

Read This, You May Save A Child's Life

Tragedy hits you hardest when a child is involved. That's why you get cold shivers when you read that another little child has been smothered in an abandoned refrigerator.

Despite the wide publicity when such a tragedy strikes and despite the laws that 36 legislatures have passed, you still read once in a while where another little life has been taken.

The Scout urges its readers to stop now and think. Do you have an old refrigerator that is a death menace to innocent children?

If you have one at all, it is a menace. So how about doing this: take the doors off and either throw away or put up the hinges. Even if you plan to put the old box on the junk pile, take the doors off first. You may never know it, but you might save a life.

In the past 10 years, 113 children over the nation have lost their lives through the impulse to hide in an abandoned refrigerator. Eighteen of these deaths were last year.

Unfortunately, even the refrigerator you use in the home may become a death trap—if you leave the door open for defrosting.

So think of the 113 little ones who never will play hid-and-seek again. Then take a look around the back.

Few Seconds Between Happiness & Tragedy

If anything can make people stop and think about reckless driving, three stories on the front page of The Scout last week should have done it.

The tragic toll of speeding was told in the death of one young man and the sentencing to prison of another.

Even with these consequences so obvious, drag races on the public highways still were being reported.

Buddy Lee Thompson, only 25 years old, died in a wreck that apparently resulted from speeding. Just a few days later, Kenneth Caldwell was given six to eight years in prison after pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter. He was driver of a speeding car in which two persons were killed last September.

Just a few seconds and a few miles per hour

made the difference between happy lives and stark tragedy for these young men.

We mourn for them, yet hope that the lesson taught in their experiences will be engraved on the minds of those who still have their happiness. And for those who don't learn the lesson, let's all join with our law enforcement officers in bringing to justice those who insist on endangering the lives of the innocent as well as their own.

Chamber Commerce Beginning To Roll

Well, it looks as if the new Murphy Chamber of Commerce really is beginning to roll.

Last week, its officials announced several worthwhile projects in which all citizens are interested.

The proposal that a dam be constructed to create Cane Creek Lake is especially enticing. What a wonderful facility for fun and relaxation that would be! And it would be a lovely addition to a beautiful town.

The county fishing contest warms the hearts of almost all lovers of fishing, and it is another project of the Chamber of Commerce.

If the current program of the Chamber of Commerce is an indication of the future, then get behind that organization and watch Murphy progress.

Dalrymple Commended For Wildlife Work

The Scout joins his many friends in congratulating Arnold Dalrymple on the honor given him this month by the magazine Wildlife.

This publication of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission recognizes Mr. Dalrymple's work in protecting the wildlife of this section. He was named Protector of the Month by the magazine.

Wildlife can be the source of great enjoyment for people — both hunters and nature lovers. But it must be protected from those who would destroy for the fun of it today and without a worry for tomorrow.

The newspaper joins with Wildlife in its statement: Mr. Dalrymple is one of the best known and highly respected Wildlife Protectors in the western end of the state."

A Backward Glance

5 YEARS AGO
Thursday, April 15, 1951

The Andrews-Murphy Airport was the scene of exciting activity as an extensive search was under way for a National Guard fighter plane which crashed. Many Air Force and Civil Air Patrol planes used the airport as search headquarters. The wreckage and the dead pilot were found on Hannah Mountain.

Mrs. Roy Lee was much surprised to get a letter from Paris, France, complimenting her on the Easter egg she had decorated as a doll. It was a gift from Mrs. George Candier, who sent it to a friend in New York, who sent it to a friend in Paris. The lady in Paris was so impressed she wrote to Mrs. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hyde of Andrews were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Carol Wood, in Huntsville, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Shearer of Patrick were host to the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Kilpatrick of McCaysville, Ga.

Lloyd W. Hendrix was re-elected superintendent of Cherokee County schools, while H. Bueck was re-elected superintendent of Murphy schools. Loren C. Davis was new president of Murphy Lions Club.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey returned from several weeks' vacation at New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, April 18, 1946

Special services were planned for Easter Sunday by all churches. In Murphy, Easter was to be opened with a sunrise service on the lawn of Petrie Hospital.

Miss Addie Mae Cook and I. E. Hudson, members of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention left to attend a meeting on the Reynolds proposal for Wake Forest College.

Mrs. Harve Hamilton of Andrews and their son, Glen spent the week with Mrs. Ola Williams in Calderwood, Tenn.

W. D. King was elected manager of the Murphy Baseball Club. Members of the team included the Rev. L. E. Latham, a former professional baseball player; the Rev. Alfred Smith, athletic coach of Murphy schools; and D. E. Sigmon, also a former professional player.

Mrs. G. W. Cover Sr. of Andrews announced that she would be a candidate for re-election to the State Legislature.

Mrs. W. D. Townson, Mrs. D. L. Wells and Mrs. Carl Townson returned from New Orleans, where they spent a week with Mrs. Wayne Townson and son, Eric. Avery Nix of Brasstown visited on the week end with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Stiles of Letitia.

Service men returning home after being discharged included Robert G. Alexander, Jr., Jack Christopher, Paul Hill, Harold Hall and Nat Kinney.

Bill Monroe and his Blue Grass Boys appeared in the Big Tent Theatre at Murphy.

20 YEARS AGO
Thursday, April 16, 1936

Howard Moody, Cherokee County's youngest practicing attorney, was expected to be confirmed by the U. S. Senate as Murphy's new postmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hawkins and children of Ranger visited Mrs. J. P. Crowe and family in Suit.

W. M. Fain Grocery Co., in order to encourage the growing of tomatoes and beans for the Murphy Cannery, offered \$10 to the farmer with the best tomato yield per acre and \$10 to the farmer with the best bean yield per acre.

Annie Oakley was to be featured in a movie at the Henn Theatre. Barbara Stanwick was to play the part of Annie. Manager Jimmy McCombs also announced that "Little Lord Fauntleroy," starring Freddie Bartholmew, would appear here.

The famous columnist, Arthur Brisbane, was being featured in The Scout.

30 YEARS AGO
Thursday, April 16, 1926

The Junior Class of Murphy High School said it would present a play, "A Fisherman's Luck." Mrs. E. G. White was director.

Miss Emma Jones visited Miss Vaud Quinn Sunday in the Postell community.

James H. Crisp of Murphy was in Andrews Tuesday surveying Bradley Mountain.

John H. Dillard of Murphy was named Cherokee County chairman for the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Memorial.

Among new officers elected by the West Gate Chapter of Royal Arch Masons were J. B. Storey, R. K. Beal, R. M. Fain, J. M.

THIS WEEK - In Washington

With Clinton Davidson

Watching Congress in action this week we got to pondering the question: What makes some men great, others mediocre or dull?

Is it education? That couldn't be it because some of our greatest men have had little schooling. Because some men are smarter than others? No, because some of the smartest men we've known have been crooks.

Looking down from the gallery upon the more than 500 men and women that make up our Congress some impress us as great, others as not so great.

What makes greatness? Not wealth, because most great men had humble beginnings. In America many of them were born on farms. More than half of our congressmen are farm-reared. So was President Eisenhower.

What is greatness and how does one become great? The definition of greatness and the formula for becoming great was given more than 1900 years ago by our Lord Jesus. He said, in substance: "He that would be greatest among you, let him become the servant of all."

When we come to think about it the great men and women of history have been those who devotedly and unselfishly served their country and their fellow man. They have been doctors, scientists, scholars, soldiers, businessmen, and, yes, politicians.

You do not have to be known internationally, or to have your name in the history books, to be great. I have known many men and women who achieved greatness in their home, their community, county or state. Probably you have never heard of them, but I expect you can name several in whom you recognize greatness.

Those are the people whom Jesus meant when He said that service is the true measure of greatness. At the time this formula was given and for 1800 years thereafter, it was ignored by nearly all business men. Their motto was "caveat emptor"—let the buyer beware.

A railroad tycoon who said many years ago "the public be damned," had wealth and power, but he never became great. Years later a young Scottish immigrant came to Chicago and started work at \$3 a week.

Eventually he started a department store and his motto is known all over the world. It was "The Customer is Always Right." He learned from Jesus that to be the greatest merchant he had to give the best service to his customers. That man was Marshall Field. Most businessmen now follow his example.

No group in America is more dedicated to serving the people than our congressmen. Many of them have achieved international and national greatness. All of them have achieved local or state greatness.

Recreation Course Set At Brasstown

A short course in camp and community recreation activities will be given at the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown April 19-26.

The course, which costs a total of \$32 per person, is designed to train leaders for camp and community recreation. William R. Miller will direct the course.

The school has been noted for 25 years for its leadership in folk dances, folk songs and craft programs. Georg Bidstrup is school director.

Leaders and instructors for the course will include: Tom Speed, campcraft and campfires; Mrs. Ben Warner, crafts; Miss Ruthie Carroll, group games; Miss Kessler, silk screen printing; Miss Lucile Gault, songs; Dick Chase, "Jack Tales" and "Grandfather Tales."

The course will begin with supper Thursday, April 19. It will end with breakfast April 26 in time for the free Smoky Mountain Wildflower Pilgrimage.

A week-end is included so that college and high school students with summer recreation positions may attend. Sunday afternoon and evening will be spent in practicing games and other activities especially suited to church groups.

OLDEST PLANT

The oldest known specimen of a flowering plant has recently been found in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado, the National Geographic Society reports. A palm-like growth that flourished 165 million years ago, it left the imprint of its leaves on Colorado's red rock. Fossil experts have discovered seven such imprints.

The largest was 18 inches long. All predate by at least ten million years the fossil of a flowering plant from Normandy, previously believed to have been the oldest.

Vaughn and W. S. Green.

Dr. J. R. McCracken of Waynesville announced in The Scout he would be at the Regal Hotel "all day Monday prepared to examine eyes and fit glasses."

THE AMERICAN WAY

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AWAKENING OF SPRING

By Nora Cobb Spencer

As I go for a walk at eventide,
My Collier trots along by my side
The alder tags wave to us a greeting

The frogs are attune for their revival meeting.

Bluets deck the roadside with happy cheer,
Their delicate beauty—ah, how dear.

Pussy willows are purring in time with the brook,
The cicadas are tittering as they leave their winter nook.

Sunset nears with pink and orchid light
Glorious signals of a starry night

The golden moon peeps o'er the heaven-lit hill,
Somehow all nature becomes quiet and still.

We wonder are we more exalted at the sunrise?

When its delicate freshness lends radiance to earth and skies—

Than at the close of a busy day
When nature holds communion in her devout way.

Breathless we pause while the encroaching night unfurls,
And lays a soft blanket o'er a sleeping world.

There is a last good-night call of a bird to its mate—
Ah; there's never an actor on God's program too late!

GARDEN TIME

BY ROBERT SCHMIDT

In a few days those dahlias that you left in the ground over the winter will send up sprouts.

They should be dug up, divided and replanted. If they are not taken up and divided they will send up several stalks which will give you some nice early blooms, but the fall flowers will usually be inferior.

In dividing dahlia clumps be sure that each division has at least one root and one good eye or sprout. There is no advantage in having more than that.

If you took up the dahlia clumps last fall and put them in storage you will find that they are beginning to show well-developed eyes or sprouts and can be easily divided now.

After dividing, keep them covered with slightly dampened peat moss or sawdust so that they will not dry out until it is time to plant. In the central portion of the state

a good planting date is May 1 to 15; in eastern areas a few days later would be best and in the mountains early May would be about right.

Dahlias grow well in any type soil as long as it is well drained. If the soil is not well drained you may lose many plants after periods of heavy rainfall. On the other hand, it is necessary to keep dahlias well watered during extended periods of hot, dry weather.

Dahlia roots may be purchased now at seed stores or from certified dahlia nurseries. A few good, inexpensive, large-flowered varieties are: Cherokee Brave (red), Edna D. (red), Jersey's Beauty (pink), D-Day (pink), Kirsten Flagstead (orange), California Pageant (orange), Jane Colburn (buff), Edgar Guest (yellow),

legreese (yellow), The Real Girl (white), 5-Star General (creeper pink), and Jean Trimbree (purple). Good small flowered varieties are: Baby Royal, Fairy, Fuchsia

Gem, Red Charm, White Fairy, Andrienne Orange, Little Lady Drop and Sylvia. A few wood-pone varieties are: Sherry, Striped, Morning Mist, Little Edna, Yellow Gem and Little Marvel

with its present members. Woodworking classes will continue throughout the summer Monday nights.

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WORDS OF LIFE

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SPECIALISTS ALL

In one of the Replacement Centers during World II, volunteers were being sought to receive training as paratroopers. There remained two more vacancies so the recruiting officer picked out a husky-looking soldier in the ranks and asked him if he wouldn't like to be a paratrooper, to jump in a parachute from the large troop planes.

"Nope," was the reply. "I don't want to get in anything where I have to do it perfect the first time I try."

I knew a man during the war whose son, at 18, left college and volunteered for the paratroops. This was the first time his son had been from home for very long, and after basic training and after the boy had made the jump which qualified him to proudly wear the paratroopers' badge, his father went down from Boston to Fort Bragg to see him.

Showing his father over the grounds where he had marched, target practiced, made his first practice jump, the soldier was pointing out where experiences, he had described in his letters had occurred. And pointing to one corner of the practice field, the soldier said, "And Dad, that's where my best buddy fell when his chute didn't open."

His father couldn't think of anything appropriate to say, and the soldier, seeing his father's expression, continued, "But he couldn't blame anyone but himself, Dad; for the first thing they teach us here is to pack our own chutes."

The Apostle Paul in the book of Philippians, 2nd chapter, 12th verse, said "... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

This is one of those places where a man stands alone, where no one else can take his place.

In the early frontier days of our country, and lasting until only a few years ago in our mountains it was necessary for a family, isolated from other families or a vil-

lage to be its own doctor, own blacksmith, own clothing store, own grocery store, and often the only source of "schooling" the children would have. We admired their courage and independence spirit, but we like it better now to have doctors, teachers, carpenters, etc. who are specialists and can do for us better than we can do for ourselves.

But in one field—the most important of all — conditions have not changed.

"Each man packs his own chute in religion." This does not mean he is without assistance, for he is not The Bible, the Church and its agencies, his pastor and other friends — all of these are available and should be used.

But decisions are to be made whose responsibility he cannot delegate — to what shall I give my allegiance? What shall claim my first loyalty? What do I believe?

What is right and wrong (and this is not an easy matter?) Who is God and where may I find Him? Every man must labor to be able to be right the first time.