INCREASING VALUES

In economic principles and business, value means the increasing demand and usefulness of a commodity or its utility. But in the last fifteen weeks at Short Course there has been an ever increasing appreciation for some of the most common-place things, ideas, and people, that are mixing together. After going to school with some 340 boys and eating and sleeping with them, one realizes the inspiration received by having an understanding of one another.

In many cases people live one life and think another, which builds up a conflicting situation in themselves. This situation in some individuals is never detected by other people because they are so poised in their outward appearance and action.

I suppose there are many reasons for millions of people living a double life and never being fair with either side. The reason I am writing on such a subject as the value of my own objectives, ideas, and friends, and the sincerity and honesty with which I try to show them, is because of the influence of the boys and girls and faculty members that has helped me evaluate the true worth of having friends, future objectives, and personal habits.

Never before had I ever realized what sincerity could do in well-directed activity. Although I and many other people were not always looking for the easy way, yet we never were able to collect the profits of a moral victory. President Royce of Platteville Teachers College brought the essence of hopeful living home to me when he recited a short line of poetry by James Whitcomb Riley:

"The world is a great and beautiful world.  
And with every thorn comes a rose—  
But how sweet is the rose."

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Most everyone has to accept part of this poetic meaning, but if you have begun to feel it before you heard a man say it you are confident that your objectives are to be well-directed in the future. However, there is the possibility of the average individual reverting to different attitudes by having some disaster or physical mishap come into his life. But once a person is able to appreciate other people and their interests he will appreciate your interests if they are of some worth. So it is up to you to choose the objectives you are to follow, and the people you are to live with, and make the every day routine of living worthwhile by being able to accept the psychological benefits from it. Then the sooner everybody gets the feeling that there is something he wants to accomplish, his ways of active living will gradually change or develop so as to fit in with what he hopes to achieve in the near future.

In giving credit to people for their achievements and inspirational endeavors I must also give it to the person who has set the example in such a unique way that others can and do grasp the idea.

No wonder your ideas change when there are so many different ones to have, and then by some inspiration you fall into one line of thinking. You are bound to appreciate things that other people are doing when you appreciate them yourself.

- Len. H. Winn - '38