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The 4-H Club—Builder of Youth

In the days ahead youth will be asked to assume new responsibilities, undertake bigger tasks, and to do more with less. Rural youth will face the temptations of high city wages, modern inventions and conveniences. To meet these challenges will require the stamina, integrity, and clear vision that comes from experiences of rural life at its best. The 4-H Club, if properly conducted, will provide the medium for giving the training and experiences to best fit farm boys and girls to cope with these new situations.

The objective of this organization is to give to your boy and girl training in better practices in agriculture and homemaking, and in the broader phases of community organization and the finer and more significant things of life. Thru youth organizations of the proper type we mold the destiny of our future.

4-H Club work was established on the basis of project activity. Each Club member is required to conduct a project in agriculture or homemaking according to the instructions of the Farm or Home Demonstration Agent and agrees to keep an accurate account of the time and cost of the enterprise.

Ownership is essential to thrift. To further encourage the boy and girl they should be given the profits from their work (after all expenses have been deducted). Nothing could do more to destroy initiative and to discourage thrift than to be deprived of ownership. That is exactly what happens when John's calf becomes Dad's cow and Mary's poultry becomes Mother's hens.

Remember the 4-H Club is an organization for helping to train boys and girls in your community and for giving them a broader knowledge of rural living and to help them appreciate the advantages of farm life, and at the same time train them in the economical and practical phases of agriculture and homemaking. In brief, the 4-H Club is an organization which trains farm youth in the art of living. Every citizen has a very definite part in making this possible for Jackson County, the communities and the boys and girls. However ambitious they may be, full cooperation and support is necessary for them to make the most of the undertaking.

Comic Books Outlawed

For the past several years much has been said in many quarters about the evils of comic books which have become more and more numerous on newsstands. We read with horror the news story of the two little boys who burned their playmate to death "because we saw it in a comic book"—or the incident of the child who was discovered sprinkling ground glass into a pot of stew. He too had "read it in a comic book". The supermen and Captain Marvel's who stop trains with their fingers—or the evil brains who destroy the world with weird machinery run wild in these books! Such wild fiction, so wildly distributed to American youth is bound to have an adverse effect upon their minds.

Some will argue that comic books are only a form of fairy tales. One fact quickly defeats that argument however. Fairy tales are read by small children only... they are a fantasy that we outgrow... but comic books are widely read by high school students, and many adults. They are definitely more than "fairy tales"!

Canada has awakened to the danger of this evil. Declaring that lurid crime pictorials, or so called "comic books" stimulate juvenile delinquency, the Canadian Parliament has passed a bill ban-

Every Ninety Seconds

In the short space of time it will take you to read this, a home will burn somewhere in the United States. That is the literal truth—a home is destroyed every 90 seconds.

Will your home be next? It can be—unless you take a few simple precautions. One of the greatest tragedies of dwelling fires is that most of them could be easily prevented. To take one example, carelessness with cigarettes is a major cause of disaster. So are overloaded electrical circuits and frayed wiring. And so are improperly maintained stoves and heating systems.

There are many other hazards that exist, to some degree, in nearly every home. Are your basement, attic and closets littered with old magazines, old furniture, old clothes and other odds and ends that are all ready to feed a fire? How about cans of paint, cleaning solvents, and waste rags? Fire loves them. And remember that loose bricks in a chimney or fireplace are just what fire is looking for.

The loss of a home is more than a purely material waste. Fire insurance, vital as it is, can't pay for everything. It can build you a new house, but it can't replace possessions whose value is largely extrinsic. In many of our home fires, human beings are killed, injured and mutilated—and all the money in the world can't make up for that.

Watch the clock for ninety seconds, and realize that while you were doing it a home burned somewhere. When you return to your own home today, search it from top to bottom for hazards and get rid of them.

We Still Need Them All

Those who believe that navies will be obsolete and unnecessary if war should come again, do not find their view shared by the best authorities.

Dr. Vannevar Bush, the distinguished scientist who is also regarded as one of the best informed civilians on military matters, writes in his important book, *Modern Arms and Free Men*, "The Mission of the Navy will be as important, and as difficult, as it ever has been in history... We are a power in the world and we intend to exert that power, if need be, far from our shores to support our friends and strike an enemy where he is the most vulnerable... We shall still need to sweep enemy forces from the seas, whether they are under its surface or above it."

Weapons and techniques have changed, but the role of the Navy has not. Once, for instance, the battleship was the ship of the line, the paramount striking force. Now, as Admiral Forrest P. Sherman has said, "For the foreseeable future, the fast carrier task force will be the principal striking element in our fleets—the core of their offensive power, available to strike far from our own bases and to cover and support the operations of other services."

Today, as yesterday, the security of this nation rests upon all the fighting services—air, ground, and sea. Each has its own vital job to do—none is more or less important than another.

Words Of Wisdom

When you see a man with a great deal of religion displayed in his shop window, you may depend upon it he keeps a very small stock of it within.—Spurgeon.

The more we study, we the more discover our ignorance.—Shelley.

If you wish to avoid seeing a fool you must first break your looking glass.—Rabelais.

Hain't we got all the fools in town on our side? And ain't that a big enough majority in any town?—Mark Twain.

ning these publications in the dominion. The bill, which passed the House of Commons unanimously and the Senate by a large majority, prohibits the publication, distribution, or sale of comic books that depict "the commission of crimes, real or fictional."

It's an encouraging sign that somewhere, someone has the fortitude to do something about a semester evil. It is to be hoped that perhaps in the not to distant future, some American law-maker will see the light and introduce a similar bill in our own Congress. Until that time though we will just have to sit back and let the kids go right on reading their little "crime journals", while we at the same time increase the F.B.I. budget to combat the results!

TOP OF THE MORNING!



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

What do you have to show for having lived another year? The New Year finds many people thoughtful. Some make resolutions which they keep; some make resolutions which they break.

A correspondent once wrote describing a copy of the painting by Watts, "Sic Transit Gloria Mundi," which translated means, "So Passes Away the Glory of the World." The painting depicts a man lying still in death covered with a white shroud. No part of the face or body is exposed, but around the central figure are a number of scenes depicting the various experiences of a man's life. From these it is evident that he was wealthy, educated and appreciative of art.

In three corners of the painting these words appear: "What I spent, I had. What I kept, I lost. What I gave, I have."

It takes most of us a long time to learn that we keep only that which we give away. This sounds like a paradox, but we witness its truthfulness every day. Money which is kept and never spent is of no use. Money spent to purchase things for ourselves, we leave at death, if we keep them that long. That which we give away represents an investment in others, and we never know its ending.

The Everyday Counsellor column is a modest effort to share with others those experiences which have either come to the writer personally, or have been shared with him by others. When a correspondent writes me relating something which has been helpful to him, I always try to pass it on that others may also find help.

The modern everyday comforts which we enjoy have come as a result of the sharing with mankind of the research and inventions of men of science.

This is pre-eminently true in the realm of the spirit. Those blessings which come to us from Almighty God, often as a result of much effort and even suffering, must be shared with others if we are to enjoy their blessings to the fullest. Many people are fruitlessly good. Their virtues are negative. They never learn to share with others the blessings of God, which bring the only true joy and happiness into the heart. True virtue is fruitful only in sharing.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The third edition of Dr. Spough's little book on successful living "The Pathway to Contentment" is now available. Orders may be sent to The Everyday Counsellor, Box 6036, Charlotte 7, N. C. The price of the book is \$1.00 postpaid. It also may be secured from your bookstore.

CAN YOU REMEMBER?

5 Years Ago

At the Smoky Mountain Court of Honor held in Whittier, tenderfoot awards were made to John H. Robinson, Jr., Clarence H. Dillard, Rufus Dillard, Homer Ray Davis, Joe Wilde and Harold Morgan.

Dan Allison left Monday for Raleigh where he will represent Jackson county in the present session of the general assembly.

The first baby to be born in Jackson county this year arrived

at 9:35 A.M. in the form of a son weighing 9 pounds and 13 ounces to Pfc. and Mrs. James Earwood of Cherokee.

Memorial services for Cpl. Harry A. Kirsch, who died in Germany on November 15, the husband of Hazel Allison Kirsch, will be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 7, at the First Lutheran church in Asheville.

15 Years Ago

Members of the 1934 Senior class held a reunion of the class at the school cafeteria last Wednesday evening. 24 members were present with their sponsor, Miss Edith Buchanan, the grade mother, Mrs. E. E. Brown, and Prof.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

The Franklin Press
What would happen, should every man, woman, and child in this county resolve this New Year to do his or her best, every day in the year, to make Macon County a better place to live?

Reform and improvement, like charity, begin at home. And the first job of each of us, of course, is to make better individual lives; then better homes and family lives; then better communities. That is important; that is fundamental. But it is not enough.

To really do the job, we must think of Macon County as a whole, as a unit. And this county is a unit; for each neighborhood is dependent, in one way or another, on the rest of the county, and the county is dependent, in one way or another, on each neighborhood. Such an attitude, such an endeavor, put into practice every day, would make 1950 the greatest year in Macon County's history. And it wouldn't cost a cent!

PARKING METERS AN ASSET

The Transylvania Times (Brevard)
After 31 months in operation, the parking meters in Brevard have fully paid for themselves and are now the sole property of the town.

During the past two and one-

half years, a total of \$30,263.75 has been collected in them and half of this amount has gone into the town treasury.

This speaks mighty well for Brevard. In many places where meters have been installed, they have been operated at a loss, and in some instances, the meters were removed being in use for only a few months.

The parking meters here are unquestionably an asset to the town. No one has suffered because of the few pennies it takes to park in the business section of the town, and at the same time the increased cost of town operation has been taken care of without raising the tax rate here.

An even brighter side of the parking meter subject is the fact that in the future the 10 to 12 thousand dollars collected in them annually will go into the town treasury.

Make a New Year's resolution not to begrudge the brownies it will take in 1950 to park uptown.

and Mrs. W. C. Reed.

Miss Noracella McGuire will go to Atlanta tomorrow to resume her studies in Southern Dental College after spending the holidays with her parents, Drs. McGuire.

Miss Virginia Picklesimer has returned to Salem, Va., after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. S. W. Bryson.

20 Years Ago

Prof. C. H. Allen of Cullowhee will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Sylva P.-T.A. next Monday afternoon.

Miss Louise Mason who is a student at the Asheville Normal spent the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mason.

The past week was observed at W.C.T.C. as "live at home week", complying with a request of Gov. Gardner for all state institutions to do this. Miss Mattox, dietitian planned every meal in such a way as to use only N. C. products as far as possible and practicable.

ANNOUNCING

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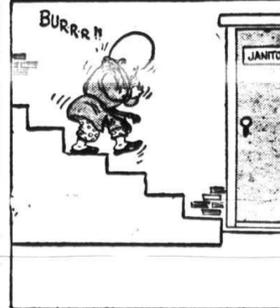
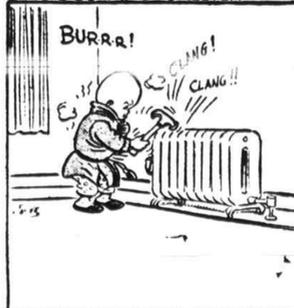


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