Paying Hobbies

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Without knowing just how this country got in this fix, it is still a fact that many individuals at their peak performance find themselves sometimes forcefully or prematurely but definitely retired.

Past a certain age, time flies. We look at a letter dated five years ago and it only seems yesterday that it was written. The young people around us are not our children, they are our grandchildren. If we are extremely fortunate, we are able to lead them in outdoor healthy activities with almost the same capability and stamina with which we taught our children.

However, it has always been my belief that man needs productive endeavor to preserve his self-respect. I feel that he needs the knowledge that he is contributing something worthwhile to justify his existence and be an asset to humanity.

This is, of course, just as true of people with adequate means to meet living requirements as those less fortunate. I have known and been closely associated with young men who have been "born with a golden spoon in their mouths", where they worked harder and longer than other workers in the plants from which their fortunes were derived. I have been glad to give them the loyal support and service which stems from respect for the boss.

There are others with adequate fortunes who devote their time and effort to charitable work in the never ending job of attempting to upgrade humanity or minister to its needs. Still others can accept assignments in government where the cost of holding the job is much greater than the stipend allocated to it, and we have notable examples of individuals whose names appear frequently in the daily papers.

However, for many, retirement may mean not only the loss of a job which is loved and is easy to perform because of the proficiency achieved, but also a reduction in income. I strongly suspect this group numbers more than we would like to believe and it certainly could if savings and investments were not kept up, since retirement incomes even when supplemented by social security rarely will equal the income previously earned.

If individuals who anticipate this situation will be realistic, it can be avoided. The number of hobbies that could be a welcome change from daily activity which are capable of supplying supplementary income are almost endless.

In the first place it is necessary to take a personal inventory of capabilities and desires which can be termed self-appraisal. It is usually agreed that most individuals do best the things they like to do. So what do you like? Are you in arts? Do you like to write? The trash written now-a-days should make it easy for a writer of good fiction or even documentary articles to compete. Do you like people? Do you like to teach? Part time teachers for some subjects are in demand. Do you like to sell? Many small advertising agencies might like to have the talents of competent people they could not afford on a full time basis.

Perhaps photography is your great interest, in which case you know how these capabilities can be commercialized which vary from expert finishing to commercial or portrait work.

The scientist or engineer should have no difficulty in building a hobby future by "moonlighting" in an area totally different from the field in which he is daily employed so that there can be no ethical criticism of his selling his time to others. If the question is even raised, he could state quite frankly that he was preparing for something to do when retirement came. Maybe the employer would take the hint and abolish mandatory retirement but where in a large organization this is an established policy, an idea might be given to the boss.

The fields which could be entered are so great and diversified that not even a list could be suggested in a discussion of this type. It might be that someone in such a position would open an employment agency that was limited to retired individuals.

The main thing is to get started while still employed at a livable income. It takes time to develop any enterprise, even a part time paying hobby. The fun of doing it while not needing the income will be in watching the enterprise grow. Most enterprises fail either because there is no need for the product or service or because the expenses exceed the income. With a hobby business the overhead can be minimized so success should be assured if the product or service can be sold. The main thing is to get started. It is later than you think.

Originality

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There appears to be such an appalling lack of originality in so many fields of endeavor that the writer wonders whether this is a deliberate attempt to guide us into being a placidly conforming citizenry.

Coupled with this deplorable lack, and indeed, one of the reasons it can exist, is what must be a spy system worthy of the best "cloak and dagger" group.

Otherwise how is it possible, for instance, for so many publications to run similar articles concurrently with such maddening regularity? One article concerning a person in the public eye might be of interest, but time after time one finds items concerning the same individual in many of the carriers published at the same time. Certainly a more diversified coverage should result in increased sales and be to the advantage of publishers.

This trend goes right "across the board" with the followers always attempting to cash in on the success of the originator of some successful enterprise. To illustrate, it appears that a group of new TV shows based on a medical format are promised for the coming season. Perhaps these will replace some of the Westerns which were probably an earlier move in this same direction of uniformity.

Styles in clothing are also a point at issue, men being just as much affected as women. All of us who are old enough, know that styles move in
cycles, and if one has saved a particularly appealing item the chances are that, with little alteration, it could be worn "in style" twenty years later, since that appears to be about the length of time required for a cycle.

The foregoing sounds as though the writer could be accused of being against "progress", but nothing could be further from the truth. This is, instead, an impassioned plea for originality and the courage of the individual to buck the current trend and stand by his own decisions.

A flock of sheep grazing on a hillside is a peaceful sight, but when aroused can become a trampling horde in their proclivity for following the leader. A nation of individuals who willingly drop into patterns subtly suggested by those having some definite goal in mind could also become an unreasoning horde when a signal is given, thereby possibly bringing to a "fait accompli" some cause of which they were in ignorance until it was too late.

Individual placidity and compliance are the first tool of would-be dictators, lulling the masses with platitudes until a point is reached, where force and fear take over.

Living in a country that prides itself on freedom for all, we are just plain crazy not to take advantage of this freedom in any legal form we choose, and to express ourselves toward this end.

Why let someone else think for us along any line, from trivial matters of fashion, reading, diet, to important matters of politics? Think about the issues at hand and express opinions to the elected representatives so that they, in turn, may truly represent the will of the thinking people, whose originality of thought could contribute much to the advantage of our Nation. Be thankful you have the opportunity to do so.

PERSONALS

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Dillon Supply Company
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FOUND IN THE STRAINER BASKET

A noted humorist called his waiter to the table where he was dining and said:
"I say, waiter, there is a roach in my soup that is drowning."

The head waiter was called over and was horrified to have such a thing happen, especially to a very distinguished guest. Very much agitated he asked,
"Is there anything I can do to make this horrible occurrence right with you?"

"Yes," said the humorist, "Next time you put a roach in my soup either teach him how to swim or strap a life preserver on his back."

"Darned if I want to be the one to get hurt and ruin our safety record."