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"Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed. Consequently he who molds public sentiment goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions possible or impossible to be executed."
—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

OUR PLATFORM

FOR WHITE PLAINS

Make White Plains the First City in Westchester County.
Support the City Plan.
A school survey to determine the facilities needed.
Purchase of needed parks and playgrounds.

FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Adoption of uniform traffic code.
Completion of Parkway program.
Elimination of grade crossings.
Extension of trunk sewer system.
Uniform system of assessment.

DOES DUTY CALL?

Betty is just a little girl. When infantile paralysis claimed her as a victim several years ago she refused to die and she insisted on keeping cheerful after her recovery, although she will always, we fear, be crippled. Only recently she has been able to walk without crutches. You should have seen her smile that day.

And then Betty's father died. And her mother, worried over the loss of the family wage-earner, troubled with the care of little crippled Betty and the other children, became seriously ill. There was nothing for the family but charity. The county department of child welfare is taking care of them.

But county funds must be spent for certain specific purposes. That is the law.

So Betty, crippled, can't go to summer camp the way things are now. Crippled children must have special care. They cannot be sent to the regular camps with other boys and girls who are normal. The reason is obvious.

And then there is John. John is physically all right. But he is what is known as a "behavior case." That is, John has not learned yet to get along with other children. He would not fit in at the regular camps. Don't get the idea John is bad. He simply is a misfit whom the child welfare workers are moulding into normality.

But there is no place in the regular camps for John, either. So he, too, must stay in the city during the hot months while other children are swimming and learning woodcraft and playing baseball by cool waters.

Betty and John are only two of a large group of children in whom the Westchester County Children's Association have taken an interest. All are either physically handicapped or "behavior problems."

There are no county funds available for their summer recreation. But the children's association, for a small sum per child, can find special camps equipped and manned for the care of these misfits.

It will cost only $800 to send these children to these special camps. Checks can be made payable to the Westchester County Children's Association, 8 Church street, White Plains, with the definite knowledge that every dollar will go to the welfare of the children. The overhead of the association is cared for otherwise.

The only question that remains is: Where will the $800 come from?

Of course it might come from readers of this newspaper who can spare a few dollars over their own vacation expenses. Westchester is said to be the wealthiest county in the world and perhaps there are sufficient persons in the county who love little children and hate to see them suffer in hot weather who may want to help.

Of course, too, the children can stay at home, watching wistfully the bus loads of healthy, normal children drive away to their own camps. Betty and John and the others in this group of misfits are other folks' children. Have we any duty to them?

SENSIBLE CLOTHES FOR MEN

About the only time that a man wishes he were a woman is on a hot summer day. Then it is that he is reminded of the uncomfortableness of his existence.

Woman wears a fraction of the clothes that man wears. And she's a healthier person. Also a more comfortable person. And a more attractive person.

How much longer are men to remain slaves to their habits of clothing? How much longer are their necks to be squeezed by tight neckbands and collars—bad enough on any day, but unbearable on hot days? How much longer are their feet to be weighed down by heavy shoes, their chests wrapped around by sweltering vests, their waists squeezed in by tight belts, their legs encompassed by clinging wool, their shoulders padded by thick cloth?

There's nothing healthy in all this. Certainly there's nothing attractive in it. All the men look about the same in their present attire. And there's little opportunity for the average man to vary his appearance from day to day. The necktie is about the only touch of individuality a man has at his command. As for comfort—is it possible to find a more uncomfortable combination of things than a man wears today?

Through the centuries it has been woman who has been restrained by custom, traditions, prejudices and habits. Man has prided himself on the fact that he could do pretty much as he pleased. Yet women have left men far behind in recent years in matters of dress.

Today woman dresses as she likes—sensibly, attractively, comfortably. Compare the woman of today with the woman of ten and fifty years ago and see how different she looks—how much more attractive to the eye she seems and how much more comfortable. Compare the man of today with the man of ten and twenty years ago—and with slight variations, he is the same sweltering, tightly-bound man.

When a woman wants to be especially attractive for evening affairs she uses less clothes, freer clothes. When a man wants to be especially attractive for evening affairs he puts on more clothes and stiffer clothes.

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

Public golf courses are like the public highways. No sooner is a new one opened than it becomes crowded and overcrowded and you wonder how people got along before golf courses were constructed.

The enjoyment of golf at Maplemoor or Mohansic on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday—and these are the only days on which most people can play—is seriously curtailed by the crowded conditions.

First you have a long wait before you can start to play. Frequently the wait is for more than an hour. And after you get started you have to wait for each green to be cleared before you can approach it. And at many of the tees you have to wait and wait and wait for your turn to drive.

Making a reservation in advance is hardly a solution. It enables you to get started without much waiting but it doesn't eliminate the waiting after you get started.

All of which shows how golf has gripped the country. All of which shows what a fine job Westchester County has done in providing golfing facilities for the hordes of fans that crowd the present courses. It shows, too, that there is a need for additional courses. Thanks to the many large tracts of land still available in Westchester County it should not be difficult to supplement the present golf links. And since golf is such a nice habit to have—once you have it you can't drop it—we hope that before long there will be several more public golf courses in Westchester.

A MULTITUDE OF SHINS

Charity may cover a multitude of sins but this stockingless fad, if it continues, is going to uncover a multitude of shins.

And one of the funniest things about it all is the amazement and horror of the stocking manufacturers who, after years of tutoring Miss America to seek hues in hose as nearly as possible to flesh color, are now demoralized when the Miss decides the real thing to be preferable to deceit.

After the first shock, is there really anything so bad about it?

It has been an accepted bit of knowledge since skirts went to the knees that woman is a biped. And in these days of all-revealing bathing suits, practically all of us know what feminine legs are like. We may not like all the contours or wax complimentary about all the shapes, but we know them just the same.

Then there are these new low backed dresses. We are not referring to the bathing suits with open-to-the-sun waist lines. Their prevalence has taken off the edge of surprise. And there has never been anything startling about an exposed back at a bathing beach.

But on the streets these new sleeveless, collarless, backless garments do somehow contrive to make an impression on the masculine eye.

Oldtimers can recall the McKinley period of bicycle bloomers for feminity and the daring peek-a-boo waists. But what would that era have thought of girls of today?

THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Editorial Expressions Taken From Westchester County Newspapers

Learn To Swim, Then Be Careful

The summer always brings with it a large number of fatalities due mainly to the fact that a great number of persons who seek to escape the heat by going bathing do not know how to swim. But since hot weather is here and since people in ever increasing numbers will go swimming in the Hudson and nearby lakes the time seems propitious to warn those not able to swim to learn to do so at the earliest possible moment. Everyone should be able to swim and there is no time like the present to do so. If you do not have a friend who can teach you then there are guards at every beach who can give you the preliminary instruction. After you have mastered the fundamentals the rest is up to you.

The American Red Cross, realizing the necessity of every boy and girl knowing how to swim, is giving courses in swimming during July and August at the pools, ponds and lakes:

Tuesday at Glen Island, New Rochelle; Wednesday at Harbor Island, Mamaroneck; Friday at Pleasantville Pool; Monday at Lounsbury Pool, Peekskill; Tuesday at Briarcliff Pool; Wednesday at Croton Point; Thursday at Westchester Co. Recreation Camp at Croton; Friday at Kingsland Point, Tarrytown.

The courses are given free and inquiries will be welcome at Westchester Red Cross, 70 East 45th street, New York City, (phone Vanderbilt 6773) or at Westchester County Recreation Commission, 192 Martine avenue, White Plains (phone White Plains 1300).

In addition to the life or death angle connected with swimming, a great deal of fun as well as exercise, can be obtained from swimming. Those who are not "at home" in the water are missing a great deal in the way of summer enjoyment.

And after you have learned to swim, if you can receive a little instruction in the fundamentals of life saving, you may be an aid in saving some poor soul from a watery grave. To swim in time may save some lives, including your own. Who knows?

And then after you have mastered the simple art of swimming, care and caution are still required to prevent accident, injury, perhaps death by drowning. Statistics prove that almost as many of those who drown can swim as those who cannot swim. The man who can not swim knows enough to take no chances. The swimmer is prone to run risks that he should not run. Sometimes they end disastrously.

Remember this, when you go swimming: Cramps can strike anyone, even the most accomplished swimmer. A strong undertow can carry the best swimmer in the world out to his death. Treacherous eddies in unfamiliar streams can nullify all your aquatic ability.

Some of the instances of lives lost by carelessness are particularly depressing. There have been many drownings of young persons, almost within reaching distance of onlookers who believed that the drowning persons were only fooling!

A swimmer overcome in the water is not likely to make much of an outcry. Nor can the body of a drowning person be counted on to come to the surface for the third time before it goes to the bottom. A close study of several stories shows that the victims slipped beneath the surface almost unnoticed.

The educational campaign against taking unnecessary risks on the water, and the drive to teach all children how to swim, should be pressed with greater vigor.

Swimming is a great sport. But it is not a sport in which you can forget the simple rules of caution and common sense. —The Highland Democrat.

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More Trees Come Down

Our attention has been called to the cutting down of several large trees in preparation to clearing the block on Grant Street as one of the preliminary steps in clearing the ground for paving. Our engineer found it necessary to cut down additional trees in clearing the right of way for the Rebecca Avenue extension. Some residents are inclined to deplore this devastation of the large shade trees in the village.

Unfortunately it is necessary that they be sacrificed to progress. It was not found practical to spare them. While it might not have been impossible, at least changing the alignment would have been too costly for the village officials to consider.

Some may be inclined to criticize this work. In that event it is well to bring to mind the result of saving the trees on Bedford Road. At the time the repaving of this road was under consideration many protests were made concerning the destruction of the shade trees along the route. They had been planted in the horse and buggy age. Bordering as they did a relatively narrow road, it meant that saving them necessitated so narrowing the pavement that in places congestion has occurred. It is on this account principally that it was found necessary to provide for the extension of Rebecca and Edgewood Avenues.

With this experience fresh in their minds, the officials are not giving too serious consideration to the necessary elimination of a few trees. While it is to be regretted that they must go, still preparation must be made to care for increased traffic, and they cannot be allowed to stand in the way.

Village Engineer Charles Sells is attempting to save as many trees as possible. At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday evening, that body authorized an appropriation of $300 for moving the smaller trees along the route and thus save as many as possible. —Pleasantville Journal.

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A Much Needed Improvement

The Towns of Rye and Harrison are doing well to co-operate in a program of relief for the swamp area in the vicinity of Beaver Swamp Brook. The cost of bringing relief to this drainage area will be considerable and there may be some who would minimize the necessity of the proposed effort but that it is really important will be self-evident to most people.

In the first place the clearing up of this swamp area is important from a sanitary standpoint. Such areas are traps for disease and are an enemy to the good health of a community. In the second place such areas are not pleasing to the eye and tend to prejudice people against the community which tolerates them.

Benefits from the clearing up of the section would be paramount to all nearby property but the benefit would be much greater than that. It would be a benefit felt throughout the Towns of Rye and Harrison and one whose value no man can compute.

It is the opinion of the Citizen-Observer that cost would not be permitted to stand in the way of this improvement. There is too much to be gained by clearing up the area and too much to be lost by permitting it to stand as it is.

A joint committee from the two towns has been appointed to go into all the details of the matter and to make a complete study of the situation. It is to be hoped that out of these deliberations will come the actual remedying of conditions in this locality. —Her[illegible]

JUST FOLKS

By EDGAR A. GUEST

Old Failures

"I've lost my money," said the man,
"A failure now am I."
But other days and other ways
More money could supply.

"I've lost the race," another said,
With solemn face and glum,
Nor did he guess how soon success
And victory could come.

How many, many men I've passed
Along life's winding way
Who'd thought they'd failed and loudly wailed
Some bygone yesterday.

But now they proudly walk the world,
Contented with their lot;
The battle's won, their grumbling's done
And all their cares forgot.

About People 'N Things

By K. C. B.

Dear KCB. I wonder if you would sometime write of the little boys and girls with sightless eyes who were made blind by playmates accidentally discharging BB guns; sling shots or toy bows and arrows. Two little girls, blind for life by the latter "toys," are in this California State School for the Deaf and Blind at Kerkeley, and many others are there because unthinking parents gave their little children "toy weapons." Our society is striving to bring about an awakening to this menace. Will you help us?

"With deepest gratitude for all you are doing to make a kinder world.
CALIFORNIA STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND ANIMALS.
Herbert H. Hallett,
Secretary.

I think a parent.
Who permits a child.
To go about.
With a BB gun.
Or bow and arrows.
Or other toys.
That have grown out.
Of man's desire.
To kill and maim.
Is a person unfit.
To raise a child.
And I say this.
The while I know.
A lot of parents.
Who will laugh at me.
And say to me.
They want their boys.
To be he-men.
When they grow up.
And they wouldn't want.
They'd be mollycoodles.
Who wouldn't know.
The use of guns.
And if they're right.
The kindly man.
Who fathered me.
Must have been wrong.
For in our home.
There were no guns.
Or other weapons.
For man or boy.
Beyond the fists.
We sometimes used.
If need suggested.
The use of them.
And to this day.
The very presence.
Of a loaded gun.
Disturbs my peace.
And I am glad.
That it is so.
And I'll be glad.
If our boy grows.
As I think he will.
With no desire.
In his youthful days.
To emulate.
With a BB gun.
Brave men who kill.
Or to give to a child.
When he shall grow up.
The means of blinding.
Another child.
I thank you.

Today

Amicus Circle, Worthington M. E. Church, social.

Common Council meets.

Board of Education meets.

Planning Board meets.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chuch bazzar.

Keith Albee Theater, Neil Hamilton in "The Studio Murder Mystery."

Loew's State Theater, Eddie Dowling in "The Rainbow Man."

Loew's Strand Theater, Emil Jannings in "Betrayal."

Tomorrow

Unveil war memorial.

Rotary Club meets.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chuch bazzar.

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ROBERTS WILL ADDRESS CLUB

Albert E. Roberts, recently returned from the Philippine Islands where he was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work will be the speaker tomorrow noon before the Rotary Club at their weekly meeting at the White Swan Inn.

He will recount his impressions and will also speak briefly of Hawaii, describing living conditions and the inhabitants there.

The next conference of the Twenty-Ninth District of Rotary Clubs will be held in New York City, May 23-24, 1930, it has been decided by the club presidents of the district assembled at Newburgh.

Those planning to indulge in golf on Tuesday, July 23, prior to the dinner at the Gedney Farm Golf Club when Arvie Eldred of Troy, new district governor, will be the official guest of the local club, are requested to get in touch with Mur[illegible]

Westchester First

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years or more than one of eight of the violent deaths. In the country at large the suicide death rate per 100,000 population has run anywhere from 10.2 to 16.7 during the past seventeen years, the low rate being in 1920 and the high in 1915.

And so one sees that no one need stay away from Westchester through fear of encountering violent death here. There may be places where there are less deaths of that sort than here but, at any rate, Westchester cannot be considered a death-trap as far as deaths by violence are concerned.

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There are still people who do not read the newspapers. The new currency which was let loose on Wednesday has been well advertised and yet Port Chester reports the case of a woman who refused to accept one of the new bills from a Port Chester printer and charged him with printing the bill in his own print shop. By this time probably the woman has become enlightened and is wondering how she could have been so thick as to lose a perfectly good sale and reject a perfectly good bill.

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Anyone who is hard up for a job might apply to the Town of Harrison. They want a dog enumerator there and stand ready to pay twenty cents per dog. Here is a chance for a good, live, wide awake young man to make some easy money.

We drove through Harrison recently and, from the dogs we saw, we are convinced that a good capable enumerator ought to be able to make a small fortune in no time checking up the canines.

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A Mount Vernon man was caught dumping rubbish in Scarsdale, was arrested and brought into court. "But I only dumped about a bushel of rubbish there," pleaded the offender. "All right," said Judge Charles M. Carter, "we will charge you only five dollars a bushel."

This is a good idea and a revenue-making one for our various communities. If all the offenders could be caught and fined five dollars a bushel for rubbish they dump where they have no right to dump it, the revenue from this class of offenders would greatly exceed that received today from our automobile law violators. We even believe that our communities would be able to accomplish such a reduction in taxes in this way that the taxpayers would be agreeably shocked.

LOCAL POEMS

Mountain Call

In a restless mood
I am on the road
That leads towards the mountain pass;
Where the dells dig deep
In the swarthy steep;
Where the snow chills the wildwood grass.

From a cliff above
Comes a stream aflow,
Thru' the quarries. An unkept lawn
Holds a spot to dwell
In the magic spell
Of the sun that refuses to down.

Where a restless brook
Passes every nook
Of the old, wind-swept hill-side
There are leafs afloat;
On its mighty throat
Sails a log towards evening tide.

There's a stirring sound
of the waves that pound.
There are echos of currents' knocks.
Then—the foams, agleam
On the passing stream
Explode on the sturdy rocks.

Swaying in the breeze
Stand the moss-grown trees;
They have passed the test before.
There's a poignant nodd
From a brick that's stood
There a hundred years; or more.

Above slopes and glens
Where the summit ends
There is nothing to be heard
But the muffled sound
Of what's earth-ward bound—
The wings of a straying bird.

Should you ever stray
Where the summits sway—
Glance down past the swarthy wall;
And you'll hear the note
Of a dreamer's flute;
It's the song of a restless soul.

—WILLIAM STENSLAND.

Our Inquiring Reporter

Each Day He Asks Three Persons a Question

The Question

Do you approve of the new fad of White Plains girls of leaving their stockings off in an effort to keep cool?

Where Asked

About town.

The Answers

Mrs. John Anderson, Rye: "No, I do not approve of girls appearing ing public without hose. And they make it worse by cutting the backs out of their dresses. I don't think it is smart nor necessary to keep cool."

Helen Brown, 46 Quarrapos street: "Certainly I approve of the idea. If we want to look like 'the daughter of Eve' it is our own business."

E. H. Jamison, 33 South Lexington avenue: "It doesn't make any difference as far as I am concerned. If they want to do it I don't see any harm in it and maybe it does make them think they are cooler."

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NEW BERKLEY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESSES

Streets Being Laid Out in New Scarsdale Subdivision All Wires Will Be Underground

Work on the Berkley-Crane development in Scarsdale on the site of the old Barry farm, south of Popham road and west of Post road, is progressing rapidly. Already, the dirt paths which in due time will become streets through the development are widening and forcing their way through what was once dense undergrowth.

This subdivision, which is being developed by Alexander M. Crane, will be one of the finest sections in Scarsdale upon completion.

At an expense of nearly $100,000, the development corporation will have all wires for electricity and telephone connections placed underground so as to avoid the unsightly poles.

Each building plot will have all connections in before the streets are macadamized, eliminating the necessity of re-opening them, once they have been laid. In this way, the pavements will last much longer than if they were torn up each time a builder desired to make connections to a dwelling.

The planning commission of Scarsdale has already approved the plans for the subdivision, which call for, among other things, a lake and a park in the center of the development.

GOING ABROAD

Ossining.—Dr. Amos O. Squire, county medical examiner, will sail Wednesday on the Swedish-American liner Gripsholm for a five weeks tour of Europe. He will be accompanied by his wife. During his absence his duties will be taken over by Dr. Edwin Huntington, acting medical examiner.

Dr. Squire will attend while in Europe an international medico-legal conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. Here medical examiners, coroners, physicians and scientists from all parts of the world will consider various aspects of death by violence. Dr. Squire will also make a tour of Scandanavian prisons while abroad.

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