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Youth Accepts Draft

For several years certain youth organizations and some college students in the United States, instigated by subversive elements and pacifists, have rather loudly expressed their determination never to fight for their country. It was feared by many that the spread of this idea might weaken the nation.

These pacifist groups were particularly active while the draft bill was being discussed in congress. Yet a Gallup poll showed that 68 per cent of American boys between 21 and 24 were willing to give a year to military training in time of peace, while 81 per cent in the 16 to 21 age group expressed a willingness to serve.

Since the passage of the selective service law, even the pacifist minority has had little to say, and opposition to the draft has died to a whisper. With the crushing of peaceful nations has come the realization that American freedom is in danger, and the young men of the nation have responded to the call for service.

With few exceptions, they realize their responsibility and accept it willingly. They are coming to understand that our liberties were bought with sacrifice, and must be maintained the same way when danger threatens.

All of us regret that world events have made sacrifices on the part of our young men necessary. But it is a source of patriotic pride that they illustrate the fact that America is still "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

British Women in War

About three million British women, from Queen Elizabeth to the humblest slum dwellers, are now mobilized in various war-time organizations. These include about one woman in every four between the ages of 18 and 50.

Most of these women are engaged in war work not unusual for their sex, being employed as clerks, typists, telephone operators, cooks, nurses, and the like, but a large number do duty in connection with the military services and wear distinctive uniforms.

Queen Elizabeth is commandant-in-chief of the service women, and conducts meetings for bandage rolling at Buckingham Palace. Pauline Gower, daughter of a member of Parliament, who has had more than 2,000 hours in the air, heads the transport auxiliary of women, who fly planes from the factories to air bases. The Duchess of Gloucester and the Duchess of Kent, sisters-in-law of the King, are in service, the former as a commandant of air women and the latter as a Woman's Royal Naval Reserve commandant and nurse.

There are about 15,000 women ambulance and truck drivers, 120,000 serving as air-raid wardens, 13,000 in the auxiliary fire service, and 25,000 in the auxiliary air force, to mention only a few of the women's organizations performing war-time duties.

French women in Britain have an auxiliary of their own, of which Mme. Renee Mathieu, a

former Tennis champion, is commander.

Sidelights

An attack of sneezing which held Miss Juanita Lallis of Lamar, Ark., in its grip for six days, was finally stopped by a diet of garlic, according to her family physician. At times the young woman had sneezed as often as 15 times a minute.

By the terms of a treaty made in 1817, when land for a school was ceded by the Indians, Arthur Biggins, a 20-year-old Indian of Pocatello, Idaho, now holds the scholarship established at the University of Michigan, which now occupies the site.

Oil from German incendiary bombs has caused the death of several swans which habitually swim the Thames river in London. Recently 30 of the birds were caught and given a good scrubbing with soap and clean water, after which they were released on a clear stretch of the river.

Shortly before H. G. Wells lectured in Birmingham, Ala., recently, a man called at the public library and asked for a book on Wells. The librarian inquired whether he wanted an autobiography. The patron looked puzzled for a moment, and then said, "No, lady, I want a book on how to dig 'em."

A close analysis would probably reveal that all of us are a little cracked, either habitually or occasionally. In fact, someone has said, "crazy people are just like other people, only more so." And if, as some contend, crazy people are the happiest, why worry? But perhaps it is more fun to be nutty with a fancy psychosis.

What's New

A Californian has invented a hay loader that will do the work of 12 men.

By a cross of wheat with rye, a new grain with great power of resistance to cold has been developed.

A paraffin and rubber solution has been invented to silence floor squeaks by insertion into cracks between boards.

An electric appliance cord plug has been invented that contains a circuit breaker to prevent a fuse being blown out if a short circuit or overload occurs on a line.

Dr. Douglas Collier and Dr. Hugh McKean, mission agents in Thailand (Siam) announced recently that they have successfully treated lepers by changing their diet, giving diphtheria antitoxin and injections of adrenal gland extracts.

Accounts of Some Strange Creatures Reported in 1891

During the final decade of the last century the Illinois press carried accounts of several strange creatures of earth and water reported to have been seen in the western part of the state.

In June 1891 one narrative told of how a Peoria resident captured an axolotl, a Mexican water reptile resembling a salamander, in a slough near Galesburg.

At about the same time New Boston fishermen on the Mississippi were reported to have captured two alligators in a net.

A few weeks later the Spoon River in Knox county was said to have been invaded by an enormous cat-animal about five feet long with a tail of equal length and claws fully four inches long.

Illinois A Vast Sea of Corn 70 Years Ago

More than 70 years ago, Illinois had established a wide spread reputation as a corn growing state. Visitors viewed with surprise and even awe the vastness of the state's fertile fields and their enthusiastic letters were commonly found in journals of the times.

One correspondent, says the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, after remarking about the dryness of the weather and the ravages of the chinch bugs wrote that notwithstanding these evils, "the crop is immense...this county (Livingston) is one vast sea of corn. It is certainly a magnificent sight, as far as eye can extend, to see almost the whole country heavily laden with such a luxurious crop."

The memory strengthens as you lay burdens upon it, and becomes trustworthy as you trust it.—De-Quincey.

Interesting Notes

A Dallas, Tex., merchant asked police to help him decipher the name on a worthless check. It was "U. R. Stuck."

Mrs. Blanche Ketcham of Le Harpe, Ill., is making her own tombstone from rocks collected from every state in the Union, and several foreign countries.

Members of a luncheon club in Cleveland, Ohio, waited for a memory expert to address them, but he didn't show up. He had forgotten the engagement.

A speeding automobile in Ros-

well, N. Mex., crashed into an egg-loaded truck, knocked off two of the truck's wheels, and splintered the body, but failed to crack an egg.

Harmon Hicks of Stewartsville, O., told the court that the moonshine found on his premises was only rheumatic medicine, but he was sentenced to 30 days in jail and a fine of \$100.

Although he is 87, Clarence Dodge of Pembroke, Me., is still sawing laths as he has done for the last 48 years. Dodge said he and a helper had sawed 90,000 laths in a nine hour day.

A jury was unable to reach a

decision in Raleigh, N. C., because one of the members became trapped in a wash room. After two hours, the judge ordered the door of the room removed.

One of the queerest things about modern life is the number of people who are spending money they haven't got for things they don't want, to impress people they can't stand the sight of.—Digest.

Half the world delights in slandering, and the other half in hearing it.—Proverb.

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Was It Father?

By MYRA A. WINGATE
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MOTHER JACKSON removed Father Jackson's Sunday coat from the back of the carved chair which had been handed down from the Finlay side of the house and now bore the family name of "the short-stop"—because no caller who dared the shiny haircloth expanse ever made more than the strictly formal call. Just below the collar of the coat there was an unsightly bulge produced by the bunch of black walnut grapes on the curved back of the chair.

Said mother, despondently: "Father, I do wish, just once, you would put away your Sunday clothes."

Father Jackson turned a hurt and suffering gaze upon the unworthy woman who was his wife.

"Now, mother," he said earnestly. "You know I almost always do. It is very, very seldom that you have to do it for me. This once, I admit, but it wouldn't happen again in a month of Sundays."

Mother compressed her lips and turned a meaning glance upon her son, Robert, and daughter, Edith, who were listening with ill-concealed glee.

"I leave it to the children if I don't put them away every Monday morning, and every time you go to the lodge, and every time there's a church supper—"

"I never take sides in a married folks quarrel," said Edith primly. "I find it isn't wise."

Father twinkled his eyes at mother. Mother's lips twitched at the corners. The Jackson family burst into a gale of laughter which invariably ended their discussion and father, lightly casting off any slight responsibility he may have felt concerning the Sunday clothes, departed for the office.

Mother knew when he appeared at noon with rumpled hair and furrowed brow that some corroding care had attacked his peace of mind.

"Now, why should they wish that job on me?" he groaned. "They know I can't talk. Parker and the rest have it all worked out that it's my turn to present the diplomas to the graduates of this town's higher institution of learning. I can't do it."

"It's because they know you can do it," said mother, proud and loyal. "Of course you must."

"I stopped and got measured for a new suit," said father. "I must have the moral support that good clothes give."

The suit arrived and was duly tried on and admired. Mother, making her daily rounds of tidying rooms, surprised the new trousers hanging over the tall screen in their sleeping room.

The coat hung on the usual black walnut chair in the living room, and the folded vest lay across another chair. Mother compressed her lips again, very firmly.

"Father needs a lesson," she said aloud. "I shall not touch these."

Nor did she. Dust obscured the pristine glory of new cloth, and the bunch of grapes bulged cruelly under the once well-fitting coat.

"Where is your new suit, Father?" she inquired gently, as they ate dinner, on the appointed day. Her conscientious heart accused her of neglect.

"Where I always put it," he returned, surprised. "Trousers in the dresser drawer, coat and vest hanging in the closet."

Mother quaked inwardly; but she presented an unmoved front when he hurried back, a few minutes later.

"I can't find my new clothes, Mother. Did you take them? Where are they?"

"Just where you left them the day you tried them on," she answered, calmly.

Her heart smote her again, when after looking at her strangely for a moment, he turned away with slightly drooping head.

After some seeking, he found and brushed the trousers. A soft whistle apprised her that he had found the coat and was ruefully considering that once shapely garment.

The suit looked better than Mother had expected, once it was on. Father was somewhat troubled concerning the bulge between the shoulders, and a trifle sheepish under Mother's eye.

"I think Father has learned his lesson," Mother confided to Edith, as the car whirled down the street to the Town hall.

They were a bit tardy with breakfast next morning, for the festivities had kept them up late. Father had gone, when Edith, gathering up her things for a trip to town, came to an abrupt halt with the characteristic chuckle.

"Mother!" she called. Following the direction of her pointing finger, Mother beheld the best coat draped carelessly upon the ancestral chair.

"Some one may have learned a lesson," observed Edith, "but was it Father?"

"It was not," admitted Mother. "I was foolish to try to change him; and, anyway, I like him just as he is," she finished defiantly.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. What is the penalty for voting illegally?

A. Any person who votes illegally shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not less than one year nor more than five years and upon conviction shall be disfranchised for five years.

Q. Is it illegal to wager on elections?

A. Whoever bets or wagers any money, upon the result of an election, or bets or wagers money, upon the number of votes which may be given to any person at an election, or upon who will receive the greatest number of votes at an election; or agrees to pay any other person any money, property or other valuable thing, in the event that any person shall or shall not be elected, or shall receive a greater number of votes than others, upon conviction thereof he shall be fined in a sum not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Q. Are erasures or alterations allowed upon the ballot?

A. No, they are not. However, any voter who by accident or mistake spoils his ballot may, upon surrendering the spoiled ballot to the judges of election, secure another for the purpose of voting.

Q. How are Constitutional amendments submitted?

A. Constitutional amendments are placed on the same ballots with candidates for State office provided the Constitutional requirements for submission have been complied with.

Q. How are public measures submitted?

A. If the public measure is submitted to the State at large it is carried on the ballot for candidates for State office. If the measure is to be submitted to a political subdivision less than the state it appears on a separate ballot within the area.

Q. How are questions of public policy submitted?

A. Questions of public policy are raised by virtue of a petition. The question is always printed upon a separate ballot.

Q. What is the distinction between a Public Measure, and a Question of Public Policy?

A. Public Measures are submitted to the voters by the Legislature without petition while Questions of Public Policy come up on petition of the electors from the area which they concern.

Q. Are voting machines permitted in this state?

A. Yes, by virtue of an Act approved May 14, 1903, the use of voting machines was authorized for the purpose of casting, registering, recording and counting ballots or votes.

Q. What constitutes a Board of Voting Machine Commissions?

A. The Board of Voting Machine Commissions is made up of the Secretary of State and two mechanical experts appointed by the Governor.

Q. What are the duties of the Board of Voting Machine Commissions?

A. The Commissioners examine the machine submitted for inspection and pass on their efficiency, capacity and safety.

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