

Today and Tomorrow

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

MOLLYCODDLES . . . good word

It was President Theodore Roosevelt who gave popularity to the old English word "Mollycoddle." By that he meant someone who had everything done for him and was incapable or afraid of doing or trying to do anything for himself. I think, looking back over the preceding paragraphs, that I have been taking a leaf out of Col. Roosevelt's book.

There isn't any way to count them, but it seems to me that mollycoddles are a great deal more numerous now than they used to be when Col. Roosevelt and I were both young. I wonder, sometimes, whether the boy of today gets the chance to be anything else. Keeping boys in school until they are sixteen, forwarding them to work if they are under eighteen, seem to me to be excellent ways of rearing mollycoddles. If a boy hasn't learned to fight his own battles against the world before he is eighteen, he hasn't much chance to learn later.

DEFEATISM . . . since the war I am sometimes aghast as I listen to young folk talking about there being no opportunities left. There seems to have grown up since the war a school of thought which I can only characterize as "defeatism," a belief that the last frontier has been conquered and there is no more chance for enterprising youth to satisfy the spirit of adventure and the urge to rise by his own efforts.

Unfortunately that feeling has been encouraged by those in high place who ought to know better. I cannot help feeling that President Roosevelt did not stop to think his subject through before he promulgated the notion that this country had become so completely settled and explored that there is nothing ahead for the young except to find a good safe hole and crawl into it. And that the Government must help them find the holes.

SECURITY . . . there is none

There is no such thing as security, of property, of income, or anything else, for that matter. How can there be, when there is no security of life itself?

One of the present-day tendencies that makes me wonder whether there are not a lot of wrong ideas in circulation is the idea that so many youngsters have that they are entitled to security, to a job as soon as they graduate from high school or college, to a safe place in which to earn big money for a little work.

I think that idea, that everybody is entitled to security, has been fostered by the distribution of enormous sums of public money to persons who have rendered no return for it and who, in many instances, could have got by, somehow, without it. It may take us a long time to get back to the realization that unearned security is the brand of the pauper.

ADVENTURE . . . means risk

The only life worth living is the adventurous life. I do not mean by that that everyone should be an explorer or run into needless risks, but I do mean that the most degrading and softening influence upon human character is refusal or fear to take chances. Show me a man who never risked his fortune or his life, whether for an ideal or for gain, and I will show you a man who is to be despised rather than envied, no matter how wealthy he may be in worldly goods. His spirit is a poor, wishy-washy thing.

Friedrich Nietzsche, the great German philosopher, hailed what he called the "dangerous life," as the only way for a man to save his soul. President Theodore Roosevelt expressed the same idea when he spoke of the "strenuous life." Both meant that one can only live life to the fullest if he does with all his might whatever it is he wishes to do, without thinking about money or possible consequences to himself.

There is nothing to life but living it. Nobody can win the game with death. The thing to do, it seems to me, is to play the game for the sake of the game, and not with the false idea of winning.

SCOUTS . . . into the wilds

There is one line of adventure, it appears, into which boys of today are eager to get. That is plant-hunting for the Department of Agriculture. There is real and satisfying adventure in going to the wilds of the earth and finding new varieties of plants which can be introduced into this country. I know one of the best of the Federal plant hunters, David Fairchild, son-in-law of Professor Bell, who invented the telephone. A man of independent means, he has devoted his life to enriching his country by bringing back many valuable food plants which he found in odd corners of the world. I have always thought he led the most satisfying life of

Challenger and Champion Compare "Betsy-Anns"



NEW YORK . . . Max Baer (above), California, challenger, and World Champion Primo Carnera of Italy, (right) compared "Betsy-Ann" boxing gloves, as they met to sign articles for the world title clash here on June 14. The usual ballyhoo featured the signing with the Champ. Carnera, getting a bit of the edge when he squeezed Baer's hand so hard in greeting that the Californian winced.

any man I ever knew.

Dr. Knowles Ryerson, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, says that while not all who try to equip themselves as plant hunters succeed in qualifying, there are many other interesting and useful opportunities that stem off from such preparation, in which young men can satisfy their craving for constructive and fascinating work, even though it is not so adventurous as that of the plant hunter.

Inez Items

Miss Julia Hamlet of Hollister spent one night last week with her sister, Mrs. Foster King.

A large number attended the commencement exercises at the Inez school building Thursday night.

Mr. Junior Conn of Arcola spent Thursday night with Mr. Palmer King.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dillard of Wake Forest spent a few days last week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Powell spent Sunday in Nash with Mrs. Powell's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Overby and children spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. King.

Mrs. E. J. Alston of Hollister spent a few days this week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mabry of Essex spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dillard.

Miss Martha King spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. B. O. Ayscue.

Miss Hazel Powell was the guest of Miss Christine Davis Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Oliver Davis spent Sunday afternoon with S. W. Powell Jr.

Mrs. Alma Harris, Mr. Thomas Harris and Mrs. Wilkie McHam and children of Richmond, Va., spent Friday night and Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Clark.

Misses Lillian, Vera, Gladys and Edith Benson visited in the home of Mrs. W. C. Brown last week.

Miss Catherine Brown spent one day last week with Mrs. George Davis.

Mrs. G. B. Alston and son, Jack, visited Mrs. Gid Tharrington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Newell of Palmer Springs visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Benson Sunday.

Farm Questions And Answers

Question: How can flea beetles and other Irish potato insect pests be controlled?

Answer: Effectual control of all potato pests may be secured by spraying with a poisoned Bordeaux mixture at frequent intervals during the growing season. See your farm agent for directions as to how to make this mixture. If the potato field is not conveniently located near a water supply, a commercially prepared poisoned Bordeaux can be bought and used as a dust. About ten pounds of this dust should be used to the acre for each dusting when vines are full grown.

Question: What causes some hens to eat eggs and can the habit be cured?

Answer: The habit is formed when nests are not provided with sufficient litter. The eggs lay on the floor or in bare nests and the hens eat them especially if the shell is soft. To prevent soft shells, keep oyster shell and grit before the birds at all times. Place plenty of clean litter in the nests and darken them somewhat by hanging a bag over all but one corner. As an added precaution rake collections more often. With the proper feed and plenty of nest litter, the hens will stop this bad habit.

Madison County Farmers', Incorporated, will help farmers pool their wool for sale through the United Wool Growers Association.

Tells How Relief Agencies Gave Man New Start In Life

Washington, May 17.—Cecil Allen of Jasper county, Missouri, with a wife and ten small children, found the road to rehabilitation on a farm which the local relief administration rented for them at \$2 a month, and now the Federal relief administration is pointing to them as an example that it hopes will be multiplied some hundred thousand times in other States.

The oldest Allen child is now 15. The tenth child was about to be born, and the family was being evicted from their home in Joplin, a year ago, when the relief office found them. To cut off their last source of healthful food, the family cow had gone dry for lack of fodder.

Two dollars a month from the relief administration persuaded the owner of a 40-acre tract to let Allen work the land, but there was no house. Three tents were put up by the relief workers, one of them with board walls and floor. With a team loaned by his brother, Allen worked the tillable portions of the land in garden truck and corn. After feeding 50 chickens which the relief administration provided, he had more than enough corn for his cow, and managed for a second one on credit. A second brother loaned him two pigs who fattened on the remainder of the corn. Mrs. Allen canned 500 quarts of garden produce.

The three tents were replaced by

One precious to our hearts has gone. The voice we loved is stilled. The place made vacant in our home can never more be filled. Our Father in His wisdom called Thee home His love had given, And thou' on earth the body lies, The soul is safe in heaven."

The thousand Mimosa trees planted along the highway out of Morganton three years ago were pruned recently under the direction of the Burke County farm agent.

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Sees War Ahead

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The case is one of a number reported to Mrs. Ellen S. Woodard, Director of Women's Work in the FERA, by Mrs. Charley Tidd Cole, Director of Women's Work for the Missouri Relief Administration.

"There are hundreds of thousands of farm families who need a lift more or less like the Allen's received," Mrs. Woodard said. "Each case may need different treatment. Our instructions are to get the job done, whatever it takes, within the limits of our financial resources."

When Lee D'Aubion of Joplin unloaded two and a half barrels of cucumber pickles at the warehouse of the local relief administration in Joplin not long ago, it was in repayment of seed and groceries which had enabled D'Aubion to make those pickles. On top of paying his obligation to the relief administration, he also paid part of the interest on his farm mortgage and all of the back taxes that had been delinquent for several years, according to the report made by Mrs. Cole, who quoted the case as one of a number exemplifying the various means in which destitute families may make repayment after they have been helped to become self-sustaining, and thereby removed from the relief load.

During the winter of 1933, groceries were furnished D'Aubion, for himself, his wife and two small children, but now they are supplied with canned and dried food of their own production, and with feed for their team and their cow. Out of the \$13.50 a week which D'Aubion was paid on a CWA job, they saved \$10 a week.

In Memoriam

RICHARD T. PERKINSON JR.

Richard Terrell Perkinson, who met a tragic death at Raleigh on Monday, April 9th, was born in Laconia, New Hampshire, September 23rd, 1908, the son of Richard T. and Charlotte Story Perkinson. He attended the public school at Wise and the Cary High School. He became a member of the Wise Baptist church in his early teens.

He served for nearly three years as member of Company B, N. C. National Guard. Leaving Warren County in 1929 for Baltimore he worked for two years for the National Casket Company coming to Raleigh from there.

Always more fond of the country and the farm than the city he found employment at a dairy farm a few miles out of Raleigh where he learned much about modern dairy methods.

Richard was of a generous, friendly disposition, ready to do a kindness for any one with whom he came in contact. It was inconceivable to him that any one should wish to do him harm, much less to take his life.

Prayers were said at the home of his parents, Arlington Street, Hayes-Barton, at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning by Dr. Milton A. Barber, rector of Christ Church, Raleigh. Pallbearers at Raleigh were Messrs. N. L. Deaton, John D. Grimes, Oscar Williams, W. E. Trull, Waverly Coleman and his brother-in-law, Donald F. Campbell, and William R. Poole.

Funeral services were held at the Wise Baptist Church in Warren county at 2 P. M. conducted by Dr. Barber, assisted by Rev. W. R. Stephens of Calypso, and Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor of the church. Interment was in the Perkinson family lot at Wise cemetery. Pallbearers at Wise were former school mates and childhood companions, John Hicks, Eugene Fleming, Elmo King, Jack, and Albert Perkinson, and Otis Powell.

Besides his father and mother, Richard is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Donald F. Campbell, Mrs. William R. Poole, Pattie Story, and a young brother, Joseph Clement Story Perkinson.

"O Love that will not let me go I rest my weary soul in Thee I give Thee back the life I owe That in Thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be."

O joy that seekest me thro' pain I cannot crosed my heart to Thee—I trace the rainbow thro' the rain. And feel the promise is not vain—That morn shall tearless be."

C. S. P.

VAN KEARYNY DAVIS

The earthly life of Van Kearny Davis, son of John Boyd Davis and Bennie Williams Davis, ended early in the morning of January 25, 1934. His death was not a surprise, as he'd been ill for more than a year. Loving hands and human skill failed to arrest his trouble, so God in His mercy touched him and he slept, releasing the soul from the pain tortured body and taking it to the land where there is no pain. He had surrendered his soul to God and had no fear of death.

When the aged pass into the beyond we say, "Tis better so; earth has no charms for thee, enter into thy heavenly rest." But to see a young man cut down in the morning of manhood, while he mourns much to so many, our hearts are troubled and we shudder to realize 'tis true. The only comfort is found in the realization that he is at rest and can meet his loved ones where partings come no more. We can't understand why he was taken, yet we must bow humbly to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Van was born March 11, 1899, in Warren county. He was married to Miss Crichton Alston Thorne on February 6, 1921. To them were born two children, Jean and Van Jr., who with his parents, brothers, Henry, Boyd and William, and sis-

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