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Progress Platform

The creation of a professional spirit among students of education.
An active Alumni Association.
Student participation in government.
Encouragement of intra-mural athletics.

The Milestone Petition

Recently there has been circulated on the campus a petition concerning the Milestone for 1934, which required the signature of some 500 student names, and which purported to give each student enrolled at the January registration an annual for the payment of \$1.50 additional to the regular incidental fee of the college.

In itself the measure as drawn up by the Milestone officials is a commendable one. Thru the inclusion of nominal cost such as \$1.50 for a yearbook with the college incidental fee, each student will receive a copy of the annual in 1934, whereas heretofore only a limited few received the book on the old subscription basis.

If the measure for securing revenue for the Milestone is passed, most of the old troubles connected with the distribution of the annual will be alleviated, the staff by virtue of a greater and an assured capital should be able to give Eastern a much better publication, more student pictures should appear due to the saving on the cost of the book to the student, and a circulation may be had which will help to assure the advertiser of some realization or return on his investment.

Any student here should be able to understand the saving on a yearbook which will be effected by the payment of \$1.50 at the time of registration. And, from the reports re-

ceived in the Progress office regarding the manner in which the petition has taken with the students, we are encouraged to think that the plan will meet with success. It carries our endorsement and we are in sympathy with the movement, but we want to remind the student body, especially those of the body who did not place their names back of the drive when the petition was signed, that, if there is any opposition to the measure, the opposition and the reasons for it should be expressed now and not after the petition goes thru, if it does. In other words, if you can't boost now, don't knock later.

Homecoming Reminiscences

Aside from the splendid battle which Eastern's grid team put up in the homecoming feature, the most impressive thing which caught our eye at the game was the manner in which several members of the Pep Club "stuck it out" in defiance of the inclement weather. To keep up spirit under favorable conditions is noteworthy, but for a cheering section to stand by a team as Eastern's did at the Transylvania game draws our pride and makes us feel that the Pep Club has set an example which might well be followed by its successors.

We will grant that it was a small group of cheerers indeed who braved the rain and the cold to spur the team onward, when every break of the day seemed to point toward an inevitable defeat, especially after Old Man Weather's sneer cast a curtain of gloom upon what might otherwise have been a perfect homecoming. We have hesitated to praise the Pep Club heretofore, principally because on one or two preceding occasions it did not seem to obtain results, but the homecoming incident conclusively demonstrated the mettle which the organization possesses.

Herein something also might be said in favor of the band. By way of explanation for the band's early exit from the game, we might say that the band must be accorded due consideration, since to risk expensive musical instruments on such a threatening day was enough to show that it was willing to do its part toward helping the team gain a victory. It is regrettable that the band could not have been afforded the opportunity to continue with its planned performance.

Last but not least, the team, although it lost the game, certainly demonstrated its worth. It fought to the finish against unsurmountable odds. Furthermore, it would be an inconsiderate, spiritless individual who could condemn the boys who fought so valiantly to regain the glory which was lost in the second quarter, shortly before the overcast skies poured out their contents and apparently drowned Eastern's hopes. And we do not write this by way of an alibi, for we fully recognize the fact that Transylvania displayed good football thruout the entire game, deserving the victory, which was the first in six games played by the Lexington team this season.

But it is a consolation to the Eastern team that the Transy victory was also Eastern's only loss to date, which still left Eastern a good record and little room for criticism on the part of those who might have had a desire to criticize.

What Shall We Do?

There appeared in the Lexington Herald the other morning a news story, the contents of which should prove embarrassing to fair-minded Kentuckians. If for no other reason, the portrayal of impoverished conditions and sheer lack of educational facilities for mountain pupils, as brought out by the story to which we refer, alone told of a situation pathetic enough to make the most unsympathetic person imaginable turn upon his native state with shame.

Coming from Columbus, O., the story had to do with a sermon made in a Methodist church, whose pastor had recently surveyed social and educational conditions existing in the mountainous vicinity of Bar-

bourville. Only one statement was necessary to stir that Methodist congregation to action, and that statement concerned a report that for the children attending school in the rural, mountain districts of southern Kentucky there were to be found but three textbooks to every 150 pupils.

As a result, it was reported that a milk delivery company within Columbus had opened a campaign to secure books for these deprived pupils, that a tire service company there was to lend its aid in packing the books, and that a chain store thru its trucking facilities would carry the books to Barbourville, where they would be distributed to the needy school rooms.

Since reading about these reported conditions in and around the rural districts of Barbourville, we have been told that in Owsley county much of the school property in the way of buildings and equipment has been furnished in somewhat the same manner, thru the benevolence of Columbus people. And to connect this with findings made in surveys conducted on this campus, we are brought to realize that benevolences from other than state sources for the improvement of Kentucky's rural school situation in certain localities are not out of the ordinary.

From a study of the educational commission's report it is not hard to understand why such shameful conditions are prevalent in some of Kentucky's less forward sections. But, from this report and from such reports as the one which came from Columbus, surely there can be nothing but humiliation invoked in the minds of those, who thru their selfishness, have been responsible for these conditions within their native territory.

Yet, why is it necessary that Kentucky must apparently go from bad to worse before its citizens realize, or must be forced to realize, what is actually taking place within the state's borders? Why is it that Kentucky must be a focal point for outside charities? Why is it that parts of Kentucky must remain so woefully backward? What is the reason for Kentucky's not being able to face squarely her sister states in the matter of educating her youth? And why must the children of Kentucky wait, while the roads and the buildings go on? To provide for public improvements of such order is necessary of course, but primarily the provision for an adequate program of public education thruout Kentucky would undoubtedly be the greatest public improvement of the present era which the state could possibly make.

The donations from out of state sources to the weaker of Kentucky's schools are to be highly appreciated and accepted in the faith for which they are given, but not until Kentucky begins to assume a true sense of patriotism and an attitude of "Save Kentucky for Kentuckians" will we as citizens of this great commonwealth be able to say: "We thank you very graciously for your interest in our welfare, but we are now sufficiently providing for our own needs!"

A Southerner Speaks

With genial wit and sparkling humor, Mr. William A. Sutton, past president of the N. E. A. and now superintendent of the Atlanta city schools, thrilled and inspired a local audience last week. At least no speaker ever stood in Hiram Brock auditorium and delivered a two-hour address which so completely gained the attentiveness of his audience thruout as did Mr. Sutton. Nor did any speaker, with so much personality and originality, ever entertain and instruct an audience as did he.

Truly a silver-tongued, silver-haired gentleman of the South, Mr. Sutton proved to be a much better speaker than he was reputed. And that is not to say that we were classing him as being underrated. Some student opinion has compared him favorably with Dr. Cadman. Due to the fact that Mr. Sutton and

Dr. Cadman are entirely different types of men, we would not draw that comparison exactly. But as inspirers of youth and molders of better public opinion Mr. Sutton and Dr. Cadman are on nearly equal grounds. Both have responsible positions to fill in the world. Both fill those positions ably.

Digging to the roots of the causes for the present disorder of things, Mr. Sutton not only gave comprehensive reasons for the sad plight of this country, but he presented sound criteria by which this period of abnormalcy may be stepped back to normalcy.

Referring to the greatest teacher of all times for his chief suggestion of how we may enable ourselves to get out of the rut, Mr. Sutton declared that there is but one remedy—one safe basis for real prosperity. That is, "Seek ye first the good of the masses and all these things will take care of themselves."

In building his address around the subject of "Education and Business," the speaker said, "The barometer of good business is the culture level of the masses; what we need in this country is not fewer schools, but more!" Furthermore, he exclaimed indirectly, we do not have too many teachers colleges and we are not turning out enough teachers, for there are 35,000,000 people in the United States with only a fifth-grade education, or less.

And in speaking of the United States, the Georgian made evident the fact that America today is a harvest and not a holocaust or a graveyard. Mr. Sutton claimed that if we are to save our civilization, we must believe in our country. But, on the contrary, he warned against false patriotism and the injurious egotism in which we indulged during the period immediately succeeding the World War.

"We stood up at the end of the war and said the rest of the world can go to hell," the speaker declared, and then he continued to say that to think you have reached the acme of success is the most deadening thing known. "Cooperation," he reminded his audience, "is the basis of trade."

Listing the causes of the depression, Mr. Sutton cussed first the World War, saying that back of every war there is a class of people which uses patriotism to advance commercialism. In addition, he said that 76 cents of every dollar is spent for wars past, present, or future.

Second in the list of causes for present conditions, the Southerner made eminent an absolute destruction of resources and civilization. Herein, he took counsel with the agriculturalists to say that there never will be rehabilitation until the farmer gets something for what he produces. And in connection with this idea came Mr. Sutton's point that tariffs should be lowered in order that more foreign trade in all goods might be stimulated.

A third reason for the depression was that we restricted our population with faulty immigration laws, virtually slamming our door in the face of the foreign buyer. To further augment the situation, the speaker stated, we then practiced "birth" control with the wrong people.

As a fourth point in this discussion, he listed our jinglism, egotism, and conceit as bearing directly upon our inglorious decline, and fifth came our wild speculation in the money market.

Not adding to our welfare, Mr. Sutton reflected, were the attempts which we made to establish a lasting prosperity back in the stupefying period of the "late twenties." Among these were such things as

first, the faith which we placed in business men, worshipping them as gods. "Every little town had its Insull," Mr. Sutton charged. Second, the high-powered salesmanship and advertising which we did played its part in our downfall. Third, we sold the United States on the installment plan, and fourth, we cooled ourselves off with frozen buying.

Lights for 24 Hours

In perfectly good faith and by way of suggestion, after a rather lengthy investigation, we are, on behalf of the campus residents, herein making a plea for a longer period of electrical service in the dormitories each day. And, if the cost were not entirely prohibitive, we would suggest that twenty-four hour service would be greatly appreciated. In fact, we have reason to believe that campus roomers would be willing to help pay for the amount of extra expense which might be incurred by the college thru increasing the hours assigned on the present electrical contract.

When an extra half hour of electrical service was added last year we expressed the gratitude of the campus students thru these columns. The extra half hour of lights from 10:30 until 11:00 o'clock each night did much toward meeting the needs of numerous people who aspired more time to study. We believe that the additional half hour of electrical service has been well worth what little extra expense it has brought to the college. Likewise, we believe that to either give twenty-four hour service, or to make another extension on the present period would offset its cost in academic returns to the institution.

At any rate, we believe that there is an urgent need for better lighting facilities in Eastern's dormitories, comprising a longer period of electrical service. It might be said that, since there is a movement under way to add a nominal sum to the college incidental fee for subscription to the college yearbook, it would not be out of order to add another nominal sum to the fee of campus roomers which would assure twenty-four hour electrical service in the dormitories.

MEDITATION

High on the mountains the sky is so blue,
No interruption, just your God and you.
Birds sing, leaves rustle, but you do not stir.
Peace, some say, but unrest is master here.
God has created you for what purpose?
Are you not in this world added surplus?
Could not some other far, far better fill
The place you do, without knowledge or skill?
Ah! tomorrow may bring a greater thrill,
Tomorrow's tomorrow a greater still.
—L. E. Metcalfe.

"Plenty" Is The Campus Favorite

By Q. E. A.

America is a land of depression, but Eastern is a school of plenty (of "plenties," rather). There's "plenty" to the right of us; "plenty" to the left of us; and "plenty" behind us.

"Plenty" on the lips of the dear little co-ed who sighs, "Boy, is he plenty good-looking!" "Plenty" on the lips of the husky youth who emphatically tells the world that the game was "plenty" good.

"Plenty" from the serious-minded student, who states that his work is "plenty" hard—and on and on until we will probably be hearing one of our sedate professors growl: "That freshman class is plenty dumb."

For it's "plenty" true that usage makes the language. But this has gone on "plenty" long enough.

DENMARK'S PEACE ARMY GROWS

Conscientious objectors in Denmark are increasing so rapidly that they are using their strength of numbers. So many are choosing civil instead of military service that new barracks have had to be built for them, and they have just induced the Danish government to reduce their time of service. Heretofore the peacemakers had to serve nine months longer than those doing military duty. This extra hour has been cut to four months.



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