

The result is that our young men marry and rear families. They own their own homes and educate their children. They take a real part in the life of the community. Their credit is good and they know that in case of death, or sickness, the office is behind them.

With the exception of perhaps half a dozen all of our employees have been born since I came to Lawrence. Many of them have learned their trade in our office. And altho it is a small plant as bigger things go, thirty of our employees have had college work, twelve of them have degrees and three are Phi Beta Kappas.

We are not smug as a community, we are always trying to improve, but we find satisfaction in the fact that generally speaking we have a higher standard of culture than many communities. We have less swearing, less drinking, fewer bankruptcies, finer music, and according to U. S. records we spend more per capita, and have more payers of income tax than other comparable cities. We have few rich--no great fortunes--and little poverty.

Lawrence was founded eighty-five years ago and for forty-eight years, all but thirty-seven in the life of the city, I have had a part in producing its newspapers. A few years ago I found that one hundred and four papers had been published in Lawrence, some sixty had died without a trace, and more than forty had been consolidated into the Journal-World.