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THE BOY'S OPPORTUNITY

Boys who complain that they have no opportunity to become what they would like, may well read the story of Lincoln's life. When Abraham Lincoln left his father's rude home to make his own way in the world, at the age of twenty-one, he had not a dollar in money, not an influential friend, nor a decent suit of clothes. His schooling had been but meagre, and the number of books he had ever seen scarcely equaled the library of a ten-year old school boy of today. He had no capital save his strong body, his health and an earnest determination to do his duty in every field.

The clothes he wore were of cotton homespun colored by mother with butternut bark, and his first contract for work was to split four hundred fence rails for each yard of fence necessary to make himself a pair of trousers. Thirty years from that time he was President of the United States. Compare his struggle with that of today and you must reach the decision that the opportunity for the boy now is amply sufficient.

Nearly all depends upon the boy.

DRY BONES RATTLE

With two committees of investigation formed and ready for action, in connection with the government air service, there seems to be a sudden awakening to the importance of the issue that hitherto has been surrounded by a little more than lethargy. Soon will come some sort of a court-trial before which Col. William Mitchell can be hailed to answer for his rebelious attitude toward his technical superiors. Official red tape in Washington will "get" Mitchell if there is a remote chance of escaping public sentiment.

The Colonel spoke some months ago and as a result drew a "demotion" in rank. It makes no difference in the army or navy whether you are right or wrong, whether you know more in a practical way than your superior who sits at a desk, you dare not take issue, even though a human life is at stake such as in the air service.

Mitchell has won the condemnation of official Washington. Had not his superiors feared public sentiment he would no doubt be in military prison by this time. As it is public sentiment is back of him and that cannot be overestimated.

The air service should be under a separate department officered by men of experience, not by those who have been reared and educated by the official red tape followers who as a rule have not part in the success of the government other than that of drawing a salary.

It has been hard for the navy crowd to recognize the need of the air service. The old fashioned as well as the modern battle ship have lost their places in the war program or even for coast defense. The modern battle ship costs about \$70,000,000 and before it can meet the enemy it must be accompanied by torpedo boats and destroyers as well as one or two hydroplanes, all costing another \$30,000,000. One enemy bombing plane can then destroy in a few seconds the battleship, which is nothing more or less than a target from the air.

Col. Mitchell has no doubt sacrificed his career for what he conceived to be the public interest. The public has taken recognition of it irrespective of what the investigations bring out.

PARENTAL SUPERVISION

A professor in Toledo University is quoted as follows: "The home is the weakest spot in America's social fabric of today." Its influence should be much greater than it is. We should be forced to work out our domestic problems instead of side-stepping them."

While we boast much of the American home today yet what the learned professor says is largely so. Most of the trouble today in the home is the lack of strict parental supervision. In a large percentage of homes this is true. There is not the watchfulness over childhood today that we had twenty or thirty years ago.

The tendency has been in too many homes to depend on the church and the public schools to exercise the

proper influence and supervision in keeping the young feet of today in the proper path.

Many there are that think the church has attempted to cover a field far too distant from the local surroundings, this being particularly true in the cities. Not enough stress has been laid on that parental responsibility in home training as to habits and particularly the manner of dress of today. Permitting young folks in the early teens liberties today that were not accorded the youth of twenty-five years ago at twenty. Probably the public has realized the independence of the people and dared to present the situation as it has grown to be.

As for the schools there has been a great change whether for good or not a system has been inaugurated that many parents have not altogether agreed with. The idea that a child should learn by first being taught to play is so far from the early idea of instruction that some of the faults of today are laid to this system. The best training for a child is by labor and that nothing worthwhile can be accomplished by play which is for amusement. This may have something to do with the inability of holding down the younger generation to a more conservative policy. The reason why so many parents expect the public school teacher to perform functions that should be left to the home remains unexplained. The tendency of today is to step this responsibility.

It has been our opinion that the general public has been from year to year educated to believe that our social problems can all be governed by legislative acts. The many so-called moral agencies with high salaried leaders and a host of paid workers have worked against maintaining the responsibility of the average American home. Legislation that these so-called organizations foster amounts to naught unless backed by the moral of the people.

Some of the legislation backed by such organizations has been commendable but much of it has been useless, yet passed with the idea that certain evils would be eradicated or entirely cured. The paid reformer does as much harm as good. The officer of the law cannot take over the responsibility of the parent.

Without parental supervision in the home the work of the church becomes a monumental task; the school but a play ground. Over indulgence in play brings idleness—here work can never start. Unless we have more parental supervision over the youth of today and the coming generations, the church will deteriorate and the schools face an impossible problem.

President Is Almost Run Down In Car Autoist

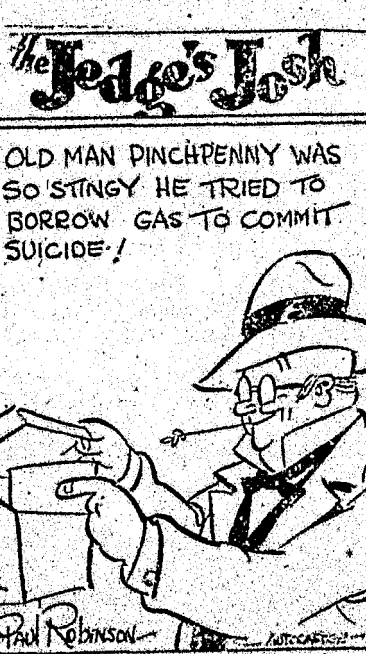
Washington, — President Coolidge narrowly escaped being struck by an automobile while taking his customary walk in the downtown section. The driver of the car, Walter D. Smith of Baltimore, was arrested on a charge of violating traffic regulations. He was released on \$5,000 bond.

The President had stepped from the curb in H street and Jackson place, a block from the White House, when the auto, cutting the corner, was said to have borne down on him so suddenly that he was saved from being struck only by the quickness of a secret-service man, who seized his arm and drew him back.

Wire Rips Top Off Auto; Kills Sleeping Women

Whitehall, Mich. — Hanging unseen in the darkness across the West Michigan pike, four miles north of Whitehall, Mich., a heavy telephone wire brought instant death to two Chicago women when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into it.

The women, Mrs. William B. Young, forty-five years old, and her daughter, Edna, twenty years old, of 8017 West Sixty-fourth place, were asleep in the rear seat when the wire hung the top of the large sedan. The wire caught them under their chins, snapping their necks and fracturing their skulls.



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