is truly valuable; and since we are a part of this age of scientific discovery and invention - an age in which, for the first time in history, two opposing powers have the capacity to destroy each other; we must set up new goal, goals that enable us to ascend to the heights of success - thus meeting the challenges and perils of our times - educationally secure.

The challenges of the age demand that we concentrate on the essentials in school - seeking not the apparently easy courses; but seeking a basic education - avoiding not the courses of science, mathematics, and foreign language, for instance; but rather, requesting to take more than the minimum requirements of those essential courses. Eagerly thirsting to build a firm educational foundation in keeping with the times - an age in which the demand for sound thinkers is the cry of the world.

To know and evaluate the existing problems, there is a great need for extensive reading - including the daily newspapers,

What Happened When I Dropped Out Of School?

Question: What were some of the problems and situations that led you to decide to drop out of school?

Answer: I did not like certain subjects, some were uninteresting, I became bored. I could not get along with some of my teachers; mainly, I had outside interests.

Question: Did you think about how life would be after dropping out of school?

Answer: No.

Question: Did you consult your principal, teacher, guidance counselor or any other advisor about your decision?

Answer: No.

Question: What happened to you when you dropped out of school?

Answer: At first everything was grand, like, what's happening. I had fun with other people when I dropped out (at-least what we thought was fun). I had no idea of what would happen in the future. At that time I didn't have any plans of any kind, I was just tired of school.

Question: What made you decide to come back to school?

Answer: After being out in the streets I realized there was nothing out there for me, and after seeing there wasn't anything out there, I finally decided to come back and try hard to make a go of it. As the quotation goes and I quote, "The surest way not to fail is to succeed."

Question: Are you convinced the school and a high school education are definitely essentials of a successful future?

Answer: Yes. A hint to all who may feel as I once felt. Stay in school, don't drop out. Most dropouts today are people who don't weigh the advantages of their future in as much as they are not taking into consideration the needs for education in this present day.

You have heard from one who knows, and interesting report urging you and everyone to stay in school and get the best of life; to stay in school and withstand the trials and obstacles that you might encounter in your verge of life's success.

Band News

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Annual Parade. The Marching Tiger Band is under the leadership of John Rushing, drum major, and Carl B. Edwards, president. Others elected for the year are as follows: Vice president, Thomas

weekly and monthly periodicals or magazines, and books of all periods - never omitting the Holy Bible; for without the practice of its teachings all else is in vain.

Francis Bacon said, Quote, "Reading Maketh a Full Man." (End of quotation) As modern day students, we cannot afford to let the printed word of the past nor the timely books of the present pass us by unread - for therein we are exposed to a wealth of knowledge and inspiration.

American Education gives us an opportunity to analyze ourselves, to discover our weaknesses. Let us, therefore, resolve today to be open minded and always ready to learn, to put class-work above frivolous activities, to choose the rigir curriculum rather than the least difficult one, to read with an eagerness never before experienced.—bearing in mind that education is far more than learning; it is a way of life.

The Origin Of Thanksgiving

Our first American Thanksgiving was held in November 1612, William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth Colony, set aside a time to feast and to give thanks to God for the Bountiful harvest after the first hard year in the New World.

In 1789 President Washington proclaimed November 26, a day of Thanksgiving that should be held for the New Nation. From then on, some of the states observed it one date and some on another, but always in November.

Finally Mrs. Sarah Josephe Hale, an editor and author, decided that Thanksgiving should be a National Holiday, celebrated by all Americans at the same time. For thirty-five years she wrote letters to Governors and Presidents about her plan. In 1864 President Lincoln proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November as a National Thanksgiving Day. From that time on, each President has proclaimed a November Thanksgiving Day.

THANKSGIVING POEM

By Sara F. Hill

Thank you stars that shine so bright,
Thank you, sun for your warmth and cheer.
Thank you, Lord for friends held dear.
Thank you, Father In Heaven Above.



Jerdene's Etiquette Corner

"ETIQUETTE—P.S."

A knowledge of what is the right thing to do and how to do it, whether you are in class, the library, or at a dance. Being well-mannered means following the accepted rules of behavior which help to make our relationship with others more pleasant. All the rules in the world, however, won't help you be a really well-mannered person if you aren't basically kind, thoughtful, and considerate of others.

School Behavior

It is bad manners to stare out of the window or to talk to your neighbor when your teacher is talking. It is also bad manners to talk or to make fun of another student when he is reciting. It is equally bad to snap your fingers or to wave your hand and arm wildly when you want to recite.

For effective work in the library, quietness is essential. Return magazines and books you are using as soon as you are through with them so that others may use them. The library materials are the property of our school. You should handle them with care. Librarians will be glad to help you whenever you need their services. Remember to acknowledge such service courteously.

The Dance Program

The program or dance-card has some undeniable advantages. A girl can give as many dances as she chooses to whom-ever she chooses; and a man can be sure of having not only many but uninterrupted dances with the one he most wants to be with—provided "she" is willing.

"Cutting In"

When one of the "stags" standing in the doorway sees a

girl whom he wants to dance with dance past, he darts forward, lays his hand on the shoulder of her partner, who relinquishes his place in favor of the newcomer, and a third turn does the same to him.

When "cutting in," following rules must be served:

1. The partner who was first dancing with a girl must not cut back on the man who took her from him. He can cut in on a third man he wants to, especially if it is "giving her a rush."
2. He must not continue to

the latter dances with other partners.

Asking For A Dance

When a man is introduced to a girl, he says, "Would you care to dance?" She either replies, "Certainly" or "Yes I'd like to very much" or usually she says nothing but gets up, or turns to him and dances. At the end of the dance, whether it has lasted one minute or six, the man says, "Thank you!" Sometimes he adds, "That was wonderful." If they have danced only a few steps, she says nothing when cutting in on unless she says, "Sorry so low that the one cutting in does not hear. At the end of quite a long dance, when he says, "Thank you" she also says "Thank you" or possibly "Thank you too."

A girl never asks a man to dance, or to go to supper with her, though she may, if she is one of a "flock," say, "Come and sit at our table!" This however would not imply that it is sitting at "their" table he is supposed to sit next to her.

How About This New Grading System?

What do you think of this new grading system that includes D as a passing grade? You used to be almost as afraid of seeing a D on your report card as to see a ghost. You just knew you had to repeat the subject. Now that D has passed into action. Perhaps this Quality Education emphasis has something to do with it. No matter what it means, a D just won't look good on my card. My heart almost skips a beat at the very sight of a D. I hope you feel as I do about a D and I hope that we will all strive to do better this six weeks.

Jean Suitt