

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

The March issue of Reader's Digest carries an interesting item on the results of studies conducted at Harvard University with regard to the causes of juvenile delinquency:

Six out of ten juvenile delinquents have fathers who drink to excess. Many have mothers who drink to excess.

Three out of four are permitted by parents to come and go as they please.

Three out of five are from homes where there is discord between parents.

Seven out of ten are from homes where there is no group or family recreation.

Four out of five have parents who take no interest in the children's friends.

Four out of five delinquent boys say their mothers were indifferent to them.

Three out of five delinquent boys say their fathers were indifferent to them.

Many come from broken families. Few get religious training of any kind.

An indication that the situation is not getting any better comes from a survey conducted among high school students in Nassau County, New York, and reported in the March issue of Better Homes and Gardens magazine. According to this survey, 79% of the youngsters in this country drink by the time they are 14, and 90% by the time they are 16 years old. About 75% of those who drink started at home, with parental blessing. Ninety-five per cent of these parents pride themselves on their broadmindedness, and permit their children to drink at home, and 84% permit them to drink elsewhere. More than half of these youngsters drink liquor while on dates.

Now in these two surveys I find two facts that we might as well face:

1. Most juvenile delinquency can be traced directly or indirectly to drinking on the part of parents.

2. An easy majority of tomorrow's parents already drink.

Add these two facts together and you'll get a third fact: We may look for an increase of juvenile delinquency in the future. Add these three facts together and you'll come to this conclusion: It's high time that something was done about this pernicious cancer that is eating away at the heart of our American system. As a student in Chicago I saw first hand what liquor can do to the human soul, as I worked among the alcoholics there. Men from fine families, college educated, reduced to sleeping in the gutter, going for days without any nourishment except that which is to be found in liquor. I saw men who hadn't changed clothes nor had a bath for months; who so reeked of filth and stale whiskey that I had to hold my breath in their presence. As a minister of the Gospel I have seen family after family broken and frustrated because one or more of the parents, usually the father, could not leave the bottle alone. And whatever you may think of the father who drinks (and personally I feel nothing but sympathy for him), his wife and children deserve a better chance than they are getting.

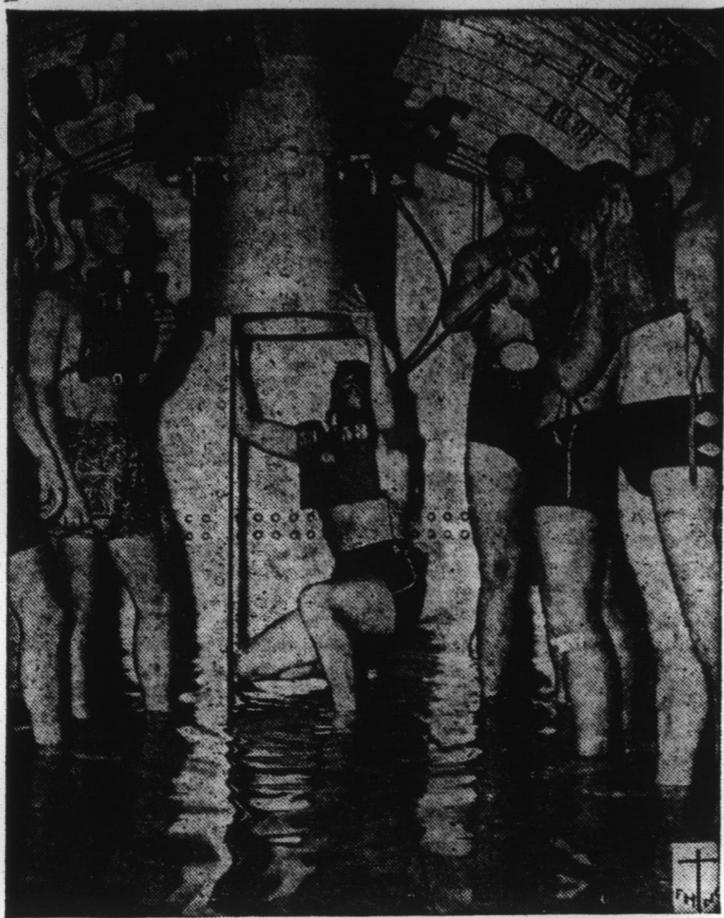
Yes, it's high time Christian people became aroused, and made a united stand against the liquor traffic, that is threatening the very foundation of American society.

TAX COLLECTIONS

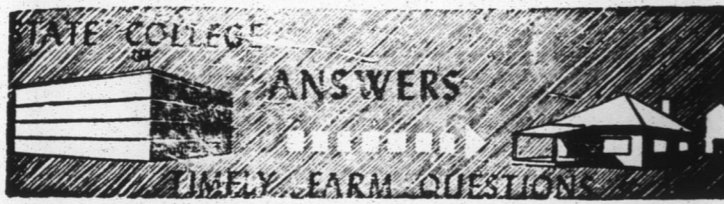
Sheriff J. A. Bunch reported to the County Commissioners Monday that 1953 taxes collected in February amounted to \$7,696.77. This brought total 1953 taxes collected to date to \$139,314.65.

The larger the income, the harder it is to live within in.

—Richard Whately.



SAFETY CHECK—As one Navy instructor at the Pacific Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, checks the escape lock of a Momsen lung, another offers some last minute advice in the use of the lung to a Marine about to pass up the 100-foot water-filled escape tube. Looking on are other Marines of the 1st Provisional Marine Amphibious Reconnaissance Group who are undergoing a three day training program in submarine escape techniques. Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph—119279



Question: What can I do to avoid an outbreak of leucosis in my chickens?

Answer: Leucosis is caused by a virus. There are some five different types affecting chickens in North Carolina. For control, first of all, try to secure chicks from a source that is free or reasonably free of the disease. Then brood chicks away from old hens and where there is no traffic from the old hen house to the brooder house or where traffic is not across infected grounds and into the brooder house. The main thing is to try to minimize the possibility of infection the first 12 weeks of the chick's life. If this is done, leucosis will not cause the losses that otherwise would result. Grow pullets on clean, green range. Place them in a laying house that has been thoroughly cleaned, disinfected and rebredded with six inches of sawdust, or preferably dry wood shavings. Have roosting racks enclosed with wire so that birds do not have ready access to droppings. Then support these measures of sanitation with a rigid culling program. The removal of all birds at the first sign of leucosis will retard the spread of the disease in the laying house.

Question: How can I recognize leucosis in my chickens?

Answer: After birds have started to lay notice their eyes as you cull out the non-producers. Grey eyes with an irregular shaped pupil should be culled. Do not mistake pearl eyes or blue eyes or off-colored eyes for the ocular type of leucosis, but pay close attention to the shape of the pupil. If the outline of the pupil is very ir-

regular and begins to fade back into the iris of the eye, then this is the beginning of the ocular type of leucosis.

Question: How can I keep my income taxes lower?

Answer: There are many ways, but you must be alert at all times. First, sales of breeding, draft, and dairy animals can be treated as sales of capital assets (land). Such sales should be reported on Schedule D. Only half of the gains (income) need be reported as income. The requirements are that the animals must have been owned for one year and the animal must have been sold for draft, breeding or dairy purposes and not primarily for sale in the ordinary course of the farm business. Secondly, when the sale of the farm includes the sale of the farmer's residence and he buys property within one year after (or before) the sale, which he uses as his new residence, the gain from the sale of the old residence may be excluded from the gross income provided the cost of the new residence equals or exceeds the sale price of the old one. Also, the elderly farmer who wants to retire often parts with a large share of his life's savings in income taxes by outright sale of his farm. The installment sales method (similar to buying a car on time) reduces taxes and maintains his investment in a safe place. The downpayment cannot be more than 30 per cent of the selling price. The seller thereafter reports total yearly payment during the year received and is taxed on only half of this amount.

Question: Can I carry back and carry forward net operating losses on my farm?

Answer: With lower farm prices and two dry years, many farmers have come up with a net operating loss at the end of the year. If you show a net loss on your return for the current year because of unprofitable farm operations, you can use this business loss to offset income in other years provided you do not have additional income during the year from other sources offsetting your farm loss.

Question: In filing my 1953 federal income tax can I deduct as an expense the food and supplies furnished hired labor?

Answer: Board and food or supplies furnished to hired labor is deductible only to the extent that it was purchased by the farmer. This excludes food raised on the farm and used in boarding laborers.

Byrum, Johnnie Cates, Sarah Frances Edwards, Phil Harrell, Gayle Oliver, Bettie Wall, Kenny Wall, Carol Wall, Jerry Jones, Linda Ward and Ronnie Harrell.

Two new members, Linda Ward and Ronnie Harrell, were admitted to the club.

Visitors present were Mrs. B. G. Willis, Mrs. Hurley Ward, Mrs. W. T. Davis, Mrs. Johnnie Oliver and Mrs. Larson. The counsellors for the first six months are Mrs. Al Wall and Mrs. Thomas Ashly. The next meeting will be held March 22 with Vickie Allsbrook at her home on 213 West Eden Street.

The club is now running a contest in order to find a name and a prize will be given to the child submitting the winning name. Entries should be sent to Phil Harrell, 221 East Queen Street.

Operating expenses of the company, however, were reduced from \$786,752 in January 1953 to \$621,749 in January 1954, which more than offset the drop in revenue.

125 Persons Receive Old Age Assistance

According to the monthly report of Mrs. J. H. McMullan, county welfare superintendent, during February 125 persons in Chowan County received old age assistance in the amount of \$3,150. During the month 11 aid to dependent children cases received \$463, 13 aid to blind cases received \$489 and 1 aid to permanently and totally disabled cases received \$391.

General assistance was given to six persons in the amount of \$60.19 and other financial assistance included nine cases hospitalized in the county. \$294 and one case hospitalized outside the county. \$25.37.

Service cases included three adult parolees under supervision, one person received veterans rehabilitation in cooperation with the Department of Public Welfare, five persons received free eye examinations through the N. C. State Commission for the Blind, one investigation was made for the local Draft Board and 19 children received individual service.

Small Children's Club Holds Monthly Meeting

The Small Children's Club met in the Advance Community Building with Pamela Ashly. The meeting was called to order by the president, Bettie Wall, with the group repeating The Lord's Prayer. The roll was called by Pamela Ashly, the secretary, and \$3.05 was collected and turned over to the Heart Fund.

New officers were elected as follows:

Vickie Allsbrook, reporter; David Larson, vice president; Phil Harrell, contest manager; Gayle Oliver, social service chairman.

After the business session refreshments were served to the following: Vickie Allsbrook, Pamela Ashly, Pa-

Rocky Hock section Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock after a long illness.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Parrish, and three sisters, Janet, Nancy and Brenda, all at home.

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Barbara Lou Parrish Funeral Held Sunday

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