

THE DIME MARCHES ON

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people....." This taken from one of our greatest documents—Declarat.on of Independ-ence—still holds a strong part of our love and hope for our nation. Children or even grownups aren't filled with much hope if suddenly stricken with the dreaded disease POLIO. To them their only hope is to ne that on their backs unable to move because some part of the body has been paralyzed or they must lie in an iron lung to enable them to breathe.

Yes, in this "course of human events it becomes necessary for one people" and all people to do their part. By supporting our March of Dimes campaign we are giving hope to those people who have been stricken. The money helps to give the mthe proper medical treatments and is also used in the research for the cure of polio.

TRY GIVING YOURSELF

Gracious giving requires no special talent nor large amount of money. It is compounded of the heart and the head acting together to achieve the perfect means of expressing our feelings. For as Emerson explains, "The best gift is one tied with your heart strings."

A little girl gave her mother several small boxes tied with bright ribbons. Inside each were slips of paper on which the child had printed such messages as, "Good for two floor-scrubbings," and "Good for two flower-bed weedings." She had never read Emerson, but unconsciously she put a big part of her small self into her gift.

Often the most successful gift is a spontaneous one. Act while the impulse is fresh—giving of yourself knows no special days.

Our gift may be no more than a kind word or a letter written at the right time. The important thing about any gift is the amount of ourselves which we put into it.

LOST? STRAYED? STOLEN?

With exams came the surge of lost, strayed or stolen books. Many of these books and notebooks were needed for exam review. Lack of books and notes caused many students to make lower grades than they would have if they had had their notes and books to study.

Just before exams, the house and grounds committee sponsored a cleanup campaign of lockers. Many library and text books were found at that time, but there are still many missing. Where are these books? Are we carelessly carrying someone else's books thinking they are ours---or have we absent-mindedly left them lying around some place at home??

Let's try to cure our carelessness and absent-mindedness and find some of these books.

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FACULTY ALBUM

A GI hair cut you notice first.... He's as neat in his work coat as a nurse.....A pleasant smile and cheery hello.....With a mechanical pen he's a very smart fellow. Mr. Chapman

Young and attractive with short blonde curls.....Sweet and appealing as new found pearls..... Always happy whenever you passThe book of history is taught in her class. Miss Mills

Tall, quiet with fair complexionTo his classes he shows much affection.....Willing to help in a cheery way.....Geometry's formula to him is not play. Mr. McGregor

Snow white hair, pleasing and kind.....Seems to leave all worries behind.....In typing and shorthand she rates high.....And sends you a smile when she catches your eye. Mrs. Bowden

Another Chance

The time came at last! Would we fail or pass? We didn't feel too down hearted Once we finally got started.

So we got out our books and studied hard, And for once we received a good report card.

Each year we have an awful dread To take an exam: we'd rather be dead.

But what difference now? No need to fuss;

It's over now for all of us.

Let's begin anew and start off right

And study harder every night.

By Jane Edwards

Cub Cracks

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This is Lazy Lammy bringing you last week's headline news this week. This news is being brought to you by the courtesy of the Up-to-Date News Service. And now the news.....Recently Russia got Hungary, So-vi-Et...When General Bird went to the Antarctic, he said it was Newfoundland. (Get it?).....In an argument between Alaska and Canada the delegate from Alaska was hard to say, "We can do anything Yukon!".....Santa Claus must have a new reindeer. He was overheard yelling at his team, "On Dancer, On Donner, Ontario.".....Communists needed new dishes so they took China.....Early TI-bet early to rise.....And now for the weather report. Chile today, but hot tample.

Exchange

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The Sure Way!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Is there any chance for us to meet Clem and Cora? Dignified Seniors

Dear D. S.,

I must say there has been a popular demand for Clem and Cora to appear at different meetings. I'm sure by now you have recognized who they are from the pictures. As far as meeting them and having them tell you about South-Hicken-Sack, they would be glad too. If you would like them to talk to you, get in touch with Mr. Edson and he'll arrange for their appearance. Maybe they'll be able to come to a class meeting. I'm sure they'll be thrilled at the idea of meeting with you.

Editor

Dear Editor,

Do you think I should take five subjects? If you do, how can I convince my parents that I should? Disturbed Freshman

Dear Freshman,

It is hard to say yes or no to such a question. If you, by the end of the year, have a good average—at least a "B", I say yes; but if you don't, I would suggest that you take only four subjects.

Others have taken five and have made good grades, but they had to study hard. If you plan to do likewise, by all means take five subjects. You say your parents disagree, Maybe it's because they know you better than you know yourself. Take their advice.

Editor

What Tuberculosis Means To Me

What does tuberculosis mean to me? Perhaps I can best tell you through my own experience; for, you see, I've had it.

I was seventeen and a senior in high school when the world crashed about my ears. The tiny tubercle bacilli were discovered in a routine x-ray of seniors by our local committee of the National Tuberculosis Association. I had been just an ordinary girl before, complaining about school but thoroughly enjoying it, dating on weekends, going to movies with friends, and dreaming of a Prince Charming and a rose-covered cottage by a silver lake. But the dread disease tuberculosis had changed all that and ruined my life. Or so I thought.

I was admitted to a sanatorium for tuberculosis patients only about twenty miles from my home. My family was grateful that I was near enough for them to visit me often. We were informed that the local committee of the National Tuberculosis Association would assist me in every way possible.

In the sanatorium, I learned that fortunately my case had been caught in the early stages and I had a good chance for recovery. There I met new friends, people who like myself had been normal and happy one day—confused and uncertain the next. I can't say I enjoyed my nine months stay in the sanatorium, but while there I gained fresh hope

and courage, and a new perspective. I learned too, that tuberculosis is everyone's problem and that by working and cooperating with doctors, health authorities, and the National Tuberculosis Association, we can lick tuberculosis before it licks us.

I hope in these few paragraphs, my words have made you realize that tuberculosis strikes anyone, anytime, anywhere.

I want to thank all Americans, who in years past have generously bought Christmas seals. I thank them for my very life. It is from the money derived from the sale of those little seals, 94% of which stays in the contributors home state, that the work of the National Tuberculosis Association is carried out. Won't you help someone else's dreams and hopes come true as you did mine and buy Christmas seals? You see, I found my Prince Charming and together we're planning our rose covered cottage by a silver lake.

Tuberculosis can be cured if found in time.

(For my T. B. article, I wrote a fictitious feature story entitled WHAT TUBERCULOSIS MEANS TO ME.)

By Peggy Jo Geddie

(Editor's Note: The above selection won first place locally in a contest sponsored jointly by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and National Tuberculosis Association.)