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Editorial Comment

Some searching questions for any community that is deeply concerned for its young people are given in the Working Manual for this year's Community development program. The questions make up part of the worksheet for a community youth committee. Since they seem to add a little more substance to the general idea we expressed in this column two weeks ago, we quote them:

"Have you listed the various youth organizations and clubs young people encouraged to in your community? Are the participate in helping improve the community? Have you considered some improvement project that could be carried out entirely by the youth of the community? Does the community have a place where the young people can get together? Is there adequate recreation and recreation facilities for the young people? Do you have any suggestions on some type of agricultural project for the young people that could be sponsored by the community development organization? Can you arrange for the young people to help out on some of the programs at the community meetings? Are there active adult 4-H club leaders in the community?"

We are sure these questions were not intended as a complete list of all the needs of youth. But we also feel sure these questions contain in themselves some answers to the problem of "What can we do? Where can we begin?"

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VIOLET RAYS ON OUR WAYS

By H. M. Alley

Note: This column is written with malice toward none, but with the common good of all in mind.

Uncle Josh says: "A small crowd were on hand down to Cedar Crick Church this last past Sunday. I reckon them as had been sayin they'd come when the weather warmed up, desided to wait until hit gets cold agin. 'Pears like some folk air allus a-waitin fer sumthin dif'runt from what they got.

The rever-rant Samuel Goforth were a-fussin bout a misspelled word in his Sunday 'nouncement in last week's paper. The Cedar Crick Chronicle. Whar hit were supposed to say 'a warm welcome awaits everybody', the eddyter put hit, 'a warm Helcome'. H'm, come to think on't, thet maybe were the reason so many stayed away last Sunday. Folks'll stand fer a heap of hellfire preachin endurin big meetins in summer time, but somehow they'uns don't seem to hanker fer eny 'Helcome' in dead o' winter."

Sure enough, the early spring gardening fever has started its annual rampage. Several victims have been observed giving forth those un-mistakable signs of restlessness which attend the first stages of the malady. And one or two whom we personally know about had already reached

a more advanced and aggravated condition, resulting in having their land plowed while it was so wet it could have been slicked down with a cement trowel. Naturally they insist that wet plowing doesn't do the land any harm while the ground continues to freeze at night. But to date nary a one has come forward with any evidence that this breaking of wet ground is harmless. Lets have evidence. And here is how to get it: Divide your plot or field into equal halves. Plow one half of it wet each winter, but wait until the other half is dry enough not to slick off the plowshare before breaking it. Otherwise treat both plots exactly alike, if after three years of this procedure both plots produce equally well, and are equally easy to cultivate, let us know.

There is usually enough dry weather for farmers and gardeners to break and prepare their seed beds, and to cultivate a growing crop, and enough wet weather to keep the crops and weeds growing. Trouble is, the weeds keep growing while folk loaf or go fishing, whereas crops and vegetables depend for their growth in large part upon proper and regular cultivation. This is just as true of flowers as it is of other crops. But this regular attention and care should be considered a privilege and pleasure instead of an irksome grind.

Speaking of flowers and gardens, now is the time to begin planting. Also better be ordering certain seed and plants, also shrubs and fruit trees and vines for spring planting. Most Seed and Nursery Companies are slow enough in making shipments that it will be the right time for planting, or BEYOND, before your order arrives! Be sure to include in your order a variety of colorful flowers to give you an abundance of color through-out the summer and fall. And another thing to be sure about,—plant those flowers where the passing public may see and enjoy them too.

A mighty fine project for the Community Clubs would be to take vacant and un-sightly plots along the country roads and highways and prepare them as fertile seedbeds for flowering plants of various kinds. Another suggestion: Build a trellis behind mailboxes along rural routes and plant running roses or some other kind of flowering vine, such as woodbine or cypress.

Uncle Josh says: "I shore hopes Salley, My Wife, don't see this article. Same time o' year I starts tinkerin aroun a-gittin my fishin poles dusted, and seen they's a good s'ply of flies an all them other thing-a-ma-bobs in my tackle box, Salley, she starts a-thumbin through seed catalogs, and mindin me not to let the neighbors git ahead of me a-fixin the garden ready to plant. Shore, effen she reads this here piece—hit'll git her all flustered an 'cited, ontill they'll be no rest fer me, an chances air I won't git to wet a hook ontill t'other boy'll hev all the big'uns done ketched an told about."—Nuff Sed.

Consumers in industrial countries pay out, as a group, an estimated 18 to 20 per cent of their income in taxes (including indirect taxes and custom duties) and put 7 to 10 per cent into savings, say authors of a Twentieth Century Fund report.

IRVING BERLIN'S 'WHITE CHRISTMAS' IN SENSATIONAL NEW VISTA VISION

The entertainment world is agog about Paramount's brand new musical comedy extravaganza in Vista Vision, Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," and it is little wonder. Due to open Sunday, February 27, at the Yancey Theatre, for four days. "White Christmas" stars Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen with Dean Jagger and if that notable galaxy of stars is not enough, it also has Irving Berlin's music and lyrics, a warm, moving story and production numbers that literally bedazzle the eye.

Filmed in the rich hues of Technicolor and in the revolutionary new Vista Vision film process the viewer is able to see images on the screen with such clarity that it defies the imagination. "White Christmas" was the perfect selection to be the first such film to be filmed in the electrifyingly stunning process. One of the most spectacular musicals of recent years, it is the culmination of almost a decade of planning by Irving Berlin, acknowledged by his peers and the public alike as the country's and perhaps the world's, greatest writer of popular songs.

While carrying the title of a tune first introduced by Bing Crosby in Paramount's memorable musical "Holiday Inn" many years ago, "White Christmas" is an entirely new story with entirely new characters and with a new and fresh musical score. It teams for the first time the two men generally regarded as show business' finest entertainers, Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, and it further features the stunning dancing of Vera-Ellen and the warm song styling of Rosemary Clooney.

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club will meet Friday night, February 25, with Mrs. Fred Proffitt, Associate hostess is Mrs. John Watson.

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