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Don't Forget

There are only a few more shopping days before Christmas, and it is only right for the home folks not to forget the local merchants. At least, all of us owe it to the local merchant to visit him first.

When one considers that it is the local merchant who pays a large share of the taxes to support government at home, who contributes to the upbuilding of the community and county, who provides employment for home people and who is a part of the community, then there is a solemn obligation that, by all rights, should not be overlooked.

Local stores are offering the greatest array of merchandise in many years, and prices compare favorably with those prevailing in the large towns and cities.

Local merchants have worked hard and cooperated splendidly through thick and thin for months for the good of the community. Let's not forget at this season the favors they extended during past campaigns and drives.

What's Behind It?

One wonders what's behind the Iron Curtain. One also wonders what's behind the drive now to convince the people that Hitler was not the real enemy in World War II. We are being told that it was all wrong to help an ally in war, that it was unpatriotic to cooperate with an ally.

Before the war ended there was a drive in this country to challenge the leaders approved by the people in four elections. Everything attempted and accomplished was attacked, belittled and frowned upon. The liquidations behind the Iron Curtain have been pointed out as horrible acts. The record shows that quite a few have been liquidated right here at home, that some power somewhere has caused men to jump from hotel and hospital windows. That power has, directly or indirectly, wiped from government positions just about every man who dared champion the rights of the people.

How many will be liquidated in the present sensational atomic inquiry remains to be seen. That's something to think about, but what's more important will be the methods employed in trying to discredit those who worked for victory in World War II. Will the people condemn those who worked with an ally in war, or will they accept the soup handed out by the powers behind our own little iron curtain?

How can we expect anything but distrust and question the cooperation advanced by word or deed between two allied nations?

Will those fliers who left American equipment bombed and battered in Russia by a German attack be called before the Un-American Committee and subjected to loyalty tests?

It's hard to tell what's behind any curtain, but open developments at home would seem to indicate that the hidden powers are trying to discredit everything everyone who went to Washington between that hectic spring in 1933 and the present, or they are trying to push this nation into war, or both.

It's about time for a people's committee to start some investigations of their own, to try and find out what it's all about. It is possible that war contracts, payroll padding, salary kickbacks, rotten deals and questionable acts are being hid behind all the hullabaloo, that someone holds to the theory that if we cry about the isms long and loud enough, the damnable practices of the shouters will not be heard or seen.

You're an optimist if you don't care what happens so long as it happens to somebody else.

Half Baked

Biased news and conflicting reports have flowed from the political papers and magazines until the average fellow is mired down in utter confusion. Now, of all places, comes what is evidently a half-baked account of the farm price support program from the "Christian Herald" written by Gabriel Courier, the styled "interpreter of the news," the story, while making a mountain out of the price supports apparently overlooks the income received by the Commodity Credit Corporation for the sale of the crops it purchased.

It is admitted that the Commodity Credit Corporation took a severe beating in holding Irish potato prices to a figure where the grower received a living return, but in most other instances there was no loss. But Mr. Courier did not trouble himself, apparently, to get all the facts. He merely went off half-cocked, leaving one to wonder where in the world can be found unbiased and true facts if they cannot be found in a reputable religious publication.

Mr. Courier possibly thinks in terms of Christianity, but there's little of it in a system that allows any group to work hard and not realize a decent return on their labors and investments.

If Mr. Courier and the other "gripes" could not understand that the farmer is still at the bottom of the economic ladder, that the subsidy program was designed to maintain some semblance of a balanced economy in this country, possibly they would not be so critical and act for a better understanding between the classes.

Open The Door

By Ruth Taylor

"The door to the human heart can be opened only from the inside."

I found that sentence tucked away at the bottom of the page of the magazine I was reading on the plane. I tore it out and tucked it away for safekeeping—for through that doorway I could see so many vistas.

The doorway to the human heart—I think it is like one of those fascinating glass doors that swing open mysteriously as you pass a hidden light. I think that only from the depths of our own desire to understand, desire to think selflessly, can we meet in perfect communion the minds of others. If we go up to them with preconceived prejudices, with instinctive dislikes, we will not pass the light. The door will not open—and no outer key will unlock it.

But if in a warmth of spirit, in a feeling of friendliness and with a warm and understanding heart, we approach our neighbor, the door will spring wide open. It is next to impossible to hate a person we know. The wells of understanding are too deep and forgiving.

If we really love life, and laughter, fair play and good fellowship, we will have no room for prejudice or cruelty. There will be no space left for misunderstanding. If we really want for others what we want for ourselves—happiness and an opportunity to grow, we will face the adventure that is life in a spirit of friendliness for our neighbor. Because we have opened our hearts, our neighbor's heart will be opened unto us.

Just imagine what a world this would be if we could bring ourselves to stop distrusting our neighbor. And just imagine what it would be like if he felt complete trust in us? Utopian? Yes—but is it more impossible than the things that have already come to pass in the world?

Understanding of our neighbor's needs, awareness of his problems, self-restraint against misjudging or generalizing about him, willingness to work with him—and above all and through all the spirit of friendliness—that is the secret ray which will open the door of any heart.

Marriage Counsellors

Stanley News and Press.

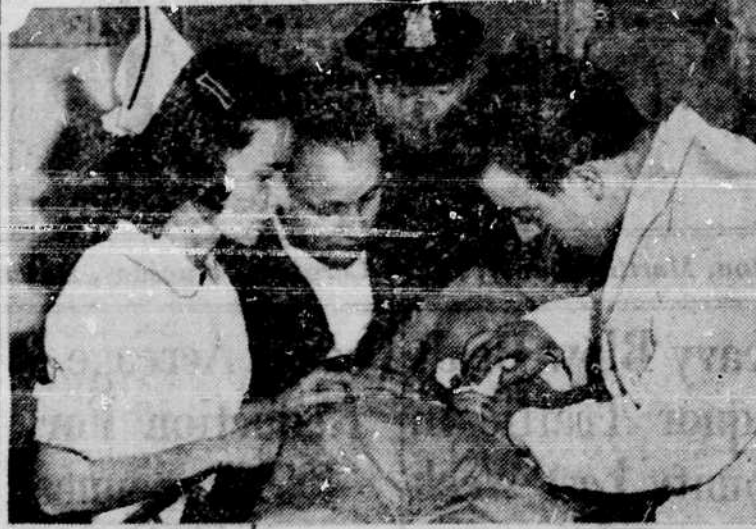
The adjustments which a happy marriage demands in the lives of two persons are sometimes not easy to make, and the growing number of divorces indicates that these adjustments are not being made in many instances.

We have been interested in the number of books, magazine articles and newspaper columns which have appeared in recent years on the important matter of how to establish happy homes.

Today, it appears that more and more emphasis is being placed on the excellent work which trained marriage counsellors can do. One of the daily newspapers in the state recently started a series of articles on marriage, and in one of the first the writer stressed the importance of consultation with counsellors rather than with members of the family as to the solution of problems which soon develop.

It is good sense to pay more attention to marriage and the various problems connected with it, and it appears to us that every community should have one or more trained counsellors whose services would be available to all persons who are in need of advice and counsel on family affairs.

FIGURE IN SUGAR SHIP 'MUTINY'



LIKE A CHAPTER out of the old seafaring tales was the scene aboard the tanker Nathaniel B. Palmer as she moved up New York's East River off Stapleton, Staten Island. Four crew members, allegedly on a barge, off the sugar ship, Capt. Victor Diaz, who was being pushed "mutinied" on the sugar ship. Capt. Victor Diaz, who was being pushed around, dropped his pistol which discharged and hit the radio operator, William Balabanow, Lancaster, Pa., shown (top) being treated. Below, Mrs. Diaz is escorted from the boat. The men were jailed. (International)



Boy Scouts Report Their Activities

Troop No. 27

The scout meeting of Troop No. 27 was opened Tuesday night with the repeating of the Scout Oath and law led by Ed Laughinghouse. The patrols had a few minutes to discuss their business. The patrol leaders collected the dues and were marked in the register. Buddy Fussell, Ben Andrews and Herbert Ward led the troop in a few songs before the scouts got down to their business. The troop was given some stockings to fill for service men in the hospital. They are to be in by the next scout meeting. The troop organized a new patrol with the patrol leader Joe Clayton. There are 8 boys in that patrol. The troop also made a new rule. The rule is that the boy that brings in a new member, the new member goes in his patrol.

Scribe Henry Taylor.

Den 3, Pack 29

Den Chief, Billy Dudley
The meeting was held at the home of our den mother, Mrs. J.

C. Cooke last Friday. Denner Billy Britton called the roll. Assistant Denner Gerald Stalls collected the dues. Cub Paran Wheeler passed the Bobcat requirements. We then enjoyed exercise and games. Plans for Christmas were discussed during the rest of the meeting.

Scribe, Billy Carstarphen.

Monday, Dec. 12, 1949

The meeting came to order. We drew names for Christmas gifts. Mrs. Thornton (den mother) called the roll. We discussed old and new business. Some of the Cubs went out to collect money for a marker for Little Bear's grave. We are planning to have a wiener roast during the Christmas holidays. The meeting adjourned.

Scribe, Clayton Weston.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County.
Having this day qualified as Administrator of the estate of Minnie Estelle Crawford, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned within one year from the first day of publication of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 5th day of November, 1949.
W. T. Crawford,
Administrator of the estate of Minnie Estelle Crawford.
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Charles Davenport, deceased, late of Martin County, N. C., this is to notify all

persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned Administrator at her home in Jamesville Martin County, North Carolina, or her Attorney Hugh G. Horton, Williamston, N. C., on or before the 13th day of December 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of December, 1949.
Mrs. Varo H. Davenport,
Administratrix of the estate of Charles Davenport, deceased.
Hugh G. Horton, Attorney.
de 13-20-29 ja 3-10-17

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County.
The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Fred White, deceased, late of Martin County, this is to notify all parties having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at Oak City, N. C., on or before the 5th day of December, 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 5th day of December, 1949.
Mrs. Mae White,
Administrator of Fred White. Attorneys,
Critchler and Gurganus.
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NOTICE OF RE-SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of re-sale in the special proceedings entitled "William Spruill et al v. John Henry Wynn et al", the undersigned Commissioners appointed by the Court will, on Monday, December 19th, 1949, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of the Courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., offer for re-sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described lands:

First Tract: The land herein conveyed to Henry Spruill lies on the West side of the road to Astoria, adjoining the lands formerly owned by Joseph Fagan, James

Rhodes, John Land, "Hard" Park, et al Containing 10 acres, more or less.

Second Tract: Beginning at a marked corner gum standing in the middle of the old field Spring Run, Emily V. Mizelle's corner, thence running along her line N 78 de 57 poles to his corner in E. H. Bailey's line, thence N 15 de E along said Bailey's line 53 poles to a corner in the margin of the swamp, thence along a line of marked trees N 48 de E 62 poles to an old marked corner gum on the bank of the Roanoke River, thence up the river N 45 degrees W 24 poles to a marked oak, thence W 70 degrees W 15 poles to the easterly side of the old field road, thence S 22 degrees W 51 poles to a corner near the old Field Spring in the easterly side of said road, thence S 30 degrees East

43 poles to the run of Spring Branch, thence up said branch S 5 degrees W 62 poles to the beginning Containing 40 acres, more or less.

The last and highest bidder will be required to deposit 10 percent of the bid.

This 5th day of December, 1949.
B. A. Critcher,
Clarence Griffin,
Commissioners.
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