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NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR OUR CHILDREN

We were delighted with the remarks made by several prominent citizens of Brevard at the presentation of the truck to the boy scouts, troupe No. 1, recently.

Mr. J. S. Silverstein pointed out that while there were many opportunities in progressive movements for the advancement of our children that were costly, that in the results obtained, they were not expensive.

Rev. John Hay and his associates deserve the heart-felt thanks for the wonderful work that has been and is being done for the boys and girls of this community, not only in the Scout and Trailer organizations but in all other ways.

The churches of Brevard have shown remarkable growth during the past few months. The new Methodist Sunday School rooms; The new Baptist Pastorium and remodeling and decorating of the church; The Presbyterian Hut and plans for new additions to the church; and the progressive plans for larger additions to the Episcopal church have all been printed in these columns before.

An Actual Necessity in Brevard
Some time ago a movement was started in Brevard for a Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Association. The plans that were drawn were too elaborate and it was at a time when the great after-the-war depression was upon us.

When we stop and ponder certain existing conditions in our community (distressingly apparent upon all sides) we wonder why such an organization has not been promoted a long time ago.

There is absolutely nothing in our community to amuse our children at all times.

Many of the young men have had to leave not only on account of lack of employment, but because existing conditions were too dull to stay at home. It is true that nature has provided this section with unusual lavishness and we have a splendid type of citizenry, but we are overlooking our greatest asset: the coming generation.

Brevard could easily have a young men and women's Christian Association. It would not be necessary to start in a great extravagant way; but in a very small manner and there can be little doubt but that the growth would be phenomenal in a very few months.

If the parents and moral leaders of this community are anxious to promote the interest of their children, (and we believe they are) there seems to be absolutely no reason why a united effort can not be made to get a Y. M. C. A., which will be a blessing of uncountable value. It will provide a good safe outlet for real red-blooded boys and girls and will undoubtedly give all of us, young and old, a community center in which to amuse our population.

Let the minister and all who ought to help organize such an institution, get together and we feel sure that their efforts will not be in vain.

The most of us will have to do something until it hurts, but is there anything that is too good for our children? It can be done, but will we do it? Let's all get together.

THE MEDDLERS

This country is rapidly falling under the malign domination of the meddler. The habit of thrusting the prolonged nose into the neighborly affairs is getting to be a national vice. Everywhere we turn we are confronted with the absurd and highly objectionable results of this poking of the meddling proboscis

into matters that should be left alone.

A few weeks ago a young school teacher in a Pennsylvania town, feeling the urge to follow the prevailing fashion, had her hair bobbed whereupon the Board of Education, called into special session by a wailer of the over-developed proboscis, promptly discharged her, with the solemn announcement that a teacher with bobbed hair was "a bad influence" upon her pupils. A few days ago seven student nurses in the South Mississippi Infirmary, a State institution, entered a barber shop and emerged a few minutes later with their hair bobbed. At once a self-appointed "snouter" got busy; the governing board of the hospital was called in session, and, after brief deliberation, fired all seven nurses for the terrific indiscretion of having their hair bobbed.

At first blush the two incidents seem funny, as the acts of ridiculous people often seem funny. But they were not funny to the victims. Here were eight young women working hard to make a living and to prepare themselves for indispensable service to the community. But, because

they chose to serve their own convenience and to dress their hair as they pleased, they were made the marks of an inexcusable tyranny. It is tyranny that takes many different forms in the national life nowadays, a tyranny that should be combated by all good citizens.

Fanatics are making themselves too objectionable. The more they are endured, the worse they grow. They are outstanding examples of the current tendency to find self-justification by attacking so-called evil in others. The easiest way for a man to anesthetize his conscience and blind himself to his own short comings is to dwell constantly on the offenses, real or imagined, of somebody else. That explains the present-day overdeveloped proboscis of the meddler. The way to deal with it is to regard it as a confession instead of a worthwhile accusation against others, and to refuse to take seriously its ridiculous activities.

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