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**What Value Shall Be Placed on a Boy's Life?**

By Charles D. Rowe

What is a man worth? I once listened to a famous doctor of divinity ask that question during a lecture he gave many times from one end of the nation to the other. He pointed out that if a man's body were reduced to its chemical parts and sold on the market, it would bring only a few cents. But a man's worth cannot be measured by an evaluation of his physical body, the famous man said. We all know it is the spiritual characteristics of man that give him outstanding value. It is his mind—his character—his soul—his ability that must be considered when one seeks to place a value on a man. It is character and ability and the use one makes of ability that finally determine the worth of a man and his value to the society of his day.

Thinking along those lines during the past week, I was led to ask myself a question similar to that asked by the famous divine—

"What is a young boy or girl's life worth?"

All too frequently a youngster gets into trouble these days. Our juvenile delinquency records show that. When that occurs, just how far should we go in attempts to straighten out the youngster and set his feet on a pathway that will lead to a happy and useful life instead of leaving him to flounder along in his mistaken way into a life of crime and misery? Sometimes to reclaim such a boy or girl requires a great deal of hard work and patience. Beyond question it may cause considerable perplexity and worry. And to reclaim such a boy or girl may use up considerable sums of money. Shall we save that money now and take a chance on the boy becoming a criminal? We know very well that if he or she does become a criminal, it will cost society a much greater sum to take care of either one of them during their criminal years. The past week I have received a copy of "Uniform Crime Reports" for the first six months of 1948, put out by the Federal Bureau of Information. One pertinent note therein says:

"Boys and girls under 21 years of age accounted for 16.1 per cent of all arrests during the first six months of 1948. Of all records received ages 21, 22, 23, 19, and 20 predominated in that order."

Again we ask that question, "Just what is a boy's life worth?" Shall he be led into a happy and useful life, or into one of crime and misery? What is a boy's life worth? You answer that question.

A friend accosted me the other day and I soon noticed he was depressed. He couldn't see much hope in the future. Affairs were bad and growing worse.

"But listen, fella," I said. "This is too beautiful a day to spend in worrying. Just look about you. Isn't this a glorious world?"

He conceded it was. It was one of those perfect fall days we have been enjoying so whole-heartedly the past two or three weeks. The sunshine was brilliant and warm. A few fleecy clouds floated in the blue

heavens. Trees and shrubs gave ample evidence of having been visited by Jack Frost with his paint brush and pot of many-colored paints. My friend and I agreed it is a magnificent world. The only trouble is the people in it. A gorgeous, beautiful, a prolific Mother Nature and yet the people who live upon her abundant bounty are so not-witted that they are making life on this old planet a dreadful mess.

Nevertheless there is no need to grow discouraged and depressed over the future of the human family. The old world has faced many a dark-hued crisis in the centuries that have passed. And somehow she always seems to stumble along and come out of the trouble. When one considers that mankind has only about 6,000 years of recorded history, one shouldn't grow too impatient over the progress that is being made. There is still a lot of time.

Of course, all this doesn't mean we should sit idly by and not do all we can to help drive the clouds away.

Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better equal hope in the world?—Abraham Lincoln.

**METHODIST JR. W.S.C.S. MET AT HIATT HOME**

The Methodist Jr. W. S. C. S. met at the home of Mrs. William Hiatt Friday evening, September 17, with eighteen members and three guests present. Mrs. Joe Pondelick, president, opened the meeting after which Mrs. Ernest Ramsey led the devotions. Rev. W. C. Stearns' topic on the study of China was "Foreign Devils."

The meeting on October 1 will be

held at the home of Mrs. E. C. Os-theimer with Mrs. Ernest Ramsey as hostess.

**STRYKER**

**School Notes**

**Citizenship Club**  
The meeting was called to order by the assisting chairman, Mrs. Vannice. The nominations were opened for president. Those nominated were Charlotte Roedel and Thomas White. Thomas White was elected. Russell Walters and Mary Ann Blanchard were nominated for secretary. Mary Ann was elected.

Several committees were chosen by the president as follows: Wash room, Thomas White; Dusters, Charlotte Roedel and Ann Tussen; Lavatory inspectors, Minnie Tussen, Russell Walters; Flag, Laurence Roedel and Susan Hampton; Eraser Dusters, Shirley Ripley; Librarian, Mary Ann Blanchard; Playground inspectors, Laurence Roedel and Shirley Ripley; Program, Mary Ann Blanchard and Thomas White.

The meeting was adjourned.—Reported by Charlotte Roedel.

Mr. Virgil Fisher of Whitefish is filling in as teacher of the lower Grades at Trego until a permanent teacher can be secured. Mr. Fisher is a brother of Mrs. Betty Vannice who teaches the Stryker school. Ted Baughn of Fish Lake teaches the higher grades at Trego.

**FREEDOM OF RESIDENCE**

There is yet another matter having a very important bearing on the continually increasing use of the motor car, namely the greater freedom which it affords as regards choice of residence. First the motor

car appealed as a means whereby the town dweller could get out into the country, especially on weekends, for both pleasure and health. Now one can live almost anywhere and commute to the city with the utmost ease and not be hampered or tied down with bus or train schedules.

New horizons are opened each day with the automobile. Roads are being improved and the tucked-away corners of the country become as familiar to the motorist as his own back yard. The most beautiful parts of our country are made into national parks and fine highways stretch through these wonder spots. The automobile has joined the finest works of God and the wonderful works of man. In keeping with this many of the service stations have been designed in such a manner to be a beauty spot in-

stead of an eyesore another silent service to the community. CLACK'S SERVICE, L. J. Brown, Prop. (Adv.)

**CLOSSER BAGS A BIG BLACK BEAR**

Jerry Closser who is with the forest service here, recently shot a large black bear near Loon Lake on Pipe Creek. Closser was digging worms to go fishing when he looked up and saw the bear watching him. A shot from his 30-30 finished off bruin.

The bear which dressed out at 200-lbs. carried a beautiful pelt.

Voluntary tuberculosis associations have in operation 250 X-ray units, portable or stationary, which were purchased in whole or part

from Christmas Seal funds. Montana has one mobile unit and one portable unit working.

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Automatic . . . . . 32.50
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Family size . . . . . 19.95

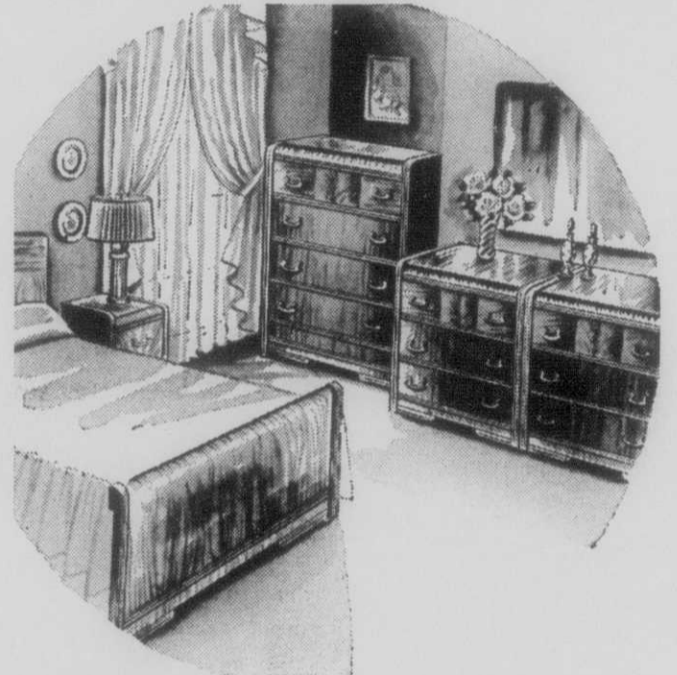
For The Outdoorsman--Here are Some Items of Your Choice.

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R & W . . . . . 46 OUNCE **27c**
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R & W . . . . . 46 OUNCE **23c**
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R & W . . . . . 1 POUND **51c**
- COFFEE**  
R & W . . . . . 2 POUNDS **1.<sup>00</sup>**
- SALAD DRESSING**  
SUNSPUN . . . . . QUARTS **69c**
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**FACING TOMORROW**

Facing tomorrow is always a different task for the hearts of men. It is especially hard in our time. Anxious questions disturb our minds. What will we be doing a few years from now? What about our savings, our children, our whole future? Will there be a war or a depression?

God has an answer for all these questions: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." No matter what the future may hold for us, our strength will be sufficient for it if we cling to Him. He gives us the strength we need for anything and everything in life right at the moment when we need it: not before, not after, but just at the point where it makes the difference between breaking down under the burden of life or standing up by His grace and marching on into a future which belongs to Him just as the past and the present.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH.