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HELPFUL PROGRAM

By Charles V. Stanton

An item in the teen-age section of Monday's *News-Review* told of an interesting program. The East Sutherland Parent-Teacher Association sponsored a panel in which high school students discussed some of the problems with which teen-agers currently are confronted.

Parents, teachers and students became so interested that no one, it seems, wanted to go home. The meeting finally was concluded when it was agreed that the discussion would be continued at a later date.

Many other communities, it seems to me, could profit by similar panels.

Adults, who express fears about the younger generation, possibly would get some surprises if they knew what teen-agers think about them.

For example, I know of a discussion group held some months ago in which a group of girls met with a few adult women—not their own mothers—for a frank talk about the relationship between mothers and daughters. The almost unanimous complaint of the daughters was that they couldn't confide in their mothers, that their mothers treated their serious questions as "childish," and that "facts-of-life" questions were usually greeted with an embarrassed change of subject.

Teen-agers constantly complain that adults persist in treating them as children when, in fact, they are young adults, deserving of a large measure of independence, yet still in need of counsel and advice from older and more experienced persons.

Understanding Needed

All too often, however, teen-agers, while insisting upon being treated as adults, persist in juvenile antics.

Experiences in Camas Valley supply an example.

One of the most juvenile and despicable acts in which any person, young or old, can engage is that of burning or hanging in effigy. Such an act is the equivalent of an anonymous letter of abuse. It is the act of a coward.

An anonymous letter purporting to come from "Most of the students of Camas Valley High School," has come to my desk, stating one side of the Camas Valley controversy, which results from the firing of two district employees popular with at least some, if not all the students. Naturally, I will not publish a letter which is unsigned. Certainly no anonymous writer can be accepted as representing the Camas Valley student body.

But resentment in the Camas Valley school recently was expressed by the displaying and burning of effigies bearing insulting placards.

How much better it would have been for the welfare of the community if, before such emotional peaks had been reached, there could have been open discussions between all interested persons, including student leaders. Not that controversy always can be settled by open discussion. However, a sincere effort at understanding and compromise usually will prevent extremes of emotional demonstration.

Self-Analysis Popular

One great advantage of the type of panel reported from Sutherland is that of a closer and better understanding between teen-agers and adults. Each has something to learn from the other.

If adults and teen-agers could get together at stated intervals for problem discussion, the teen-ager might be greatly helped through a period of difficult social adjustment.

This is an age in which self-analysis is a popular pastime among teen-agers. But lacking expert guidance all too many become hopelessly confused or reach wrong conclusions.

The transition from youth to adulthood is extremely difficult, particularly because it comes to individuals at different times.

A boy or girl will wake up some morning and discover that the things he or she has been doing seems juvenile. Friends appear to be very childish. The young person thereupon becomes confused, thinking he is at fault. He doesn't realize that he has taken a step toward adulthood a few weeks, months, or maybe years before the same transition has hit his comrades.

Then, too, while seeking for himself the freedoms and privileges of an adult, to which he knows he is entitled, he subconsciously clings to the security of parental discipline, though consciously fighting against it. The emotional conflict thus created is seldom understood by the teen-ager and, in his self-analysis he all too frequently accuses himself.

Perhaps more panel discussions such as that held at Sutherland, if conducted with sincerity and understanding, could be of great help to both adults and teen-agers.

Reader Opinions

Pastor Urges Support Of Easter Seals Sale

I would like to say a word in commendation of the Easter Seal campaign to raise money for the treatment of crippled children, and with this campaign, to urge everyone in our community to give liberally, and to buy an "Easter Seal" These "Seals" will be on sale in Roseburg on Saturday, April 20.

This is a worthy campaign, backed by a responsible and effective organization. There is a need for our contributions for the rehabilitation of crippled children through Easter Seals.

Alfred S. Tison
Rector of St. George's
Episcopal Church.

'Cracker Balls' Injure Children

SALT LAKE CITY — George Gaisford bought some "cracker balls" for his children this week, thinking they were candy. Three-year-old Gregory bit into one as the family left the store.

The pellet exploded, burning and lacerating his mouth.

The injury was the third of the day in Utah and police moved swiftly to confiscate the small pellets, which they said resembled candy. Salt Lake police took charge of about 14,000 of them, found in four local stores.

A similar accident in Provo, Utah, clipped the teeth of an 8-year-old boy and inflicted mouth burns and cuts. A Salt Lake housewife, Mrs. Doris L. DeVries, received tongue and mouth burns.

A police spokesman said the "cracker balls" are small explosive pellets which make a loud pop when thrown to the sidewalk or are stomped upon.

They are multi-colored, irregularly shaped balls about the size of large peanuts and, the spokesman said, can easily be mistaken for candy.

"We Have Some Wonderful Chinatowns" Right Here in the States



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — If a diamond is a girl's best friend, a pawnbroker's best friend is that same girl — after she gets the diamond.

"Sixty per cent of our clients are women," said Lou Modell, who is known as "the pawnbroker's pawnbroker" and operates the nation's top pawnshop.

"Why? Because women are notorious for being able to spend more money accidentally than men can on purpose."

"Many rich women—even those with an income of \$50,000 or more a year—will hock a piece of jewelry for \$20,000, then take the \$20,000 and go out and buy another piece of jewelry with it."

"Divorces borrow most often on their jewelry. They're wealthy wives. Widows come last."

"Career women aren't such regular clients because, to begin with, they usually are good businesswomen. Also, if they need money in a hurry, they usually have a boy friend they can borrow from."

One of Modell's most unusual loans was to a titled lady accused of stabbing a gent with a jeweled letter opener.

"The next morning she pawned the letter opener for \$900 to bail herself out of jail," he remarked.

If they didn't have to pay it themselves, pawnbrokers would be highly in favor of the federal income tax. Right now their windows are full of diamonds pawned so the clients could keep from going into hock with Uncle Sam.

"Our busiest season is around income tax time," said Lou, who prides himself he will advance a hard-pressed executive up to \$75,000 in cash in five minutes—if the man can put up enough diamonds for collateral.

He explained many executives prefer to deal with pawnbrokers rather than banks because the transaction is so confidential—and fast.

The public has many misconceptions about that friendly fellow behind the counter in the store with the three-ball sign.

"Many have an idea that a pawnbroker is a blood-sucking shark fattening at the expense

of the poor," said Lou, and added wryly:

"Actually pawnbroking is a dying industry all across the country."

"For every new pawnbroker who opens a new shop, five go out of business. Small loan firms, which can charge a higher rate in many instances and have a lower overhead, are taking much of our trade. We average only about one per cent net return on our investment."

"Why should a man open a hock shop when he can make more with less risk by buying stocks and bonds?"

Although he estimated one out of every four people in New York patronize pawnbrokers, Lou said the high income class provide the best clientele.

"You can't make money on poor people," he said flatly. "They're not very profitable."

"The best client is the big-salaried guy who is a good liver, and enjoys wine, women and song."

Lou said the idea that pawnbrokers make most of their profit by foreclosing on loans is exactly contrary to the facts.

"The last thing we want to do is foreclose," he said. "The foreclosure rate is only one out of 30 in our industry on clients who put up diamonds as collateral, and only one in 10 for those who pawn clothing."

The operating theory is this: "once a hockster always a hockster."

"But once you have to foreclose on a client you usually lose him forever," said Lou.

What occupational group most often makes the trek to Modell's own shop?

"Jewelers," said Lou. "They borrow on the jewelry they have so they can buy more jewelry."

Oh, but we can't stop here ei-

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indicated that only about half of them are able to utilize the devices and escape. Even that, of course, will be immensely helpful and the bureau predicts that these new developments will be accepted by the industry within a short time.

In our modern civilization, we must certainly make our numerous gadgets as safe as it is humanly possible to make them, but I can't help wondering if we can afford to rely wholly on automatic devices for making our children safe.

Won't it be far better if along with all the automatic safety we can build into our machines and our appliances we teach our youngsters to AVOID these dangers?

We have to remember that life NEVER was wholly safe. In the early days of the American frontier, children had to be taught to stay close to the cabin. There were savages and wild animals that must be avoided. There were creeks and rivers where they might get drowned.

It was never safe for a child to play around a mule's heels, for there are times when a mule just WILL KICK. And so on.

We must keep dangers away from our children wherever we can, but at the same time we must TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO KEEP AWAY FROM DANGER. Instead of relying entirely on automatic devices that will cause a refrigerator door to come open if a child should happen to be trapped inside, it will be much, MUCH better, it seems to me, if from the time they are able to crawl we teach them never NEVER—under ANY circumstances—to crawl inside a refrigerator.

Eugene Sets Date For Annexation Election

EUGENE — May 16 was the date set Monday night by Eugene's City Council for an annexation election on two areas which could double Eugene's present size. Voters of the city will also ballot on whether they want to take in the two areas.

Proposed for election are the River Road area, north of Eugene, and the Oakway-Wilkenzie area, across the Willamette River from the city.

The two areas have an estimated 15,000 population. The council Monday night gave final readings to the ordinance setting the election after rejecting final arguments against annexation by some residents of the two areas.

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Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — If President Dwight D. Eisenhower were inclined to make Harry Truman's cracks—which he isn't—the present Democratic-controlled 85th Congress might be pictured as another "Do nothing" session.

In its first three months' operation it has passed just 12 bills—three in January and February, six in March.

Nearly 2,000 bills have been introduced in the Senate and over 7,000 in the House. Nothing is sure to happen to 98 per cent of them.

It would be wrong to give the impression that nothing else had been done by the 85th Congress thus far.

Look at all the headlines the McClellan rackets probe has made. Appropriation subcommittees in the House have been busy as bees with budget hearings.

In the first three months the House completed action on four appropriation bills for next year, on which cuts of 685 million dollars were made. These are of course subject to later Senate approval and upward corrections by deficiency appropriations early next year.

BUT SINCE "economy" is the watchword of this Congress, it's time to review how the boys have done so far.

Actually cut has been in the 5.9 billion dollar Independent Offices appropriation bill to run 19 big government departments not of Cabinet rank. It was hacked 538 million.

The 39 billion dollar Treasury Post Office bill was cut 81 million. The 315 million Interior appropriation was cut 61 million. A small, 21 million general government expense bill was cut 5 million.

The budget total for these 4 bills was 10.4 billion. This was cut in the House by 6.23 per cent. If this same rate of economizing were applied to the whole 71.8 billion budget, indicated savings would be 4.7 billion.

In the eyes of many critics of the administration, if Congress can do just this—or maybe a little better—it will be doing enough for the year to call its record "good."

But on the legislative side, only three of the 12 measures passed so far have any importance. And they will cost more than has been saved, in the long run.

MOST IMPORTANT of all was the Eisenhower Doctrine resolution, authorizing economic and military cooperation with the Middle East. It may cost an estimated 400 million dollars in the next two years.

Then the Small Business Administration was given an 80-million-dollar increase in lending authority. That makes the total amount it can put out to small borrowers 250 million.

Third, the Federal National Mortgage Assn., always called Fanny May—was given a 500-million-dollar increase in borrowing authority. This will permit it to continue buying up mortgages till June 30. President Eisenhower had asked for a billion-dollar increase to ease the tight money situation in the housing market.

SMALL BUSINESS loans and Fanny May mortgages will of course be paid back to the Treasury, eventually. But it costs money to operate these agencies. And if their programs are expanded faster than other economies are made, there's no saving.

Republican political leaders of course say this small record of the Democratic-controlled Congress is a deliberate foot-dragging operation to make the Eisenhower administration look bad.

The Democratic reply to this is that there is no inspiration, no leadership and no drive for the administration program. Also, that many Republicans are just as unsold on it as the Democrats.

NEW YORK — The 1956 Peabody Awards for distinguished achievement in television and radio were announced Tuesday.

Fourteen awards were presented at a luncheon meeting of the Radio and Television Executives Society of New York.

Winners included: Television News — ABC, John Daly and associates for coverage of the national political conventions.

Television entertainment — "The Ed Sullivan Show," CBS.

Television education — "You Are There," CBS.

Television youth and-or children's programs — "Youth Wants to Know," NBC.

Television public service — "World in Crisis," CBS.

Television promotion of international understanding — "The Secretary Danby Kaye," United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

Television writing — Rod Serling.

Radio news — "Edward P. Morgan and the news," ABC.

Radio entertainment — "Bob Ray," Mutual and NBC.

Dummy Bearing Name 'Matovich' Hanged

MOSCOW, Idaho — A dummy bearing the name "Matovich" was found hanging from a lamp post in front of Gault Hall on the University of Idaho campus Tuesday.

A sign on the back said "Fire Bug" and one dangling from the feet of the effigy read "Justice." It was cut down by campus personnel.

Paul D. Matovich was sentenced Monday to not more than 25 years in the State Penitentiary for setting a fire at Gault Hall that killed three students there last Oct. 19. The state had asked that Matovich be hanged for first degree murder.

Japan Picks Up Evidence Of Nuclear Explosion

TOKYO — Weather posts throughout Japan picked up abnormal air pressure waves Tuesday night, indicating a strong nuclear test explosion in the Soviet Union, the Central Meteorological Board reported.

A spokesman said the air pressure waves were the strongest in Japan during April. The Russians are conducting a series of tests, with the fourth reported on April 12.

Admission Taxes Refund Ordered By Federal Judge

SPOKANE — Federal Judge Sam M. Driver ruled Tuesday that the government must refund \$2,291 to Spokane Rodeo Inc. for 1955 federal admission taxes paid under protest.

Rodeo officials claimed their annual show in the Spokane Coliseum is for charity and therefore exempt, and that half the net proceeds go to the Grotto Foundation for Spastic Children and the other half to improve the event.

Riner Deglow, an assistant U. S. attorney, argued that Spokane Rodeo Inc. wasn't entitled to a refund in any event, but if a refund is due it should go to the 30,000 spectators who actually paid the tax.

"Then you contend," Judge Driver said, "that if the government gets a lot of money illegally from enough people it can keep it?"

Deglow replied that this appeared to be the law but said he didn't write it.

Attorneys for the rodeo said any of the 30,000 who paid the tax can get a refund now if they ask it. Otherwise, the money will go to the show and the foundation.

Alfred H. Bowles, a director, testified that Spokane Rodeo lost \$4,000 in the 1955 show because had weather limited attendance.

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