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E D I T O R I A L

THREE DANGERS, WHEN WE TURN TOWARD BETTER JOBS

How do we get along when we change from a low-pay job to a higher-pay job? It sounds easy. "Here's the opportunity. Take the job and go to work!"

But sometimes there are dangers, when we try to make big changes. Here are three:

1. When a person begins to earn better pay, he may not spend his money wisely. He suddenly wants to buy all the things he needs. "Buy now and pay tomorrow," some businessmen will say. "Just sign your name." And there follows a dizzy whirl of spending until the pocketbook is empty.

When one begins to earn more money, he must go slowly, or he will wake up under a load of debt.

2. When a person transfers to a better job, the way may be so strange and difficult that he will want to turn back.

"These new people are not my

friends," he discovers. "This work is too oppressive. Do I really want to rise out of poverty?"

Suddenly he quits and goes back to the old way. What a tragedy! All the energy he used to lift himself is lost.

If this happens to you, don't be defeated. Gather up your energies for a new forward leap. Remember, if you succeed, your children's children will begin life on a different level.

And what about your old friends? You can show them the way to follow you.

3. When a person tries to rise, but slips and falls, he may decide to become a complainer or an agitator.

When one has great visions of success—but slips and falls—is this a proof that the world is all wrong? The man who does not take new hope instantly is in danger of sinking in a swamp of defeat. This can

be as serious as any accident.

When we are frustrated, it is all too easy to trust anyone who talks with us. But let's be cautious. We may come under the influence of professional hate-peddlers, who are sure that the world is all wrong, the government is unfair, the "power structure" is trying to destroy us. Even before we start to regain our balance, we may begin repeating the same theme song. For anyone, this is poison.

There is no law of nature to guarantee that all people have an equal chance in this world. And there is no man-made law that can keep bad luck from striking some people a thousand times harder than others. But if a person does not renew his hope and faith—if, instead, he falls into the easy habit of agitating and complaining—he may destroy his own best chance to rise out of poverty.—Don Wilcox.

NEXT WEEK: The "professional poor."

LOS TRES PELIGROS CUANDO SE VUELVE HACIA UN NUEVO EMPLEO

¿Cómo podemos acomodarnos al cambiar de un empleo de poco sueldo a uno de más? Parece fácil. "Aquí tiene Vd. la oportunidad. ¡Agrade el empleo y pongase a trabajar!"

Pero unas veces se encuentran peligros cuando tratamos de hacer gran cambios. Aquí hay tres:

1. Cuando una persona empieza a ganar mejor sueldo, quizás no gaste bien. Pronto, quiere comprar todo lo que necesita. "Compre ahora y pague más tarde," unos mercantes dirán. "No hay que hacer nada más que firmar su nombre." Y luego sigue una sucesión de gastos hasta que se encuentre vacía la cartera.

Cuando uno empieza a ganar más, tiene que proceder lentamente, a se despertará bajo un gran peso de deudas.

2. Cuando una persona consigue mejor empleo, el camino puede resultar tan extraño y difícil que quizás quisieré volver hacia atrás.

Opportunity News:

I am stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, in the Air Force and I have received a few of your papers and would like to take time out to thank you for them.

I went home on leave to Carlton this last July and I met one of your representatives, at the camp my dad is foreman of. He said he would send me the paper if I wanted one. I said I did and I told him I would send you a thank-you letter if I did get the paper. I got it, so now, I thank you.

Sincerely,
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"Esta gente extraña no son amigos míos," se dirá. "Este trabajo es demasiado pesado. De veras, ¿quiero dejar la pobreza?"

De repente, deja el empleo y vuelve a su vida anterior. ¡Qué tragedia! Todo lo que hizo para mejorarse se ha echado a perder.

Si esto le pasa a Vd., no se deje por perdido. Recobre sus energías para proceder de nuevo. Recuerdese, si tenga éxito, los hijos de sus hijos—sus nietos—empezarán la vida en diferente nivel.

Y ¿qué—sus viejos amigos? Muéstrelas el camino y le seguirán.

3. Cuando una persona trata de mejorarse y resbala y se cae, puede resolver hacerse lamentador o agitador.

Cuando uno se da grandes ilusiones de éxito—pero resbala y se cae—¿es suficiente prueba que todo el mundo esté equivocado? El hombre que no se aprovecha de una nueva esperanza inmediatamente se mete en el peligro de hundirse en un pantano de derrota. Esto puede resultar tan serio como cualquier

accidente.

Cuando nos encontramos frustrados, es demasiado fácil fiarse en cualquier quien nos hable. Pero, tomemos precauciones. Podemos caer nos bajo la influencia de los que odian, de los que están seguros que todo el mundo está equivocado, que el gobierno es injusto, y que su poder nos trata de destruir. Aun al recobrar nuestro equilibrio, podemos empezar a repetir la misma canción de nuevo. Y esta canción es veneno.

No hay ninguna ley natural que garantice que todos tengamos una oportunidad igual en este mundo. Y no hay ninguna ley hecha por hombres que pueda impedir que la mala suerte le toque a unos mil veces más que a otros. Pero si una person se niega una nueva esperanza y fe—si, en vez se deja caer en la costumbre de quejarse y agitar—pueda que destruya su propia oportunidad de dejar la pobreza.—Don Wilcox.

LA SEMANA PROXIMA: Los pobres de profesión.

ADULT CLASSES IN CANBY

The Department of Adult Education of the Woodburn Opportunity Center invites you to participate in a night school in Canby.

School: Howard Eccles Bldg.

Courses in: Elementary English, Basic Education, GED Preparation in order to obtain a certificate equivalent to a high school diploma.

Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Teacher: Mrs. Beck.

You need: a notebook, a pencil and a willingness to learn.

CLASES PARA ADULTOS EN CANBY

El departamento de educación para adultos del Centro de Oportunidad de Woodburn lo invita a que participe en una escuela nocturna de Canby.

Escuela: Howard Eccles Bldg.

Cursos de: inglés elemental, educación básica, y GED preparación para obtener un certificado equivalente al de high school.

Noches: martes y jueves, de 7 a 9 p.m.

Profesora: Mrs. Beck.

Necesita: un cuaderno, un lápiz y muchos deseos de aprender.