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Weak-Kneed Policy On Quail Hunting

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in recent session extended the open season for quail through January 31 instead of January 1 as originally planned.

The shorter season was earlier stipulated because the supply of quail in North Carolina has become very low, and was adopted as an emergency means to save quail for propagation purposes.

But there was a big kick from bird hunters, and the commission has agreed to a longer season.

All of which leads one to wonder whether or not the new setup on game and fish in North Carolina is going to amount to a "hill of beans."

Surely all bird hunters like to hunt, and the proposed season of November 27 to January 1 was very short.

But the question is: Are we or are we not going to eradicate quail as game birds in North Carolina?

If bird hunters for one or two years could lay aside selfishness, bird hunting could again become a fine sport in North Carolina.

But bird hunters only want the law to keep somebody else from killing quail so they can kill them all.

It is so often the case that a so-called sportsman will go to a farm and hunt down the very last member of a covey of quail. The bag limit means nothing to him. It does not mean anything to him if the farmer who owns the land don't want all the birds killed.

Next day the same so-called sportsman will go to another farm and systematically eradicate every quail.

In North Carolina we want a real conservation program for game and fish which will build up, and not eradicate, the game birds, animals and fish.

We are not going to have it with the weak-kneed policy of back-tracking on a shorter bird season for one year.

Boy Scout Training A Community Asset

The power of organized boyhood to render really worthwhile service to the community during wartime and in peace has been proven through the years. Scout training has enabled boys to render aid in earthquakes, tornadoes, floods and other catastrophes. It has given boys abundant opportunities to display common sense, resourcefulness and leadership.

The "daily good turn" that each Scout seeks to render contributes to give the boy right attitudes. Every time a boy is led to do something for somebody else in the spirit of service he becomes by just so much, capable of doing a little bit more. He develops an inclination to be thoughtful of others. This is character development and it is citizenship training of the highest order.

The Scout "good turns" are often simple, helpful things; many of them are practically extra kindnesses and services that boys do beyond what courtesy and good manners call for. In countless ways Scouts have done and are doing their bit to help brighten the lives of their neighbors.

Because their training and ability to do things and follow instructions, Scouts are used effectively by civic authorities and Red Cross officials in times of emergency. Through their service to others Scouts become better citizens. This training has a lasting effect upon most Scouts in their adult lives.

This Fall the Boy Scouts through their "Nation-wide Scout Round-Up" seek to enrich their program and to make it avail-

able to more boys. Any civic-minded person or institution contributing toward this aim is advancing the life of his community.

Productive Agriculture

One reason for the economic strength of the United States is the efficiency of the American farmer. The high production of American agriculture means that a steadily increasing proportion of the population has been able to devote its thought and energies to other pursuits.

Scientific, mechanized farming has made far greater strides here than in any other major country. American farmers represent only 2 1-2 per cent of all the farmers of the world—yet they produce about 20 per cent of the world's food supply. There are various reasons for that achievement, and agricultural machinery is one of the most important. Tasks that, abroad, are slowly and laboriously done by hand are swiftly and economically accomplished by machinery here.

This illustrates, in turn, the close relationship between agriculture and industry. America produces 50 per cent of the world's steel—and it is steel which has made possible the mechanization of agriculture. The first steel plow was produced 110 years ago, and ever since progress in steel and in farm production have gone hand in hand.

The end result is a higher standard of living for all Americans—a more prosperous agriculture—an industrial wage scale unequaled anywhere else—a stronger, richer nation.

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



Are you a procrastinator? Do you put off until tomorrow what you should do today? Is the Mexican word "manana," meaning "tomorrow," a prominent word in your vocabulary? If so, then read this definition of "manana" by an unknown author which was sent to me by a correspondent who is a well-known news commentator: "The watchword of the weary, the slogan of the slumbering, the password of the peplless." That definition is too good to keep.

We Americans need to read that, as we were certainly "slumbering" when World War I, and again when World War II, came upon us. Colonel Robert L. Scott, famous aviator of the Army Air Forces and author of the book, "God Is My Copilot," from which a motion picture of the same name was taken, delivered a noteworthy address in Charlotte, N. C. recently. In it he sounded a solemn warning that if we are to avert World War III and not be destroyed by it, we dare not slip back into the slumbering attitude which we had when World War I and again when World War II came upon us.

He said that Almighty God had already given us two chances, and he didn't think that we would get a third. He sounded a stirring note of spiritual and military preparation. He reminded us that we are living in a world where a great totalitarian and godless power faces us.

I have often quoted Saint Paul's motto for dealing with evil, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Twice as a nation we accepted the first part of this motto, but failed to put the second part in practice. We fought two wars to keep from being overcome with evil. Now we must overcome this evil, which is again rearing its head, with good. We must make a practical demonstration of the Christian Gospel in the place of world leadership which we occupy today.

National habits are formed from personal habits. Many of us have a habit of putting off until tomorrow what we should do today. Life is made up of little things. So when we put off the little thing, it follows that we put off the big things. We should live each day as if it were our last on earth, doing those things which call for our attention, and if possible doing them now. One of Hitler's famous criticisms of the allies in the last war was, "Too little and too late."

In the parable of the Wise Fool, Jesus Christ pointed a solemn finger of warning towards him that "layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Luke 12:21) He then gave his own motto, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4).

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT
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BAD ACCIDENT—

Jim and Mary were roller skating when Mary suddenly fell. She came to her feet again with remarkable agility.

"Did you see how quickly I recovered my equilibrium?" she asked.

"I sure did," answered Jim, "and almost before I noticed it was uncovered."

SHOULD HAVE KNOWN—

Motorist (barely avoiding a roadside crash): "Why on earth didn't you signal that you were turning in?"

Girl (who has just crossed into her home driveway): "I always turn in here, stupid."

MISTAKEN—

A bobby-soxer was making telephone explanations concerning her loss of a current boy friend to a rival. "He may think it's love," she stated, "but it's only a passing fancy."

CULL NOTHING—

The medical officer on a remote Pacific island called his headquarters to report a tropical disease one of the men had contracted:

"We have a case of Beri-Beri here. What shall we do?"

Came the answer: "Give it to the Sea-Bees. They'll drink anything."

MOST ESSENTIAL—

Smithers was preparing to take a solo jaunt up into the mountains, when Jake, the grizzled old camp guide, stopped him to check up on his supplies.

"You gotta map an' a compass?" asked Jake.

"Certainly," repl'd Smithers.

"Hev you gotta deck of playin' cards?"

"Why, no," rejoined Smithers.

"What do I need with them?"

"It mought save your life,"

old Jake repl'd. "I always carry a pack. If you get lost, just set down and begin playin' a game o' solitaire. Next thing you know some fool will pop up behind you and begin telling you what to do next."

SPOILING A GIRL—

Elmer, 13, was puzzled over the girl problem and discussed it with his pal, Joe.

"I've walked to school with her three times," he told Joe, and carried her books. I've bought her ice cream sodas twice. Now, do you think I ought to kiss her?"

"Naw, you don't need to," Joe decided after a moment of deep thought. "You've done enough for that girl already."

JUST WHAT HE WANTED—

"Remember, Mr. Smith," said the district attorney, "anything

you say will be held against you."

"Betty Grable, Betty Grable, Betty Grable," replied Mr. Smith.

DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED—

A newlywed filling out his income tax return listed a deduction for his wife. In the section marked "Exception claimed from children" he pencilled the notation, "watch this space!"

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