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# 4-H-WARD

October  
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A 4-H FARM FAMILY



This is your fall issue of the 4H-Ward.  
Next issue will be your Jan.-Feb. issue.

Two complete programs are outlined below for your October and November club meetings.

The "4-H Admission Ceremony" found on Page 19 in the booklet "Aids for 4-H Achievement Observance", which you have received or will soon receive, might suit your needs more than the Organization Playlet.

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[ Theme: ORGANIZATION OF A 4-H CLUB ]

DEVOTIONAL: Psalm 40:1-8

PRAYER:

"O God, Our Father, give me clean hands,  
clean words, clean thoughts;  
Help me to stand for the hard right against  
the easy wrong;  
Save me from habits that harm;  
Teach me to work as hard, and play as fair  
in Thy sight alone as if all the world  
saw;  
Forgive me when I am unkind; and help me to  
forgive others who are unkind to me;  
Keep me ready to help others at some cost  
to myself;  
Send me some chances to do a little good  
every day, and to grow more like Christ."  
--Amen.

SONGS:

"4-H Clover" (Page 14, March issue)  
"Let me call you Sweetheart" (4-H-Ward)

POEM: "Life's Mirror" (from Poet's Corner)

Scene I  
PLACE: Living Room in farm home.  
TIME: One Saturday afternoon  
CHARACTERS: Mrs. Brown, a farmer's wife,  
house dress;  
Mr. Brown, farmer, in overalls;  
Ellen, their daughter;  
Bob, their son.

(Curtain rises - Ellen reading a novel and Bob whittling a stick of wood by the fireplace. Mrs. Brown busy mending clothes.)

ELLEN: I'm so tired of reading all day long. I wish I could do something worth while; something to help others. Mother, you never let me help you with the house work, and Dad says the stockings I darn look like lightning struck them. Oh dear, I'm so unhappy. Why don't we move to the city where things really happen to folks.

MRS. BROWN: Ellen, you know I don't like for you to talk that way. When you are as old as I am you'll know how fortunate you were in your youth to live in the beautiful country---far away from the buzz and smoke of the city. And Bob, you must grow to love farm life more.

BOB: Oh gee Mom! there's no fun out here. Dad thinks I'm not able to feed the stock and do the milkin'. I haven't a pig of my own like Johnnie Jones has, who lives across the land. Did you know that Johnnie has a pure-bred gilt to feed and care for? He told me yesterday he belonged to the Pig Club. I asked him what that was and he said he would take me to their next regular meeting, which is today. May I go Mom?

MRS. BROWN: Sure, Bob, then you will be able to tell us what club work means.

BOB: All right, Mom! I'll be home about six. Bye.

MRS. BROWN: Goodbye dear. (Exit Bob.)

ELLEN: Guess I'll make some candy.  
(Exit Ellen.) (Enter Mr. Brown.)

MR. BROWN: I'm so tired, and I've just been down to the barn and found four of my best hogs sick. I don't know what I'll do. I try so hard to attend to things and everything goes wrong somehow. I want the children to grow

up real lovers of the farm and home and I find it hard to stay here year after year and bring in no results of my labor.

MRS. BROWN: Come now, don't be discouraged.

I know it seems impossible to keep Bob and Ellen satisfied at home on the farm. But I am sure the future has some plans for us.

CURTAIN

Scene II

(Mr. Brown reading newspaper--Ellen talking over telephone to girl friend--very enthusiastic)

ELLEN, (at phone): Oh Mary Ann, I'm sure I'd love it. Do you really make your own dresses too, and learn how to can and bake bread?.....Oh really? Well What do they do at Camp?---What does 4-H mean? I'll ask Mother if I may join. I know she will say yes when I tell her how much I can help her with her household duties.-----I'm so glad you called and I'm so excited about it .....I hope she says yes....Bye.

ELLEN: (rushing over to Mother who just came in room) Oh Mother, guess what... Mary Ann just called asking me to join the 4-H Club, and I told her you would surely allow me to join.

MRS. BROWN: But Ellen, what is a 4-H Club?  
(Enter Bob with pig-club record book and bulletins.)

BOB: Hello everybody.

MR. BROWN: Hello son.

MRS. BROWN: Hello Bob.

ELLEN: Hello.

ELLEN: Bob, I'm invited to join a 4-H Club, and I was just telling Mother about it. So listen! The first H stands for Head, to think, to plan, and to reason. The second H stands for Heart, the symbol of love. The third stands for Hands, with our hands we can render a great service not only to ourselves but to all with whom we come into contact. The fourth H stands for Health. It means health in body, mind, and soul.

BOB: Oh that's the same kind of a club I just joined------(looking at father.)

that is if Dad will let me raise a pig of my own.

ELLEN: And Mother, think of it, I will learn how to sew, and darn, and bake, and can, and everything.

BOB: Ha, I can see you doing it. Why Sis, Mom has to coax you to make the beds and wash the dishes.

ELLEN: Oh, is that so Mr. Smart Alick? Well from now on I'm going to do things around this house for I need all the hours I can get for my Achievement record, and Bob maybe if you join the Pig Club you will find something else to do besides tease your sister, So there!

MR. BROWN: (Looking up from newspaper---disgusted) What's this all about. Such talking and yelling, I can't even read the paper in peace around this house.

BOB: Dad, I want to join the Pig Club.

ELLEN: Well silly, tell Dad all about it. He doesn't know what you're raving about. Begin at the beginning.

BOB: Well you didn't do such a swell job of it either. Listen, Dad---Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, our 4-H Leader, has organized a real live-wire Pig Club and I want to join so that I may learn all about how to feed pigs, how to pick out the good ones, how to show them so that they will win prizes and then use them to start a herd of my own at home. Then, if I can get all this done I can try for a scholarship at State College. My! Wouldn't that sound like a program for a country, Dad?

MR. BROWN: I don't know son whether I could trust you to raise a pig or not. I've had hard luck today. Bob, four of my pigs are sick, and I can't seem to be able to determine what's wrong with them.

BOB: Oh Dad, I can find out in this bulletin what to do for sick pigs, one of the boys at the club meeting told about some of his experiences with his sick gilt. Let's go out and look at them.

MR. BROWN: All right son, but I don't think there is any use. You can't farm from a book, you know. (Exit Mr. Brown and Bob.)

MRS. BROWN: Poor Dad, I hope Bob can help him with his work.

ELLEN: Now Mother, I want to start right in for my achievement record---so you sit down there and let me finish preparing supper and I'll get to start my record of dish washing after supper and you won't have to ever do them from now on. Aren't you glad?

MRS. BROWN: Yes, I can hardly believe it. If your Club will make you that happy, Ellen, you may join. Maybe that will keep you busy and you will be more content at home. (Exit Ellen.) (Mrs. Brown picks up paper to read.)

CURTAIN

Scene III

PLACE: The Brown Homestead.

TIME: Two Years later.

(Curtain rises. Mr. Brown and Mrs. Brown very happy. Room shows improvement in appearance and Mr. and Mrs. Brown are all dressed up.)

MRS. BROWN: What a happy home we now have since 4-H Club Work came to our community. I can hardly believe my eyes when I see Ellen so anxious to do the housework and our Bob spends most of his time getting suggestions and advise for the Pig Club.

MR. BROWN: Yes, Bob has certainly stirred me up. I sure am glad I took his suggestions on what to do for sick hogs. He saved all four of them Ma, and now things look pretty good around the farm and our house looks so cheerful. That last pig Bob fed is the finest looking hog I ever saw. I didn't know there was so much difference between pure bred and my old grades

ELLEN: (Joyfully skipping into the room--wearing new cotton or linen school or sport dress) Oh Mother and Daddy, see the new dress I've just finished. Isn't it just adorable and just think of it-- I made every stitch myself, and it only cost me (\$ ) (Walks around room real proud in her new dress, and goes over to Mother and kisses her, then gives her Dad a big hug.)

MR. BROWN: Why that's a lovely dress Ellen, and Mother you are right about 4-H Club Work. It makes life on the farm worth living.

BOB: (rushing in) Dad---guess what happened to my gilt. She has 12 little pigs and they are the cutest things. Do come out and see them. Come on Ma---and Sis. (Bob pulls them all out the doorway.)

CURTAIN

Scene IV

(Telephone rings---Mr. Brown answers.)  
Yes, I'm Mr. Brown. Oh Mr. (County Agent) how are you? What's that? Bob--Our Bob--- Scholarship---Scholarship at State? -- Gosh, that's fine. He will be ready next fall. Well that solves the College problem for Bob.  
MR. BROWN: (calls Bob in from yard.)  
MR. BROWN: Son you have won the Scholarship at State College.

BOB: Oh gee, Dad, honest?  
MR. BROWN: I'm mighty proud of you my boy. (Enters Ellen and Mrs. Brown.)  
BOB: You tell 'em Dad, I'm too excited.  
MR. BROWN: Our Bob won the Scholarship to State and will begin his course next fall.  
MRS. BROWN: Oh how lovely.  
ELLEN: I'm so happy Bob. I knew you could do it.  
BOB: Yes---now call me Smart Alick if you please. (Makes face at sister and smiles.)

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II. Theme: HARVEST

DEVOTIONAL: Psalm 95:1-6  
1 Chronicles 16:7-12

PRAYER:

"Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.  
O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And Blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, And guide us  
when perplexed, And free us from all  
ills, In this world and the next." Amen.

HYMNS: "We Gather Together"  
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

POEM: "Gratitude" (from Poet's Corner)



THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a real American tradition, dating back 329 years ago to the days of the early colonization of America.

The year of 1620 was a hard one for the Pilgrims who had settled on a small part of the New World called Plymouth. The inexperienced colonists had not succeeded in growing enough food crops to last through the severe winter and many of them died of starvation. But during the next spring and summer, the crops flourished and when the time of the harvest came, there was an abundance of everything.

In the joy of their harvest, these men and women tried to forget their many hardships. Governor Bradford said to them, "We have survived cold and hardship. Let us give Thanks." A day was set aside to give thanks. It was more than a day of feasting---gratefully the people met in churches, praising and thanking their Creator for His goodness and mercy.

A century and a half later, George Washington turned to a nation born out of a crucible of pain and sacrifice to say:

"Let us give Thanks."

Eighty years passed and after a bitter strife in which a nation sought life and unity through military conflict, Abraham Lincoln said to his people, "Let us give Thanks." Like Bradford and Washington, he chose the last Thursday in November for a special day to give thanks and proclaimed it Thanksgiving Day.

- October 15 - Records due in State Office
- 18-22 - State Fair
- 19 - Judging of Records, State Office
- November 5-13 - National Achievement Week
- 7-8 - Better Methods Congress, Raleigh
- 10 - Records on potatoes, corn, cotton, peanuts, tobacco
- 15 - Talk Meet
- 27-
- December 1 - National 4-H Congress

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ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Achievement Day is one of the times when 4-H Club work is put before the public. It is an excellent opportunity to let the citizens of your county know what club work is and what is being accomplished in the county, as well as in the state, by you and your program.

Ways in which you can make this week most effective will be found in the publication from Washington, "Aids for 4-H Achievement Observance," which has been sent from this office recently. Also refer to the October 1948 issue of the 4-H Ward. You will find suggestions for 4-H window displays and exhibits. Later you will receive a copy of a letter from Mr. Harrill, the Governor, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the President to 4-H Club members congratulating them upon their achievements.



# COUNTY ECHOES

## ALAMANCE

HOME VISITS: Around 70 visits were made to 4-H Club members and leaders on project work, 4-H Camp and 4-H Club Week in July.

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## ORANGE

LONG-TIME RECORDS: Several club girls are working on long-time records in an effort to complete them before the new school term begins. When approached on the subject of compiling a long-time record, one girl remarked, "But I haven't done anything to put in a record book like that." But she got out her pictures, ribbons and old record books and it soon developed that she had completed 4-H Club projects every year since she was nine years old and had a victory garden.

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## WILKES

OLDER YOUTH CONFERENCE: Plans are being made for the organization of an Older Youth Club in Wilkes County. Carolyn Foster from the Champion community and Lloyd Broyhill from Boomer along with the Assistant Home Agent attended the Older Youth Conference held at Camp Millstone August 26 through 29. At the conference they participated in group discussion and learned a great deal about organizing an Older Youth Club. It was a very inspiring conference and we hope to have an Older Youth Club in Wilkes County in the very near future.

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## WAKE

COUNTY PICNIC: Wake County held its annual County picnic on Friday, August 5, at Pullen Park. Approximately 250 attended. This picnic was for the 4-H Club members and their families.

## COUNTIES EXHIBITING AT STATE FAIR

McDowell	Food Preparation
Watauga	Sheep
Union	Poultry
Catawba	Dairy
Rockingham	Soil Conservation
Greene	Swine
Gates	Garden
Stokes	Clothing
Lenoir	Room Improvement
Cumberland	Home Beautification

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## CHEROKEE and CATAWBA

Spreading good-will in Norway this year are Carolyn Smith of Cherokee County and Coyte Sigmon in France of Catawba County. All reports from these people have been most favorable and they will have so much to tell us when they return.

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SCHOOL OPENS, CLUB MEETINGS BEGIN: Returning from vacation, we were faced with the opening of schools. There is a challenge to make this 4-H year the best in the schools that it has ever been. To begin this right, the Ass't Farm Agent, Mr. H. Bruce Butler and Miss Hurst or Miss Odelia Barber visited every principal in the schools of Wake County. This was to promote friendly relations and also to arrange a definite schedule with each principal. We were delighted with our reception at each place. The results are that we have our meetings scheduled at the best hours of the day and still have the good will of the principals. They are backing us as far as possible. We are looking forward to having the best program possible for the coming year.

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GATES

As a community project each club in Gates County is putting up signs at all churches. They give the name of the church and the denomination. They have had similar projects of school signs. The 4-H Club is responsible for the putting up of the Flag Pole and its maintenance.

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As you enter Iredell County on any highway, you will see a sign of WELCOME from the 1000 club members in the county. It is an excellent idea to welcome the folks and ask them to practice Safety or Prevent Forest Fires --- to protect Wildlife while in your county.

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PITT

During Safety Week, Pitt County was very busy putting the importance of Farm and Home Safety before the public. Window displays were put on by club members. Radio talks were made; newspaper articles were written; programs were presented by club members to the civic clubs. Everyone made this a successful week. People of the county are more conscious of the importance of Safety of the farm and in the home.

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NASH

RURAL YOUTH DAY: Contests, swimming, greasy pig, beauty queens, square dancing, and downpours of rain were some of the features of Rural Youth Day. Approximately 1500 parents, neighborhood leaders, and children gathered at Riverside Park in Rocky Mount, Thursday, June 30, for an afternoon and evening of fun and entertainment. Money, time and effort were not spared by the Junior Chamber of Commerce when they planned the occasion, neither was enjoyment rationed to their guests. Many eager children through Nash and

Edgecombe Counties had assembled sometime before the appointed registration hour, believing surely they couldn't wait one hour longer. But the hosts were on duty, welcoming each arrival and wishing for him a most enjoyable time.

Inclement skies were fairly kind after all for it was possible to hold most of the contest at the park before rain forced us to Planter's Warehouse No. II about five o'clock. All the contests were eagerly participated in by the children. An on-looker could not help but get excited wondering just which child was going to be firm fingered enough to clench the greasy pig and bring him securely to the judges.

About six o'clock, a delicious barbecue plate was served along with ice cold drinks. The ease and speed with which they quenched those hungry appetites was most interesting.

Interest reached the apex in the beauty contest. About fifty lovely girls modeled, and really created a difficult job for the judges. They selected first, second, and third place winners from the Junior and Senior Contestants. Although only one of these, Peggy Skinner, second place winner for the senior clubs, was from Nash, we feel our girls were just as pretty as those from our sister county; but they just failed to purchase black bathing suits.

We were delighted to have Miss Eleanor Barber, Mr. L. R. Harrill, Mr. Jesse James, and the Norway Exchange 4-H girl from the 4-H State Office, and Mr. E. L. Norton, District Agent, with us. They seemed much impressed with the occasion and enjoyed it along with the rest of us.

Guests were given their choice of attending any of the shows in town during the evening, or staying on in the Warehouse for the square dance. Whichever type of entertainment suited the guests and their feelings, we are sure it was enjoyed.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Rocky Mount does many wonderful things, but we feel none of them surpass this event for providing wholesome recreation and enjoyment for the rural people of these two counties. Our profound appreciation goes to each of them from each of us.

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# MUSICAL NOTES

"Sing for the Wide, Wide Fields"

Sing for the wide, wide fields,  
Sing for the wide, wide sky;  
Sing for the good, glad earth,  
For the sun on hill tops high.  
Sing for the comrade true,  
Sing for the friendship sweet,  
Sing as together we swing along  
With the turf beneath our feet.

Origin: Love of fields, earth, sun on the hilltops and companionship is expressed in this song of the out-of-doors. Although written especially for the 4-H Clubs, it appeals to all who have a knowledge of and fondness for, the field and the growing things therein.

Rena M. Parish composed the music and Fannie R. Buchanan wrote the words. The "Field Song" is the fifth and favorite of the 4-H songs which these two women prepared jointly. The others are: "Dreaming", "Plowing", "Health Song", and "Friendship Song". Miss Parish finished the music for the "Field Song" after entering the hospital during her last illness. Of the song she said, "I think this is the happiest of all the 4-H songs." It was introduced at National 4-H Camp, Washington, D. C. in 1933--the year it was written.

Fannie R. Buchanan spent her early childhood in the village of Victor, Iowa, near which her father owned a farm. She graduated from the school of music at Grinnell College and for several years had a private studio where she taught piano to young children. Later she joined the Educational Department of the Victor Talking Machine Company. Following this, she became extension assistant in home and community development at Iowa State College. Miss Parish lived on a farm near Grinnell and was one of Miss Buchanan's pupils. Later they studied harmony and composition together at Grinnell College.

## Methods of teaching Songs:

1. Flash cards or kodachrome slides are excellent to use along with the song. A set of cards may be as elaborate or as simple as you care to make them. Pictures to illustrate each line of the song may be drawn or cut from magazines. Use a different card for each picture and print the line of the song below it. The last two lines may be combined with one picture. Place the set on an easel or music stand--as the group sings a line of the song, change to the next card.



2. Use Slide Film: No. 613 - America the Beautiful  
Star Spangled Banner  
Home, Sweet Home

No. 617 - Song of Health  
4-H Clover and Rose  
Song of the Open Country

No. 618 - Plowing Song  
Dreaming  
4-H Friendship  
4-H Field Song

Thanksgiving Day

The 4-H Sign

Over the river and through the wood,  
To grandfather's house we go  
The horse knows the way  
To carry the sleigh  
Through the white and drifted snow.

(Tune: Smiles)

There are boys that take to banking,  
There are boys that like the law,  
There are boys that think the busy doctor  
Is the one whose life has not a flaw,  
There are boys that strive to make big  
Fortunes,  
But for use you need not feel alarm,  
For the boys that we want in the future  
Are the club boys down on the farm.

Over the river and through the wood,--  
Oh, how the wind does blow!  
It stings the toes.  
And bites the nose,  
As over the ground we go.

There are girls that think the city,  
Is the only place to go,  
There are girls that do not care for cook-  
ing,

Over the river and through the wood,  
Trot fast my dapple-gray!  
Spring over the ground  
Like a hunting hound,  
For this is Thanksgiving Day.

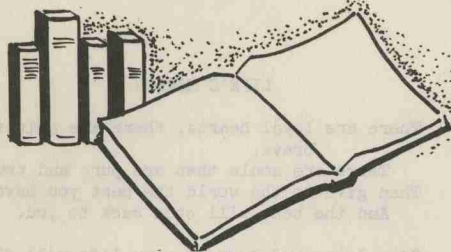
Or have no time to knit or sew,  
There are girls that think the joy of living,  
Is an auto or a dress so fine,  
But the girls that we want in the future,  
Are the girls with the 4-H sign.

Over the river and through the wood,  
And straight through the barnyard gate--  
We seem to go  
Extremely slow,--  
It is so hard to wait!

There are clubs for girls in sewing,  
There are clubs for canning too,  
There are clubs that teach us to feed  
poultry,  
As the best of poultry breeders do.  
There are clubs for raising corn and  
"taters,"

Over the river and through the wood;  
Now grandmother's cap I spy:  
Hurrah for the fun!  
Is the pudding done?  
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

Feeding pigs, or calves, or sheep so fine,  
All these clubs to make us better farmers,  
Are the clubs of the 4-H sign.



# Poet's Corner

## GRATITUDE

For starry night and dawn of day,  
 For winds that in the willows play,  
 For every gift that comes my way,  
 I'm grateful.

For sunshine bright and silvery rain,  
 For harvest time and ripening grain,  
 For joy that ever follows pain,  
 I'm grateful.

For steeple bells that gaily ring,  
 For homing birds upon the wing,  
 And love that only worth can bring,  
 I'm grateful.

For furrowed field and upturned sod,  
 For paths that I alone have trod,  
 For faith that lifts my soul to God.  
 I'm grateful.

-----Alice Whitson-Norton

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## WITHIN

"Some folks in looks take so much pride,  
 They don't think much of what's inside.  
 Well, as for me, I know my face,  
 Can ne'er be made a thing of grace.  
 And so I rather think I'll see  
 How I can fix the inside of me;  
 So folks'll say, "he looks like sin,"  
 But ain't he beautiful within.

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## A CLUB BOY'S PHILOSOPHY

'Tis a grand old place--this farm of ours,  
 With meadows wide and shady bowers.  
 The corn stands ripening row on row,  
 Dad's field and mine---both you know,  
 Planted just right the 4-H way--  
 Who says that club work doesn't pay?

Why should I stray from the farm away,  
 To spend my life in the city gray?  
 In raising calves I take delight,  
 Because I've learned to do it right.  
 There's only one method--the 4-H way--  
 Who says that club work doesn't pay?

There's a lot on our farm to be proud of,  
 indeed;  
 We have purebred stock and pedigreed seed.  
 By following the advice of our college,  
 you see,  
 We are in business together--Dad and me--  
 And we run the livestock the 4-H way--  
 Who says that club work doesn't pay?

--R. S. Allen

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"Then your apples all is gathered,  
 and the ones a feller keeps,  
 Is poured around the cellar-floor  
 in red and yeller heaps;  
 And your cider-makin's over,  
 and your wimmern-folks is through  
 With their mince and apple-butter,  
 and they're souse and sausage, too!  
 I don't know how to tell it--  
 but ef sich a thing could be  
 As the angels wantin' boardin',  
 and they'd call around on me--  
 I'd want to 'commodate 'em--  
 the whole-indurin' flock!'  
 When the frost is on the punkin  
 and the fodder's in the shock!"

---James Whitcomb Riley

BE THE BEST OF WHATEVER YOU ARE

LIFE'S MIRROR

If you can't be a pine, on the top of the  
hill,  
Be a scrub in the valley--but be  
The best little scrub by the side of the  
rill;  
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the  
grass,  
And some highway happier make.  
If you can't be a muskie, then just be a  
bass---  
But the liveliest bass in the lake.

We can't all be captains, we got to be  
crew,  
There's something for all of us here.  
There's big work to do and there's lesser  
to do;  
And the task we must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway, then just be a  
trail,  
If you can't be the sun, be a star.  
It isn't by size that you win or you fail--  
Be the best of whatever you are.

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Only a thought in passing---a smile or  
encouraging word---  
Has lifted many a burden no other gift  
could have stirred.

PERSONALITY--It is not what he has, nor  
even what he does, which directly expresses  
the worth of a man, but what he is.  
---Henri-Frederic Amiel.

THOUGHT--To act is easy; to think so  
hard....-----Goethe.

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits  
brave,  
There are souls that are pure and true;  
Then give to the world the best you have,  
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,  
A strength in your utmost need;  
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show  
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and you gift will be paid in  
kind,  
And honor will honor meet;  
And a smile that is sweet will surely find  
A smile that is just as sweet.

For life is the mirror of king and slave;  
'Tis just what we are and do;  
Then give to the world the best you have,  
And the best will come back to you.

---Madeline S. Bridges

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Isn't it strange that princes and kings.  
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,  
And common folks like you and me  
Are builders for eternity?  
And to each is given a bag of tools,  
A shapeless mass and a book of rules;  
And each must make, ere life is flown,  
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

A NOBLE DEED is a step toward God.  
---Holland.

HAPPINESS is as a butterfly, which,  
when pursued, is always beyond our  
grasp, but which, if you will sit  
down quietly, may alight upon you.  
----Hawthorne.

# IT'S FUNTIME!



- THE TEN FINE BIRDS:** The club sits in a circle and the game begins by the leader saying, "A good fat hen." This is repeated by the whole club in turn, but only one speaks at a time. When all have said, "a good fat hen," the leader begins again. 2. "Two ducks and a good fat hen." This is also repeated by the whole club as before. The following are added, always beginning with the highest and descending to a "good fat hen." 3. Three squawking wild geese. 4. Four plump partridges. 5. Five pouting pigeons. 6. Six long-legged cranes. 7. Seven green parrots. 8. Eight screeching owls. 9. Nine ugly turkey buzzards. 10. Ten bald eagles.

Of course, the last one would be "ten bald eagles, nine turkey buzzards, eight screeching owls, seven green parrots, six long-legged cranes, five pouting pigeons, four plump partridges, three squawking wild geese, two ducks, and a good fat hen."

**CORN SHELLING CONTEST:** Select 5 boys and give each an ear of corn. See which one can finish shelling his ear first. (Have them on the stage while participating.)

**STUNT -- "The Sick Maid":** Characters: Mr. Dull - Mrs. Dull - The Doctor - The Maid.

Scene: The Maid's bedroom, home of Mr. Dull. No scenery required. Use a single bed, or cot, and chair. (At rise of curtain, Maid is discovered in bed with bed clothes drawn up around chin. In a moment Mr. and Mrs. Dull enter, followed by the Doctor, who carries a small black bag.)

Mrs. Dull: (As she enters) This is the third Day.

Mr. Dull: And not a thing the matter with her that we can find out.

Mrs. Dull: She simply refuses to get up and it's the only room we have for a maid.

Doctor: (kindly) Now, my good girl, what's the matter? (Maid refuses to answer) Come, come! Speak up! Tell me what's the matter? (Maid still does not speak)

Mr. Dull: (excitedly) That's just the way she's been with us. Not a word out of her, yet she simply refuses to get out of bed.

Doctor: Has she eaten anything?

Mrs. Dull: Well, I couldn't let her starve.

Mr. Dull: I'd let her starve. The idea! In bed for three days and no reason given at all.

Doctor: There must be something wrong.

Mrs. Dull: If there is, we haven't been able to find out what it is.

Doctor: All right, I'll try. (Pulls chair to bed and sits beside patient.) Now, my girl, there must be some reason for your remaining in bed this way. Let me feel your pulse. (Maid shakes her head in the negative.) I won't hurt you. (She again shakes her head.)

Mr. Dull: That's it! She won't speak either. She either speaks or she goes to the hospital. We need the work done and have no place to put anyone else.

Doctor: (To Maid) There's nothing to be afraid of. If they have mistreated you in any way---

Mrs. Dull: Mistreated? The idea!

Doctor: There must be some reason for her actions.

Maid: (Suddenly sitting up in bed) I'll tell you the reason! They haven't paid me in nine months and I stay here until they do! (Flops back in bed)

Doctor: (Rises) Oh, is that all? (Motions to Maid) Well, move over. They haven't paid me for nine years!

NUMBER CALLED: Players are seated so as to form a circle or semi-circle and the chairs, not the players, are numbered consecutively. The players rhythmically clap their hands twice then snap their fingers, first with the left hand, then with the right. As they snap their fingers on the left hand, the player seated in the chair numbered one calls "one" and they snap their fingers on the right hand, he calls out the number of one of the other chairs, number 8, for instance. After the player clap their hands together twice again, the person sitting in the chair numbered 8 repeats the process, calling his number on the left hand and that of another person on the right. This continues until a player misses after which he moves to the end seat and the persons seated below him move up a seat. The object is to move toward the head of the circle.

THANKSGIVING MIXER: For a group of large size, this would be an excellent beginning game. Write the word "Thanksgiving" as many times as necessary so that each player will have one letter of the word. This would mean three times for a group of 36. Cut these into single letters and give each person one letter. Then tell players they are to try to find enough people to spell the entire word. As they discover other players with the letters they want, they link arms and search until the word is spelled. This goes on until each person has found a group to complete the word. "T" will look for "H" and link arms with him. They will look for "A" and so on. No player can link arms with players other than those who have the letter immediately preceding or following his in the word. If you group is small, the word can be shortened to "Thanks."

GOBBLE: After the guests are divided into groups, each team chooses the name of an animal. The leader gets up and makes a speech, and whenever he raises his right hand, the groups imitate their animal. When he raises his left hand, everybody is silent. When he raises both hands, everybody gobbles like a turkey.

FIND THE BELL: The group forms a circle, standing closely together, shoulder to shoulder, with "it" in the center. A small, tinkling bell is passed around the circle on the outside. "It" tries to locate the bell by its ring. The one caught with the bell then becomes "it".

MERRY CHRISTMAS, NEIGHBOR: Each guest is given from five to ten Christmas tags and pins. The announcement is then made that anyone who can shake the hand of another guest, bow, and say, "Merry Christmas, Neighbor" before the other guest can do the same, is permitted to pin a tag on the person thus greeted. The first three persons who succeed in disposing of their tags receive prizes, such as inexpensive toys.

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