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YOUTH

"This is the age of youth." How often we hear that said, sometimes in extenuation of youthful exuberance which shocks the elders, sometimes with the hopeful view that youth, somehow, is going to make the world over.

Every age has been the age of youth. Young folks are more vociferous just now than they were before the war. They get more publicity, mainly because there are more mediums of publicity. But in all history it has been youth which has gone adventuring, which has injected new ideas into the world's thought, which has started movements which have, in time, changed social and economic conditions.

It was youth that settled America. The Pilgrim Fathers were mostly boys in their twenties when they landed on Plymouth Rock. The pioneers of Virginia and Pennsylvania were no older.

From the beginning, young folk have done things of which their elders did not approve. "The only service the young can render the old is to shock them and so keep them up to date," says George Bernard Shaw in one of his plays. A man or woman must be very old indeed or have a very poor memory, to have forgotten that in his or her own youth the old folks seldom approved of the activities and interests of the young.

And when the young people of today have become the parents of boys and girls of eighteen or twenty, they, too, will be shocked by the things their children will do or want to do.

A DANGEROUS PASTIME

Coasting is great sport and no child should be denied that healthful recreation, but when children use their sleds on the State highway and on hills with dangerous street intersections the sport becomes one of the most dangerous. During the past week there have been no serious accidents in this section—no one has been crippled or killed—but many have been coasting on the State highway and on Huntsville street. In Trucksville, youngsters make a practice of using the highway as a coasting place. This practice should be broken up even if it becomes necessary to arrest and fine boys and girls who indulge in the healthful pastime of coasting. In most instances parents are not aware of the danger in which their children are running. Few are the parents who would knowingly let their children use the highways as a coasting place. When your child leaves the house with a sled be sure you know the hill on which he is going to use it.

Heard Around The Corner

MANY POLICE CANDIDATES

Our local scribe of the Sunday Independent has carried several interesting articles the past few weeks on the police situation, dwelling particularly on who might be the new Dallas chief after the first of the year.

This question has created quite a feeling "Around the Corner," where many people of the town sometimes stop and pass the time of day.

Many names have been mentioned and the writer was surprised to hear of the effort being put forth to have council give some consideration to Russell Abraham Morris, better known to his legion of friends as "Abie."

Upon interrogating the young man in question, he emphatically denied he is a candidate, using the much quoted answer, "I do not choose to run."

We were quite surprised to hear that Abie has real qualifications for a first class police chief; but, then we were reminded that he spent considerable time in New York State a few years ago and was a student of the New York State Police. We were again reminded that Abie has attended the Tunkhannock Fair every year since the New York State Police have been giving exhibitions, and he has always been in the front row.

Until we hear of a better qualified candidate we remain in a state of status quo on the question.

ON AGAIN OFF AGAIN

One day we hear the chief of police is resigning, then it's the chief will be fired January 1st, then it's that council is afraid to fire him, and now the dope is that he is to be the new chief in Kingston township and doesn't want the job anyway. Well, it's a good case of "On again, off again, gone again Finnegan" with the Chief still in the saddle and council remaining quiet.

SHALL WE HAVE A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE?

We haven't heard whether or not we are going to have a community Christmas tree. For several years Paul Shaver not only supervised this community work but gave his time and money to make it a success and we guess he still has considerable money due him for electrical supplies and equipment. It's too bad that there is not some community organization to take up this work and take care of it each year.

Historian Tells Story of Early Dallas Schools

Ryman Recounts Incidents Leading to Formation of Dallas School Association and Other Interesting Happenings.

HISTORY OF DALLAS

(Continued from Last Week)

As the village of McLellonsville grew and the wealth of its inhabitants increased, new ideas began to creep in, and some of the parents began to grow dissatisfied with the idea that their children should live and grow up without some of the advantages of modern civilization. "Tis wonderful," said Emerson, "how soon a piano gets into a log hut on the frontier. You would think they found it under a pine stump. With it comes a Latin grammar." A piano and one or two organs, a Latin grammar and one or two of the "ologies" had found their way out to Dallas early in the sixties, about the winter of 1862-3, but there was no one in the township who could teach such branches, and only by sending the children away to Kingston and elsewhere and paying their tuition in addition to regular school tax could such instruction be had. A few were able to do this and did do it, while the common schools of the township did not get much above the curriculum of the famous "three R's."

Great efforts were made, mostly by a few who lived in and near McLellonsville, to improve this state of things and establish a graded school, but a jealousy of the village folks grew up among those who lived in the remoter portions of the township, and with it a combined effort to oppose all such schemes. Schools which had been good enough for their fathers and grandfathers were good enough for them. This was unanswerable argument to many of them, and swept away every opposition in the outside districts. Those village folks, thought they, must not be indulged in any such extravagant and visionary notions. A reformer who ventured to offer himself as a candidate for school director was looked upon as a common enemy by this class, who honestly believed that debt and financial ruin were the natural and certain sequences of his election, so that such candidates were almost invariably defeated, or, if by chance elected, were left in such minority as to be powerless for good. The typical school director was often a man who could neither read nor

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write. Teachers were oftener chosen because of the meagerness of the salary which they could be induced or forced to accept than for any other merit or qualification. A lady school teacher was one time discharged from one of the schools there. The real and well known reason was because she had the temerity to flog a son of one of the school directors. Not wishing to give the true cause for removing her, this school director put it on the broader ground of alleged unfitness. He defended his action as follows: "I don't profess to know much about school teaching myself," said he, "but I can sometimes spell a simple word like b-o-o-k, which is a more than she can do, if I do say it myself. Haint that so, Jim?"

Bad seemed to grow worse until this state of thing became unbearable to the villagers in and about McLellonsville. All other efforts having failed, separation began to be thought of and discussed. At first it was thought that a separate school district might be cut off from the township. That plan did not seem to be just at that time, because of the long fight and delay that might ensue if the matter was contested, as it was most likely to be. They wanted immediate relief in the matter of better school accommodations and were determined

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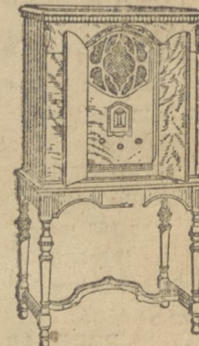
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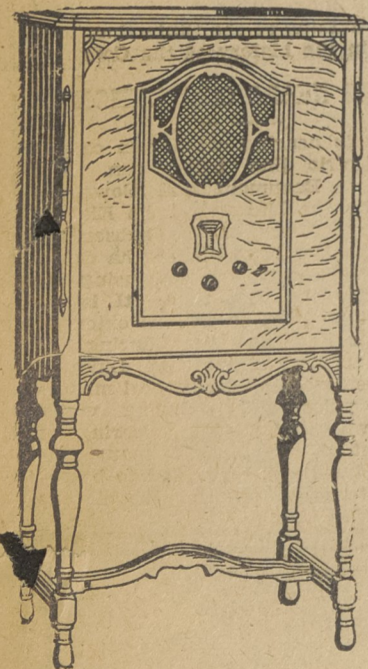
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