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Adult Leaders For 4-H Needed

One local extension worker during the course of making plans for celebration of National 4-H Week this week made the statement, "4-H is for everyone. Even though every single boy or girl from 9 to 19 probably shouldn't be a member of 4-H, there are many more not now members who could gain from a 4-H educational experience, no matter where they live."

This point that 4-H is for all whether they live on a farm or not is not too well understood. Many people view 4-H as primarily a rural organization. This image is evidently hard to change, perhaps because people are more familiar with 4-H as being a successful youth organization for farm boys and girls. However, 4-H membership is changing. Today 4-H enrollment is 46 per cent farm, 32 per cent rural non-farm and 22 per cent in densely populated areas.

Four-H offers several unique opportunities that make it unlike any other youth program. These opportunities make 4-H Club work an ideal program for any boy or girl. Some of these advantages are "4-H projects open doors to career possibilities," "Democracy in Action" concept of the local 4-H Club, "constructive use of leisure time training," "citizenship education and "conservation education."

The foundation of 4-H is project work. It is true that some of the traditional

4-H projects like animals and crops are suited only for farm youth. But there is a long list of modern 4-H projects, adapted to in-town living which enables 4-H to reach youth who need these educational experiences. Some of the 4-H projects that can be conducted in town are: automotive, photography, news writing, science of plants and soils (50 new exercises in the fantastic science related to plants and soils), collection and study of insects, career exploration, tree identification, garden, flower growing, home grounds beautification, clothing, foods-nutrition, home management, home improvement, money management, crafts, electric and safety.

While it is undoubtedly possible to find boys and girls to enroll in 4-H, one of the major barriers to expansion is securing adult volunteer leaders. It must be remembered that the space age brings a "new culture" that poses new social and psychological concern for us. Four-H work can help youth find meaning and identity in this changing world. More adults are needed to lead 4-H clubs. You could be the person needed to help organize a 4-H club for boys and girls near you. Those with a desire to work with young people could choose few means less rewarding than the 4-H program. Now during 4-H week would be a good time to find out from the County Extension Office what openings for adult leaders are open.

New Directions In Civil Rights

A recent civil rights meeting of citizens from Northampton, Bertie and Halifax counties raises the question of whether or not the state and national leaders of some of these organizations haven't missed the significance of recent legislation passed by the Congress.

Several of the speakers suggested that in order to secure their rights Negroes would have to risk the loss of jobs and property. In view of the simple remedies at hand this seems an exaggerated view. We dismiss it as being organizational rhetoric and hope that the average Negro is better informed than this appeal would indicate.

Many firms have accepted the federal requirement that hiring be without bias and there is every indication that all national firms, subject to economic reprisals, have already begun to offer jobs to qualified Negroes. Here is the rub: there are more jobs available in some fields than qualified Negroes to fill them. After disposing of the known fact that they are unqualified because of past discrimination, we must inevitably get on with the problem of getting Negroes qualified.

There is little in the way of a practical remedy for older Negroes who have

not acquired a skill that will earn a living, but there are immediate and effective remedies for younger ones who can be sent for trade training, enrolled in literacy schools, encouraged to persevere with adult education courses, and enforcement of compulsory school attendance for minors.

To see that they are properly represented they can show the necessary initiative to register and vote and to prepare themselves to qualify to vote. The truth is that in North Carolina the Negro leadership has more trouble stirring up a voter drive than in filing complaints. Legislators listen to votes more readily than complaints.

What a tragedy it would be for the South and the Negro if he were to fail to understand that he has many practical remedies at hand to improve his lot and instead he spent his time in disruptive activities that only cause more resentment than understanding.

What is needed is an alert local Negro leadership which can produce results through established political and economic channels. The laws are on the books, the majority of the people in the Roanoke-Chowan area have the tolerance, and the time is ripe.

Anecdote Of A Misanthropist

Misguided, frustrated, bigots in bed sheets. If it were not for the acts of violence that inevitably follow the Klan, the silliness of grown men who do the hating in circles at night in corn fields would be funny.

An example of the sad mirth is the story re-told recently by Harry Golden in the *Carolina Israelite*. The nationally known Charlotte editor wrote:

"Sandburg has an anecdote about the early 1920's when the Ku Klux Klan was having one of its re-births.

War Is Hell

"He tells about the fellow who started a restaurant and put the sign out: 'One-hundred-per-cent American, no thing less.' Across the street another restaurateur put a sign out, 'Two-hundred-per-cent American.'"

"The first fellow crossed the street and said, 'Look here, what are you trying to do, what is the idea putting out that sign, two-hundred-per-cent American?' The second man said, 'You're a Kluxer and you hate only Negroes, Jews, and Catholics. Me, I hate the whole darn human race.'"

Farmers Leave As Times Change

Recent House debate on the Administration's farm bill has served once more to spotlight one of the most perplexing problems on the nation's agriculture front—that posed by the marginal producer who can't make the grade without government help.

There was a time when the small family-type farm was a self-sustaining operation which was virtually the backbone of the agricultural economy and produced much of the food and fiber for the nation.

Such is not the case in these days of mechanical harvest, where automation has to a large degree replaced the hired hand in large farm operations.

The little grower is barely hanging on, eking out an existence in many cases only through federal subsidies, price supports and other income supplements.

That is particularly the case, as the debate brought out graphically, in the case of cotton, which used to be king on the Dixie plantations but has gradually moved to the wide-open West. Proof of the change is in the annual loss of farm population by all Roanoke-Chowan counties. Northampton County alone lost over 1,300 people from its farms during 1964.

It may not be a popular theory, but America's way of life has changed dramatically over the years and the small

farmer's place is unfortunately threatened today by the march of time and events.

War Is Hell

Are American fliers killing their own men in bombing raids over North Vietnam?

Barracks near the surface-to-air missile sites at Hanoi may contain American and South Vietnamese prisoners of war and a number of these units have been destroyed in bombing missions.

On one hand, it would seem unlikely that prisoners would be kept near missile bases for security reasons, since prisoners might escape with vital information.

The regime at Hanoi might, however, surround its missile installations with prisoners to protect them from air attack.

It is well known, by the way, that our reluctance to bomb the Hanoi missile sites is based, in part, on our fear of killing Soviet technicians.

It would shock us to learn that Americans are unwittingly slaughtering Americans and South Vietnamese allies. What General William T. Sherman said a century ago is equally true today: War is hell.



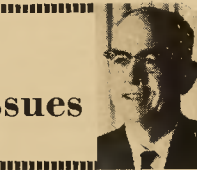
Carlton Morris Writes—What You Want—What You Need Often Two Different Things

For years we people of sorrow, that is, we of the depression generation, have looked on with awe and wonder at space flights and proposed trips to the moon. We are unable to understand why we must fling billions of dollars of taxpayers' money into space when we don't know how to cure a minor cold.

On the other hand we've come up with a generation who has never known sorrow, and they're similar to the gambler on a winning streak. They're anxious to shoot the works; go for the whole ball of wax, get while the getting is good, and the devil take the hindmost, though they scarcely believe there's a devil. They are called liberals.

Our free wheeling politicians, I feel were brought forth a generation bound to miss a great deal in this short game we call life. I know very few will agree with me for it is pointed out time and again that the present generation has everything. It breaks my heart to say it, but they don't have anything.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



By CLIFF BLUE YDC... Robert Huffman's victory in his race with A. J. Stephenson for State YDC president was expected.

issue is settled. \$300 MILLION BOND ISSUE... There is one issue on which all wings of the Democratic and Republican parties should be able to unite.

Huffman represented the liberal element of the party led by Terry Sanford whereas Stephenson represented the conservative and middle-of-the-road wing led by Dr. Lake and Governor Moore. For several years the Young Democrats have been more representative of the liberal wing of the party than otherwise. A victory for Stephenson would have been regarded as an upset.

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A party without controversy soon becomes a stagnant party and is usually dominated by one person. No one person dominates the Democratic party in North Carolina and it is healthy that this is the case.

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REAPPORTIONMENT... Most people will likely agree with Governor Moore in his decision to stand firm and fight the action brought in Federal Court to reapportion the North Carolina General Assembly and the State's congressional districts.

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Any redistricting is expected to effect the eighth congressional district. Any re-districting will probably whet the appetites of some of the Democrats who are now in the eighth where Jonas appears well grounded to run. But, instead of Jonas they might have to run against an incumbent Democrat for the nomination! Big question right now is: Will the matter be settled in time to effect the 1966 primaries and elections? Legislators in the sparsely populated counties will be on pins and needles until the

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R-C Editors Say ... Solitude Is A Sedative

By SHELBY HOWELL, News Editor, Gates County Index

It's no longer news that living is becoming more complicated each day and that the "rat race" keeps claiming new victims of nervous disorders. The surprising thing is that the old yardsticks used to gauge man's ambitions before the "complicated years" began are still being used today.

be no contact with human beings. It's the sedative we all need. In the unlikely event that anyone is granted the wish, there are rules to go by in order to make the day a success.

Example: If a person is told he will be granted three wishes, he would wish the same things today that his father did a generation before. The average person might wish for (1) spiritual tranquility, (2) money, (3) success and position.

- (1) Look your door and advise your friends of your intent. (2) Ignore the telephone. (3) Look uncivilized. (Wear old sloppy clothing. Men mustn't shave. Women mustn't apply makeup.) (4) Make sure your husband or wife or children are safely deposited somewhere else for 24 hours. See no one. (5) Make a list of your worries and spend one hour worrying. (6) Don't work. (7) Read 100 pages of Tolstoy's "War and Peace" and then grab the romantic adventure novel with a clear conscience. (8) Don't watch television. (9) Spend one hour on self-analysis. (10) Make an improved list of rules for next year's day spent in solitude.

But I predict that the age-old desires will be thrown aside in preference to one small seemingly unimportant wish: a day spent in complete solitude.

Here in Washington crime has reached a point where it is almost impossible to designate as "crime day." Attacks by bandits on homes, offices, banks, and their innocent citizens fill the newspapers. All sections of the city are targets.

A yearly vacation has become an American tradition for most people, so why not set aside one day of it during which there will

Yet the situation is not confined to this city. FBI reports show that serious crime is mounting at an alarming rate in all areas of the country. While we have pursued other domestic goals, crime has become a national disgrace.

Sen. Sam Says ...

Crime Is Domestic Problem

By SAM J. ERVIN, U. S. Senator WASHINGTON — Second only to concern about Viet Nam is

that expressed about growing crime and violence. I consider crime our most important domestic problem.

LOOKING BACKWARD

Interesting items reprinted from old files of The Roanoke-Chowan Times By MISS ESTHER CONNER, Editor Emerita

October 9, 1924 The cotton ginning season opened in Rich Square this year on October 7, three weeks later than last year and 25 days later than in 1922. Only a few scattering bales will be ginned this week.

Some change may be in the offing. A few days ago, the Attorney-General launched the President's new national crime commission with the assurance that crime is to get special attention. On July 22, 23, and 30, I conducted Senate hearings on special FBI reports to aid law enforcement officials throughout the country. The measure, which has since passed the House unanimously, calls for training programs for local law enforcement agencies in the use of modern police techniques. Federal grants of \$10 million annually for three years would assist state and local law enforcement agencies in a national attack on the problem. Senate action is expected soon. This up-dating of police techniques and training is a step in the right direction.

Rev. Rufus Bradley, pastor of Rich Square Methodist Church, went to Chapel Hill last Saturday to officiate at the funeral of S. J. Fore, who died at his home in Roxobel last Friday.

But the country should be aware of the fact that better training and improved law enforcement techniques will not be enough to combat crime. What is most needed is a change in national attitudes that have surrounded the developing situation.

The Roanoke River overflowed its banks last week and was said to be the largest freshet since 1919. But little crops was destroyed. Perhaps some cattle in the lowland pastures were lost. The overflow continued for several days. Some damage was done to the Pensacola Shipbuilding Company in washing away sand and some of its lumber at the Edwards Ferry Bridge.

Many factors are responsible for this spread of fear and terror that is the talk of almost every dinner table conversation. Of these, at least three deserve special attention as conditions which have contributed to increased crime.

The Parent-Teachers Association of Severn delightfully entertained the faculty and the school committee at a "tacky party" Tuesday evening, September 30, in the home of Mrs. J. J. White.

The first of these is the transition from an essentially rural America to an essentially urban America. Family, community, and religious ties that surrounded the America of yesterday are not as binding today. The sanctity of home, and a good name receive less emphasis than they once did. Personal interest in the welfare of the community has lessened with mass migration to the big cities. To a varying degree, mobility has changed emphasis and thinking.

W. F. Hunter is having a new building erected on his lot adjoining his store building and when completed will open up a meat market. This will make the second market for Rich Square, the other one being run by Chappell & Shoulers.

As a lawyer, I must confess that many of our courts have allowed unwise sentimentality to overcome reason in dealing with criminals. As a result, police are gravely handicapped in some areas by court rulings which offer more protection to the criminal than to the law-abiding citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Strickland of Abokick spent Sunday here with Mrs. Strickland's relatives.

In the final analysis, however, the battle against crime really will depend on how concerned the average citizen gets about this menace. Crime commissions, and Federal agencies can aid, but public indignation is the most effective weapon.

The old Weldon Fair that was famous years ago, has been revived and will be held next week, October 14 to 17.

Worrell, A. L. vice president, Joe Smith, A. L. Vann is agriculture instructor of Rich Square School.

October 16, 1930 If ye fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well. — James 2:8.

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The series of meetings with the Seaboard Methodist Church closed Sunday morning, Dr. Fitzgerald, pastor of Rich Square Methodist Church, did the preaching during the week and delivered some stirring messages to appreciative audiences. Rev. R. R. Grant is pastor of the Seaboard church.

The local chapter of the Future Farmers of America met Friday, September 26, in the Rich Square High School building. The purpose of this meeting was to organize. Officers were elected. They are as follows: President, Joseph Draper; secretary, Alton Wade; treasurer, Everett Conwell; reporter, Bill

Deconstructive forest fires have occurred in many parts of Northampton as well as in adjoining counties during the past week, causing great loss to growing wood and timber trees. Fire wardens and their deputies have rendered valuable services in controlling and extinguishing these fires, especially in the vicinity of Rich Square.

The Potocask school closed Friday for one week in order for the children to pick cotton.

Rich Square High School football team defeated Weldon on the local field Friday afternoon, October 10.