

Spend More Time, Make Wiser Choice

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Choosing a career, next to buying a new suit or dress, is a relatively simple matter these days if you take the trouble and time to make the choice intelligently. Many young people today make the mistake of just looking for work without giving it more thought or as much as he or she does when they buy the new fall outfit!

Did you know you could take advantage of vocational guidance to help you make this all important decision? Of course, you want to be sure you recognize that your advisors can only guide you, not make your decisions for you. This rests squarely on your ivy-league shoulders!

One vocational counselor advised a girl with a large vocabulary to become an author. She turned out to be a frustrated would-be novelist when she could have been a happy, productive stenographer.

ASK YOUR parents about the necessity of knowing where you are headed for in this fast action-packed world of today. Among the unhappiest people on earth are the "industrial misfits" who hate their daily work. Consider carefully the advantages and the disadvantages of entering a business because your relatives think it would be "nice for you."

In the last analysis you are the one who's got to deliver the goods. You are the one who has to work out your own business salvation.

WHENEVER it's possible, spend weeks or even months finding out about an occupation you are considering entering. Ask questions of men and women who have "been there."

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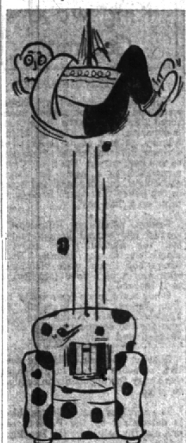
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Hi Life
by TOM MANHARD



"Daddy—look at the skunk I found!"

Visitor

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It was going to be great to live in such a place.

I was enraptured. We were shaking hands and before I had fully recovered, half-way home.

ON THE FIRST evening in Trondheim, after we had come home from the rail station, I was taken on a tour of the house and shown how everything worked.

My family knew little English and I knew less Norwegian. They wanted to know about everything the trip over, what kind of school I went to, and all those things people who have never met discuss.

What we actually talked about

I shall never know. For I am sure that beneath the gestures, smiles, and exchanged vocabulary, the conversation was lost.

CERTAINLY many an important point was translated into a different key and lowered several octaves when just the reverse should have prevailed.

After a long day of walking up in the mountains, my father would often say, "Are you dirty?" and I would have to reply that I was. This went on for some time. During the last climb we made, he said, "Are you dirty?" I said, "No" because we had just started. In a few moments the secret was discovered. He had meant "tired" and not "dirty."

OTHER WORDS got mixed up, but most of them were my mixing. At various times we became involved in discussing the differences between the governments of the U.S. and of Norway, segregation, the President, movie actors, and various other subjects ranging from politics to kidnapers.

As the days slipped by, my family showed me many things around Trondheim. Beyond the tourist attractions are the most interesting places—places where the people of the country go.

One afternoon, down by the docks, we went to a fish market. The building was very long and the roof low. Along each side stretched endless tables of almost every kind of fish from the sea.

LITTLE FISH and big fish, every color, every shape, and size imaginable, were on the block. A crowd of smiling Norwegians, all bargaining and comparing prices, lined the counters four deep.

A delicate odor of shrimp and herring seemed to tease the deep fishy smell that must engulf the place day and night. I was very surprised to find it so meticulously clean in between their arms.

When Sunday arrives, it's off to the beach. In some places the shore is rocky with a few yards of sand leading into the water. In others, large smooth horseshoe hills of rock swoop vertically into the blue ocean and nestle a vast sand beach in between their arms.

YOUNG AND old alike come to enjoy the salt air, warm sunshine, and refreshing water. Everywhere there is activity. Boys are playing soccer, many people are swimming, others are working on sunbats, little kids go on adventures that only little children can, and everywhere games of badminton are in progress.

Norwegians are a very active people.

When the middle of summer came, I had to change families. It was decided that I could see much more of the country side if I went to my second family in Oslo by

Mercedes Benz truck. Traveling the narrow, twisting, turning mountain roads through much of the country from which folk tales and legends of trolls and huldres have come, was one of the real adventures of the summer. But that begins another tale.

Blackbird

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your b-beard, and she started laughing harder than ever.

"Stop it, Emeralda-Jane, stop it this minute," said the King and "let me think what to do. How would you like to add a feather to your present nose, a nice, curly feathery one?"

"WE COULD stick it right here," he pressed her bitten nose very gently but firmly.

"Ker-choo," said Emeralda-Jane, "the very thought of it makes me sneeze! No, that will never do!"

"Well, then, maybe—no—then perhaps, yes, yes," the King said happily, "yes, that's it! A beautiful golden carrot!"

"Ugh," said Emeralda-Jane shuddering, "there's no glamour in a carrot nose. I'd look like a witch! A-and I don't want to look like a w-witch, and poor Emeralda-Jane started crying all over again."

"YOUR HIGHNESS," said the Queen, "I have an idea." The King looked at her lovingly and patiently. "If you can take your finger out of your mouth, we can hear you better, Honey-Child."

"Why not," said the Queen, "have the Royal Baker bake Emeralda-Jane a nose?"

"Oh, I'd like that," said Emeralda-Jane, "I could have the right size and shape and always smell good, too!"

"Excellent idea," excellent, Honey-Child," said the King and clapped his hand thrice. (That means three times in

fairly stories.) The Royal Baker appeared immediately.

"Your Highness," he said anxiously, "thrice for me?"

"I DID," said the King, "I want you to bake Emeralda-Jane a nice fresh new nose ... she's had an accident."

"Nose!" said the Royal Baker, "you did say, nose?"

"Yes," said Emeralda-Jane taking the Royal Baker's arm and "I wanted it to smell forever of ginger ... that's my favorite odor."

"It is," said the Royal Baker, "well, isn't that a coincidence—mine, too. Let's go to the Royal Kitchen right away and I'll bake you a beautiful, beautiful ginger nose. By the way, Emeralda-Jane, have you considered marriage seriously?"

EMERALDA-JANE turned to the King and curtsied. "I think you should knight the blackbird, your Highness. He did me a favor, didn't he?"

And with that the Royal Baker and his bride-to-be—the ginger-nose left the counting house of the King.

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