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Mis Amigos

By Eleanor Southerland. It is a good feeling to be planning a vacation in North Carolina during June and July. But it is also good to be planning to return to my work in Colombia. We are slowly making progress toward organizing a Nation Extension Program. It is a big challenge and I am getting a great deal of satisfaction from my work.

BOYSCOUTS CHANGE A COURSE

Tempe, May 4, 1939. "It had not been for the chickens in Bogota now." This simple statement speaks for a long story of tremendous change in the life of the rural areas of Colombia's Boyscout Department, one of the largest, but also one of the poorest regions of the country where some five hundred years ago, a prosperous civilization was flowering in wealth and on a high cultural level. But to-day there is nothing left of that culture and people live in humble made cottages of adobe with a straw thatched roof and a single room with the blackened fire place, the miserable bedstead and an earthen floor.

If it had not been for the chickens, this fifteen year old boy would now be in Bogota, the capital of the country, forming a part of the bands of juvenile delinquents, and his way down the social ladder into crime would probably never be determined. But it was because of the chickens he received from the 4-S Club that he came back from Bogota, worked on the little farm his parents left after their early death to him and his five brothers and sisters and the teenager has developed into a responsible head of a family.

Five years ago STACA, a joint operation of Point IV and the Colombian government, started an extension program in the State of Boyaca, based mainly on the 4-S Clubs, a faithful replica of the 4-H Clubs in the United States, which use the symbol of the green clover leaf and the four S's which stand for the Spanish words for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

Today there are about ninety clubs in the State with a membership of close to two thousand youngsters between ten and twenty years that are under the supervision of Agricultural farm and home Agents who work in close cooperation with a handful of enthusiastic experts from the United States.

Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch

DEAR MISTER EDITOR: I saw a couple items in the paper this week that got me confused. A feller in Georgia has put together a watch that runs backwards, and a professor in Rhode Island has invented a contraption that'll blow a soap bubble 100 feet. It took the feller in Georgia eight years to rig up his watch, and the professor spent five years on the soap bubble project.



Changes In Your Social Security

September 30, 1939, can be an important date for dependents of certain disabled workers, according to Ernest F. Fitzpatrick, district manager of the Wilmington Social Security Administration Office.

The 1938 amendments to the Social Security Act authorized monthly benefit payments to dependents of a worker who is receiving disability insurance benefits. Fitzpatrick explained, He added, however, that in the case of other types of social security payments, retroactivity is limited to twelve months from the date a claim is filed.

THIS IS THE LAW

Robert E. Lee N. C. SUPREME COURT. May a layman plead his own case before the North Carolina Supreme Court? Yes. He cannot, however, appear both in person and through counsel. He must make an election.

How many opinions are rendered each year by the Supreme Court of North Carolina? In recent years there have been an average of about 280 a year. An enactment of the General Assembly requires that all opinions of the Supreme Court be written, and afterwards printed. There are usually about 90 appeals disposed of by motion each year without written opinions.

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THE Minister's Desk

By D. E. Parkerson, Warsaw. A clergyman, called away suddenly and unable to officiate at the services of his own church, entrusted his new assistant with the duty. On his return he asked his wife what she thought of his assistant's sermon.

"The poorest I ever heard," she declared, "nothing in it at all." Later, the pastor, meeting his assistant, asked him how he got along with the sermon.

"Fine, sir," said the assistant. "I did not have time to prepare anything myself, so I preached one of your sermons."

Now, I doubt if the wife even faintly remembered that the sermon was one that her husband had preached before. It could be that she thought it was a sorry sermon before but now that someone else had preached it she had the courage to tell her husband what she thought about it.

Isiah preached to the people about their long fasts and religious ceremonies. He insisted that more important than ceremony was generosity and more acceptable than fasting was justice. "Is not this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?"

Financial Plans Bring More Family Security

Many family difficulties center around family income—whether the income is large or small. Results depend on how the money is handled. Miss Mamie Whisman, home management specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, declares "money does for us just what we choose to make it do. Happiness and satisfaction can be the result if we do a good job of handling money."

"Money is one of the most complicated problems which we deal with these days," adds Miss Whisman. "Our modern living standards depend on money. With living costs now at a high point, our money problems are more complicated. It is more difficult to 'make ends meet.'"

Having a saving and spending plan is one of the surest ways of assuring a wholesome, happy, and satisfying existence. Your plan must be made to fit your individual or family needs—just as your clothes are made to fit you & no one else, according to their specialist.

Who holds the Purse Strings?



Mom's The Word For "Purse-String-Holder" In Many Families. Skilfully, She Buys What's Needed. Carefully She Budgets. Prudently She Makes Sure There's "Something Left Over" Every Week To Put Aside For The Family's Financial Future. No Matter Who Holds The Purse Strings In YOUR Family... The Important, Purposeful Thing Is To Save On A Regular Weekly Schedule...

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EVERY MAN who stands up for what he believes to be right in the sight of God—stands up, speaks up, and works to make the divine dream come true—every such person will have times of deep discouragement. An American will think of the familiar example of Washington and Lincoln who went through dark times when no one, that is to say anybody who carried much weight, seemed to be on their side; times when they even wondered if they would be on God's side.

We Are Not Alone

It has often been so with God's prophets. Indeed, the picture our minds draw for us, of brave prophets hearing tyrants in their palaces, thundering God's judgments on nations and individuals, men unafraid, not caring what men might say or do so long as they were speaking for God, that picture does not always fit. Consider the prophet, Elijah, a brave man, man of the time, but, running away, as far away as his legs would take him. And from what? Just a woman. True, she had threatened to butcher him. But Elijah had lived through threats before. The thing was, this woman was a queen, so much a queen that her wretched husband never dared say No to her. When she threatened to do anything bad, you could be sure her heart (a bad one) was in it! So when they told Elijah what she said, he lost no time getting out of there. Forty days and forty nights he fled. And when God asked him why, "I only am left," he said. What was one man against the nation? One Elijah for God; One Israel against God.

The Invisible Army

How wrong can a prophet get? Elijah estimated the number of God's loyal people in all Palestine as One, namely himself. God's count made it seven thousand. Elijah, scared as he was, turned out to be only .0004 right, no very high figure! This is a mistake which many pioneers of faith have made. There are more people on God's side than you might think. Looking about us in our country today, seeing what crowds there are that believe stilly and even wicked lies, how many people who will go out and vote for candidates who are plainly not on God's side or anywhere near it, how few people there are at church compared with the crowds (let us say) at the racetrack, how hard it is to put into action, anywhere, the most elementary Christian principles—looking at the American scene, the Christian is sometimes tempted to complete cynicism and despair.

He Had God

The prophet Elijah learned something else in his wilderness hideaway. He found God there, and God had something for him to do. Elijah had believed in God a long time; but he associated God with spectacular miracles, fire from heaven, rock-breaking winds, resurrections of the dead. Now he learns to know the God of the still small voice, the God who comes in the voice of duty. The three things God gave him to do were not miracles, they were very simple acts. But they were going to change the course of history, more than before than performed. Elijah had before then performed. Now it is not true that any one can "have God" if he likes. But it is true that those whom God has, have God with them, by them, in them. The man or woman who goes faithfully about life's plain duties, who stands for what he knows to be right, no matter what, will discover that he is not alone. To listen to the voices of the crowds, to be an echo of common prejudices, is to hear within nothing but a dreadful silence and to stand alone in a waste place. But to hear that still small voice, in spite of all the tempests of the world, even under threat of death is to know oneself never alone.