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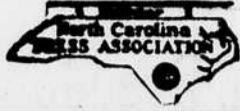
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SELECTIVE STERILIZATION ADVISABLE

A selective sterilization program in the State of North Carolina has saved the State nearly \$6,000,000, according to Dr. Clarence J. Gamble, of Boston, a eugenicist of note, who points out that 2,070 have been protected from transmitting their mental abnormality to children.

The saving referred to by the doctor represents what it would have cost the State to keep the individuals in a state institution. Moreover, the program protects the State through elimination of a new crop of mentally-defective children, the result of poor heredity, from the mentally-abnormal parents.

There is no occasion for us to go into the details of the sterilization program but the sound reasoning that lies behind such a plan should be apparent. The time has passed when society, in accepting its responsibility to all children, should continue to be burdened by the unlimited birth of children by parents whose defects make it impossible for the children to be normal.

Any individual who will study the record of some of the well known family histories will understand the importance of protecting unborn children from the mental abnormality of their parents. The idea that such a program is morally wrong or un-Christian, is on the basis of protest, in earlier medical years, that medical intelligence should not relieve the human race of suffering, because, if God had wanted it to be so, he would have arranged it.

HARMFUL "CHARITY"

Kind-hearted citizens, in Marion and elsewhere, often take unctious to their souls in the thought that they cheerfully contribute their bits to the relief of any one who comes to them with a tale of woe, or seeks succor for distress.

It would surprise some of these people very much to learn that they are probably making a mistake. More often, they are encouraging a habit of begging, which will make of the recipient a panhandler all his life.

The aim of modern relief is to correct the condition which causes a man, or a woman, or a family, to be on the seamy side of want. Very often these circumstances can be so altered as to make the individual or family self-supporting and enable them to take their place in society as worthy members, earning what they receive.

This is much better than scattering alms wholesale and without wise discrimination, while we would not go so far as to say that all charity should be controlled by social workers, we do assert that most of it should be so expended.

THE NATION'S MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The necessity for some emphasis upon mental health is clearly recognized when we are told that \$8,500,000 persons in the United States are in need of psychiatric help of some type, that nearly half of all hospital beds are occupied by mental patients and that each year 150,000 persons are admitted to mental hospitals.

Dr. Howard A. Rusk says that from thirty to fifty per cent of all patients consulting doctors have complaints due in part to emotional disorders, that one-third of the disabling accidents occurring each year are due to personality factors and that mental health undoubtedly plays a predominant role in the 1,700,000 crimes committed yearly in the United States.

In addition, the doctor suggests that the problems of 250,000 to 400,000 children under eighteen, who are sent to juvenile courts each year, those of 600,000 cases of chronic alcoholism and many of those who are granted divorce, reflect the predominant role that mental health plays in these statistics.

Have you done anything to beautify Marion in 1949, or are you waiting for someone else to do it all?

The proper life includes a balance between work and play. This applies to grown-ups, as well as to children.

SHEEP WITH MOST WOOL

Pierce Harris, who writes a column for the Atlanta Journal, tells the story of a young preacher, who was "not discouraged by the onslaught of evil against the citadels of a goodness" nor the difficulty of securing money but by the fact that fellow Christians "were systematically robbing his little church of its few leaders by a continued system of visitation and appeal."

Mr. Harris expressed the view that the church people of any community, if they want to "spread the word," can work upon citizens who do not belong to any church. He goes on to say, on the basis of his experience, that "a family has to be worth at least \$5,000 before these evangelistic vandals are interested."

The fact of the matter is that many heathen, in foreign lands, have been mystified by the bitterness and hostility exhibited by the various branches of the Christian religion. They find it difficult to accept the doctrine of Christianity so long as those who profess the faith seem to be unable to get together on a live-and-let-live basis. There is of course, some point to their observation.

This should not necessarily disturb the Christians because the probability is that those who profess to follow Jesus Christ exhibit a spirit that, on the average, compares favorably with that found on the earth today. After all, it is easy to stand on the sidelines and pick out the flaws in humanity but it is quite different to serve on the battleline and attempt to overcome the defects.

KITES AND WIRES

This is the season of the year when youngsters of various ages delight in the flying of kites.

Some of the youngsters with gray hair and many years have to enjoy their kite-flying proxy but boys and girls will go them one better putting up their kites in the breezes.

It is well to warn the youngsters to stay away from electric power lines and highways. Don't use wire for a kite-string or a cord with tinsel or wire in it. Be sure the cord isn't wet. If your kite breaks loose and the cord falls across electric wires leave it alone.

Of course, we know that very few boys and girls who actually fly kites each spring, will read this editorial. However, the retired kite-flyers, remembering the day of their youth, might be reminded to caution their youngsters. A few words of warning, sometimes, might save a young life.

STABILIZING FARM POVERTY

The Department of Agriculture's proposed new farm program is getting rough treatment in committee hearings. Testifying before a House agriculture subcommittee last week, Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, warned that Secretary Brannan's plea would lead to "stabilized agricultural poverty."

He pointed out that under the Brannan plan the income of the American farmer would be dependent on annual appropriations from the Treasury and asserted that "no economic group in this country would be willing to stake its future on such precarious possibility."

"It means government administered farm prices and farm income, with government control of all land and livestock" and "place a ceiling on opportunity in agriculture, penalizing efficiency, with food prices eventually reflecting this inefficiency."

The Farm Bureau chief, who speaks for 1,325,000 farm families, might also have added that the plan eventually might lead to collective farming as predicted in the Soviet Union, where the tiller of the soil has become the slave of the State. In order to make the plan at all workable farmers would have to be made subject to most rigid controls, and these would become progressively more objectionable.

Another objection voiced at the hearing was the cost of the plan. It was asserted that in the case of fluid milk alone the cost of that part of the program would be nearly two and one-half billion dollars. And farmers know that they would have to help pay the subsidy granted them by the government. They and the consumers who would be chief beneficiaries under the Brannan plan would not only have to foot the bill, they would also have to pay for the vast army of administrators, inspectors, directors and snoopers needed to carry out the program.

For—and it cannot be repeated too often—the government has no money except what it takes away from the people in taxes. Whatever it gives it must first take away from them. And while it is true that those from whom it is taken are not always the same as those who are given, in the end all are the worse off in the so-called "welfare state."

The Brannan plan is a huge political pill with thin sugar coating. The bitter core is an unpalatable political economic philosophy. —Statesville Landmark.

A racket is somebody else's formula for making a living without too much work.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

"TOOLS TO WORK FOR THOSE WHO WILL"

TO THE PIONEER, CLEARING THE LAND, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL TOOLS WAS A GOOD AXE.



BUT NOT UNTIL 1820, WHEN SAMUEL COLLINS OF CONNECTICUT INVENTED A METHOD OF MAKING AND TESTING PROPERLY-TEMPERED AXES IN LARGE QUANTITIES, COULD A MAN BE SURE OF GETTING AN AXE OF PROVED QUALITY AND DEPENDABILITY.

THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, WE AMERICANS HAVE HELD THE SECURITY OF OUR FAMILIES AS A PRIME OBJECTIVE. BUT ONLY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE INSURANCE AND OTHER FORMS OF SAVINGS, HAVE MOST OF US HAD AT HAND A MEANS — TESTED AND PROVED FOR DEPENDABILITY — OF ASSURING THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOALS WE SET FOR OUR FAMILIES.

Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

JUNE 1, 1922

"On Thursday, May 25, Mrs. J. M. Coldwell was a charming hostess to the members of the Dixie Club at the attractive home of Mrs. Geo. W. Kirkpatrick on South Main street. The room was prettily decorated with roses and sweet peas. Six tables were arranged for a game of 108 after which the hostess, assisted by Mesdames Tyler and Kirkpatrick, served a delicious salad course, followed by ices, cake and mints. Adding novelty to the menu were cunningly devised sweet pea favors containing salted peanuts."

JUNE 15, 1922

"The site for a new country club in the vicinity of the lakes has been selected and a force of men commenced work clearing off the new site where a \$75,000 club building is to be erected. The project is being promoted on a membership plan. Certificates of membership have been issued to a number of local people and to people residing in several Southern states. The management is exercising considerable care in the personell of the membership, as only the most desirable are being solicited as members."

"When completed the building will be one of the nicest of its kind in the State. It will be handsomely equipped and all the appointments will be strictly up-to-date. It is thought it will be a great medium of advertisement for Marion and vicinity as well as a means of entertainment and pleasure for the members."

"Mrs. S. H. Yancey is visiting friends in Tennessee."

"Miss Allie Trogdon, of Toccoa, Ga., is visiting relatives here."

"Miss Geneva Link is attending Summer school at Boone, N. C."

"John M. Tate, of Hickory, was here on business during the week."

"Miss Blanche White and mother, Mrs. Buck, of Columbus, Miss., are visiting Mrs. T. A. White."

"Mr. and Mrs. Hall, of Greensboro, are visiting the latter's daughter, Mrs. W. Boyd Jones at Elhanan."

"Mrs. L. A. Neal and little daughter, Elizabeth, and Mary Nelson Bettis are visiting relatives in Rogersville, Tenn."

JULY 11, 1918

"J. H. Tate, chairman of the local merchants committee for the sale of War Savings stamps, reports the activity of merchants in the sale of stamps to July 1 as follows: 'J. W. Streetman, \$54.15; W. F. McPeeters & Co., \$490.21; Marion Bargain House, \$109.47; Marianna Hotel, \$32.18; J. H. L. Miller, \$34.31; The Peerless Store, \$2260.50; P. A. Reid & Co., \$2178.65; J. C. Rabb, \$368.54; McCall Bros.

TRAGEDY!

Each year forest fires burn an area the size of New York State! Who can stop them? You can. 9 out of 10 are man-caused! Please be careful!

Remember—Only you can PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

\$2418.74; Davis Pharmacy, \$572.86; W. B. Lassiter, \$34.11; and Gaston & Tate, \$6669.52. Total sales to July 1, \$15,351.00.

"The above figures are for cash sales, approximately 3,730 stamps at a maturity value of \$18,650. The allotment to the Marion merchants was \$6617, and the local merchants have sold three times this amount, leading all other towns in the State."

"The Hotel McDowell was reopened last week, P. E. Brooks assuming the management."

"George Streetman left Saturday for Annapolis, Md., where he will enter the United States Naval Academy."

"R. L. James has removed to Marion from Ellenboro and accepted a position with the Carolina Hosiery Mill company."

"John T. McDonald and little daughter, of Greeneville, Tenn., spent the week-end with relatives in Marion. They were accompanied home by the former's niece, Miss Sara Margaret Neal."

"The following from Black Mountain were members of a week-end party given by Mr. Wright Guy at Buck Creek lodge, near Marion, last week: Messrs. F. A. Perley, Herbert Dunn, A. A. Hegeman, James Many, Roy Dickey, Frank Lundy and Charles Steiner. The party motored to Marion in Mr. Perley's machine."

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Health and Beauty . . .

Dr. Sophia Brunson

Part I THE SOURCE OF HAPPINESS

In a world in which hate is on the march and fear is gripping with its icy fingers the hearts of men, nothing is secure.

Everything that we were brought up to consider sacred is being reviled and jeered at. The world is upside down and threatening to destroy itself.

Can anybody remain serene and find a message of peace and happiness amidst such turmoil? Yes, by finding the source of happiness which depends only secondarily upon material things.

You must educate your heart as well as your head, if you would invite happiness to abide with you. If we would think more, we would forget ourselves in trying to make someone else happy.

Merely contributing money, or sitting on a committee, or attending meetings, is not enough. It is the personal self-sacrificing work that counts.

The writer was listening to a conversation one day among a group of educated people. One of them remarked that a work of art brought her happiness; another said that she derived great joy from her love of nature, a gorgeous sunset, a lovely flower, the lilting melody of a bird's song, the thrilling story of a strange adventure.

It is true that all these things make life fuller and sweeter. The appreciation of the beautiful, especially in nature, is an unending source of enjoyment, but nothing can give that deep satisfaction to the human soul as can a love-filled life.

(To Be Concluded)

WHO KNOWS?

1. Who said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself?"
 2. Where is Dharhran?
 3. Identify these monetary units: the rupee, the ruble, the cruzeiro.
 4. Is one light year equal to one million, five billion or six trillion miles?
 5. Which boxer held the heavyweight championship crown the longest?
 6. Name the Postmaster-General?
 7. The Missouri River bounds what four states?
 8. For what are battleships and cruisers?
 9. How many people speak the Russian language?
 10. Who was Stalin's predecessor as Soviet Premier?
- (See "The Answers" on page—)
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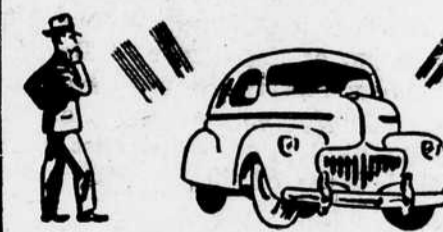
FREE CROSSCOUNTRY TRIP

San Francisco—Someone — and the San Francisco Municipal Railway would like to know who—made a cross-country trip on one of the company's new busses and didn't pay his fare, either. The bus was being shipped cross-country on a railroad flatcar from Kent, Ohio. The nonpaying passenger rode in the bus, converting the rear seats into a bed, and living on food he had brought with him. He vanished at the end of the journey.

RACCOONS DO IT

"Jim, I'm going to have a new fur coat, this winter."
 "I can't afford it."
 "Do you expect me to wear that raccoon coat all my life?"
 "Well, raccoons do."

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