

CITIZEN---CITIZENSHIP.

- (1) The ideal citizen.
- (2) Building a citizen
- (3) Born as individuals
- (4) Environment and citizen.
- (5) Family influences.
- (6) Community influence.
- (7) National Influence.

(1) THE IDEAL CITIZEN

One who is thoughtful,
dependable, not easily
led, industrious, temperate
just, merciful, humble in
the sight of God.

BUILDING A CITIZEN.

A job for both parents
in the home. We are born
as individuals, with strong
individual likes and dis-
likes. With good home train-
ing we learn that the
individual cannot have his
own way all the time. Family
solidarity calls for unself-
ishness and co-operation.
Thoughtfulness for Father
and Mother, brothers and
sisters and family friends.
It takes work and sacrifice
on the part of the parents.
Children are born with a
big " I ". Good family

training changes that to "US".

HOME SURROUNDINGS OR ENVIRONMENT influences our young growing citizen. A home where quarrels are at a minimum, where disagreements when they rise, are settled amicably and forgotten where love between mother and father gives the children something to emulate. Where home life is free and happy and strictness and its necessity explained. Where lagging memories as to family rules are refreshed if necessary with the back of a hair brush; all these and more contribute towards the building of tomorrow's citizen. Co-operation and unselfishness needs to be practiced by parents first. It does not take Junior long to size the situation up. The young citizen will copy

those he loves in most of the fundamentals of life.

COMMUNITY INFLUENCES start to shape a young citizen as soon as his parents take him about with them. So what sort of a community are we going to offer this young person when he climbs over the edge of the nest and flaps his own wings a bit? The community is made up of individuals, men, women and children. It is where we have our homes, earn our living. Of various opinions, habits and practices we form an activated picture. At first just glanced at, then looked at, then studied, and often copied by John or Judy in their daily trips from the home nest.

Home fundamentals are lasting to a degree. The school,

Teachers.

the teachers, playmates, all have a part in building the citizen. If he or she has a loving home life as a background then that home will always be a refuge and comfort from the jolts handed out by the expanding life around. If the home life and love is missing, something else is going to take its place. As long as the citizen feels he has respect and love in his home and knows that he is expected to return that respect and love, home influences will not be easily thwarted.

When the growing citizen is aware that his parents look upon his school as a place where he can learn in co-operation with those of his own age those things necessary to enable him to communicate and compete

Schooling { Educational
Social
Sportsmanship.

Sports.

with others, then he will share their interest.

If his only awareness is that his parents feel that the school is just a place to send him to get rid of him from underfoot for eight hours a day then he will likely adopt just such an attitude towards his school. If he feels that his parents expect him to win at all costs in whatever he studies or plays at, then quite often he will adopt that attitude. If he senses that the community feels that self indulgence and various sports are more to be desired than an education that too will have it's influence. If he feels that good sportsmanship and unselfishness are a mandate in the community that feeling will likely be reflected in his scholarship. So perhaps

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unknowingly, unthinkingly, the community in which he lives often contributes much to the shaping of the final destiny of the citizen.

Our greatest national asset is a good citizenry. Whether we think, or take the trouble to think, the welfare and surroundings of Neighbor Sam's John or Judy are as much our interest as a community as is the welfare of our own. We shape each others lives to a great extent, and in the shaping thereof slowly and inexorably we shape the destiny of this nation. A nation can only be truly measured as to it's stature by the stature of it's citizens. We cannot all be perfect nor expect perfection to drop in our laps, full-fashioned and

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ready to use. Citizenship is something we need to continually work at. It must be built on a solid foundation from the ground up. Our homes should be the foundation, our schools the walls and windows, and our community should be the overall protecting roof.

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Fred Pool Re-ord organ

Mrs. Matison Re Piano

& Piano stool.

re. Old Gramophone.