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Editorial Comment

Your calendar may show only 52 weeks in a year. But don't believe it. There must be at least twice that many, according to the material the Record keeps receiving from this group and that group asking us to observe all their particular Weeks. Probably there are other Weeks we don't hear about. So what with Cat Week and Hot Dog Week, Better Mousetrap Week and Be Kind to Your Mother-in-Law Week and all the other, we would have a hard time trying to keep up with them.

But among the Weeks we can acclaim with honest enthusiasm is 4-H Week, March 5 to 13. As we cast about for ways of helping the youth of our county, here is one way that has proved sound and good. The 4-H program is already functioning in Yancey County, offering a variety of wholesome experiences in both work and play to the boys and girls who take part.

It should not be necessary to try to list here all the values of 4-H Clubs. Many of these values should be apparent from the bare facts of 4-H work and achievement that appear in news stories in this paper. To mention only one benefit, 4-H work encourages development of many talents, some of which might not be recognized otherwise. For example, a boy who does not make a brilliant showing in literature or mathematics may have a real gift for raising animals or plants, for which he can find no expression in the regular school curriculum. When he wins a prize in a 4-H calf show, for his skill and diligence in his calf project, however, this boy experiences an encouragement that may spell the difference between success and failure for the rest of his life.

There is a great need all over the county for more adult 4-H leaders, both men and women, to give time regularly and dependably, would seem to be the have teacher-leaders, in addition

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.

A mis-print in our column last week had us to say: "now is the time to begin planting." So, likely as not some of the early gardeners, will want to blame this writer when their early beans, potatoes, etc., are killed during a sneak attack of "Dogwood Winter," about Mid-April. Therefore, by way of self-defense, we want to repeat what we actually had written. To wit: "Speaking of flowers and gardens, now is the time to begin PLANNING." And we might add that a great deal of the joy of gardening, the same

to the Assistant County Agent and the Home Agent, one should not get the mistaken notion that no more leaders are needed. When we consider that 4-H Clubs are only one of many extra-curricular activities for which teachers are responsible in addition to their regular teaching load and that the two County 4-H workers also have many other responsibilities, we can readily understand why they cannot promote the fullest possible 4-H program without additional help. It is not necessary that adult leaders have a great deal of formal education, or even that they be parents of 4-H children. A sympathetic understanding of young people and of what 4-H Clubs are trying to accomplish, plus a willingness to give time regularly and dependably, would seem to be the most important qualifications.

POETRY CORNER

Conducted By Edith Diederich Erskine

THE SUNFLOWER'S SECRET

The sunflower gay and yellow Growing by the garden wall Peeps at all the other flowers Because he is so tall. But he has to turn his head around To follow Mr. Sun Everywhere he goes Until the day is done.

Annie G. Little, Marion, N. C.

(Poetry for this corner should be sent direct to Edith Diederich Erskine, Weaver ville, N. C.)

as in vacations is in the planning. Success, too, largely hinges on planning wisely.

Uncle Josh says: "Me, I done got through my planning. Fact is, Salley, my wife, mostly does the planning. All I got to do is jus 'dopt what she maps out. Then o' course I plays a big part in the diggin program. An let me tell ye one thing brother, you all c'n plan all ye want to, what to plant, an when and whar, but when hit comes to yardin' they ain't nothin' take the place o' diggin. Plenty o' elbow grease applied to a hoe or plow handles at the right time is a heap more better than fertilizer."

"Bout the only plannin I git done independent like, is whar to go a-fishin. But howsomever early I start I usually find several other tracks ahead of me when I arrive. That's the difference betwixt yardin an fishin, I reckon. In makin a garden ye do yer own plannin your own way, an carry out yer plans, disregardless of what neighbors think, say or do. But when hit comes to fishin, ye got to figger they's mebbly a hunnerd or so other fellars plannin the same tackle, the same bait, the same crick an the same day. Consequently nobody ketches eny fish to speak of. Hit's got so thet unless ye c'n out-plan all t'others ye mought as well stay to home and save up yer energetics fer thet diggin program what was mentioned in the last precedin paragraf."

"Now and then they's some guys, what thinks they're powerful smart, figger the only plannin they'uns need ter do is to slip in afore the fishin sea-

son opens. Fish hawks, I call 'em, sometimes they use ketch a lot o' fish, but mostly they git hatched afore they've got good started. I says, says I, 'bully fer the game wardens!'"

We heard the other day of a helpless cripple who is on Relief,—that is, receiving aid from the Welfare Board in his county,—but ashamed for the public to know about it. What a pity that many of the undeserving ones who receive this aid seem to have no sense of shame, but live like parasites off these funds that have been allocated to aid those who are really in need.

Recently quite a party was arranged for an old fellow who had reached the venerable age of one hundred years. After many friends had called to leave presents and otherwise pay their respects, a group of newspaper reporters and radio announcers requested the sprightly centenarian to make a little speech for the press and broadcasts telling others how to live to be a hundred. The old gentleman's speech was brief and to the point: "JUST KEEP A-BREATHING," he said.

And that reminds us of the octogenarian who accompanied a relative to see the dentist. Upon finishing with the patient the doctor requested permission to examine the old man's teeth, and to his surprise found that he had a complete set and all apparently sound. "How do you explain this, my friend, having all your teeth and them in good condition?" he asked. To which the oldest replied, "plenty of good coarse rations, and staying away from—dentists!"

Which calls to mind the little story about a doctor who charged an old fellow a rather stiff fee for professional services and then offered the following advice when the patient took the required amount from an exceedingly large roll of bills: "You should put that money in the bank while you are in town. It is dangerous to carry that much on your person as you might be robbed." "Wal, I figger not," replied the old man, "I bin a-carryin this roll a good many years, an this is the nearest I ever come to being held up yet!"



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This 1st day of March, 1955. O. C. Honeycutt, Administrator of the Estate of J. W. Honeycutt, Deceased. March 3, 10, 17, 24-31 April 7



PRECEDENT-shaking events of tremendous historical significance which will be felt in the capitals of the world as well as here in Washington and this nation, resulting from the fast-breaking Congressional action on President Eisenhower's request for approval of his resolution setting out the intent of the United States in connection with Formosa and Formosa Strait.

First — Probably never before has such unity been evidenced on a major foreign policy decision as between a congress of one political party and the President of another, when within a week the precedent-breaking resolution sailed through both House and Senate with only three opposing votes in each house.

Second — The adoption of the resolution has ended the period of bluff on the part of our country toward Red China and cut the Gordian knot which has stymied our Asian policy.

Third — The President now has safely tucked away a pre-dated declaration of war which he may use as he sees fit against Red China, and which the Congress in an unparalleled expression of faith left up to the President's personal decision to use and.

Fourth, from a political standpoint the President forestalled any criticism which could come from the Democrats yet he should decide in his own mind the necessity of committing United States troops either to the defense of off-shore Chinese Islands now held by the Chinese nationalists, or even an attack upon the mainland of China.

This latter consideration may have a tremendous impact on the

1956 election, for it will be remembered the criticism levelled at President Truman for not consulting Congress before committing U. S. forces in the Korean war probably cost the Democrats the 1952 election. Republicans have called it Truman's war, and have declared the former President overstepped his constitutional authority when he so committed our troops to the Korean war without advise or consent of official Congressional action.

However in his message to the Congress accompanying the Resolution of approval, President Eisenhower took some of the sting out of this criticism of President Truman when he pointed to the prompt action of President Truman as necessary, and reiterated the Truman statement that the Seventh fleet was ordered to protect Formosa.

There is no doubt but that the resolution adopted by the Congress is all-inclusive and will permit the President on his own decision, to commit the Air Force, the Navy and the Army to the defense of Formosa and to even attack the China mainland under the clause which reads, "Unhappily the danger of armed attack directed against this area compels us to take into account closely related localities and actions, which, under current conditions, might determine the failure or the success of such an attack. The authority that may be accorded by the Congress would be used in situations which are recognizable of, or which are preliminary to, an attack against the main positions of Formosa and the Pescadore."



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- Q—Does the Congress have authority to assign any non-judicial duties to members of the judiciary? A—No. This has been established since 1792 when Congress directed judges of the circuit courts to act as pension commissioners. They refused to accept the duties and were upheld by the Supreme Court. Q—How many bridges cross the Potomac River in Washington? A—Seven. The Sousa Bridge at Pennsylvania Avenue, The South Capital Street Bridge, Chain Bridge above Georgetown, Key Bridge, between Georgetown and Rosslyn, Virginia; The Memorial Bridge at Arlington cemetery and two bridges at Fourteenth Street. Two more bridges have been approved, one at Constitution Avenue and another across the Anacostia. Another bridge, the 11th Street Bridge, crosses the Anacostia river. Q—Do men who have received decorations have any special privileges for enlistment in the army? A—Men who have received the silver star, or higher decorations may enlist without regard to age until their 55th year. Q—Does a member of congress receive an annuity upon retirement? A—Yes. He receives an annuity amounting to 2 1/2 per cent of his average salary multiplied by his number of years in congressional service. Q—How is pay of congressional employees fixed? A—As a matter of policy the salaries are fixed by law, although as a matter of principle, it has been decided that each House shall be intrusted by the other to regulate the number and pay of its own employees.

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