

TAP Aid 'March of Dimes'

Can you remember the summer of 1948? Maybe you were too young to understand what was going on in the world about you.

This was the year of the terrible polio epidemic. For those who do remember, the word **polio** has a dread meaning. One can recall reading hundreds of heart-tugging stories telling of whole families stricken with this disease. Maybe a neighbor or friend, or a relative contracted infantile paralysis.

There's no need explaining in detail exactly what polio is because each of us is familiar with the symptoms and the results. This year as the "March of Dimes" rolls around again the foundation has started a T A P—"Teens Against Polio" drive. The national co-chairmen for 1958 are Patty Hicks, 18, a graduate of Hopkins Senior High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Sal Mineo, 18, of New York City.

Sal and Patty's job is to travel throughout the USA telling teens of the Salk vaccine and how the shots will aid in the prevention of polio. They also tell of how teens' dimes will aid in scientific research, professional education, and the giving financial aid to thousands of polio patients.

Teenagers all over the country are being urged to participate in this campaign by sponsoring such things as Fortune Days, Tag Days, shoe shine stands, coat hanger collections, dances, auctions, and bake sales. Locally the service clubs are participating by the dance they put on last night, by selling blue crutches and by addressing envelopes.

By Jupiter, It Pays!

"May I carry your books." "Let me hold the door for you."

No, this was not a "steady" talking, but one of the many students who proved the verity of the old adage "courtesy is contagious" during the "Courtesy or By Jupiter Week" sponsored by the Distributive Education Club, January 13-17.

So many students were seen doing "acts of kindness" that adults must have felt that teenagers were not so rude and discourteous after all.

The five students picked as the most courteous for each day in the balloting might have followed this recipe for being courteous.

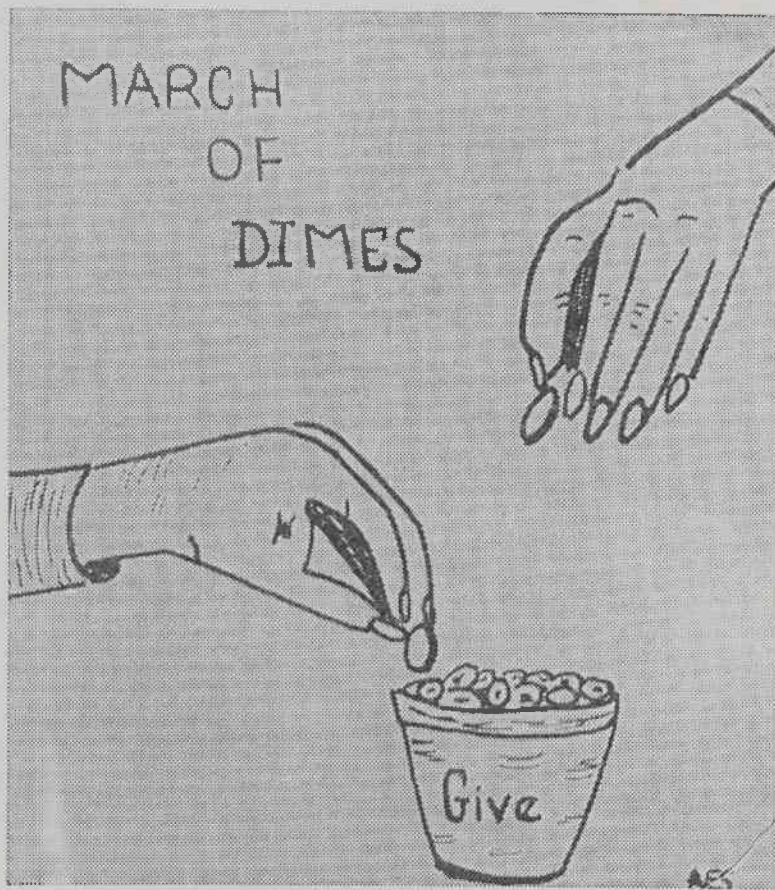
Recipe for a "By Jupiter!" Day

- One cup friendly words
- Two heaping cups understanding
- Four heaping teaspoons time and patience
- Pinch of Warm Personality
- Dash of dry humor (or sense of humor)
- Spice of Life

Instructions for Mixing Ingredients

- Measure words carefully
- Add heaping cup of understanding
- Sift together 3 times before using
- Make smooth sauce—not too thick;
- Use generous amount of time and patience
- Cook with gas on front burner
- Keep temperature low—do not boil
- Add dash of dry humor (or sense of humor)
- A pinch of personality
- Season to taste with Spice of Life
- Serve in individual molds
- Best when made by a good mixer.

Give from the Heart with the Hands



Musical Hits Sing Special Messages To Senior Highers

- "Wake Up, Little Susie"—
On these horrid Monday mornings! (Right, Barbara Brown?)
- "Raunchy"—
Journalism Class
- "Little Bity Pretty One"—
Patsy Viverette
- "Locka' No Hair"—
Ray Jackson
- "Say"—
What Mr. Edson?
- "Buzz, Buzz, Buzz"—
Fire Drill
- "April Love"—
Marriage follows
- "The Joker"—
Coach Yarborough and his second period class
- "Hard Times"—
Those Mid-term Exams—Right?
- "No Love"—
That's what you think!
- "Great Balls of Fire"—
Oh-h-h, those flying snowballs!
- "Clover in the Meadow"—
Think it can peep out from under the snow?
- "Black Slacks"—
Good for very cold days
- "Moonlight Swim"—
Br-r-r-r, Let's wait a few months!

That Was the End of Man!

In this day of satellites, longwhile all the time the other side range bombers and other such related things the possibility of total destruction of humanity may be near at hand.

Recently a local theater showed a cartoon that was a little late for the Christmas season, but definitely served a purpose for those who viewed it.

The title, "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men", and the singing in the background are misleading at first. The scene opens with snow falling, and as the eye of the camera moves along, it comes to focus on a lone stained-glass window of a church, which is in ruins.

As the camera goes further, one finds that the singing comes from a mouse choir. When the singing is concluded, one tiny mouse asks, "What are men?" (Since the songs they sang mentioned men.)

The story then proceeds to tell how men disappeared from the face of the earth.

"It seems that men were always fighting," said the elderly choirmaster. "They just didn't seem to be able to get along with each other. These men had a book which had ten rules that they were supposed to live by — Thou shalt not kill — Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself — are two of them. But men, being greedy and selfish, did not take heed of these wise words and they were always at war.

"One day one side decided to drop a bomb on the other side

"That was the end of all men!"
Yes, this is all make-believe, just a cartoon out of Hollywood; but since push-button warfare could destroy mankind in a matter of hours, take lesson from this mouse story. Greed and selfishness are destructive.

Then It's News

Have you in the last month:

- married?
- started going steady?
- made straight "A's" or "E's"?
- received an all expense paid trip to Lower Sloblovia?
- added a rare matchbox to your collection?
- found a two-headed ant?
- seen "Sputnik" or "Mutt-nik"?
- borrowed a pencil and returned it?
- eloped?
- had a wreck?
- "dyed"?
- started turning grey?
- acquired a new car?
- been punished?
- become a celebrity?
- had a new flame?
- found RM a new coach?

If any of these pertain to you let THE BLACKBIRD STAFF know — It's News!

Ten De-Commandments to De-Follow

1. Thou shalt not study today what thy can put off until tomorrow; for if thou will do it today, thy will have nothing to do when tomorrow arrives.
2. Thou shalt not condemn thy teachers for the distribution of excessive amounts of homework on nights of basketball games because thy teachers also need to study.
3. Thou shalt steal thy neighbor's pencil whenever thou has the chance, since pencils are used along with stolen paper to write thy English compositions.
4. Thou shalt not throw thy gum in containers created for this purpose for gum serves a more useful purpose under desktops as it removes lint from navy skirts and pants.
5. Thou shalt not throw tiny spitballs in thy classes, but throw large spitballs or books so the effect will be greater.
6. Thou shalt not walk calmly down thy school's halls, but thou shalt run hurriedly as it will carry thee to thy destination much faster.
7. Thou shalt not stand quietly while in thy cafeteria lunch line; if thou dost, thou will find thyself smashed between others who are anxious to eat.
8. Thou shalt not pass notes in thy classes for thy classmates will be disturbed — speak aloud to thy designated comrade so as to disturb thy teacher.
9. Thou shalt not whisper in assembly but thou shalt shout whenever thou desirest to make thy presence known.
10. And above all — thou shalt not "sweat" it!

These "commandments" should be taken only in the lightest vein. The idea came from various sources and was changed entirely for use in this paper. Enjoy them and do exactly the OPPOSITE of what each one says.



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