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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting

The following two newspaper clippings came in over this past winter and we thought you'd find them interesting.

From a Newark, Ohio edition in 1935:

"The first thing he has to remember about life is – Don't worry about it. Really there are only two things to worry about either you are successful or you are not successful. If you are successful there is nothing to worry about. If you are not successful there's only two things to worry about – Either your health is good or bad. If your health is good there's nothing to worry about, if it is bad there's only two things to worry about, whether you'll live or die. If you live there's nothing to worry about. If you don't live there's only two things to worry about – whether you go to Heaven or not. If you go to Heaven there's nothing to worry about and if you go to the other place you'll be so doggone busy shaking hands with all your old friends you won't have time to worry."

Another newspaper piece comes from having fallen out of an old book donated to the museum but with no identity nor date.

"Changing Views - A boy's estimate of his parents shifts as the years go by. Up to five or six he thinks them the wisest individuals on earth. He quotes their sayings and considers their opinions final with the preference given to the maternal wisdom.

"By the time he is old enough to take his bath alone he thinks over the matter and decides that mother isn't as smart as he thought she was, but father knows a good many things and cites to himself their respective opinions on swimmin', fishin', and going to the barber vs. maternal hair-clipping.

"About the time he sneaks dad's razor to his own room and experiments a little with the fuzz on his chin he concludes father is a well-meaning duffer enough, but mother knows less than nothing.

"Five years later he pities the ignorance of the whole world and especially that of the old folks.

"At thirty, about the time he wants to borrow money from dad to cover some of his financial mistakes he thinks father's and mother's advice is pretty good sometimes.

"Ten or fifteen years later when he has a lad or two of his own, the old boy begins to wonder why he never appreciated the old folks.

"At sixty, when his parents are dead, he idealizes them as the greatest characters of their age and spends hours telling his children how implicitly he always heeded and obeyed the slightest wish or command of his parents and how he ever and always took the advice in the crises of life."

If either of these writings seem familiar to you then you're no longer a teenager. But eventually, given time, we can all succumb to similar thinking. For this and more you can contact the museum for a visit by phoning 570-946-5020 or emailing

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