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Our Number One Health Problem (From N. C. Mutual Hygiene Society)

Mental illness is the number one health problem of our nation, according to medical cuthorities. Yet, the mental health of each citizen is as important to the future of our nation as the soundness of the national economy

At present, the signs are not all good. Mental illness is so prevalent that one family in five throughout the country will be affected by it, in mild or severe form, sooner or later. One person in 20 will spend some part of his life in a mental institution. Today, hospital officials warn us that 700,000 patients of the total 1,500,000 people who are mentally retarded, and we readily see we have a problem of direct and immediate concern for each of us, as an individual, a parent, or a citizen.

Governor Youngdahl of Minnesota put the case accurately: "The care of the mentally ifl is the most accurate barometer I know of our real concept of human values. Mental patient are the 'lostlings" of society, a group three times more extensive than the victims of cancer, fifteen times more numerous than the victims of tuberculosis. When the legislature convenes, the mentally ill comprise the only social group without a self-interest lobby to represent them."

No lobby, perhaps, but their friends are increasing. This week has been declared by mayors and governors throughout the land as Mental Health Week. "Our Children's old days that every free people must face the very difficult problem of combining liberal institutions and wide opportunities for happiness and well-being at home, with the power to make head against foreign foes. I do not suppose this problem ever will be perfectly solved.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Liberal institutions mean of necessity government by elected representatives, who must have a multitude of immediate and pressing personal interests both of their own and of their constituents to distract them from the considerations of great and farreaching policies especially foreign policies."

Possibly it would be a different story today if the Czars had taken as much interest in the welfare of their people as they did in suppressing them.

Town Meetings Vs. Pressure Groups

By Ruth Taylor

The fundamental weakness of the democracies is their vulnerability to pressure groups, demanding special concessions or special protection for their own interests. Time and again we have seen the devastating effect of these groups upon our political and economic structure. In peace time, it was anonying and aggravating. In war time it is deadly.

Pressure groups breed intolerance both from without and within, and intolerance never won a war. For vitally important months we were held up by those who, quarrelling with one group of our people or another, sat tight declaiming that we were "going too far". These same men are today still obstructing our all-out war effort when they work first as all too often they do for their own constituency.

What we need are fewer pressure groups and more town meetings. It is hard for a pressure group to thrive in its own community, if discussion is open. There is nothing so tongue-tieing as the steady stare of those who know you. And there is nothing more deflating to the ego than the common sense barb in a neighbor's homely phrase.

The town meeting gives the opportunity for men and women to hear authoritative statements, to join in open discussion. This is an American way of life, as opposed to the pressure group which is the personification of gang rule. This is the way to unity, not to rifts within the house of the nation, The Government may be the pilot, but it is the people who run the ship.

This is the people's war-not people in the proletarian sense-but in the ideal of democracy-a war of all the citizens of the nation, equal in the eves of the law. In the town meeting the people can talk out their many problems, with all sides presented so that men may make their own conclusions and learn something of their neighbor's views. If men are free to talk, they can more clearly crystallize their own thoughts. They can learn to see their case as others see it, and there is time for compromise and change before the heat of combat.

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6:30 p. m. Morning worship at 11:00. Preaching every 1st and 3rd Youth service at 6:30. Sundays at 11:00 and 7:30. Evangelistic service at 7:30. Christian Women's Fellowship Mid-week prayer service, Wed- Wednesday after 1st Sunday, at

7:30.

Olin For, Pastor.

nesday night at 7:30 CHRISTIAN

John L. Goff, Pastor. Bible school, 9:45. Classes for

Hoel, Supt.

Bunting Supt. all ages. The Philathea and Bob Peel Bible Classes welcome visit-11:00 and 7:30.

neet at the church.

ors. Morning worship and cele-Christian Youth Fellowship on bration of the Lord's Supper, 11. Thursday night after 2nd Sunday. Daniel, Supt. Christian Women's Fellowship Sermon subject: "Jonah the Escapist." The Albemarle District Wednesday night after 2nd Sun- by the pastor. CYF meets with the Hassell and day. Oak City groups at Oak City at 3:30. There will be no meeting /Church Of The Advent

of the local groups Sunday even-(Episcopal) ing. Evening Praise and Worship The Rev. Thomas Hastings, Rector Service at 8:00. Sermon subject: Weekday (exc. Mon.) Morning "Concealed Glory." Pastor speaks and Evening Prayer, 8 and 5. Sunday, May 6, Sunday after at both services. Monday, 8:00, Christian Women's Fellowship Ascension Day. 8 a. m., Holy Communion.

Tuesday, 8:00, choir rehearsal. Wednesday, 8:00, Midweek Bible Class, 11 a. m., Holy Communion. prayer and praise service in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield S. Sunday Collect: "O God, the

Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.' METHODIST E. R. Shuller, Minister 9:45, Church school. Fletcher Thomas, Supt. 11:00. Morning worship. 6:30, Youth Fellowships. 8:00, Evening worship. 8:00, Monday, Circle No. 1 meets with Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurganus and the Wesleyan Service Guild meets with Mrs. Ruth Williford OAK CITY CHRISTIAN with Mrs. Jesse Sumner joint hos-Sunday school at 10:00. Ernest tess. 8:00, Wednesday. Bible study, Preaching every 2nd Sunday at followed with choir rehearsal. HOLLY SPRINGS 10:30, Sunday school. C. L. 3:00, Church service. Sermon EVERETTS CHRISTIAN Olin Fox, Paster.

> tris James, Supt. Monday nights. Preaching every 4th Sunday at

11:00 and 7:30. Christian Women's Fellowship 9;45, Church school and men's Saturday afternoon before first Sunday."

BELK - TYLER'S

STRAW HAT DAY

Tomorrow Is Straw Hat Day At

- BELK - TYLER'S

Cedar Branch Baptist W. B. Harrington, Pastor.

Spruill, Jr., at 101 Harrell Street. King of glory, who hast exalted Regular services will be held at High School building. About two turn up the heat for full steam. Subject for discussion, "Day and thine only Son Jesus Christ with Cedar Branch Baptist Church hundred young people are expect- When heating rolls or baking Night Journeying." A cordial great triumph unto thy kingdom Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. All mem- ed to attend. After the program, potatoes in the cooker, set them welcome is extended to all visit- in heaven; We beseech thee, leave bers are urged to be present and refreshments and recreation will on a rack on the bottom and away

us not comfortless; but send to the public is invited.

ORTH CAROLDI JAMESVILLE BAPTIST us thine Holy Ghost to comfort Catholic services at the Ameri- us, and exalt us unto the same W. B. Harrington, Pastor Regular services will be held at place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and Jamesville Baptist Church Sunreigneth with thee and the same day night at 7:45 o'clock. All members are urged to be present,

Idle on the back of many a and the public is invited. kitchen range stands one of its ---most economical, useful and convenient parts - the deep well

EVERETTS BAPTIST E. R. Stewart, Pastor.

10 a. m., Bible school. G. H. Forbes, Supt. 7 p. m., Baptist Training Union. gas for cooking would be wise to

Paul, Director. 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Prayer kettle fitted into an insulated service at the Church. 8:30 p. m., Thursday, cottage reading about it in the booklet

service at the house of Mr. and of directions that comes with the Mrs. Joe Shirley,

HAMILTON BAPTIST E. R. Stewart, Pastor.

10 a. m., Bible school. H. S. Johnson, Supt. 11 a. m., Morning worship.

7 p. m., Baptist Training Union. of fuel. It is ideal for simmering Willie Knox, Director. Sunday school 10:00. Mrs. Bea-

flavors separate, don't turn off

be enjoyed by all in attendance. from the sides of the kettle

soups or for steaming puddings. 8:00 p. m., Evening worship. The depth of the kettle makes it convenient for steaming bulky ve-7:30 p. m., Boy Scouts meet. 8:00 p. m., Wednesday. Prayer getables like corn on the cob or Christian Youth Fellowship on services followed by choir rehear- kale or other leafy greens. As long as a steady stream of steam arises from the kettle, sev-

DISTRICT MEETING AT OAK eral foods may cook in it together CITY SUNDAY AT 3:30 P. M. without mixing flavors. To keep

The quarterly meeting of the the heat until the food is removed Albemarle District CYF will meet from the kettle. If the cooker Sunday at 3:30 at the Oak City must be opened during cooking,

range.

Thursday, May 3, 1951

State College Tips

To the Housewife

By Ruth Current

State Home Demonstration Agent

cooker. Household equipment

specialists.suggest that the many

families who need to save on the

cost of food and also electricity or

make more use of that covered

well. As a start they suggest

This thrift cooker is ideal for

such budget items as the less ten-

der cuts of meat, dry beans, or

whole-grain cereals, which need

long, slow cooking. In the insu-

lated well foods can cook to deli-

cious tenderness with a minimum

Birthright - The Nation's Strength" is the theme of this observance.

The slogan aptly expresses the importance of mental health, which cannot be underestimated in these troublous times.

Tired

Except those who hold their own politics above country, the people of this nation are tired and weary of old scarecrows. They are tired of hearing unfounded charges that the President is trying to promote war while he works night and day for peace. They are tired of the repeated charges that the government is destroying business while industry and commerce are enjoying the greatest prosperity ever known. The people are tired of hearing the repeated charge that the government is going broke because the Democratic Party recognizes the masses as human beings and would include them in social security and other plans. They are tired of having the administration condemned for its every act before that act is given a chance to prove itself. They are tired of being told that everything the President proposes is wrong just because he advocates

The people, remindful of the condition the country found itself in in 1932 at the end of twelve years of rule by discredited individuals, are tired of hearing the hokum generated by a group that has no policy of its own and apparently with no other desire than to get its snoot back into the public feed bag.

Things are not perfect by a long shot, but for a political party with such a record as that possessed by the Republicans and no announced policy for the future, to make a comeback it will have to hitch its wagon to something other than hero worship.

Roosevelt's Prophecy

Theodore Roosevelt was a prolific writer, and a movement is under way to have about 12,000 of his 150,000 letters printed.

In one of his letters the former President predicted that if the Czars chose to resist the growth of liberalism Russia would sometime experience a red terror which would make the French Revolution look pale.

The then President said:

It is just as true now as ever it was in the

Schoolmen on Sports

The National Education Association has just put out a 100-page report on "Moral and Spiritual Values in the Public Schools." It takes a dim view of sports on the campus. And it probably would have been even stronger in tone had it been written after, rather than before the collegiate basketball scandals which, apparently, have not yet run their full course.

Schoolmen ought to go at least as far as Heywood Broun, a sportswriter, went in 1925 when he protested against that overvaluation of athletic prowess which blighted not only the whole life of "the man who dropped the punt," but even a considerable portion of the life of "the brother of the man who dropped the punt."

They might ask themselves whether it is really wise to center more public attention on the play of boys than will ever again be centered on their careers. Said Broun:

To stumble in the spatlight never did any body any good, and if the man who fails happens to be 19 years old he may get an ego bruise which will leave him permanently tender. And if he succeeds brilliantly he may be no better off. The American community is cluttered with ineffective young men who gave their souls to learn dropkicking and then found there was no future in it.

Perhaps it is too much to expect the schoolmen to relinquish sports to the professionals as Broun suggested. But they can act in the spirit of their own report. They can take school sports out of the realm of professionalism and return them to the realm of play.

They can stop hiring stars and glamorizing them. They can stop putting on spectacles to rival Roman circuses. They can bring winning and losing back into perspective by deemphasizing championships, tournaments, national standings and the rest of the paraphernalia which, in some places, has made athletics considerably more important than education.

The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.-Ecclesiastes



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