

YOU KNOW ME
BY
Al, Himself

We received an invitation from George Taylor, principal of Lake Township School, to join the Parent-Teacher Association. We explained that we have no kids in school but would join to help out, because if there is anything we like better than anything else, it's kids. The younger generation needs all the adult support it can get. There are so many of us who jump all over them for what Al, himself considers doesn't amount to a row of pins. When we first began reading we used to buy the nickel magazines then on sale at all cigar stores which featured "Dead Eye Dick", "The Liberty Boys of '76", and the "Nick Carter" detective stories. How grownups ridiculed us for "wasting" money on such "trash".

When moving pictures were first introduced they were shown outdoors, just as we are getting back to now. It cost five cents to view them and only kids went to the movies. They were called nickelodians by the grownups, with a disgusting emphasis on the nickel that made all us kids with a five cent piece feel like criminals.

We sneaked off to the nickelodians and told the folks about it afterward. We hid the magazines in the pages of our geography books and read them while pretending to study.

Juvenile delinquency was unheard of in those days, we were just recognized as incorrigibles. But these incorrigibles grew up and won the first world war. A generation or two later another group of youngsters struggled through a period of criticism from us grownups and by dinged if they didn't give a good account of themselves in another world war.

So, we like kids. Now they're reading the funnies. It's terrible. We don't know what is to become of them, unless they mature strong enough to protect their elders in possibly another world war.

As for us, we are betting on the kids. We are glad that we joined the Lake Township Parent-Teachers' Association not only because we heard Clarence J. Ollendike, Area President, give an interesting talk, but because we were privileged to go through the school, with the teachers and pupils present and see their wonderful work. We learned a lot about the good things that are happening to our younger generation.

What impressed us were the examples of finger painting. Some of the displays of this recently discovered art could be exhibited anywhere without disgracing our school. This work starts in the first class and continues to first year high school. It is taught without depriving the student of time for three R's and other subjects that have been added since we carried our "best girls' books home.

Finger painting is taken up more seriously in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades under tutelage of Mrs. Raymond Garinger, art teacher. This year, Mrs. Harry Allen, who took a course in finger painting at Y.M.H.A., informed the teachers what she had learned and the pupils' work has improved. So, you

see, this art is comparatively new in our school, but to witness some of the kids' exhibits, even in the lower grades, one would think that it had been a part of their curriculum for years.

Then there are the boys' work shop and the girls' home economics room. Despite the fact that instructor Conway Paden is handicapped by insufficient machinery, the boys turn out some wonderful material. The kids are learning. To write constructively about the home economics room is impossible. One has to fall back on the remarks of the real estate advertisers: "it has to be seen to be appreciated." The room has everything: Up-to-date gas and electric cook stoves, ironing mangles, dishwashers, electric sewing machines and plastic plates that cannot be broken. Miss Margaret Luckasavage has instilled in her pupils a pride that is only excelled by our principal for the whole school, and both have something to brag about.

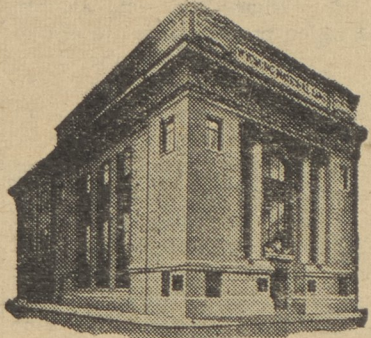
Senior Home Economics students proudly presented a sketch of their emblem "home economics", and when they later displayed their cakes and dresses made in the room—the glow in their faces showed all of us that we do not have to worry about the younger generation. The girls in the skit were: Treva Traver, Eleanor Butler, Faye Smith, Leoma Hosay, Marjorie Wolfe, Jean Gray, Sallie Kostich, and Sally Roberts.

We hope there will be no more wars, but if there are, we place our faith in these kids. Let's help them and guide them by joining P.T.A.'s. Let's build them a center where they can play ping pong, basketball, bowl, shuffleboard. Let's put

television in the churches so kids can have a good time. Let's stick by the kids for they are the only ones that can show us the way to a future as good as the past we have had and the present which we now enjoy.

—A. G. K.

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