

Editorial and Opinion

How Drab, Yesteryear

Boys and girls of today have so totally different a daily routine from that of those who lived a century and a half ago, that the tremendous contrast may not be fully realized by the present generation.

Today's 10-year-olds spend a generous part of their time attending movies, listening to gangster or murder programs on the radio or on TV, reading comic books, and other papers of dubious cultural value.

Consider now the daily routine prescribed by Thomas Jefferson for his 10-year-old daughter, Martha (known as "Patsy"), afterward the wife of Governor Thomas Mann Randolph, of Virginia. In a letter written in 1783 to Patsy from Annapolis, published in *The Domestic Life of Thomas Jefferson*, by Sarah N. Randolph, a once-rare volume reissued by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, the master of Monticello said he would approve the following schedule:

- "From 8 to 10, practice music.
- "From 10 to 1, dance one day and draw another.
- "From 1 to 2, draw on the day you dance, and write a letter next day.
- "From 3 to 4, read French.
- "From 4 to 5, exercise yourself in music.
- "From 5 till bedtime, read English, write, etc."

We do not happen to know whether Patsy actually carried out this rigorous routine, which left practically no time for anything but study or for practicing music, art or the dance. Probably she varied from it only slightly, or her father would have refused his consent.

Certainly it would be out of the question for any 10-year-old in 1951 even to consider so exacting a schedule. How would he or she keep abreast of the doings of Roy Rogers or Henry Aldrich, or remain hep to the most recent escapades of the "Cisco Kid" or the "Green Hornet"?

Yes 1783 was a long time ago. A Patsy Jefferson, devoting her entire day from 8 A. M. until bedtime to literature, art, language and letter-writing, is hardly conceivable in this year of grace.

Grand Gesture

Vice President Barkley celebrated his 74th birthday on the Korean front. It is reported that he autographed an artillery shell and personally fired it at the Reds. If it happened to kill any one, he will (as a non-combatant) have made the UN as guilty of murder as the Reds under the Geneva Conference rules. A technicality, of course, but the Reds love 'em.

The dispatch did not mention this, nor the cost and confusion involved in protecting the Veep, and furnishing the expected honors in this dangerous and difficult area. Unless we've lost count, however, his visit means that Uncle Sam has now escorted all the VIP's to Korea and back. Maybe that will mean another plane or two for those who are doing the fighting.

Average Farm Biggest In History

The American Farm is 35 1/2 acres larger than it was in 1840, has a half a horse less, a quarter of a tractor more, about the same number of residents in the cowbarn and half a chicken more, according to the Bureau of the Census.

Compared with 1940, there are 713,000 less farms, but the total acreage remains about the same. Nearly a million and a half more farms were electrified and 221,000 more installed telephones from 1945 to 1950.

We don't know whether the hired man lit out for the city or whether he got fired, but during the decade 870,000 workers quit the soil. This is probably the most significant statistic in the farm census. Whether we like it or not, the day of mechanical help and power farming is here. Fortunately, most Americans like it.

Fatigue-An Accident Factor

World affairs, economic strains and the general tempo of modern living tend to keep nerves at angry tension.

Nowhere is this tension more in evidence than on the streets and highways as vehicles move at snail's pace in crowded urban areas and too fast on open roads.

However, it has not been given the attention it deserves as a major factor in fatal and non-fatal accidents. In fact, fatigue, the direct result of tension, has largely been overlooked in our search for an answer to the holocaust on our arteries of traffic.

The subject is being given increasing attention as we approach the time when the millionth traffic fatality will be announced; a million lives -- our human sacrifice for traffic carelessness and recklessness since the advent of the automobile, fifty years ago. The sad hour transportation progress will come during the new few weeks.

There is reason to believe, however, that if public consciousness of the part fatigue plays in traffic mishaps can be aroused, it will be one of the most direct approaches to the safety problem we have yet found.

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CAUDLE NAIVE TO SAY THE LEAST

The Washington Post.

For a man who rose virtually to the top of the nation's chief law enforcement agency, former Assistant Attorney General Thomas Lamar Caudle seems to have had a wonderfully naive sense of discrimination. Mr. Caudle, who was head of the tax division of the Department of Justice until fired by President Truman two weeks ago, apparently saw nothing wrong in accepting favors from a friend involved in a \$2,400,000 tax case. It seemingly did not occur to Mr. Caudle that there was any impropriety in accepting the loan of an automobile for five months from his friend, Keith Beaty, Charlotte, N. C., taxi fleet owner—"the boys" help in obtaining a discount on a new 1947 Chevrolet—the discount bringing to a mere \$285 the price difference between the 1947 model and Mr. Caudle's 1942 trade-in. The fact that Mr. Beaty refused the \$285 also did not bother Mr. Caudle, for the sum remains on his books as a debt.

Some remarkable coincidences have developed from Mr. Caudle's testimony before the King Committee. He admitted that he "may have" told the Bureau of Internal Revenue that the tax case against Beaty was part of "some animosity" on the part of persons in North Carolina. Beaty was not prosecuted. Mr. Caudle admitted that he "may have" telephoned the general counsel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue about removing tax liens against another Charlotte businessman, Troy Whitehead. The tax liens were removed the next day. Whether or not there was any connection between these two events, it is significant that Mr. Caudle had been the guest of Mr. Whitehead on two fishing trips to Florida, and the general counsel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Charles Oliphant, went along on one of them.

All these circumstances may have been mere coincidences. But they are the sort of coincidences that amply justified President Truman's drastic action in this case. They furnish perhaps the best illustration so far of the kind of activity which, if not technically illegal is highly improper on the part of a public official.

The Christian Viewpoint
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Jesus refused to use the tools of the world in setting up His kingdom. Force and threatening and coercion were put behind him as temptations of Satan and He chose to win the hearts and minds of men by truth, goodness, service, teaching, and organizing a free fellowship based on loyalty to Himself. There are no real Christians made by external compulsion. Real Christians must be free to choose and must for themselves accept God's grace and guidance and set out to serve Him and help build Christ's kingdom of righteousness and kindness. The tools of Christians are preaching, teaching, and serving.

I'm always afraid to trust anyone who wants to do away with freedom or who wants to use the schools for propagating some anti-Christian philosophy. In a news release issued by Labor Information of the United States Economic Cooperation Administration recently we read:

Communist indoctrination is the objective of Berlin's school system under U. S. S. R. occupation. In 1945, the sovietizing of schools began with the abolition of private schools and institutes. Next, parental authority over the formal education of youth was curtailed by (a) abolition of parent-teacher associations and (b) substitution thereof of a communist-controlled agency. Finally, religious instruction was banned from the public school system.

One of the marks of American freedom is that we have public and private schools operating side by side. Public schools cannot teach any special sectarian doctrine and therefore are in danger of becoming vague and too general in their influence on the religious life of students. The private and church schools have greater freedom, to teach the truth about the Supreme Truth as they can best understand it. Their danger is in becoming narrow and dogmatic. Each type of education can balance the other in America. As long as we have freedom in the public schools to recognize the primary place of spiritual and moral values in education and as long as parents and students are free to go to private and denominational schools when they wish, where more emphasis is placed upon religion, we have a wholesome situation. "For freedom did Christ set us free, stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage." Gal. 5:1

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat FINISHING WHAT THEY'VE STARTED

OF THE MILLIONS OF CHILDREN ENTERING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR, 1 OUT OF 2, STATISTICIANS ESTIMATE, WILL GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL—1 OUT OF 8 WILL GO ON THROUGH COLLEGE. A GENERATION AGO ONLY 1 BEGINNER OUT OF 6 FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL—ONLY 1 OUT OF 32 COMPLETED COLLEGE.



MORE AND BETTER SCHOOLS—AND THE FACT THAT MORE FAMILIES HAVE MADE HIGHER EDUCATION POSSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH THEIR SAVINGS AND LIFE INSURANCE—RESULT IN MORE EDUCATION FOR MORE CHILDREN. THIS MEANS A BETTER-TRAINED CITIZENRY FOR OUR DEMOCRACY.

Garden Time

By

Robert Schmidt

Last week I discussed some of the basic principles of pruning, but did not get to say all that I wanted to say about it, so here is some more about pruning trees and shrubs.

As I said last week, about this time of the year many people get the urge to go out and cut their shrubs and trees. I have noticed many times here in the city that when shrubbery has become too large and must be cut back severely it will be done at this season instead of the period just before growth starts in the spring.

What I am trying to bring out is the fact that if you prune trees or shrubs back severely now you will have to look at the naked stumps all winter since there will be no growth until spring. On the other hand, if the pruning is done in late winter or early spring, it will take only a short while for the new growth to cover up the ugly stumps.

Of course, no shrubs should be allowed to get into so bad a condition that they should have to be cut back to large stumps. Intelligent pruning each year should prevent this. Spring flowering shrubs should be pruned only lightly during the dormant season if you wish a lot of bloom.

That would include spiraea, forsythia, climbing roses and other similar spring bloomers. Heavier pruning can be done immediately after they are through blooming. Summer flowering shrubs such as crape myrtle and hybrid tea roses may be pruned quite severely during the dormant period.

Many gardeners worry about the fact that their Muscadine vines bleed when they are pruned. This "bleeding" does not have any injurious effect on the vines. Muscadines will bleed less if they are pruned early in the dormant season but it will make little difference if they are pruned early or late.

The 1951 corn crop is estimated at 3 billion bushels.

Fresh mash should be added to poultry feeders at least twice a day.

The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations was created in 1945.

RALEIGH Round-up
by JAMES H. POU BAILEY

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Notes... Prisons Chief Anderson has struck his first snag in his new position. More on this a later date. It now looks as if the Southern Conference will split up, with Clemson going with the Southeastern and Maryland forming a new conference with Penn., Villanova, etc. Some Bill Umstead's friends in the Asheville area are said to be miffed at Secretary of State Eure for muddying the water with gubernatorial talk.

Larkin Advice... Although the Governor has no love for State Senator John Larkin of Trenton down in Jones County, he could follow John's plan. Larkin, chairman of the Appropriations Committee in the 1951 Senate, had a habit of talking to himself a great deal in the last Legislature. (An occupational disease of chairman of Appropriation Committees.) Finally, one of his friends asked him why he talked to himself so much.

"Well," replied Larkin, "There are two reasons, in the first place I like to talk to a smart man. In the second place, I like to hear a smart man talk."
Now the Governor could -- when he wants to sound off -- just talk to himself. In that way, his statements would injure no one; facts and figures could be tossed around at random; and he could daily listen to words of wisdom.

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