

The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

Me and Houdini! Ever since boyhood magic has had a lasting fascination for me. But I never became very adept, and can in no wise class myself a professional magician. With me it remains a hobby—pure and simple. Magic is show business, it requires stagecraft and showmanship as well as skill in performing the tricks. And a person must have a little "ham" in his makeup to successfully perform magic in a smooth and professional manner. I have very little of these necessary ingredients that a stage magician must have. But that does not deter me from dabbling in magic; I like it, and get a kick out of even performing before a mirror with myself for an audience. Recently I have performed for several groups of Boy Scouts—or rather, instead of performing, I just "did" my

tricks. They seemed to enjoy it, and if they got as great a bang out of it as I did, then we were both pleased. FURTHER NOTE OF MAGIC—Casey Hugh Dobson of Statesville, North Carolina, is totally blind, but he performs feats of magic with the smooth skill of a professional magician. That should be a lesson to those of us with two good eyes who aspire to the role of magician. Dobson adapts his tricks to his own individual style, taking into consideration the limitations of his handicap. But, says Dobson, the showmanship is the whole thing. PHIL OSOPHER SAYS—People would be much happier and safer if these three things had never been discovered or invented: Flight, the auto and

splitting the atom. But that would require too great a sacrifice to the great god progress. If modern man ever adopts a coat-of-arms, it will contain these words: Bigger, Better, More. The trend of everything is up, up, up. The government wants more and more of your money in taxes; spiraling prices take more of what is left. If a fellow owns a car, he wants a better one. No matter what he has, he wants a bigger, or a better one, or more. Man is never satisfied. Even in the matter of death and destruction, he wants more. Bigger atom bombs, better atom bombs, and more of 'em. If we ever do travel down the road to total annihilation, we won't be pikers, we'll all die on a grand scale. No compromise with communism!

Negro Home Demonstration News

By MRS. ONNIE S. CHARLTON, County Negro Home Economics Agent

Dr. Andrew A. Best, of Greenville, N. C., was really at his best as he spoke at the Awards Program Tuesday in connection with the Community Development program in Chowan County. His message on "Progress For Our Times" stressed the advantages of community development and what each individual and family must put into it, if we are to improve and be successful. In complimenting the communities on work accomplished in 1961, Dr. Best pointed out that success today is used as a stimulus to press on to future achievements. He warned against complacency and defeatism and challenged each to learn what is right, then have the courage to do what is right. Seven communities worked on Community Development in 1961. Ratings earned by each are: Champion Community, Hudson Grove; Blue Ribbon, Center Hill-Cisco

Red Ribbon, Ryans Grove, Warren Grove-Green Hall; White Ribbon, Paradise Road, Virginia Fork, Yeopim. Door prizes of three electric blankets and 100 balloons were donated by the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation. Refreshments were donated by the Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Edenton branch. The Community Development Contest is sponsored by the Chowan County Agricultural Workers Council and financed by the Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Edenton branch. The key to a happy, successful family rest with careful family planning and management. This should be done far enough ahead to avoid the last minute rush, so that the family can enjoy and emphasize the spiritual values that Christian families believe and live by. Our traditions may include the tree, Santa Claus, gifts, cards, Christmas devotionals,

and a big family dinner, among other things. The entire family should share in the planning and activities connected with each, so that all may enjoy an unhurried Merry Christmas. Why not do your family planning today? HD Schedule December 12—Edenton, Mrs. E. C. Cox, 8:00 P. M. December 14—Ryans Grove, Mrs. Tamar White, 7:00 P. M. December 18—Paradise Road, Mrs. Emily Coston, 8:00 P. M. December 19—Hudson Grove, Hall, 2:30 P. M. December 20—Canaan Temple, Mrs. L. B. Coston, 2:30 P. M. December 21—St. John, 1:00 P. M. December 22—Triangle, 2:30 P. M. December 26—Warren Grove, Mrs. Fannie Lassiter, 2:30 P. M.; Virginia Fork, Mrs. Evalina Spruill, 2:30 P. M. December 27—Green Hall, Mrs. Rosa Roberts, 2:30 P. M. December 23—Center Hill, Community Building, 2:30 P. M.

2 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT

USE CHRISTMAS SEALS AND HELP FIGHT TB!



Community Development Schedule

December 6—Center Hill, Community Building, 7:30 P. M. December 7—Hudson Grove, Hall, 7:30 P. M. December 11—Paradise Road, 7:30 P. M. December 12—Yeopim, Canaan Temple Hall, 7:30 P. M. December 14—Ryans Grove, Ernest White, 8:00 P. M. December 19—Virginia Fork, 7:30 P. M. January 4—Warren Grove-Green Hall, Educational Building, 7:30 P. M. Youth Groups December 4—YMW Club, Robin's Restaurant, 8:00 P. M. December 11—Hudson Grove Community 4-H, Hall, 7:30 P. M. December 21—Center Hill Community 4-H, Community Building, 7:30 P. M.

Civil Defense Plans Key To Survival

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cities completely destroyed; long lines of weary, homeless, displaced people with their only possessions on their back. The sick, the hungry, wandering from place to place not knowing what tomorrow would bring. Can you spare a few hours a week to help guard against this kind of thing? I am sure that you could if you thought that some day your family and loved ones would be in the procession of the homeless. When I read today's newspapers I can't help wonder how soon. We have had much more warning than we did in World War II. You see pictures of young men leaving for active duty; headlines about American troops facing Communist troops in Berlin at the wall and news headlines and

pictures from many places where Communism is trying to spread. One thing for sure, the Communist plan is dedicated to overthrow democracy as we have it and to world domination and slavery. We must draw the line somewhere and when we draw the line we must be able to stand pat. To do this we must be able to survive. Our ability to recover is very important in the overall defense planning of our country. We must display a staying power and endurance beyond that ever before required from the people of this nation; if we do this, along with our military defense and retaliatory forces we will then have a strong deterrent to war. The Communists will think a long time before they attack if we have the ability to survive the attack and come back fighting. We know that Russia has an extensive civil defense system. The Russians have established units for the protection of every factory, collective farm, school and university. Millions of its population are being instructed in the principles of civil defense. We are dragging our feet. We're waiting for good old Uncle to tuck us safely in bed. We're waiting for someone else to make the move. There is one thing we must face up to: There are a lot of things we must do ourselves; we must learn what can be done by each and every one of us; we must take time to find out what survival is all about. Any reasonable plan you make will increase your chances of survival. Let's throw out the defeatist attitude and stop thinking why we shouldn't. Let's get together with our family and our friends—talk it over. If I can help in your plans call me, phone 3111 or visit the office at the Hotel Joseph Hewes in Edenton. Survival planning is your insurance against disaster. Twenty years ago we had time to regroup and reorganize; until now, we have been protected from war at home by our oceans and the ability of our forces to fight wars overseas... nuclear weapons have changed this. We can't make our plans after the alert signal sounds.

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