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## How Democracy Works

The essence of democracy is defense of the right to self government.

The person who has the cause of democracy at heart will not stand in the way of the will of the people even though he is convinced that the people are making a mistake.

Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the federal reserve board, gave congress some advice which is one of the best examples of democracy at work that we have read about recently.

After telling a congressional committee that in his opinion it would be disastrous to curtail government spending to the extent that the budget could be balanced, he said that congress should follow its convictions in the matter. He intimated strongly that the majority of the people favor balancing the budget, and although he does not concur in the view he said that the majority decision should be put into effect at once.

That is how democracy should work. The will of the people should not be overruled by any man or minority, even if such an individual or minority is convinced and is reasonably sure that following the course of the majority would have bad effects.

The same principle is involved in that memorable quotation about defending the right of an opponent to express his views.

In a true democracy the majority of the people may make bad mistakes, but they are apt to correct them when election time comes and they again go to the ballot box to express their will in government.

## It Can't Be Done

If any boy or young man has any thoughts of becoming a success as a desperado he has plenty of examples of failure and none of success to follow.

The career of a bad man in this age is short and almost invariably ends abruptly.

The person who thinks he can flagrantly flout law and order and run over society had better think twice before starting out on such a career.

The latest career of that nature to come to an inevitable end was that of Earl DuRand, Wyoming mountaineer who went on a rampage of crime and killed several before his life was ended by bullets.

There are plenty of other examples, among them being John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, and Payne and Turner here in our own state. They all met sudden death, and so will all others who think they can get away with murder, burglary, kidnaping and other fiendish crimes.

Among the criminals who have been shot or executed were some just as smart as those who will later follow in their footsteps.

Good people still outnumber the bad, and if there should ever come a time when the bad are in the majority the balance of power will still be for the right. It is the supreme law of the universe, and punishment for infractions are just as certain as the sunrise in the morning.

## Broke At Sixty-Five

The majority of men who have money at 35 are stone broke at 65! Business failures, bad investments, illness and other unexpected cataclysms tell the tragic story.

The majority of these men could have enjoyed financially independent old ages, instead of having to depend on charity or the bounty of relatives—had they put aside money at the time when earning power was at its height, in plans such as those offered by life insurance and security programs of thrift.

Only charity can help the indigent old whose savings have disappeared. We can witness these pitiful examples—and guide our own courses accordingly.

## Borrowed Comment

### DEATH AT PLAY

(Hertford County Herald)

With March here and Spring-time now rounding the corner, it is out-door play-time for the youngsters. But at the same time that March winds and warm sunshine bring joy to the hearts of kids with their opportunity for kite-flying, marbles, baseball and all outdoor activity, they bring increased responsibility and anxiety to the parents who must guard their safety. A paid advertisement carried recently in the newspapers by a light and power company serving a nearby territory emphasized this necessity for increased vigilance for safety when it warned parents and children against enjoying the sport of kite-flying too near the power wires. It is great sport and innocent fun to fly kites in the March wind, but this pleasant sport may become deadly for the youth who is careless of the danger of the high-powered electric lines in which kites and kite strings may become entangled.

Modern living, with all its new comforts and the progress of science for safeguarding the health of the young, nevertheless has circumscribed the opportunities of youth for play and greatly increased the dangers to which children are subjected in their care-free play. Mothers need no longer stand in mortal dread for the safety of their children against the scourges of contagious diseases that not so many years ago carried away children in epidemics, yet today there is constant anxiety for the safety of their children from the multiplicity of accident hazards that our modern age has created. Death may strike at any moment in the streets or along the highways. One second, playing happily on the sidewalk, the next a broken bundle under the wheels of a passing automobile; this morning skating lively to school, at noon brought home in an ambulance; enjoying a holiday at kite-flying in the fields today, the holiday ending in tragedy when kite string touches an electric wire.

Such are complications and hazards brought about for youth and parents by modern life. Such it is too that increases the obligations of communities for providing playgrounds and other opportunities for recreation where children may play and develop with as little exposure as possible to these new dangers.

## Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

### Saul Becomes a New Man

Lesson for April 2: Acts 9:1-30  
Golden Text: 2 Cor. 5:17

For the second quarter of the year we shall study the "Life and Letters of Paul". These lesson articles are developed from outlines prepared by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission.

We know very little indeed about the personal appearance of Paul. John of Antioch, writing in the sixth century, describes him as "round-shouldered", and as having "an ample beard". But he goes on to say that "with a genial expression of countenance, he was sensible, earnest, easily accessible, sweet, and inspired with the Holy Spirit".

There can be no question about his courage. His own account of his hardships is vivid and revealing. "I have been often at the point of death", he writes in his second letter to his friend at Corinth. "Five times have I got lashes from the Jews, three times I have been beaten by the Romans, once pelted with stones, three times shipwrecked, adrift at sea for a whole night and day".

But despite the intense suffering he endured, his enthusiasm for Christ and for Christian service never waned. There is an abundance of evidence to this effect in his letters. In fact his eagerness was so pronounced that it makes him at times almost incoherent. He wrote with such a feverish passion that he is abrupt and obscure on occasion so that his reasoning is not always easy to follow. But we can easily forgive his fault because of his radiance, magnetism, and eloquence.

Our lesson treats of Paul's conversion. What actually befell him on the Damascus road we do not really know. The accounts in Acts are a bit confusing. But what matters is that an ardent enemy of the new faith suddenly became its champion.

Saul of Tarsus, who "breathed threats of murder against the disciples of the Lord", became St. Paul the Apostle. And we must remember that this same power which changed the persecutor into a preacher is still at work.

# Dale Carnegie

Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People"

## 5 Minute Biographies

### Fassifern School Professor Tells of Importance of 'Charm' Course For Girls; Course Formed Success

Here are six specific rules that will help every girl to make herself more charming. These rules were given me by Dr. Joseph R. Sevier, president of the Fassifern School for girls, in Hendersonville, N. C.

A course on how to be charming is among the regular curriculum of this popular girls' school. How sensible. In all the world is there anything more necessary for a girl?

If anybody should know the problems of girls, it's Joseph R. Sevier, for he's taught and managed them for twenty years. In addition to being the president of Fassifern, he has a summer camp for girls, Camp Greystones, in the North Carolina mountains.

I asked Dr. Sevier if he taught a southern draw as a part of his course, and he said, "No. Charm is deeper than a manner of speech. Naturally many of our girls have what is called 'the southern accent', but we have northern girls who haven't any at all, and they're equally pleasing as our southern girls."

Here they are, girls, just as you would get them in the classroom at Fassifern:

1. Interest yourself in others instead of trying to interest others in you. The great secret of charm is in thinking of the other person.

2. Don't monopolize the conversation. Draw out other members of the company present. Remember, that every person has an ego he wishes to express.

3. Do not expect constant praise. The girl who invariably tries to draw praise soon grows tiresome. If she wishes to make a good impression, it would be far better to praise the other person. To be liberal with praise if it is sincere, will lead toward making a dozen friends where the praise-seeker makes one.

4. Listen respectfully to the opinions of others. Do not make light of them because you do not agree with them. Besides, the other person may be right.

5. Cultivate a skill which will give pleasure to others. By "skill" is meant, habits which will influence and serve other people. For example, the girl who can play the piano or tennis, or is clever in other entertaining ways, is likely to be considered more charming than the girl who does none of these things. Singing, story telling, making quick caricatures of those present, and fortune telling, will add to the amusement of a group. In other words, the girl who "does something" is more charming than the girl who sits back, contributing nothing.

6. If you feel a person is lonely, talk to him, serve him tea. There are many ways in which you can give attention and create happiness. Above all, says Dr. Sevier, give up the idea that charm consists of beautiful clothes, an accent, a smile. It's deeper and far more fundamental! Since these qualifications are sometimes not stressed in the home, Dr. Sevier is providing Fassifern girls with an asset that will serve them long after their diplomas may have crumbled into dust, an asset they often will find of far greater value than all the book-learning that may come their way.

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## Denied Divorce, Woman Eighty-Four Is Unreconciled

Rogersville, Tenn., March 23.—Denied a divorce for the second time in 18 months, "Aunt Ellen" Jones, 84, insisted today "I ain't goin' to live" with William H. Jones, her 85-year-old husband of 59 years.

Chancellor W. H. Wallace yesterday refused a divorce on grounds of cruelty and non-support and said the action "appeared ridiculous."

Testimony indicated one of the couple's seven children, Alpha Jones, was a source of contention and Wallace ordered her to seek a new residence away from her parents.

The court urged a reconciliation but "Aunt Ellen" declared: "I ain't goin' to try it no longer." She and Alpha returned to the farm home near here and Jones went to a son's home.

## COTTON

A \$75,000,000 export subsidy program to move the government's huge surplus cotton stocks has come under consideration of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

## Half Ton Of Water Carried For Washing

Much has been said of the drudgery of carrying buckets of water in the farm home, when no water is piped into the house, H. M. Ellis, agricultural engineer of the State College Extension Service, has figured it out that a housewife carries the equivalent of about 1,000 pounds of water—half a ton—every time the laundry work is done without a modern water system.

Here is how it worked in an actual home: A 14-quart pail was filled to the 12-quart level three times in supplying water for soaking clothes. In removing the water the pail was filled three more times, making six pailfuls of water handled. Then for heating and washing, four pailfuls were carried to the boiler on the kitchen stove (this was winter-time washing), then to the tub, then emptied out of doors, making four times, or 12 handlings of a full pail. The first rinsing required carrying three pailfuls of water to be heated, then to the tub, then emptied, making three times three, or nine pailfuls that were handled. For the second rinsing, four pailfuls were needed which made four times three, or 12 more handlings.

All this totals to 39 handlings of a pailful of water, and although only 14 pailfuls of water were actually used, the frequent handling was equivalent to carrying 117 gallons. Taking the weight of a gallon of water as 8 and 1-3 pounds, this meant carrying about 1,000 pounds of water.

Of course this was only one task involving the lifting of heavy pails of water in the home under observation, Ellis pointed out. "Is there, therefore, any reason for a farm family not installing a low-cost water system to relieve the housewife of all this drudgery?" the engineer asked.

## Bold Bandit Gets \$4,860 From Bank

Chanute, Kas., March 27.—A bandit who threatened to "blow the place to hell" with dynamite bombs concealed in his clothing robbed the First National bank of \$4,860 in currency today. He escaped in a commandeered taxicab.

The man forced City Attorney Joe F. Balch under threat of being "blown up" to accompany him to the bank.

After the robbery he took Balch as hostage and drove south from Chanute. He released the driver and Balch unharmed four miles from city limits.

STANDS FOR SERVICE

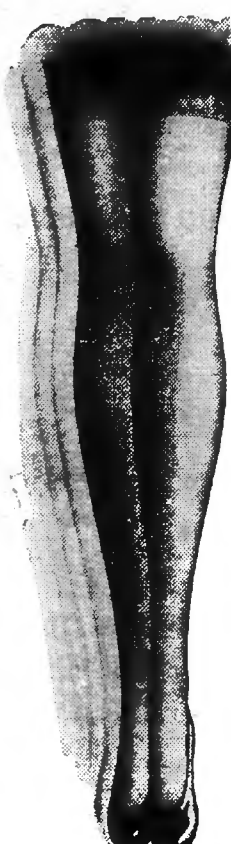
St. Petersburg, Fla. — "P" stands for pineapple juice, pea soup, pampas, pheasant, pickled peas, feet, parsnips, peach parfait — and everything else Miss Romalpa P. Clark of Pittsburgh had at her dinner for the society set. Miss Clark set out to make eye-opening about the dinner begin with the letter "P".

The farmer is paying an average interest rate of 10% on mortgage today than an any time on record, according to the Farm Credit Administration.

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