



**Literary Column**

The Negroes are an aggregate  
Of individuals, separate,  
A total sum of many folk  
And each is burdened with the  
yoke  
Of common life and livelihood  
With his own sense of right and  
good.  
No wise man lumps them all in  
one  
And yet that foolish thing is done.  
But Negroes are no special breed,  
They're of the common human  
seed,  
Some high, some low, some rich,  
some poor  
And all have troubles to endure,  
Among them artists, scientists,  
Physicians, craftsmen, novelists,  
Saints and sinners, the dull, the  
smart,  
Each with a mind, each with a  
heart.

They're clever, slow, cultured,  
uncouth,  
Adults, infants, children and  
youth,  
Within the mass of all mankind,  
Struggling to rise, seeking to find  
Their full life in democracy,  
Our common human destiny.  
Of course they rose from slavery  
But so did ALL humanity.  
Of course they have dark hair and  
skin  
But that is not their choice nor  
sin,  
But Nature's work as in our case  
Who lived in different clime and  
place  
Before our great republic came  
To welcome folk of every name  
To live and work for liberty  
With justice and equality.

—Albert Leonard Murray

**COUNTING THE COST**



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We all have a desire to possess beautiful things of various sorts. When we look into shop windows and see some article that is particularly attractive, we invariably look at the price tag. Often we turn away with sad hearts because the price is far beyond our reach. Just as it costs us to obtain these material things which we desire, so people too have their price tags.

It costs us something to develop a fine, healthy body, and a keen and alert mind. We all know that these can not be had without proper food, rest and exercise. It costs—sometimes very dearly—to possess an outstanding personality which includes traits of character which will be respected and admired by others as well as being of benefit to them.

There are two kinds of human price tags. First, the price tag that the individual alone must pay, and second, the price that causes someone else to suffer or pay because of some ignorant or careless deed. For example: a drunken driver may so severely injure another person that the injured one may be handicapped

for the rest of his life. Parents, too, often suffer for the mistakes of their children.

Here are a few questions we might think about before we enter into each day's activities.

How much might it cost—ourselves and others—to make a promise, then fail to keep it?

What could be the cost of careless and unkind words?

What about a task done carelessly, or left only half completed?

What might be the cost of neglecting to seize the many opportunities which present themselves each day?

Someone has said, "What we are to be, we are now becoming." Do we use all our opportunities to grow, or are we the kind of person who will sell our high ideals for some trivial thing which brings only momentary satisfaction? How much do we cost?

"When mankind needs no longer to be envious, jealous and angry because one group or nation has less than others, then the fundamental cause of war may disappear forever. Science can show the way" —John W. Thomas

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

By Laura Lee

Dear Teen-Agers:

After reading the article by Albert Bowen, I decided to offer some suggestions about the solving of the teen-age problem.

The entire community as well as the parents are responsible for the future generation.

Albert suggests more outdoor activities. Most teen-age girls are not permitted to go on parties unchaperoned especially at night. If we adults wish to have a better understanding of the young people we must give up some of our own activities and help sponsor these picnics parties etc. Some parents refuse to let their children go to parties and on trips. I wonder if these same parents have ever offered to go along as chaperons. Young people must have recreation as much as adults. They don't want to feel left out of things. Especially good clean fun. Its a pretty big job for Miss Thompson to take groups on a trip. Its a big responsibility too. I'm sure she would appreciate someone helping her. That someone need not be a parents. Non-parents are quick to criticize the younger generation. Let some of them do something to help the situation.

More of us should attend the child study class. Children are growing up socially and mentally much sooner now than in the last generation. Their needs are different. We must study these new trends and thereby be better prepared to cope with the adolescent problems.

Perhaps the teen-agers won't like this so much but I truly feel that parents should appreciate people who may be interested enough in their children's welfare to tactfully tell them of any misbehavior of their children. Many of us know of children from very nice families who distrust others in church for instance. We would like to let the parent know this but not at the expense of that parent's friendship. How do you feel about this parents? And young folks when you are rude to those who try to make you do right just think that those people might have contributed to your recreational activities.

Lets hear from both teen-agers and parents.

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