

CHANCE EVENT BEGAN PROBE

Committee On National Illiteracy Approved By Hoover After Boy's Talk

One of the big oaks that sometimes suddenly develop from small and innocent acorns is the new Advisory Committee on National Illiteracy, just appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, "with the approval of President Hoover."

One hot Sunday last summer a young Blue Ridge mountaineer "took his foot in hand" and strolled down to the President's camp. A man-to-man chat, elicited the fact that education was scarce in the region. Somebody remembered that drafted soldiers during the war showed a shocking percentage of illiteracy in practically every state. A modest young newspaper man thought it over, and also "took his foot in hand" and went into the depths of the Blue Ridge to investigate.

The result was a series of articles dealing with facts as he found them which sounded as if they might have been written on conditions in the well-known "backward nations" which the United States often poses as leading into the light.

Immediate result—personal action by the President in establishing a school near his camp, and next the appointment, as stated, of the imposing "Advisory Committee on National Illiteracy," headed by the United States Commissioner of Education, of some twenty-two members which include some of the most distinguished of educators and public-spirited citizens almost as many states of the Union.

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THE CHRISTIAN HOME

IT is fitting that a study relating to the Christian home should center around the story of the home in which Christ was born and where, therefore, in a sense, Christianity began.

Our knowledge of the early life of Jesus is limited in extent and in matters of detail, but it is surprising how deep and adequate it is in point of essential facts. We have, for instance, the clear representation of the worthiness and goodness of Mary his mother. It was not an accident that she should have been chosen among women for the privilege of mothering the child Jesus.

Surrounded by Love

In this home we see the child Jesus growing up under the influences of love and goodness. In the earliest years of his earthly life he sees the meaning of love and loyalty and kindness. There is here no such terrible handicap as confronts many children and young people in America today.

The sweet aspect of divorce and of the breakdown of family life is not found in the tragedy that it brings to adults but in the selfishness and immoralities that corrupt and befoul the most sacred relationships of life. It is found rather in the devastating effect of these things upon the young, and in the denial to the young of the care and benefits of home and of parenthood that ought to be the heritage of every child.

Over against these things place the reality of Christian life. It is true that these ideals may not always be realized. Christian professions and church membership do not always guarantee faithfulness and beauty of character. But the Christian ideal of marriage and home life should be judged by its failures, but by its realizations.

These things are so elemental that one would think that they should be commonly recognized. Perhaps people more widely than we realize start out with high ideals and good intentions but succumb to the temptations and the burdens of life. The problems of the average home are so acute on their financial side, and in other respects, that unless there is the sort of love that creates great patience and forbearance, as well as much common sense and kindness.



There is no relationship in life that so carefully tests the ultimate ideals and characters of men and women as the relationship of marriage and the bringing up of the children of that relationship. There are so many rocks upon which the ship of domestic life may be shattered that perhaps the marvel is that so many come through so safely.

His Ideals Are Clear

But there can be no question concerning the positive ideals that Jesus set forth and the enforcement of these ideals, not only in his teaching but in all that related to his associations and his example. To feel the sacredness and privilege of home responsibilities, to think of children as Jesus thought of them, to think of all of life's relationships in terms of love—all this is to establish and incalculable the only sound foundation for home and family life.

And it is in building upon this foundation that individuals can not only find the highest happiness in their personal lives, but can make the richest contribution to the welfare of society.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

- BY MRS. MARY WOODSON
- MENU HINT**
Pineapple Mixed Grill
Cabbage, Beet, Celery Salad
Hot Bran Rolls
Pumpkin or Squash Pie
Coffee
 - Here is a "different" luncheon. Try it on your friends some time. The grill will serve four plentifully, six if no one has a second helping.
 - Today's Recipes**
Pineapple Mixed Grill—Six slices canned pineapple, twelve small pork sausages, three cooked sweet potatoes, halved, twelve large mushroom caps. Prick sausages and boil ten minutes. Drain and saute until brown. Keep hot while sauteing the pineapple slices, mushroom caps and sweet potato halves until tender and golden brown. Arrange pineapple on a warm serving platter; across the center of each slice, place one sweet potato half and on each side of sweet potato place a sausage. Arrange two mushroom caps on top of the sweet potato and garnish with watercress or parsley.
 - Cabbage, Beet, Celery Salad**—Chop cabbage, cooked beets and celery together in proportion desired. Mix with your favorite salad dressing and serve on lettuce.
 - Pumpkin or Squash Pie**—One one-half cups strained squash, one cup scalded milk poured over the squash before the sugar is added, one egg, slightly beaten, one-half cup sugar, one teaspoon salt, one teaspoon cinnamon. Mix and pour into an unbaked crust, put into a hot oven, lower heat after fifteen minutes and bake until custard is set.
 - Turkeys to Be Government-Graded**
The government will grade more than 500,000 turkeys this year through the bureau of agricultural economics of the U. S. department of agriculture. Government inspectors will grade birds at terminal markets in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Detroit, and Chicago, and co-operative agreements have been made with state departments of agriculture for federal-state grading at shipping points in Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, California, Montana, Minnesota, Virginia, and Maryland.

Government-graded birds will have paper "bracelets" around the shank, on which the grade will be printed over the initials of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The grades are "U. S. Prime" and "U. S. Choice," as applied to young birds that meet the requirements of these grades, and the older birds which qualify will be labeled "U. S. prime, mature," or "U. S. choice mature."

Approximately 200,000 turkeys were government-graded last year, but it is expected that more will be graded this year. In view of the estimated increase of 9 per cent in the size of the crop as compared with last year.

Pear and Tomato Salad
Slice chilled tomatoes and lay one slice in each of eight individual nests of lettuce. Place a pear half on top of each, cut side up. Mix one cream cheese with three tablespoons of chili sauce, and pile in the pear cavities. Garnish with strips of pimento and serve with either mayonnaise or French dressing.

A single pearl valued at \$20,000 disappeared from the desk of a manufacturing jeweler in Chicago but was found later in a waste basket.

Ethel Graham, 18, of Rockford, Ill., committed suicide the day after she told her parents that a "hoodoo" pursued her everywhere.

WITH WOMEN TODAY

There is only one woman member of the United States Service Commission, and that one is Miss Jessie Dell. She is one of the highest paid women in the government.

Miss Dell started as a clerk in the war department just after the Spanish-American war. She has 30 years experience in government work.

Kansas Women Lead

A check-up of official leaders of the various states shows Kansas has more women in responsible positions than any other state. Kansas women obtained suffrage early, and they went after political jobs. As a result, women county school superintendents now outnumber men, and women are yearly taking over more city, county and state offices.

In Kansas there are women county clerks, registers of deeds, treasurers and clerks of district courts. There have been women sheriffs county attorneys and probate judges. Several have served as judges pro tem in district courts, and there are about 60 women lawyers actively practicing in Kansas.

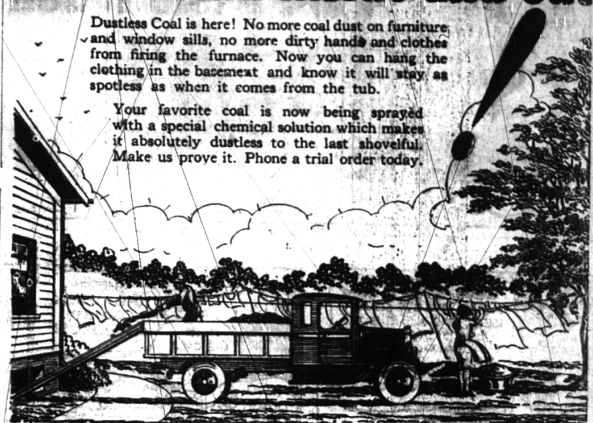
Kansas has a woman state accountant—Mrs. Bertha Wetherton, who formerly was assistant state auditor and before that, assistant budget director. Three of the state's largest institutions have women assistant bank commissioners and another is head of the women bureau which looks after the distribution of the bonus to Kansas ex-servicemen.

The state moving picture censor board is also composed of women.

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No. 45

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The person with a contagious ailment—even in its early stages—may endanger the health of those about him unless capable medical advice is sought and followed without delay.

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