

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER,
BY **PARSON JONES**

Dear Mr. Publisher:

The other day I decided to do a little painting around the house. No sooner had I got started when my 17 year old boy came around and started telling me how it oughta be done. He said I was going about it all wrong and that I was using out-dated methods. Well sir, I listened to his big mouth for about 30 minutes and decided I'd try to shut it. I said, "Son, since you're such an all-fired expert at this, you take the brush and paint it yourself." He grabbed the brush and flew into the yard with the zeal of a football player. I went out in the yard and took a little rest under the shade tree--seeing as how he had took over.

I reckon I slept for about an hour when I was woke up by a tickling on my nose. My boy had laid the paint brush next to my head with a note, "Dad, just remembered, I had to meet somebody - here's your brush."

That night I had a dream. All the old folks got tired of all the young folks belly-aching about how much better they could run the country. They just ups and turns over everything to the young folks. That included the White House, the Congress, the colleges, the churches, and everything. The young president served for six months. One morning he disappeared and ain't been heard from since. Close sources said he was hiding out in the hills of Kentucky. The Congress all resigned in protest of the hard work, the college presidents all decided they'd rather go to school than run one, and the young preachers decided it was more fun knocking the church than it was building the church. Pretty soon everything had simmered down and the streets were clear for a change.

When I woke up, I just laid there and wondered. I wondered and I wondered. And, I'm still wondering.

Mr. Publisher, I gotta sign off for now and get ready to go on my vacation. I'm going to the hills of Kentucky and see how many people are really hiding up there. Bye now.

Parson Jones.

4-H'ers Demonstrate!

To the youths of this area we say: "Stand up and demonstrate." Out of context this would have a bad connotation, and we hope the connotation you associate with the word "demonstrate" is powerful enough to have drawn you into this paragraph.

Yes, youths, you are encouraged to demonstrate.

Demonstrate how to operate automobiles and tractors safely;

Demonstrate how to bake a loaf of bread or can a jar of peaches;

Demonstrate how to make a dress and model it;

Demonstrate how to catch, identify and display insects;

Demonstrate how to take a picture;

Demonstrate how to give a speech;

Demonstrate how to judge crops and show livestock;

Demonstrate how to ride and show horses, to train dogs.

Yes, the list could go on and on because there are many ways that 4-H'ers "learn-by-doing." Part of the learning process is to demonstrate to others correct methods and procedures.

The children of today are not the only beneficiaries of 4-H principals. The world of tomorrow gets the prize of today's 4-H demonstrations, and the Lord isn't the only one who knows that young minds and hands need to be kept busy in constructive ways.

More than three million pre-teens and teenagers have taken part in 4-H demonstrations. They make headlines, but not as big as the headlines destructive demonstrators get.

Throughout this nation, the Cooperative Extension Service directs 95,000 clubs supervised by 500,000 volunteer adult and junior leaders.

4-H is one of those organizations (there are others, too) that satisfies the burning desires of youth and kindles these flames into torches of freedom, and it touches a warm spot in hearts and renews Americans' faith in the future when 4-H youths "stand up and demonstrate."

Silence May Well Have Been Golden

At a time when the demographers are warning that we must snuff the fuse on the population bomb if we hope to maintain enough space and air for normal life, Sen. George S. McGovern comes up with an anti-poverty plan which would serve as a veritable blowtorch.

He proposes to give parents, regardless of the family's in-

come level, an allowance of \$50 to \$65 a month for each child. The cost would amount to roughly 10 billion dollars the first year.

Even if the potential cost were not fantastic, such a plan would be sheer folly at this time and place.

Down through history, the baby bonus has been used as a

device to restore the populations of countries whose manpower has been drained by war, or to create new manpower for frontier areas and regions lagging economically.

The baby bonus may have made sense for those purposes. This country, however, has no such problems or needs. It is congested with people, has too many mouths to feed, and too many unemployed. McGovern's proposal is calculated to make these difficulties more acute.

Recently, Robert Finch, secretary of health, education & welfare, chided the liberals for their silence when asked to offer alternatives to the administration's welfare reform plans. McGovern is the first Democrat to break the silence and offer a major alternative. If this is the best the liberals can do, their silence made good sense. . . . Detroit News.

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