

The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL



Here's an arresting thought that a friend of mine passed along to me. I'm passing it on to you; you can put your own interpretation on it: The White Man stole this country from the Indian, and bought the Negro for his slave.

STREET SCENE—This colored man stopped before a downtown window display, and entered into a conversation with the mannikins modeling clothes within. Whether or not he got any response to his monologue, I don't know, but he was still talking when I passed on.

The Soviets say that two of the mice recently sent into out-

er space were black, but they returned white; changed in color, was the claim, by radiation. If you ask me, those mice were just plain scared. Whose hair (mice or men) wouldn't turn white on a harrowing voyage such as they took?

CRITIQUE—I must be slipping, getting old, illiterate or just a lowbrow, or my taste in literature is very, very immature: I can't build up any great enthusiasm for Hemingway. His reputation as a writer is so great, I thought that not to like Hemingway was an unpardonable sin. But no dice—I can't read him. And in my opinion,

"The Old Man of the Sea" was the worst movie flop ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting and long-suffering movie audience.

THE WEST—Trigger, Roy Rogers' palomino, is not only the "Smartest Horse in the Movies," but he is also the "best-dressed." Trigger "wears" three saddles. One of them is a silver-mounted \$5,000 "work" saddle, and for real "dress" work Trigger wears a silver, gold and ruby-inlaid parade saddle valued at \$50,000. Boy, when Trigger steps out on the town, he does it in grand style.

No compromise with communism!

list, too. Teenagers want a place to gather. They want a place where over a coke and doughnut they can chat ten cents worth into an hour. Discussion is a great part of today's living. Some would enjoy a place to hear good recorded music and I mean all kinds, too.

"Of course, that is what the Episcopal Youth Center that we are just about to finish is trying to provide—a place to meet, hear a little good music, chat a little, and share a few games such as ping-pong, etc. A counsel of young people will meet in September and organize this center. Though it is a part of our Parish House and naturally where our Church School assembles, it will have week-day use. We'll have records, you can find soft drinks, tables, chairs, good lighting in clean, healthy atmosphere. There'll be a few rules, but very few, but these will have to be respected. More about that later, but I can tell you that I have visited in several such youth centers and recreational centers in three states gathering information from their experiences. This has proven very valuable. Happily married couples will supervise our special activities and special speakers and youth leaders will come to Edenton from time to time as available. There will be no denominational distinction made and our program will be considered a community service to young people—without any ulterior motives nor obligations."

"I remember my Scouting career as introducing many activities to me I really hadn't thought too much about before that time. Anybody getting a Handbook and reading the list of merit badges there could find a lifetime of interest and pursuits. Collecting something of interest is one thing that could come out of this. Model-making and model-making races either with cars or planes is lots of fun. There is a world of satisfaction to be gained from a miniature golf course?"

"Padre, I could add to that sometimes, but how about as-

tronomy—in this rocket and missile age we're missing out if we don't keep up even on the hobby level. Photography is another hobby that I have always wanted time and a few pennies to go into."

"Now you are listing 'em, Tommy. Let me add ceramics, art, music or the equivalent Scouting program for the girls. Have girls given up sewing and cooking or do they spend all their time on make-up and 'alied industries' these days to attract their opposites? Seriously though, Tommy, I believe the girls have many more neglected activities than the boys. After all isn't it part of a youngster's responsibility and indeed privilege to find his own recreation? I know some who think if recreation isn't organized and scheduled, it isn't recreation. But I also know that some free time for creative thinking and doing is very important. We would even do well to have some time to ourselves at least for a little while, each day. It is during these minutes and hours we grow beyond all that I believe young people of today should turn their faces toward home more than they do. Mother and Dad need a little helping hand and they don't get it too often. It hurts me to see some one employed to mow the lawn when a husky seventeen-year-old lad is right there to do the job. It is likewise a sad spectacle to see teenage girls who take little pride in the interior decoration of their homes of which they are a very important part. How about that?"

"What's this 4-H Club pamphlet doing on your desk, Padre?" "Read the underlined parts, Tommy; maybe you will see where it fits into our conversation. It's a good program by the way and I wish my children lived on a farm and could participate."

"It says, 'I pledge My Heart to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, My Health to better living, for my club, my community, and my country.' Then you have the ten Guideposts circled: Develop talents for greater usefulness. Join with friends for work, fun, and fellowship. Learn to live in a changing world. Choose a way to earn a living. Produce food and fiber, for home and market. Create better homes for better living. Conserve nature's resources for security and happiness. Build health for a strong America. Share responsibilities for community improvement. Serve as citizens in maintaining world peace."

"They didn't miss the boat now did they? Don't you think it fits into a youngster's life very well. It certainly makes sense. It certainly seems like fun. It says a lot to me."

"I'm going to have to leave you in a few minutes, Padre, but what it seems you are trying to say is that on the one hand young people are either

not content with what they have here in Edenton and Chowan County or that they are not taking advantage of what they have. Again you are saying that that there are several recreational activities we need that adults should provide — things which we just don't have."

"That is right, Tommy, and that is the entire message of what we have aared as we have talked. In an automobile and flying age such as ours we just haven't kept up. Our grandfathers and grandmothers in Edenton had more recreation in a sense than we do now. On the other hand we of today's coming generation just don't realize how blessed we are with what we already have. Maybe our churches could assume more and more responsibility for closing the gaps. Maybe they could keep up with the school program and incorporate education's aims into theirs. Maybe the families of the churches could see to it that their young people are provided for accordingly to their needs more adequately than they are now for sure. I just don't believe in giving the car keys to a teenager and not asking questions. It isn't fair to him. Where will he go? What will he do? You know!"

"I should like to quote from a treatise by Judge Alfred W. Whitehurst of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of the City of Norfolk: One of the prevalent problems of our youth, is that they seldom have any purpose in life. They so frequently have no goal or ambition. Another characteristic of young people is a lack of healthy activity. It is certainly axiomatic that an idle mind is the 'Devil's Workshop', and this is so true of an idle minor. They need healthy activity. . . they need religious training. A person not only needs

to know right from wrong, but he needs to believe in the difference, to advocate the difference. This must come from religious training. Other failings include the lack of discipline and the lack of respect for authority, which must be learned at home.

It should be pointed out that parents are not responsible for everything that happens to their children. We, as adults share in this responsibility. The culture that we have created contributes to the problem. . . bad literature. . . misspent money. . . for every dollar spent on our schools, we spent almost \$3.50 on automobiles and we spent 3 million for research to conquer blindness, but spent 12 million for eye lotions. . . so it goes. . . the vast majority of our children are fine young citizens so the real question is not so much 'Where are our youngsters going?' but 'Where are we leading them?'

"I believe, Tommy, there is much in a real, live, tangible way adults can insist on providing. . . good schools, good libraries, good books, good after-school programs, good religious

training, a good society. The way they fill their time is the way they fill their minds. The way they fill their minds is the way they fill their lives. From Scouting 'physically strong mentally aware, and normally straight' I continue to gather good teaching. How our youngsters are re-created is how we adults provide for that re-creation and how youngsters themselves employ such provisions."

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He—"Remember, darling Last night you said there was something about me you could love?" She—"Yes, but you spent it all."

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The Devil's Workshop

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in people to thank for clearing the water of hundreds of dangerous stakes."

"You have said that one of the reasons you enjoy living in Edenton is because there is plenty of fair hunting and fishing within a short drive of home. I enjoy just looking at some of these spots because there are really some beautiful rivers and woods. Just hiking or camping or even cooking supper out with a little group is a lot of fun, I think. Anybody who takes an active part in either the Boy Scout or Girl Scout program knows that."

"Tommy, what does the athletic program at the high school offer the so-called average student? Does he have to be on a team to play football, baseball, basketball, softball, volleyball and track?"

"Football is a good, strong program. A lot of fellows go out for it. I would say basketball has plenty of participants and plenty of fans. Of course, everybody can't go out for the same sport at the same time. Some play in the band and have other responsibilities, but I'll agree some just stay stragglers."

"I helped out with the Little League program this summer and certainly do feel it is a fine and worthwhile sport. It made me wish for some equivalent program for girls that age and it also made me wonder if

some other sports wouldn't be just as popular like archery, skating, badminton or such. Tommy, maybe as a clergyman and again a man half-way through life I am a little naive, but do those your age still like to do some things I did when younger?"

"Oh, yes, you don't hear too much about chess and checkers, but there is some around. Some go in for bridge. I like ping-pong very much. There are always some interested in learning a new dance step, but I understand some good ballroom, square dance and even ballet teachers are in Edenton and not even being called on. You mentioned skating. I think this could be a real thing and without any cost either. All you have to do is rope off a good spot, get it a little organized, and put on some recorded music. How about the street in front of the high school? For ice skating an occasional trip to Norfolk is fun going with a group."

"While you have been talking, Tommy, I jotted down some recreational activities that I would like to see more of here for our young people. I would strongly suggest a pair of good bowling lanes in a good, sound building, well-run either as a civic enterprise without profit or by a reliable commercial undertaking. I would like an indoor skating rink. I would like to see some good clay tennis courts. In fact, I would like to play myself. I would like to see sailing take over in Edenton Bay and vicinity. We have perfect conditions here for boat-building and for sailing. Regattas and local competition are really not out of reason. I would like to see someone come up with a plan for horseback riding and training for those interested in this sport. How about a miniature golf course?"

"Padre, I could add to that



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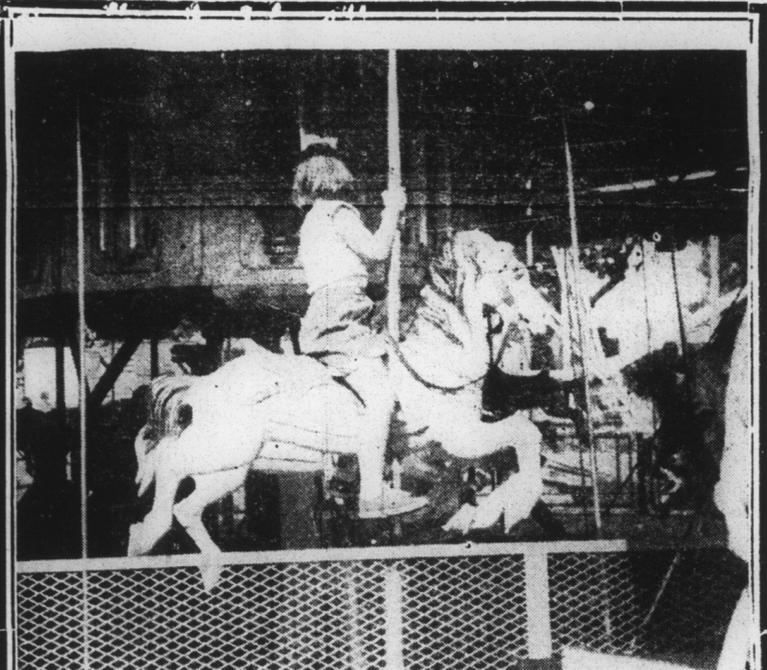
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