

Reading — The Road To Happiness

One of the terrible things of our modern world is that too many of our men and women are leading lonely lives—lives that are dull and have no real appeasement. True, in living in large cities and towns they are always moving among crowds—crowds that do not offer that certain feeling of friendliness. What most people need is to brighten their lives with a thorough understanding between them and their community. In large cities, there are thousands of these people who really do not feel community relationship any more.

The modern American families with their labor-saving devices to make work easy, their automobiles to take them through all parts of the country, and their radios to bring education and entertainment into their homes, seem to enjoy a richer and fuller life than their grandparents ever dreamed of. But unfortunately, these things cannot substitute for that lost sense of being members of a community. People of today really do not put themselves into the activities of their community as their grandparents did. Thus, they do not get that real enjoyment and significance out of life which cannot be obtained otherwise. Consequently, with all the traveling done, all the other entertainment available these people find less satisfaction in life. They know that there is something miss-

ing and they live in hope that some day, by means of money they will be able to find it.

Fortunately, the most sensible of these people who have been cut off from the direct sense of community life are readers.

The printed page is the source of this certain happiness which so many of them are looking for. New books magazines, histories and various periodicals bring to them a knowledge, not only of local problems, but those of other communities as well, which provide happiness for some and promote community pride in others. Therefore, they become widely informed, developing that sense of collective interest rather than individuality, through the habits of reading the best books and current materials.

What can one enjoy more than gleaning the pages of a periodical and learning therefrom much that is to be known about conditions and affairs of his fellowman? Is this not a moment of joy and happiness?

Hence, in order for people to be able to appreciate the goodness that life has in store for them, they should read and read; for reading not only gives one a knowledge of community affairs and conditions, but also offers much joy and happiness which present day American families find very rare in this ultra-modern society.

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Opinions of A Freshman

One of the many pre-eminent qualities Man possesses which he speaks his superiority to the lower animals is his power to reason and

contemplate upon a specific action before taking it. He seldom takes an important step in his life before giving it careful consideration and