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A Woman Passes Judgment on Other Women

By Charles D. Rowe

A young woman once stepped into my office when I was still publishing a newspaper who was very indignant. A baby had been left by a careless mother in an automobile across the street and the infant had been voicing protests to high heaven for a considerable time. That was what caused the young woman's indignation. Expressing that indignation she remarked to me, with anger and disgust in her voice: "Some women shouldn't be allowed to have babies."

That incident was recalled to my mind when I read in the Sunday papers Kathleen Norris' weekly column. She told of having visited certain homes for boys in her own neighborhood where she found 700 care of institutions. A few of the boys were orphans. Some were from "broken homes" caused by divorce. Many of them had been turned over to the homes because the mothers were too busy in other work or simply didn't want their own offspring. Kathleen Norris was shocked beyond measure. She expressed some of that shock in these words: "What are these mothers and fathers putting in the boys' places? What domestic luxuries, movies, comfortable quiet evenings and dancing compensate for this injustice to their sons and this loss to them? Are we American women so unimaginative and so flaccid that we cannot adjust our lives to make room for our boys?"

"What are we made of, we American women, that we don't dare sacrifice, plan, contrive and work to keep our homes and our children together?"

All of which called back the expression of the young woman in my office—"Some women shouldn't be allowed to have babies." That, of course, is a self-evident truth. One sees proof of it in every community. Children brought into the world and then shamefully neglected by unnatural mothers and fathers.

A great hue and cry has been raised against the proposal to sterilize the unfit. We have often wondered if the habitual criminals and the mentally unfit should not be sterilized for the protection of society. But how can you reach those otherwise normal women who give life to a child and then heartlessly abandon it to an institution in order that life for them may be easier?

Once again the nation has united in celebration of Labor Day. In our own community it resulted in an enjoyable affair participated in by nearly the entire population. And that is as it should be. This happy cooperation, we hope, is merely symbolic of the coming time when there shall be industrial peace and cooperation throughout the world because of industrial justice as between man and man.

A man even with only half a vision must see that there is a mighty social revolution under way throughout the world. The ignorant, downtrodden masses of Asia are feeling it. They are stirring in their just wrath and rising in a mighty surge to throw off the cruel exploitation that has ridden them for centuries. This same revolution is being felt throughout Europe and elsewhere. A milder form of it is seen in Great Britain and also here in America.

The wise statesman will recognize this revolution as an inevitable and

desirable thing. Because in it one sees the age-old struggle of the human family to overthrow entrenched greed and establish a greater justice. And happy are we in this favored land because here much of that struggle is in the past. Here labor finds its greatest degree of freedom. Here there is the highest standard of living found anywhere on this earth. Here there is the greatest opportunity for the boy and girl with ability and ambition. Under our system of government there has followed an existence so excellent that we are the envy of the entire world.

And labor, of course, has had a mighty part in bringing these good things to pass. Labor has helped develop a continent. Labor has moved forward through the years and is still moving forward. As the days and weeks and months pass, it is acquiring greater power and greater responsibilities. To justify those responsibilities it must develop a leadership that is altogether wise and far-seeing. Labor has today won for itself such tremendous power that it is now confronted with the test of whether or not it can produce leaders of real statesmanship caliber. Because today its aims and policies can no longer be judged solely by whether or not such policies and aims are good only for those who labor. The higher test today must be whether or not the measures it advocates are wise for an entire nation. That is the high position to which labor has finally come. It has fought its way upward throughout the centuries until now it stands as part and parcel of those who decide the policies of a nation. No longer can labor be content to struggle merely to improve the living conditions of a single class. Today it must plan for the welfare of all the people. And labor's demands must of necessity be judged by that supreme test. Can labor produce a leadership that will measure up to that test? The future of today's generation depends to a great degree on how well that question is answered.

Merritt Dutton spent last week in Missoula where he visited relatives and friends.



GOOD MAN OR GOD-MAN?

It will do no good to say that Jesus was a good man and nothing more. Jesus was either God or He was not good.

A Man Who told the people of His day, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above." Who claimed that He was entitled to a degree of honor equal to that of "The Father;" and Who several hours before His death still asserted His divine Sonship—such a Man could be only one of two things: an imposter or the Son of God.

The testimony of His contemporaries, the witness of the Scriptures, and the voice of history demonstrate that, far more than being merely a good man, Jesus Christ is the GOD-MAN, the "God with us."

It was as the God-Man that Christ, by His substitutionary death upon the cross, was able to reconcile heaven and earth and to win salvation for every man. That is why John writes near the end of his Gospel:

"These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through His name." — ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH. (Adv.)

AUTOS TRAVEL BILLIONS OF MILES EACH YEAR

The increase in the popularity of private motoring is one of the most remarkable developments of modern times. Assuming that there were 1,300,000 motor cars and motor cycles in use on the North American continent in May 1934, the total value at even \$1,000.00 apiece—a very reasonable estimate—would have amounted to thirteen hundred million dollars. If these 1,300,000 vehicles covered 5,000 miles a year, or on the average say 100 miles a week, it would work out that 6,500,000,000 miles are covered in a year by motorists, or about 70 times the distance of the sun from the earth.

Now these figures are accurate for one country. The average automobile consumes one gallon of gasoline for every twenty miles of travel so you can readily realize the amount of gasoline that is used in one year. This question is of great concern to the oil companies and as they search the world unendingly for gasoline; the finest automotive engineers are endeavoring to design engines that will run on less gasoline or even a substitute fuel.—CLACK'S SERVICE, L. J. Brown, Prop. (Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winfrey returned yesterday from Weiser, Idaho, where they went last Friday. They

visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Peterson.

National Forest Timber For Sale

Scaled bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Libby, Montana, up to 4:00 p. m., October 11, 1948, for all lodgepole pine and Douglas fir poles marked or designated for cutting located on an area embracing about 250 acres within Section 10, T. 26 N., R. 28 W., M. P. M., Elk Creek drainage, Kootenai National Forest, Montana estimated to be 3000 poles 30' and 35', 2000 poles 40 and 45' and 500 poles 50' and over. No bid of less than \$0.1 per linear foot for 30 and 35' foot poles, \$.02 per linear foot for 40 and 45' poles and \$.025 per linear foot for poles 50' and over will be considered. In addition to payments for stumpage, purchaser will be required to deposit into special funds in the Treasury of the United States, \$.005 per linear foot for poles 30' and over to cover costs of slash disposal. \$1000.00 must be deposited with each bid to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the tim-

ber, the conditions of sale, and the submission of bids should be obtained from the District Ranger, Raven Ranger Station, or the Forest Supervisor, Libby, Montana. (2t - Sept. 9 - October 7)

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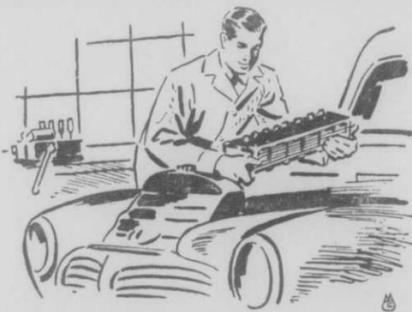
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