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Joy Unexpected

By Emily Burke Adams

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"O H! MOTHER, I don't see how you stand it here—well, daughter, what I endure all the time, you can surely put up with during your Christmas vacation. If college is going to make you nervous instead of broaden your views, you'd best stay home. This is our home; our business is here. This is where we make the dollars to educate you, and I do hope you won't let father know how you feel about it. There are good people, dear, a worthy people; I've worked to promote community interests and I hoped, when we sent you away to college, you'd return different and full of helpful ideas and suggestions."

"But, mother, these queer-looking people and that community singing. Why, they can't sing those Christmas carols at all, and that Christmas pageant is a mess."

"Well, Irene, it isn't as good, perhaps, as Boston would do it, Chicago or New York, but if one person is happier, one person made to see Christmas in a new and true light and a better community result, I'll feel that my community Christmas tree is a grand success. Just wait until Christmas night; maybe it won't all be so bad. We get out of life, Irene, double what we put into it, and I trust, Irene, you're not to be a clinging vine or a parasite."

"Well, but mother, all my party dresses and no where to wear them, and Christmas, too."

"Irene, maybe the other girls would enjoy seeing your dresses. If you don't like their parties, why don't you give them one. Never criticize unless you have something better to offer. A pretty party, with some of your big ideas, would help the boys and girls mightily. But let's retire dear, for with the Christmas tree to look after, I'll be busy. Yes, a Christmas party would add cheer, I'm sure, Irene. Good-night, dear."

Irene kissed her mother good-night. "You are a wonder, Mommy, and what would this community do without you?"

She retired but not to sleep. The words, "Don't be a parasite," rang in her ears.

"Christmas is the time to give joy," mused Irene. "I'll give the greatest party I can, and invite everybody. I'm going caroling with the bunch, too."

So many were Irene's plans and so happy was she over the idea of serv-



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ice, she soon fell into happy dreams. The next morning Mrs. Castle was delighted to see the wonderful changes in Irene. Bubbling over with the joys of Christmas.

Irene told her mother of the pretty Christmas party she'd planned, and that she'd be so happy to lead one bunch of the carolers.

"Well, dear," said Mrs. Castle, "that's true service; helping others is a part of God's divine plan."

Christmas eve came; the community tree—the first Baden had ever seen—was beautiful to behold and something never to be forgotten. The singing in the open air seemed to sound like praises and Christ seemed in the midst. The happy handshakes, the joyous greetings and the throngs of happy children, was a sight to Irene. It was surprising anything she had ever witnessed.

She stepped to her mother's side and said in a low tone—"Oh! mother, how wonderful! True service does pay, doesn't it?"

In the Whirl

A French woman recently looped the loop 212 times in just over an hour. It is wonderful what some women can do to move in high circles.—London Humorist.

WORK OF ORGANIZED BANKING TO PROMOTE BETTER FARMING

By D. H. OTIS

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The Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association has adopted and encourages the following general projects in its national program:



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1. Boys and girls club work.
2. Diversified farming.
3. Increased appropriations for agricultural research.

With the state bankers' associations, the agricultural colleges and hosts of farmers' organizations uniting in all parts of the country, the Commission has held conferences in forty-seven states. The different individual projects approved number 195. Plans are now under way for follow-up work in making these programs effective.

These banker-farmer conferences have resulted not only in definite programs, but they have been the means of greatly increasing interest on the part of bankers. At the beginning there were a number of states that had no agricultural committees. Others were inactive. We now have agricultural committees for each state with the exception of two, and these have promised to appoint committees soon.

Banker Influence

The attitude of the bankers is not that of attempting to tell the farmers how to farm, but rather to aid in bringing about conditions that will help the farmer to help himself. The farmer who produces, the agricultural college that is attempting to improve the quality of farm products, and the banker who furnishes the capital are endeavoring to put their heads together and perform team work. A representative of one of the colleges of agriculture recently made the statement that the bankers could do more than the colleges for the advancement of agriculture. The banker is in position to influence the type of agriculture practiced by the farmer patrons. A county agent comes in contact with only 15 to 20 per cent of the farmers of his county, while the bankers come in contact with at least 75 per cent.

In some localities farmers seem to be prejudiced against bankers, due largely to misunderstanding. There is no better way for relieving this strained relationship than by getting the banker and farmer pulling together for their mutual interests and for the community.

If agriculture is to develop it is necessary to maintain on the soil men and women who will put as much intelligence into their business as is put into other lines of business. It is hard to change the attitude of mind of an old farmer. The great hope is in developing boys and girls into men and women who will be interested in improving the conditions on our farms. Out of forty-seven programs adopted at the banker-farmer conferences, thirty-

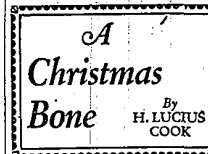
three included boys' and girls' club work as one of their lending projects.

Farm Accounting

A large number of bankers are recognizing the importance of inventories, financial statements and farm accounts and are encouraging the keeping of records among their farmer patrons. Not a few insist on a financial statement from the farmer before making a loan, just as is required of other business men. Such a statement not only acquaints the banker with the financial status of the farmer but also brings the farmer face to face with conditions on his farm and calls attention to opportunities for improvement.

In many states county bankers' associations are being organized with agricultural committees. In New Jersey every county is thus organized. Ohio has a representative of the agricultural committee in every county in the state. Wisconsin has added thirteen agricultural committees to its county organization. In Arkansas educational training has been run in cooperation with the railroad, the College of Agriculture, and others for stimulating interests in better farming methods. In Oregon the Bankers Association employs a field secretary to devote his entire time to carrying on educational and agricultural programs. In Kentucky special plans have been developed for coordinating the various organizations interested in agricultural development. Key men, bankers, have been appointed in sixty-five counties. An annual income of \$5,000 is provided and field secretary employed.

It will be seen that the efforts of the Agricultural Commission and the committees of the bankers, in cooperation with the colleges of agriculture, have been co-ordinated workable programs. The field for work appears unlimited. The spirit of the bankers and the colleges is superb and effective results will be accomplished.



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HAT was going to happen? Bobby simply could not understand what it was all about, so he determined to find out what was the matter. The best way would be to sit up and see what Mr. and Mrs. Fixlet did after the children went to bed. He knew that they would not care, as he was now so big he was allowed to do as he pleased.

About ten o'clock when he came in from his walk, therefore, he strolled deliberately down the hall.

"Sh!" he heard Mrs. Fixlet exclaim. "Oh, it's only Bobby" was her husband's reply, so he kept right on down the hall.

When he got to the living room he went in and lay down on the sofa to watch.

Soon Mr. Fixlet left the room, and returned dragging a big tree. Whatever he brought that tree in for Bobby could not imagine. Ordinarily Mrs. Fixlet would have had a fair to see the thing in the house. But tonight her face was radiant.

Together the Fixlets got out a lot of colored things and great strings of popcorn and pretty lights, and covered the entire tree. After that they left the room and came back with arms full of bundles that they lovingly placed around the base of the tree. It took them so long to do this that Bobby fell sound asleep.

When he awoke the room was swarming with the entire family, all of whom were laughing and joking and opening packages and blessing each other. It seemed as though the world had gone crazy. But Elizabeth soon noticed him and came and danced with him around the table. That was all the attention he got, so he went for a stroll into the town.

When he got back dinner was being served. He went in and stood by Elizabeth's chair. The table was literally groaning with food, and the turkey fairly made his mouth water.

The odor of turkey suddenly grew stronger, so he glanced around. Elizabeth's hand was down under the table and it held a drumstick of the turkey. It was for him. Wagging his tail frantically, he kissed her hand before he took the bone, and then he heard Mr. Fixlet say laughingly, "Why, Elizabeth, more turkey so soon? You certainly made quick work of that for a little girl."

Thus Bobby was not forgotten at the Christmas meal, and the world did not seem so crazy as he had thought it was.

Christmas Cigars

Christmas cigars come just in time to save the man who thinks about swearing off on the first of the year.

Battle of Bees

A battle of bees in an English garden resulted recently in the complete extermination of the peaceable occupants of one set of hives by piratical visitors from other hives in a neighboring garden. The battle lasted several days. The owner of the garden, seeing thousands of angry bees buzzing about, at first supposed they were early swarms. It was not until the conflict was over, when he found practically all his hives tenantless and robbed by the pirates of all the honey and sirup, that he realized what had happened. Countless slim bees were then found in the garden. Only two hives remained to him. These were tenanted by broods of different and harder stock, which was evidently able to fight off the attacking hordes.

Seeks to Tame Wolf Pup

An attempt to make "pals" of a German police dog, two and one-half months old, and a prairie wolf, three months old, is being made by Mrs. Eunice Wallin Pomeroy, 709 State avenue, Kansas City, Kans. The prairie wolf is one of nine puppies captured near Topeka, Kans., after the mother wolf had been killed. The wolf pup and police dog pup have been together for weeks now. They play together as if they were pups of the same species, Mrs. Pomeroy says. The wolf pup will eat out of Mrs. Pomeroy's hand.

Lasting Pencil Marks

Pencil marks on a beach pole at Cape May, N. J., supposedly written June 25, 1870, have weathered the elements without fading, according to Frank Dignan there, who recently discovered the old pole when tearing down the tower of a beach bath house. The rains, sun and wind of 45 years have hardly dimmed the writing, he says.

Giant Gas Meter

A gas meter which will measure 700,000 cubic feet a day, enough for a city of 250,000 inhabitants, is installed at the British Empire exhibition.

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