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Believe it or not, safety can't be preserved in alcohol.

Pruning branches from the lowest 17 feet of a 15-year-old pine tree can mean about \$10 in added returns when the tree is harvested for lumber, a Michigan State University forester says. Pruning removes branches from a tree stem so wood added in the future years will have two knots.

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Man is known to be a creature of habit. Habits begin to develop at an early age and no doubt study habits are either good or bad by the time a student finishes elementary school. These habits are carried on into high school and probably continue through life.

My high school days were wasted on my inability to get serious about studying. My parents were certain I'd be the last man on the Totem Pole if I didn't buckle down, but as a not so ambitious youth it wasn't in me. Many of us don't get the point until we are all through high school and the realization of adulthood responsibilities and independence hit us below the belt. Fortunately, in this country opportunities are comparable to stealing second base when the catcher drops the ball. In England if you don't qualify for college at the age of eleven years you are doomed!

Following high school I served my two draft years as an enlisted man. My "feathers" were ruffled more than once at the dignified manner in which the officers worked and lived. I guess I envied them and figured it would be nicer to be one of them.

Several colleges turned down my application for admittance, after the service, due to my substandard high school grades. By this time I was determined to go to college so entered a preparatory school for a year, passed entrance exams and embarked on a course in engineering. I poured my energies into learning, made the top 15 in my class and graduated with honors. I am now married, the father of two boys and still attending graduate school having passed the half way mark to obtaining my masters degree.

Engineering offers unlimited opportunities today and will continue to do so in the future. I am not yet 30 and think perhaps I will soon be earning \$10,000 a year.

Good habits developed early in life are most desirable. But if you think you've missed the boat there is always the chance of catching up if you can muster up the determination and are willing to work. Having to work, like I did, has made my life far more fascinating than I ever dreamed it could be. I have yet to meet a man who regretted his hard earned education.

Good luck to you. E.T.M.

To all of our friends and readers; it is sincerely hoped that no one will miss this column which has been appearing since January. We indeed appreciate the efforts of all who have contributed their letters which have endeavored to enlighten, assist and encourage the young people of our area.

During the summer months more contributions will be sought in hopes of being able to resume in the fall. If you would like to see this column continue please drop a note to; Object Success, Box 128, Lowell, Michigan. You may like to offer suggestions or constructive criticism which would benefit our readers and which we would welcome.

Law enforcement battle loosing ground Hoover says

For law enforcement, the awesome fight against crime and lawlessness could possibly be described as inverted progress—moving forward but losing ground. This statement was just released by J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director.

Despite the gigantic strides made in recent years in the professionalization of law enforcement, crime continues to be one of the mushrooming problems threatening the safety and welfare of our country. An additional danger lies in the growing concept that widespread lawlessness is an unavoidable adjunct to our way of life. Certainly, there is no valid reason why it has to be.

Crime causation are not always easy to define, but one of the perennial headaches to law enforcement is the veritable pool of hardened criminals available through the loop-holes and abuses of our systems of parole, probation, and other forms of clemency. Criminal rehabilitation has long been recognized as a vital phase of the administration of justice. With its assorted complexities, it has many interpretations. However, criminal rehabilitation should always be directed toward one basic objective, the protection of the public. Frequently, this objective is lost in the storm of tearful lamentations from social reformers. It is swept aside by the sympathetic practices of some courts and administrators. Misguided leniency results.

Some jurists state it is vastly unfair for the press and news media to identify parolees as such when they are arrested and charged with violations. Such reasoning is an extension of the distorted philosophy which looks only to the interest of the criminal with complete disregard for the society which he offends. The public has a right to know when a person who has been favored by leniency violates the terms of this trust and resorts to further criminal activity.

The argument is also made that parole and probation have nothing to do with leniency or clemency. Rather, it is claimed, these practices are reformatory instruments on a par with imprisonment itself. The fallacy in this contention is evident for criminals certainly do not consider parole and probation to be equal to imprisonment. To them and to the public, parole and probation are forms of clemency and mercy, and the fact that most convicted persons seek their application belies any attempt to label them otherwise.

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School doin's

On May 5, Pam Dillingham placed 2nd with her interpretive reading of selections from Edgar Lee Master's Spoon River Anthology. The contest took place at Calvin College.

The Speech Class plays will be presented on May 15 at 8 p. m. Tickets can be purchased from any speech class member for 50 cents.

Results of the Student Council elections are as follows: President, Rick Buell; Vice-President, Barb Atkinson; Secretary, Pam Dillingham; and Treasurer, Steve Johnson.

Tuesday, May 5, speeches for next year's officers were given. Those wishing to represent their class as a Student Council Representative also spoke. Elections were held on Wednesday with a high percentage of the classes voting.

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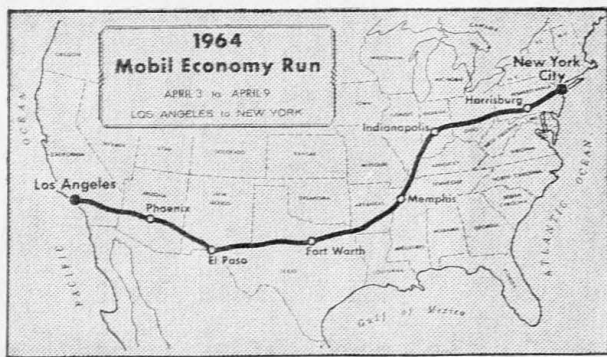
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