

LET'S BE SOCIABLE

Club Hears Review Of De Kruif Book

Mrs. W. G. Heath was hostess to members of the Vernonia Study Club for their regular meeting January 18th. Attendance was small as several members were ill.

Mrs. Ralph Valpiani was in charge of the program and gave an interesting review of the book "Kaiser Wakes the Doctors" by Paul De Kruif.

Dr. De Kruif, former bacteriologist at the University of Michigan and at Rockefeller Institute, now spends much of his time reporting science's dramatic struggle for a healthier mankind.

The book, written in De Kruif's dynamic style, tells of the medical plan in effect at Kaiser shipyards. The set-up at Kaiser's Richmond, California yard is described as a "model of disease-fighting efficiency and promise" and is called "tomorrow's health

today". The highly controversial question of medical insurance for all the people is handled in a very decisive fashion.

During the business meeting it was voted to contribute to the March of Dimes and to sponsor a Campfire group of which Mrs. Heath is guardian. Preliminary plans for the forthcoming Red Cross drive were made with the civic committee to be in charge.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Valpiani with Mrs. Fred Tousley in charge of the program.

Drama Club Members Name New Officers

Members of the high school drama club convened Monday eve, for a supper and business meeting in the school economics room. Election of officers named as president, Dave Buell; secretary and treasurer, Doris Porter; and reporter, Roy Frank. Outgoing officers were: president Alvin Tapp; sec.-treas., Jay Hall; and reporter, Dale Bacon.

Miss Esther Willers, club director, received a gift of a mirror corner shelf from the members.

Letters were presented to the ones who had been in three major plays. Club members receiving the awards were: Dale Bacon, Martha Wells, Jay Hall, John Schram, Roy Frank, Alvin Tapp, Phyllis Belongia, Doris Porter and Pat Gibson.

Several members of the club, with Miss Willers, were in Portland Saturday to see the play, "Papa Is All" at the civic theater.

Mrs. Walter Linn Receives Initiatory

Nehalem Chapter 153, OES, met in regular session last Wednesday evening with the new officers presenting the Initiatory degrees for Mrs. Walter Linn.

All members were urged to donate blood to the Red Cross blood bank by Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, chairman of war activities committee.

Refreshments were served in the social hall from tables decorated with snowflakes and candles presided over by a gay little snow man.

Takin' Things For Granted

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There was a bit of annoyance at the Rocking W the other night, but it taught us something. Odd, isn't it, that most of us learn our most important lessons from our troubles rather than from our pleasures?

We were expecting a week-end guest from the Big City on the nine o'clock bus, and were filled with pleasant anticipation. Then I went out to start the car. It wouldn't start. I tried and tried, first prayerfully, and then "cuss-fully". The Big Boss came out, his face covered with lather, to show me how. It still wouldn't start. The lather dried on his face and he began going slightly berserk. That didn't start the car, either.

Our flashlight was dead, so I tried to hold a desk lamp in such a manner that he could see to operate on the car's internal organs. The desk lamp developed a short that blew out the big thingamajig in the whoosit, and there we were in the dark—except for the lurid flashes when the Big Boss voiced his opinions of everything in general from cars that wouldn't start to wives who neglected to refill flashlights.

It came to nine o'clock, but at least the phone was still working and our guest was told that we would rescue her from the bus station somehow, even if we had to hitch up Dickie and Queen to the farm wagon. Then we thought of our neighbor, and the Daughter-of-the-House grabbed her courage with both hands and rushed over to ask him if he would help us out. He did, and what is more, he did it with a smile—and a darn nice one, too, so she says. If you think that isn't something, just you have somebody barge in on you on a rainy night at nine-thirty when you are comfortably sitting by the fire after a hard day's work and ask you to start up your car and drive twelve miles through the rain.

So our neighbor brought our guest out. Meanwhile, I hunted up candles, dug an old coal-oil lamp out of the fruit house, gave its glass chimney a "spit and polish" and we spent a very pleasant evening after all the uproar had "died down".

What a lot of things in this world we take for granted and never appreciate until we lose them. Electricity, for instance. We push a button and the room is flooded with cheery light. We think nothing of it. It's there, a part of our daily lives, and we never give a thought to the wonder of it, nor to the dif-

The Forum

MAN—HERE AND HEREAFTER WHAT HAPPENS AT DEATH?

Part 4

God proposed to test man in order that he might first manifest voluntarily whether or not he would obey God and serve him. For this reason God said, "Of every tree in the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:16,17. This shows that God made man a being that could die. "Thou shalt surely die." He said in warning against disobedience. Therefore, the only way by which death could be avoided by man was by disobedience to his Creator, by shunning sin. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4,20.

Who is the author of the doctrine of the immortality of the soul? "The serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely

ference it makes in our existence.

It is the same with neighbors. You see them, exchange small talk and laughter, and go your separate ways, until a moment of need arises, then you understand how necessary neighbors are in the scheme of life; how much an integral part of our living they really are.

There are other things, too, that we use without thought of their value to us: the right we have in this country to say what we feel and think, the right to order our own lives, to do the work we want to do, to express our own individual desires. We have accepted all these privileges as a matter of course. Have we ever thought what life would be like if they were taken from us? We not only have failed to appreciate them, but we have so often abused them. Maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea if we began to "count our blessings" and learn to appreciate them at their full value, and be willing to fight and work for them, even to give them up for the time being in order to secure them for the future. If we don't it is entirely possible that somebody may blow a fuse plug and plunge us all into darkness. It's worth thinking about.

die." Genesis 3:4. That liar (John 8:44) was none other than "that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world." Revelation 12:9 Paul predicted that "doctrines of devils" would be accepted among some professing the faith, and the doctrines of the immortality of the soul is one of them. (1 Timothy 4:1)

Our first parents believed the lie propounded by Satan and they sinned. When God said that man disobeyed His word and disobeyed Him, He took special care that he should not exist upon this earth an immortal sinner. God said, "And now, let him put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden. . . . So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." Genesis 3:22-24.

With access to the tree of life thus cut off, man left the Garden of Eden as a mortal sinner. But even then God did not leave him hopeless. It was promised that one of Adam's descendants—the seed—would accomplish man's

redemption from sin. (Genesis 3:15.) That seed was Christ. (Galations 3:16.) Thus God has given to man another chance to obtain immortality, or "everlasting life," but it is on condition that he repent of his sins and accept Christ as his Saviour. (John 3:16.) To be continued. G. F. Brown.

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