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The Roundup



Today is Labor Day—the day that commemorates the toil of the hands and sweat of the brow, and the dignity of earning an honest living out of the earth, the fields and the shops. But time marches on and things are not what they used to be. I doubt if there is very much sweating and toiling among the workers of today. Even those laborers who perform heavy, manual work have such short working hours and the pay is so great, the sweat of the brow smells like perfume. We are living in an age where wages are ever in the ascendancy and working hours grow shorter and shorter. We are living in an age where we are ever "keeping up with the Joneses"; and our pay check must be commensurate with the strain of maintaining this balance between status and quo. But surely all of this must sometime reach a vanishing point or a saturation point, because if wages continue to go up, up, up, and working hours continue to shorten, shorten, shorten, we will reach the place where there will be no work and no wages. And when or if that happens, we will have killed the goose that lays the golden egg, for without work man ceases to be a human being and merely becomes a cog in a vast super-civilization. It is by

work that man has built all that he has or is; without work we are merely mindless robots crawling over a sterile earth.

PHIL OSOPHER SAYS: It matters not what people may think of you—but more important, what do you think of yourself?

The puppet show last Sunday at Hardee's dredged up some memories of long ago. I always have had a little ham in me and have always been interested in magic and ventriloquism, although I have done very little with either—they still stand as merely hobbies. At one time in my younger years I was a great admirer of Tony Sarg, who was an artist, illustrator and one of the world's greatest puppeteers. But my interest in puppets, also, never advanced beyond the admiring stage. But puppetry, ventriloquism, magic still hold a fatal interest for me, and like all the other kids, I enjoy a good show in any of these theatrical arts.

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North Carolina is spawning a group of youngsters who are finding fascination in the skies—a "fascination" first put there some 63 years ago by two brothers at the little village of Kitty Hawk in the state.

Tar Heel State children are expressing an interest in toy aircraft today that would have amazed Orville and Wilbur Wright whose "flying machine" took off that sandy peninsula in 1903.

According to a recent toy industry survey, North Carolina ranks among a group of states which top the national per capita average for the number of aircraft toys purchased for juveniles.

The survey compiled for Toy Manufacturers of the U.S.A., Inc., indicates that North Carolina is one of 13 states in a Southern group which purchase 27 per cent more toy airplane units than the national average, on a population scale.

Commenting on these figures, Jerome M. Fryer, president of the toy association said, "The aircraft toy is one good way of introducing youngsters to our most modern form of travel. The value of this early introduction is realized when we consider that by the time today's children are grown, the airplanes will probably be used almost as much as the automobile is now."

The average per unit price paid for aircraft toys today is \$2.07, according to the survey, which shows that boys receive almost all of these items.

Most of the shoppers for toys of this type are between 25 and 39 years old, have children under 10, and family incomes between \$6,000 and \$10,000. According to the survey they do the bulk of their buying in department and chain department stores, discount houses, and variety and hobby stores.

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