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Diphtheria Could Be Eradicated

The Wilkes county health officer recently reported the incidence of diphtheria in Wilkes county. In this connection we reproduce the following article by Jayne Harwell, of Duke University news service:

Medical statistics indicate a 100 per cent increase in diphtheria in North Carolina cases reported through September and October of this year as compared with figures for the same period of last year. These are the months when this disease strikes.

Judging from the current statistics 1947 will be a more severe year for diphtheria than 1946. A great measure of responsibility for this unhappy turn of events can be laid on the parents of North Carolina's young children despite a law enacted by the General Assembly on March 17, 1939, requiring the parents or guardians of all North Carolina children between the ages of six months and five years to have their children immunized against diphtheria or pay a fine of \$50 or be imprisoned for 30 days. Further leeway was allowed the parents. They were allowed to have the immunization completed by the physician of their choice or by a County Health Officer at no charge.

Since parents are either unaware of this statute or are disregarding it one of the State's largest hospitals has reported a definite increase in the number of children who are admitted with diphtheria. Last year through lack of proper parental care many children unnecessarily died from this disease. Had they been taken by their parents to a doctor or clinic for "shots" at the age of six months they would be alive and well today. Doctors cannot urge too strongly that two or preferably three shots be given every child at intervals of at least six weeks with a booster dose from one to two years later. One does not always protect.

In addition to the shots a Schick test should be done three months after the shots and every year thereafter. These tests should also be performed on any child who has had diphtheria for unless they are protected the disease may strike again. The physician or health officer can give a combined shot which will protect also against whooping cough and lockjaw.

In cities where most of the children have been protected against diphtheria the disease has almost disappeared and no children succumb from it. Since almost every mother has been told of these shots only three reasons can account for the fact that so many ignore the advice and refuse the precautions. They may be afraid of the shots; they may be careless and forgetful; or they may not know that shots are available to every child in health departments, well baby clinics and hospitals whether the parents can pay or not.

Diphtheria first shows up as a sore throat, running nose, perhaps hoarseness, croup and difficulty in breathing. A child promptly taken to a clinic or doctor when he shows those symptoms can be given diphtheria serum and quickly cured although some of the younger children may develop choking attacks and may need a silver tube placed in their throats so that they can breathe while the serum is curing them. Every mother must be sure to take her baby to a medical man as soon as any of these symptoms appear. She should not put off the doctor's visit on the grounds that the baby just has a "cold" or the croup. Unless the child has serum promptly he will gradually lose his

strength and it may be too late to save him when he does come to the doctor's attention.

Eight per cent of those children who contract diphtheria die. Any mother who has ever seen a child suffering from diphtheria, eyes popping, muscles straining for air and tossing from side to side in a fever will join with medical authorities in urging parents to have their young children inoculated immediately.

Could this decree work out to mean smaller leaves at a larger profit

"Cease firing" is also an order that John L. Lewis is known to have given to the nation's furnace tenders.—Greensboro Daily News.

The first American newspaper was the Boston News-letter, established by John Campbell in April, 1704, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Campbell's paper developed from news-letters that he wrote more or less regularly to the various colonial governors of New England.

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



Why not look for the best in life rather than the worst. You will be far happier, win and keep more friends if you do. You will even enjoy better health.

There are many more honest, lovable, charming people in this world than some would lead us to think. Whether we discover them, depends upon whether we look for them.

Some people seem to go through life in reverse. They are always looking for the worst in life, expecting the worst of people. Certain occupations provoke such an attitude. In my earlier days, before I entered the ministry, I was in the furniture manufacturing business. I had a job as inspector of machined furniture parts. It was my task to look for the flaws and throw those pieces out before they were put into the finished furniture. I soon found myself looking for flaws in everything and everybody. When I woke up to that, I changed jobs, as I knew I couldn't afford to go through life with that attitude. Since then I have been trying to live by the motto, "Look for the best instead of the worst." It has certainly paid good dividends.

There are some whose work provokes a critical attitude, police officers for example. They deal with law-violators so much that if they aren't careful they'll begin to suspect that there are only two classes of people, the caught and the uncaught. Such an attitude is dangerous. I am convinced that the majority of people are honest, and desire to be helpful. Stop your automobile in any town, ask for information. You'll be surprised at the willingness of people to give it.

Most people will be helpful if they are approached properly. Recently in Charlotte, N. C. a housewife hid \$500 worth of Government bonds between the leaves of a telephone directory while she was absent from her home for awhile. She planned to put them in her bank box at the next opportunity. Then she forgot about the bonds. New telephone directories came out, and she threw the old ones in the waste basket. Out in the garbage they went and off to the city dump. The next day her husband asked her for the bonds, saying that he would take them down to the bank.

Suddenly it dawned upon her what had happened. They contacted the Superintendent of the Sanitary Department. He was sympathetic, and promised to institute a thorough search on the morrow. The next evening the garbage collector appeared at her door with the telephone book containing the bonds, which after diligent search he had found among burning papers and trash, and everybody was happy.

Expecting the best of people instead of the worst, may cause you to be "taken in" occasionally. But you run twice the risk with the other attitude, as people will be out then to try to "take you in." I find no better way to make a marriage, a home, a business successful than to expect the best of the others in it, let them know you expect it, then express appreciation when they do it.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By
DWIGHT
NICHOLS
et al

FALL PREDICAMENT—

What with trying to pick football winners and with the urge to do a dozen different things at one and the same time we are not altogether unlike the man who was just in time.

He stood in the middle of the street corner. He looked to the west and a moving van was bearing down upon him. To the south came a speeding automobile. From the north was coming an ambulance with screeching siren. A big truck was sweeping from the east. He thought of jumping straight up but when he looked up there came a plane straight down in a nose dive. He looked down and there was a manhole! He jumped in. Just in time—to be run over by an underground train.

WORRY AND ULCERS—

Worry is supposed to cause stomach ulcers. A smart statistician went to a penitentiary and examined 50 long termers whom he thought had all the cause to worry. But in no case did he find evidence of stomach ulcers.

The obvious solution to avoid ulcers is to get a long term in the pen.

HOW SMALL HE WAS!—

Here is a yarn picked up from The Reidsville Review that is worthy of more than passing thought:

A man walking in the woods was caught in a torrential down-pour. He looked around for some sort of cover and spotted a hollow tree lying on its side. To gain protection from the tempest, he crept inside through a narrow opening.

He lay there for two hours before he realized he had become virtually a prisoner in the tree. The rain had caused it to swell, and the opening through which he had entered was now too small for him to squeeze his way out. But even worse was soon to follow: the tree began to press in on him and he knew it would be only a matter of hours before he was crushed to death.

Such was the horror of his predicament that, like a drowning man, his past life flashed before him in a panorama. He saw what a mean, selfish life he had led and he began to feel so small that he realized he could now creep out through the opening. This he did—went home and led an exemplary life ever after!

Held Top War Secrets Met Tragic End.—Life as a nightmare for the Government research expert who possessed the war's top scientific secrets. Don't miss this grim, heretofore untold story of a true-life mystery. One of many features in the December 7th issue of The American Weekly, Nation's Favorite Magazine With The Baltimore Sunday American. Order from Your Local Newsdealer.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF TIMBER North Carolina, Wilkes County. In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk. In the matter of T. E. Story, Administrator of John W. Nichols, deceased.

The undersigned commissioner appointed by the Court to sell the merchantable timber that will measure eight inches and up one foot from the ground standing and being on the lands of the deceased, containing from 150 to 175 acres of timber on the lands as set out in the Petition, which has been estimated to be in the neighborhood of 200,000 ft. The Order directing the commissioner to sell said timber at either public or private sale in his discretion, and said commissioner elects to hold a private sale first;

Therefore, he has opened said sale, at private sale, and requests that prospective buyers look over said timber, and file their private bid in writing on or before Saturday, November 29, 1947, at ten o'clock a. m., at his office in the City Hall in the Town of Wilkesboro, at which time the highest bid will be submitted to the Court for

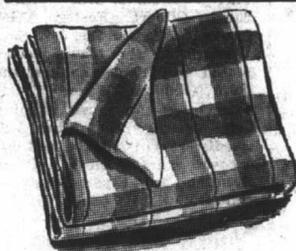
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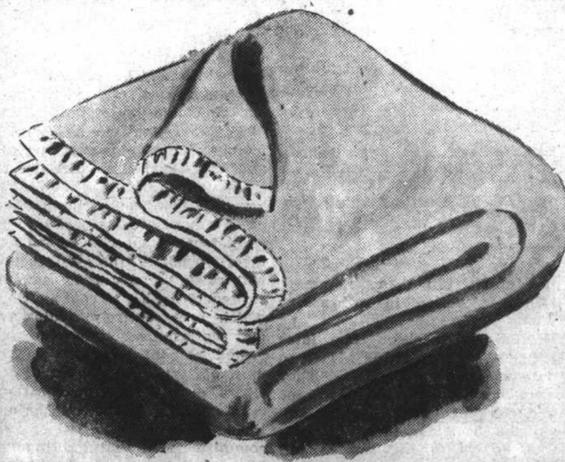
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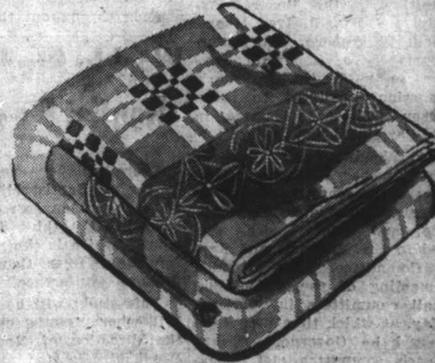
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