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4-H Clubs Are Building Citizenship

Close scrutiny of the exhibits of 4-H clubs in Wilkes county at the recent fair revealed that the boys and girls are doing some splendid work.

Dresses and other articles of clothing made by 4-H girls and shown at the fair would stand up in competition with products of highly skilled dressmakers.

The boys had a most interesting exhibit on the subject of forestry. The displays shown that those who made them knew what they were doing and had competent knowledge of their subjects.

Possibly of equally great importance was the calf show by the 4-H members. Some of Carolina's best calves were in the show and were shown by Wilkes boys and girls.

These things show splendid progress and indicate that the interest created is helping to build a citizenship which will surpass ours of today.

School Bus Schmoes Detestable Character

Do you know what a "school-bus schmo" is?

The Department of Motor Vehicles cleared up the matter today.

"It's simple," the Department said. "A school-bus schmo is a boy or girl who does all the ill-mannered, unsafe things a youngster shouldn't do when he rides the school bus. He keeps the driver waiting while he pokes along getting to the door and climbing in. He never looks where he's going, takes forever to get seated and, consequently is likely to drop his books and stumble over other children because he is still in the aisle when the bus is ready to start up."

He pesters the other children and is noisy and quarrelsome—talking, laughing, and shouting until the driver can hardly hear himself think, and certainly couldn't hear another vehicle honking behind him.

Then when the bus nears the school, this schmo can't wait. He gets out in the aisle and stomps and wiggles his way to the exit—maybe even bumps into the driver on his way—then pounds on the door until the exasperated bus driver couldn't be blamed if he took stern measures.

He endangers the safety of all the children in the bus. He's loud and a show-off. The other kids don't think he's very funny, but sometimes a lot of them will try to outdo him. He's the school-bus schmo. And while the others really have pretty good school bus manners most of the time—sometimes they are 'school-bus schmoes' too. But of course they know better.

Safe school-bus manners are being emphasized this month in the child safety back-to-school campaign being conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Department boasts a near perfect school bus record, with all bus drivers expertly trained under the supervision of its safety field representatives. Naturally, it wants to keep the record perfect!

Drycleaning Hints Offered By Agent

Pointing out that dry cleaning mishaps increase during fall and winter months when the activities of the housewife are more confined to the house, Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, today

urged homemakers to exercise care in using dry cleaning materials.

Home dry cleaning with flammable cleaning fluid she said, has disfigured or fatally injured many persons, and has burned houses to the ground or demolished them by explosion. She added that the National Safety Council recommends commercial dry cleaning as less expensive, more effective, and much safer.

For persons who find it necessary to do their own dry cleaning at home, Mrs. Greene warned that it is imperative to use only a non-flammable cleaning fluid. She added that a fluid may be marked "non-explosive" and still be flammable.

"Never, under any circumstances, use gasoline, naphtha, or kerosene for garment-cleaning purposes," she stated.

The home agent said the following rules, suggested by the National Safety Council, should be observed at all times:

Do the dry cleaning outside the home, where toxic or other vapors will be quickly dissipated.

Store cleaning fluids outside of house in a marked container.

Keep hands out of the solvent—use a suction washer.

Avoid getting cleaning fluid on clothing or exposed parts of the body.

Dry garments or articles thoroughly outside before taking them into the house.

Keep children away from dry cleaning operations.

Observe these simple precautions even in removing small spots from garments.

One of the great American heroes who is never acclaimed enough is the home town boy who makes good—in his home town.—Winston-Salem Journal.

Milk supplies all of the elements (except iron) that are found in the human body.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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DO YOU THINK YOU'RE SMART?

"If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."—Galatians 6:3.

I believe many people try to specialize in smartness. They let the "ego," or the "I", get the best of them. They feel too much their importance, and major on this. No doubt lots of people think they are very smart, but other folks do not always see it thus. It may be a good and great gift to be witty, if it is used right, but when turned into a channel to attract attention, to "show off," to become popular, or to exalt self, then God is displeased with it. Such witticism, such smartness, doesn't make for real and true greatness.

No doubt some people think they are smart when they criticize the Bible. This never reveals anything great about a man. In fact it reveals his littleness. One sentence from some old patriarch, prophet or disciple means more than all the witty arguments such folks can put up against God's Word. It doesn't require any smartness to be an agnostic, atheist or infidel. Just any fool can pose as such.

"Oh," you say, "don't call anyone a fool. You may be on dangerous ground. Better be careful."

Well, the Bible tells us that there are fools. Perhaps the biggest fool on earth is mentioned in Psalm 53:1: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." I never class a man great, wise, intelligent, smart, nor revealing a wonderful mind, nor extraordinary sense, who claims to disbelieve the Bible or sets himself up as an atheist and infidel. God calls him a fool, and of course I have no right to deny that.

Some people think they are mighty smart when they say, "I don't believe in the Bible. Why, it is a book of contradictions, and written back in the ages when people didn't know much. It was written by uneducated people. Weak minded people believe in the Bible, and believe there is a God."

To my opinion, dear sir, those good and great men who wrote the Bible knew more in a minute, and had more good common sense, than you will have in a lifetime. You may think you are smart, and you may have some folks laughing at your slight remarks about the Bible and God, but remember the greatest and most reliable Book of authority in all the world calls you a fool. You think you are something, whereas, you deceive yourself and are nothing. However, for all of this you shall be brought into judgment.

Miss Pat McNeil Honored At Parties

Among the interesting social events extended to Miss Pat McNeil, bride-elect of October, was the progressive tea given Thursday afternoon by Miss Lucy Finley, Mrs. Gordon Finley and daughter, Miss Mary Elmore Finley. Around twenty guests assembled at the Gordon Finley home at 5:30 o'clock and were served the first part of the tea course, buffet style, from the dining room table. Mrs. Finley and her daughter were assisted in receiving and serving the guests by Mrs. W. C. Grier and Mrs. Lincoln Spainhour. Honor gift here for Miss McNeil was crystal in her pattern, and her mother, Mrs. E. T. McNeil, also was remembered with a gift. The dining table, spread with a white home made cloth, had for its centerpiece a bowl of petunias in varied shades.

The same group of guests were received at Miss Lucy Finley's home and were seated at the dining table and some small tables for the dessert course. Here a color note of blue and yellow predominated in the decorations and table appointments. Miss McNeil received silver in her pattern and her mother was also given a gift.

Mrs. W. E. Jones and Mrs. D. L. Crook entertained at a dinner party at the Jones home on F Street Friday evening for Miss McNeil and Miss Christine Zachary, of Taylorsville, a bride-elect of November. Sharing honors with Misses McNeil and Miss Zachary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Zachary, was Miss Ruby Edwards, bride-elect, of Conrad Kilby, of this city. The three honorees received from the hostesses silver and china in their patterns, also corsages. Remembrance gifts were presented to Mrs. Walter Jones, of Elkin, and Mrs. James Reeves, a newcomer to the city and a recent bride. A three course dinner was served at six o'clock with covers laid for twenty at tables attractively appointed in mixed fall blossoms and bridal place cards. On Saturday afternoon Mrs. C. S. Sink was hostess at a "Come-and-Sit" tea at her home on Sixth Street. Approximately twenty-five guests were received at 4:30

o'clock and were served refreshments buffet style from the dining table, spread with a white cut-work cloth, and decorated in pink chrysanthemums and white candles. The honoree was remembered with a gift and a corsage of white chrysanthemums. Assisting Mrs. Sink at the tea was her daughter, Mrs. Darwin Smith.

Kenerly-McNeill Vows Are Announced

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thurman Kenerly announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty Lou, to Richmond Gene McNeill on Tuesday, September 21, at Greenville, S. C. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin B. McNeill, of this city.

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