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"If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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FINDING OURSELVES

THERE are few communities, and Andover is no exception, that do not need a little appreciation at home, in order to get ahead.

Every community has its good points, but in most instances, few people appreciate them.

Andover is so attractive, such a really fine place and has such fine people, that most of its inhabitants are well satisfied and say "let well enough alone" or "let someone else do it."

Letting someone else, when it comes to matters of public welfare, will not work out in actual practice. There are two reasons; there is no somebody else if everybody puts it up to someone else.

Besides, if we let someone else do it, we lose half of the benefit, because in the doing of something for the common good, for the welfare of the community as a whole, there is a very direct and positive benefit which rebounds to the doer because of the act of doing develops a better man and a broader and fuller citizen.

No man may live for himself alone.
He is the shortest-sighted man in the world who thinks he can.

He is little less than no man at all who attempts to attend strictly to his own business and takes no interest in community welfare.

Every man can do something for the advancement of the community.

Every man owes it to the community to do something more than merely pay his taxes, for the taxes are spent for the community good and, therefore, the taxpayer gets his money's worth in return for a fair assessment.

Communities, like individuals, are too apt to become self-satisfied if they are reasonably well to do. Ease and contentment always follow success. A jolt sometimes brings them to life.

If Andover were put under the stress of some great calamity, it would surprise even itself by the energy and activity with which it would meet and solve the problem.

But as matters stand, it looks like nothing short of a severe shock would wake us up. We as a community are not asleep, but dozing drowsily and very apt to drop into peaceful slumber.

Andover needs to find itself.
It needs to get over and above the affliction of self-satisfaction—just as individuals need to overcome it—and to find out its shortcomings.

HELPING AT HOME

TEACHING girls household arts in schools is a waste of time and money if parents refuse to "back up" the teachers, Mrs. A. H. Reeve, Philadelphia, president of the National Congress of Parent-Teachers' Associations, said in a recent statement.

This sentiment surely will have the support of every parent and school patron, not to mention taxpayers.

What sense is there in teaching a girl household arts—cooking on a dainty gas range, washing clothes a few minutes every week and learning to sew properly—if it ends when she leaves the school room.

The same applies to the teaching of vocational subjects to boys. Why waste the boys' time and the taxpayers' money grounding them in some avocation and then never see that they apply it out of the school room.

No educational system is going to be a success if the school is only a part of it.

Give the school girls a part of the regular housework and the boys a chance to use the training they receive in vocational classes.

Education, like Gaul, is divided into three parts—the home, community and school—and the last named can't function 100 per cent, efficiently unless it has the active and effective support of the first two.

Too many mothers say: "I'd rather do the work than have my daughter messing around with it." Too many fathers say: "I can do the work in half the time my boy can, so why fool with him?"

Parents with this attitude leave the children's future to chance. We can't depend entirely upon the public schools, even tho their usefulness in the training of children is growing.

A little time given to our children will bring rich rewards in the future.

CLEAN MONEY

PEOPLE have a habit of calling it "filthy lucre," but really it is not so filthy, because Uncle Sam has a custom of washing his money with the precision and care that the fastidious housewife uses in doing her weekly washing.

Once upon a time the government destroyed all of the soiled and worn out currency returned to the treasury for redemption, but those days are gone forever.

Now our bills get their regular baths and our money is much cleaner than it once was.

The \$1 bills, the passport of the great common people, most frequently get into the bath tub, but those of larger denomination also have to be cleansed.

The average life of a bill is fourteen months, but there are cases on record where currency issued one day has been turned back, soiled and greasy, the following day for redemption.

Soiled or clean, we'll all take all we can earn, and some take more than they earn; others take some they never earn.

Tell your neighbor that he is smarter than you are, and he will not only agree with you, but loan you money to boot.

SMELLING COMMITTEES

AN INVESTIGATION of records of the house of representatives revealed 33 investigation resolutions pending before the house committee on rules, and almost an equal number proceeding or pending in the senate.

In the words of one of the senators, "Congress has gone mad." In the words of members of the press gallery, "Congress has become an investigative committee instead of a legislative body."

If the courts decide, as they did in the case of the Federal Trade Commission vs. the American Tobacco Company, and P. Lorillard, that the commission has no authority to go on "fishing expeditions" by rifling the files of various concerns under suspicion, applying this ruling to the congressional "smelling committees," and if the courts decide further that a witness who is already party to a court proceeding shall not be compelled to give testimony to a congressional committee, it will have a very salutary effect on congress in that it may have a tendency to restore sanity and induce that body to resume the duties for which it was constituted.

Of the 33 house investigations called for, about seven appear to be legitimate in that they are calculated to inform the house as to the proper legislation concerning the respective subjects. These are not really investigations, but hearings against which there is no disposition to cavil.

Representative Tinkham, republican from Massachusetts, wants the activities of the Anti-Saloon League looked into to determine their effect on Congressional elections. He also desires information on the extent to which the right to vote is denied American citizens.

Representative Allgood, democrat of Alabama, wants a hearing on improving the hall of the house of representatives.

Representative Stengle, democrat of New York, asks for a hearing on middlemen's profits on farm products, which should give some interesting information. Michaelson, republican of Illinois, wants the Lakes-to-the-Gulf waterway considered by a committee for the purpose of informing congress on required legislation.

La Guardia, republican of New York, desires a study of federal bankruptcy laws.

And Morehead, democrat of Nebraska, asks a hearing on federal aid in road construction.

ACTION IS NEEDED

IT IS reported Germany will accept the report on the reparations muddle presented to the reparations commission by a commission of experts headed by Gen. Charles Dawes.

The reparations commission also has recommended that the allies accept the report, providing the German government will agree to abide by its terms. We of America, however, after observing Europe's actions for the past five years, will be inclined to take with a grain of salt anything that any of the European politicians may promise.

What we want is action. Germany and the allies can show their good faith forthwith by making an honest effort to live up to the terms of the report drawn up by level-headed business men with no axe to grind and with no view in mind except to solve the European mess.

Five years ago, what is being attempted now would have been much easier of accomplishment.

But it wasn't done that way, and a good American should be the last person on earth to cry over spilled milk.

What we are particularly interested in is seeing order brought out of chaos in Europe, and we have in abiding faith in the genius of two-fisted Americans like Charles Dawes to do it, if the European politicians and diplomats will forget their age-old hatreds and lay all of their cards on the table.

It's a very good beginning to have Germany and the reparations commission look favorably upon the report of the experts, but far more favorable would be immediate steps on the part of all concerned to show by their deeds that they mean what they say.

WHERE OUR THOUGHTS TURN

IN THE SPRING a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love in a cottage—or words to that effect—and others who have passed that stage also think of a cottage, as typifying a home.

It's the great goal of every man, regardless of his past condition of servitude, to be listed on the tax duplicate as a home owner. It brings peace of mind that can be acquired in no other way—the satisfaction of being looked upon as a home owner, a substantial citizen of the community.

The robins are building their nests. Hundreds of other birds have migrated north to prepare for the rearing of a family. They take pride in their tree-top dwelling, just as the human family displays the nesting instinct in a desire for a place that can be called home.

Men who own homes make it a purpose in life to have one in which they can take pride. They obtain it by saving, by self-denial, by thrift and industry.

The more home owners we have, just that many more good citizens can we claim. It's not too late to begin planning for a home this spring.

FARMS MUST EARN MORE

THERE are several reasons why farm earnings are showing a decline partially due to economic discontent and political agitation.

Statistics show that large numbers of tenant farmers have accumulated funds out of farm earnings toward becoming farm owners, but the process is slow and one of considerable difficulty.

Desirability of farm land is not enhanced by too much academic discussion about employing family labor without wages, or underestimating the value of such labor.

All reports show that tenants or farm owners having good sized families, and largely employing family labor on the land, are more prosperous and successful than farm operators without families.

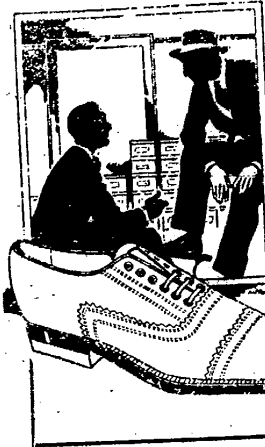
Where the tenant has no family labor from which to increase his margin of return over necessary expenditures, he carries an additional handicap in his struggle to become a farm owner.

The same general fact holds true with those who own farms but are compelled to employ all their labor at present prevailing high wages.

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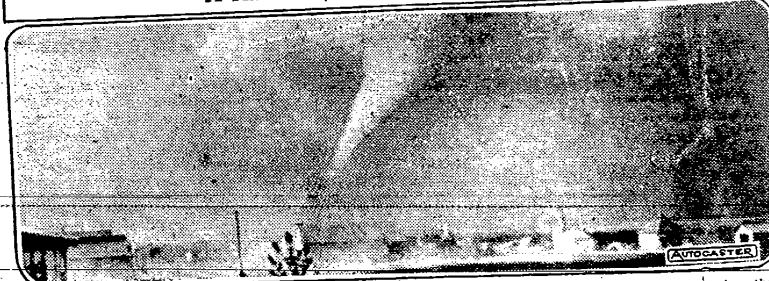
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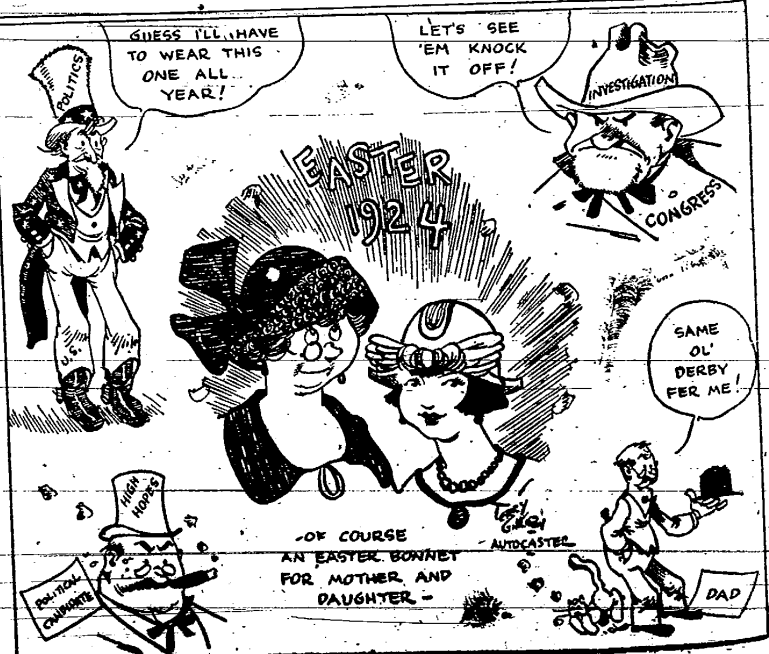
Back row—left to right. Davis, Labor; Wallace, Agriculture; Hoover, Commerce and Work; Interior. Front Row. New, Postmaster; Weeks, War; Hughes, State; President Coolidge; Mellon, Treasury; Stone, Attorney General and Wilbur, Navy.

A Kansas Cyclone Caught in the Act



A cool-headed photographer was sitting on his front porch at Weskan, Kansas, the other day when the great cyclone and tornado, which swept middle western states, reached his town. He pressed the bulb—and got this picture of the twister.

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