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CHANGING ATTITUDES

By MRS. J. STEPHENS BROWN

Human beings change as do the months, the seasons, or the years. These changes are not a sudden shifting into a reverse order or an abrupt swerve to the right or left. It is a slow, gradual change that comes as a response to an outside or inside stimulus.

For the past two years there has been a carefully planned program of moral training at Morrison which seems to be the great force in reclaiming misguided youth.

There is no long list of rules to be learned or obeyed as soon as the boys enters the institution. The guiding principle of the institution is the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Now to begin with this is not an easy rule to follow, but it is a rule that transcends any rule that finite beings may make.

The hardest part of the boy's training comes during the first three months of his stay here. This is his period of adjustment. Emotional instability, which accounts for his unrest, his morbidity, and failure to cooperate, is anticipated. After this period is over the real work of character building begins.

Each boy is assigned to a job to which he reports at a specified time, and for which he is held responsible for the quality of work that he does.

School attendance is compulsory for all boys every day. Hence, the work schedule and school schedule are so arranged that one does not conflict with the other.

After work and school are over the play period for an hour and a half precedes the supper period. After supper the boys are carried to their buildings by the building supervisors. They then have prayer meeting with the boys participating, and afterwards they prepare for bed, retiring by 9:00 P. M.

The boy soon learns that happiness will come to him only through his participation in activities offered in each day's program.

Gradually the unrest and morbidity disappear and cautiously the individual takes his place among his brothers. Then it is that every effort is made to correct any undesirable character traits he may exhibit.

The joy comes to those who work with these boys when parents come to visit and ask:

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"THERE IS GLADNESS IN REMEMBRANCE"

By MRS. EDNA B. TAYLOR

Perfect timing marked a spring gift made to the Moore County Hospital recently, when fourteen chapters of the Negro Women's Federated Clubs of Moore County presented over 325 new towels and bath cloths to the deserving institution.

The articles had been purchased by individual club members and were delivered on the morning following the Carter's Laundry fire at Southern Pines in which a considerable amount of the hospital's routine linen was destroyed.

Mrs. Edna Taylor is president of the County Federation Clubs and has been an outstanding nurse's aide at the hospital during the war, with a record of over 1,000 hours of volunteer service.

Each president of the local clubs put forth special effort in the towel contribution.

The clubs also contributed \$100 to the county TB Seal drive, working with the County Welfare Department in the control of delinquency, parental and juvenile.

We are discussing and arranging a county-wide program for youth conservation. Also planning a homecoming program for our returning servicemen on April 25.—Mrs. B. B. Bethea, Recording Secretary; Mrs. A. P. Foster, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Catherine Marks, Treasurer.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown Chapter, Moore County Women's Federation Clubs, gift to the hospital included the following number of towels and bath cloths:

Cameron Club, Mrs. Ollie Harrington, President, 10 and 1.

Mt. Zion Club, Mrs. L. E. Ferguson, President, 6 and 6.

West End Club, Mrs. Ora McNeil, President, 12 and 5.

Pinehurst Club, Mrs. R. B. Crutchfield, President, 25 and 15.

Aberdeen Club, Mrs. Eliza Cole, President, 20 and 10.

Southern Pines Club, Mrs. Catherine Marks, President, 22 and 15.

Jackson Springs Club, Mrs. Lillie Leak, President, 7 and 1.

Jackson Hamlet Club, Mrs. Anna Rose, President, 16 and 12.

East Wood Club, Mrs. Sylvia McKenny, President, 10 and 2.

Carthage Club, Miss Tarba Tillman, President, 10 and 2.

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THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN THE VENEREAL DISEASE CAMPAIGN

By MRS. MARY C. HOLLIDAY

Most of us in early childhood have had our ears tingle from listening to nursery rhymes, jingles and fairy stories cleverly told by our parents and teachers, and oftentimes by friends. Even to this day, we find our memories refreshed by these experiences and our behavior greatly affected by them.

There were other stories perhaps not so enjoyable, because of their nature, but equally as effective, if not more so, that might have been told that would have guided the behavior of society, but there was insufficient knowledge on the part of those who knew the story essential to health, and still a greater lack of knowledge on the part of those to hear it. So, for fear of being branded as "indecent" and probably of being ostracized, the story so essential to health was withheld that might have offset, to a great extent, the ravages of the two most dreaded enemies to mankind—venereal diseases.

Ignorance on the part of society years ago, no doubt, was to a great degree accelerated by the erroneous belief that venereal diseases attacked only those of low estate. Then, too, it was discussed only in the hush-hush tone. It is quite obvious that for centuries the two enemies—venereal diseases—have at the expense of society's ignorance continued to be the plague of mankind.

We should be grateful today to live in a country that through freedom of speech and of the press sees fit to make available to all of its citizens the true story relative to venereal diseases. Through the aforementioned mediums, society today is constantly apprised of scientific studies that show that no longer does it need to linger under the erroneous belief that venereal diseases have respective persons or homes upon which to make their invasions.

Both syphilis and gonorrhea are not the lot of one particular group, neither are they segregated or confined to any one region, state or town. They are everywhere. During 1943, records show that aside from heartache, misery and broken homes, there was a total of 861,000 cases of syphilis and gonorrhea reported, 70 per cent more than the combined total of reported cases of diphtheria, malaria, pneumonia, meningitis, tuberculosis, in-

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