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scampering through the flour bin. But it is more than squeamishness. More than aesthetics. It is a matter of illness and death, of withering epidemics. The United States Public Health Service solemnly warns, "The amount of disease spread in restaurants is increasing... ranging in seriousness from sickness of a few hours to sickness ending in death. Latest figures show 23,765 reported cases of food-borne disease throughout the nation in twelve months—389 separate outbreaks and epidemics affecting from a few to several thousand people. Every day at least one community in the land is stricken, the Public Health Service reports, by "disease dished up at ten dollars a plate or hidden in a ten-cent sandwich."

I've stressed the word "reported" above because it indicates a gross understatement. Health officials estimate that only five per cent of the disease caused by food filth actually are reported. Food assault and murder are among the most difficult crimes to trace.

The article goes on to cite city after city where disease has broken out from food eaten in public places after rats, cockroaches, flies, bugs, weevils, disease carrying employes and filth from the dish water had contaminated the food.

Some owners and managers of public eating places are as careful as they can be and try to keep their food and service free from dirt and disease, but there are too few of this type, the other thousands are careless and have little regard for the safety of the public health. It is this type of restaurant and other food handling operator that the North Carolina State Board of Health is going after. The public can be of great help to the Board in reporting conditions of the public eating places as the inspectors have more than they can do to keep a close check on these places.

NEW WORLD FOR A NICKEL

With a nickel clutched in their respective fists, two small New Yorkers went for a subway ride the other day. At least, Anthony (aged nine) and Marion (aged seven) thought it was a subway train they boarded.

But as the train sped south through New Jersey, Anthony had "kind of a hunch we weren't going right." And when the Congressional Limited finally ground to a stop in Philadelphia and two bewildered children were handed over to the police, Anthony's hunch was proved right. Of course, there was the aftermath of telephone calls and frantic parents, of fetchings and beratings and tears, but think of the wonder of finding oneself in an unsuspected new world for the price of a subway ride!

A moralist might point out that a human race still close to infancy has boarded the Atomic Express, bound for far and unknown destinations, when all it expected was a nickel ride in the familiar environs of power politics. But we should like to point out that, after all, our two small New Yorkers were carried out of the dark labyrinth of their native city's underground to Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love.

Humanity will hardly blunder accidentally into universal peace. But with faith as small as Anthony's nickel or a grain of mustard seed, it can sometimes catch an adventurous glimpse of a great new world to grow up to.—Christian Science Monitor

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

Snapshots, we read, can now be developed in 50 seconds. However, it's a good wager that 99 per cent of 'em won't be worth even that little trouble.

In demanding of the Big Four conference control of Germany's No. 1 industrial region, France seems to have struck a Saar note.

Announcing that Greenland is not for sale, Denmark, apparently, plans to continue to keep that territory on ice.

A New York restaurant, we hear, will specialize in soft, dreamy music and thick, juicy steaks. It's our guess the diners will be so busy they won't know what kind of music is being played.

As he plied his snow shovel on March 21, Grandpappy Jenkins was heard to mutter the first day of spring should be called the infernal—no vernal—equinox.

A cable from Tokyo says many Japs there wore green lapel ribbons on St. Patrick's Day. What are they trying to do, start another war?



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Impulses can be highly dangerous. They should be carefully weighed, if possible before being acted upon. The nation was recently shocked over "the impulse slaying" in Albany, New York of eight-year-old Robert Warren. He was murdered by fourteen-year-old Carl De Flumer, who confessed to District Attorney Julian B. Erway that he had strangled "Bobbie" with a clothesline by hanging. He said that he did it by reason of an "impulse."

Most of our juvenile delinquency is done in obedience to a sudden impulse to do something exciting. A number of these young people with whose cases I have had connection, have admitted this to me. We adults if we are honest, can recall having had these impulses in our youthful days, and have yielded to some of them much to our sorrow and regret. Unfortunately, some of us have convenient memories, and fail to recall them. The modern diet of movie, radio and comic magazine thrillers has much to do with whipping up this desire for excitement in our children. It challenges us to see that their time is occupied usefully and enjoyably, so that they do not fall victims to strange impulses. It also reminds us as parents to see that our homes are places to which our children like to come with their friends, and that we are there to greet them. Many a boy or girl wanders because the home is empty. Father and mother gone. Where? That's one for you to answer.

Life is a struggle between good and evil. Impulses to do evil carry on over into maturity. We are all subject to them in every age. But every impulse should be examined in the light of reason and possible consequences. Usually we have time to do this, if we take it. The ways of God are not usually hasty. God cannot be hurried in His plans. How we need to remember that in our impatience.

We have all read the advertising slogan, "Obey that impulse." Before we follow it, we must be sure that the impulse is for good, will not violate the laws of God and man, will not injure ourselves nor others. From my own experience, I have made more errors in haste than from any other cause. Many of you have done likewise. Before we obey those impulses which so often come upon us with great suddenness, it is the better part of wisdom to pause for thought and ask, what will be the consequences of this act?

Former Non-Coms May Re-enlist With Rank Up To Tech. Sergeant

1st Lt. Thomas H. Suydam, Commanding Officer of the Asheville Sub-Station of the Army Recruiting Service announced today that there has been a change in the provisions governing the enlistment of former non-commissioned officers in grades based on their skill and experience. The change is a provision whereby certain of these former non-coms may enlist in grades up to and including Technical Sergeant. Up until this time, the highest grade a man could obtain under these provisions was Staff Sergeant.

offer the man must have been honorably discharged on or after May 12, 1945 and meet all requirements for enlistment in the Army. No man will be enlisted in a grade higher than that held at the time he was discharged.

The same provisions hold true in cases of former non-commissioned or petty officers of the Marines, Coas. Guard and Navy.

Lt. Suydam urges all men interested in this offer to contact the local Recruiting Station located at Post Office Building, Asheville, for full particulars. It is not known how long this offer will be open, so prompt action should be taken by those interested.

National 4-H Club Sunday will be observed on May 25, with emphasis being placed on the spiritual implications of the theme: "Working Together For a Better Home and World Community."

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT

Advertisement for Scott's Scrap Book featuring illustrations of a man with a telescope, a globe, and various scientific and historical facts like 'HARRY POPE MADE THE FINEST RIFLE BARRELS FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A CENTURY (VERSE CITY, NEW JERSEY)' and 'THE CORN BORER HAS THIRTEEN ACTIVE PARASITES'.

LOOKING BACKWARD From the Files of The Ruralite of 15 years ago

The State Board of Elections has named Aaron Hooper, Dan Moore and H. E. Monteith as members of the board of elections for Jackson county to serve both in the June primary and in the general election next November.

Dan Tempkins was reelected president of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of the directors last Tuesday. Others to serve with him are John B. Enslley, vice-president; W. D. Warren treasurer, and A. J. Dills was reelected secretary.

Hon. J. C. B. Eringhaus, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will speak at the courthouse in Sylva on Thursday, April 15.

At the last meeting of the Parent Teacher association for this school year the officers for next year were named as follows: Mrs. D. M. Hall, president; Mrs. W. C. Reed, vice-president; Mrs. John Wilson, treasurer; Miss Sue Allison, secretary and Mrs. J. F. Freeze, historian.

Jackson County students who have won honors at W.C.T.C. during the past quarter are Paul Buchanan, president of the Student Body, who has charge of all tennis classes, Miss Willa Mae Dills, president of the Shubert Glee club and Guy Sutton, secretary of the Science club.

Misses Nimmo Geisler and Winonah Askey spent last weekend in Waynesville with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry.

Mrs. Leon Picklesimer has returned from spending two weeks in Waynesville with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Turpin.

A CALL TO PRAYER

"If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked way; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."—II Chronicles 7: 14

On Tuesday the 15th day of April at 8:00 p. m. a special prayer service has been called, by the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Glenville, N. C. for the purpose of asking God to intervene in our behalf against the beer, wine and whiskey that is flooding our land, and is ruining so many of our young people.

We extend an invitation to all the people that love God and the right, and believes that God still answers prayer, to meet with us. And, if impossible to meet with us, call a special prayer service in your own Church or home. "There is power in united praying."—Matt. 18: 19-20

Signed: H. M. Moody, S. S. Supt. Mrs. E. E. Monteith, Sec. Bertha E. Stamey, Pastor

Pfc. Raymond Green Visits Parents

Pfc. Raymond C. Green arrived last Friday from Menck Field, Calif. for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green at Green's Creek. Pfc. Green left Monday to report to Hamilton Field, California. He expects to leave in a few days for Alaska, where he will serve with the Air Corps as supply man.

Pfc. Green volunteered for service in February, 1946.

Sweet Potato Plants Postpaid

Nancy Hall — Porto Rican 200 - \$1 500 - \$1.75 1,000 - \$3 Pete Taylor Gleason, Tenn.

Advertisement for Blue Ribbon Shoe Shop featuring an illustration of a woman in a dress and the text 'Leave It To Us!' and 'When we re-sole your shoes—and do a complete relasting job—they look and fit as "good as new."'

Advertisement for Cannon Brothers Goodyear Store featuring an illustration of a Goodyear tire and the text 'BLUE RIBBON SHOE SHOP Phone 114 Sylva, N. C.' and 'CANNON BROTHERS Goodyear Store SYLVA, N. C.'

THIS IS ARMY WEEK

A growing American responsibility in a postwar world, desperately in need of security and peace highlights the stress placed by the nation as it observes Army Week, this week, April 6-12. As we look back on a world that has struggled through two terrible wars within a generation, we realize that war has sapped this nation as other nations of much of its greatness and to have a third world war would be a lethal stroke. So a great nation dedicates Army Week this year to the soldiers of two world wars. To those who made the supreme sacrifice we pause to honor, and to those who offered their lives, yet were fortunate enough to return home, we are grateful for their patriotism, their courage, and service.

"A Strong America is a Peaceful America" is an appropriate theme, we think, as our new peacetime army builds itself into a great unit for protection of this country. Coming on the heels of the ending of the draft, "army week" is offering great inducements to young men to join the ranks to help keep up the 40,000 new recruits needed each month for our nation's security. These peacetime soldiers can do much to help build the peace for which two bitter wars were fought.

Yes, let's keep America strong by seeing to it that our Army, Navy, Air Corps, and Marine corps, are kept up to strength. If we keep our forces strong we can remain a peaceful nation.

MORE FOOD—LOWER PRICES

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture reports that North Carolina crops will be larger this year, that the acreage will be some three per cent larger than for 1946 and will be near the peak level of 1942-44, when the nation was calling on its farmers to produce more food for the armed forces as well as civilians. Of course the yield will be controlled by weather conditions. If we have a good growing season, big crops at lower prices can be expected. When the farmer's income is cut it has a noticeable effect on the general economic condition of the country. While the consumer is always anxious to buy his food as cheaply as possible he must remember that his salary is based on general conditions and if the farmer receives less for his crops then he has less money to spend in the department store, the drug store and other places, and this will tend to weaken the buying power of the entire community.

The world needs much of America's food but the trouble is it isn't able to pay for it. If we ship our surplus food overseas it will probably go as a gift, with our government having to bear the expenses which will in turn demand more taxes and this will be of little help in holding farm prices up.

The farmer is usually the one to be caught first when a decline comes.

DISEASE a' la Carte

(Submitted by the District Health Dept.) By Howard Whitman in Woman's Home Companion

Filth in the restaurants of America has reached the proportions of a national plague. It is an unpleasant, even disgusting subject to write about. Like you, I would rather look away. But that may be one reason the situation is as bad as it is. We look away at our peril.

More than twenty-five per cent of all the food produced in the United States is eaten in restaurants. Sixty-five million people eat at least one meal a day in public places. They have a right to expect freedom from disease. And even the simple soul who says, "We all eat a peck of dirt before we die; why worry?" would probably wince at the thought of a rat