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Performance

There was a little flurry at the board of education meeting the other week. When it ended, the site of future meetings was changed to the Junior High School auditorium from the present location in the former Fourth Street School.

Purpose? To encourage more people to attend meetings. That's a worthwhile gesture but simply enlarging the site won't enlarge the attendance. People aren't interested in seeing board members perform; people are interested in performance.

A good investment

Seems we remember critics of Fulton's Community Center questioning the need for the $750,000 winter sports complex before and during construction four years ago. Not enough activity to warrant the need they said.

We would like to direct these folks to the schedules which have been running each week in The Patriot.

The rink is fully scheduled these days with open skating afternoons and evenings, youth hockey after school and Saturdays and adult hockey late evenings.

True, its a winter-based facility and it should be busy now. But activity at the center hasn't been seasonal. The building is the year-around site of many community events, most notably the Cracker Barrel Fair and graduation.

The center is an attractive part of the growing Recreation Park - G. Ray Bodley complex, and the professional rink is a far cry from the bumpy ice patches which provided skating at Recreation Park less than a decade ago.

A good trip

Audiences at G. Ray Bodley auditorium took a trip through Al Capp's Dogpatch last week courtesy of the school's drama and music groups. And a pleasant trip it was. The local production of Li'l Abner, under the direction of Preston Mattix, William Quirk and Richard Swierczek, was a delight from beginning to end.

And the best part of all, the forty or so students on stage seemed to be having a really good time.

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The Way It Was

By Lillian Ward

1763 is the date a small town a number of miles from Fulton got its Charter. In this town there are a large number of buildings, including Churches, homes, and businesses which proudly display plaques on which are printed Century Award, by the Historical Society. There is a brick house on the main road which displays the date 1800, and is much more structurally sound than most houses and schools, and other buildings built within the past five or ten years. These people are extremely proud of the buildings, and all are occupied. There are a few new homes in the vicinity which have attained a similarity to those built so many years ago!

Another area near a college, with an abundance of Oak trees, has many buildings---brick and stone, which were not occupied for a few years, but are again in use. Other buildings have been built in this area in the past few years, and they've all adhered to the former architectural style, and are truly beauties to behold. There are one room school houses made of cut field stone, which the owners won't sell, probably because they fear that someone else might make of the structures, monstrosities. These are all in scenic areas, and show panoramic vistas. These former school houses probably cost their owners quite a lot in taxes, but the owners deem them worth it! So do I! They are reminders of lives lived long ago, before everything became Federally funded. These are historical sites, and some are in use as museums. We've noticed some entire families happily meandering through the buildings in some museums! Particularly an old, old school house, still smelling of chalk, and initials carved on the old, old desks, gathers thousands of people of all ages to see where their great grandparents went to school in that so-different area.

In this very particular museum are found an old black-smith shop, original: a large carriage house, an old train and depot, a Lake Cruiser, complete with velour upholstered chairs, sofas, Captain's room (cabin). Cameras are flashing almost constantly, sometimes by Children: Why? Why?

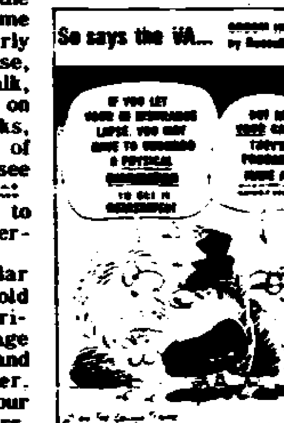
For the same reason that one doesn't see a tourist taking pictures of a new building, a new development, a new interstate road, but of old moss covered buildings, of covered bridges, of reflections in a pond at Fall Foliage time, if he can get a vantage point away from wires and new buildings. Does this mean that anyone wants to go back to privies, kerosene lamps (except for roughing it), clothing, inadequate clothing for severe weather, freezing ones extremities crossing those cold bridges, soft coal fuel with its attendant stench and soot? No, of course it doesn't! It just means that we want to remember our heritage, that we want to grasp the better parts of the old days while accepting the better part of the present!

I'm constantly reminded of Grace Lynch, and how much she loved people, and the past; how hard she worked to retain that past in our memories. I'll always be thankful that she was my teacher, and my friend! She was a splendid example of everything good! It is my great good fortune to know a great many people to whom I owe a lot for what they contributed to my pleasant memories! One such beautiful person, when I said I'd like to do something nice for her, for all the help she'd been to me, said, "I've been helped by lots of people, and if I've been able to be of help to you--just pass it on to someone else in need of help."

"Never injure a friend, even in jest." Cicero

"A man often pays dear for a small frugality." Ralph Waldo Emerson

So says the VA... by Russell Myers



Contact nearest VA office (check your phone book) or a local veterans group.

Another "little bit"

There was a time . . . 1913 . . when the 16th Amendment gave Congress power to collect a federal income tax. The idea sold to the people was that a very small tax, just a "little bit" from everyone, would do wonders.

So Congress made a new tax law. The law called for a tax of 1%- that's right, 1%- on incomes of single persons earning $3,000 or more and incomes of married persons earning $4,000 or more. It also called for a surtax of 1% to 6% on taxable income of over $20,000. That was all. Those were the days.

There was another time- 1938- still in the days of the great economic depression of the 30's, when terrible sweat shop conditions in the garment industry led Congress to make the first law regulating wages and hours. The record shows that even the then New Dealers only intended to set very minimum standards in a few industries in widespread interstate commerce.

So, a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour and a 48-hour week were established. All retailing and service trades were excluded. They were never intended to be covered. But the foot was in the door, and you know the rest of the story.

Today, even employment of a part-time domestic baby sitter feels the hand of the 1938 act which only asked for a "little bit".

Still another time- in the early 1930's- the great national economic emergency gave birth to the need for a little deficit spending by the federal government. Jobs were desperately needed by people who really wanted to work. So, we began the habit of borrowing more and more against the future.

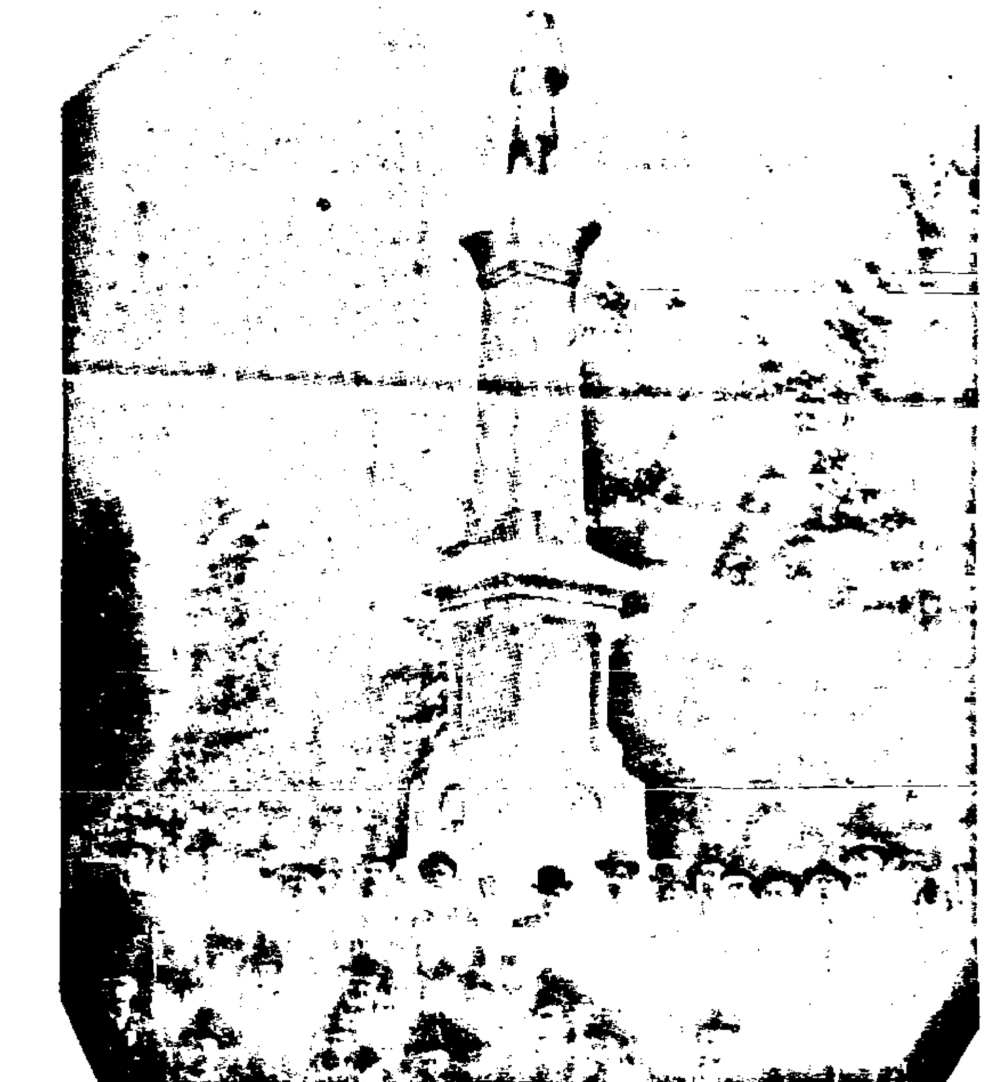
Government debt financing now dominates the money markets and the U.S. government is the world's largest employer.

Moral: Beware of government when it urges your approval of any new law authorizing it to take a share of your money- or your freedom of choice- and says all it is going to take is a "little bit."

Hardware Retailer

Scenes from Yesterday

THE Patriot WAS THERE



G.A.R. Monument

Members of Fulton's D.F. Schenck Post, Grand Army of the Republic, are shown in front of the monument in Fulton's East Side Park which was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1897. The monument was erected by the Post "to the memory of the heroic dead of the Republic, a fitting tribute to the men who made noble sacrifices for their country."

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