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## Community Service In 1962

Once more we have come to that time of the year when so many of us make New Year's resolutions, some of them frivolous and some serious. Some of us decide to stop smoking while others decide to go on a diet or decide to be more kind and thoughtful to our fellow citizens.

The really important thing is for all of us to stop and realize we are standing before a brand new book of time. Twelve months, 365 days of the very raw material of life itself—time. What is each of us going to do with the New Year that is unfolding before us? Are we going to make the best possible use of each and every day in 1962? It is so easy simply to drift into another year without any real plan or purpose. How many of us stop and ask ourselves where we are going or what life really means to us. We are content simply to drift along from year to year.

One New Year's resolution we could all adopt would be a greater interest in the well being of our home community. Better informed, more active citizens everywhere is a prime goal in a free society. We could all ask ourselves what we can do to make our community a better place in which to live, to raise a family. What steps can we take in a prac-

tical, personal way to improve living conditions in our home town?

A renewed interest in our local government would be a step in the right direction. The men and women charged with the responsibility of administering our councils and school boards often fail to receive the interest and support of an informed electorate. Government at every level today plays a dominating role in all our lives. In our complex society they make decisions that for better or worse effect all of us. Therefore it only makes good sense that we should strive to know the policies and decisions of every official body and also make sure we elect the best possible candidates to public office.

Another area in which most of us could play a worthwhile role would be in the work of our churches as well as all other service and welfare organizations. Organizations dedicated to helping those in our community less fortunate than ourselves, those who have suffered mishap in varying degrees. The opportunity for community service today is unlimited. All that is required is enthusiastic men and women who are willing and able to donate of their time and talents to any one of many community projects. Let's make 1962 a year of service.

## Food Crusade To Aid Starving Millions

An intensive drive to help ease the hunger that plagues two-thirds of the world's people is climaxed this month in a special Christmas-time appeal to Canadians who want to help families abroad who never have enough to eat.

The annual "Food Crusade" is directed by CARE of Canada, the international person-to-person relief organization. The food crusade is expected to produce thousands of \$1.00 food packages, each containing enough food to help sustain a family of four for a month. The packages contain such staple foods as corn meal, rice, powdered milk, varied according to local diets. Many of these foods are made available without charge by the Canadian and U.S. Governments from our agricultural abundance and others are specially pur-

chased. CARE handles the shipping and packing and CARE representatives abroad supervise the distribution. Packages go to 30 countries of the world where the need is greatest.

Many Canadians feel it is fitting at Christmas time, to add a contribution for someone in another country who needs their help desperately. Donations are addressed to "CARE of Canada, 116 O'Connor Street, Ottawa, Ontario."

All packages carry the name and address of the donor and the green Maple Leaf to mark it as a gift from a Canadian who cares. Many people put their Christmas dollars to doubly good use, by making a CARE donation in the name of a friend whom they wish to remember at the holiday season.

## Drive With Care During Holiday Season

Nearly 200 Canadians will die on Canada's streets and highways over the Christmas and New Year's holidays if past records follow true, according to safety officials.

The drinking driver, late parties, early darkness and adverse weather conditions all combine to build this annual toll, but careful driving and common sense could prevent almost all the deaths. Safety officials offer these recommendations which will help make a happier holiday season for everyone:

- 1) Do not drive after drinking; even one or two drinks can seriously impair your driving ability.
- 2) If you must travel after drinking get a sober friend to drive you, or call a cab.

- 3) When you give a party, provide your guests with coffee or similar beverages before they leave.
- 4) Avoid long trips, especially when you have had too little sleep because of holiday festivities.
- 5) Try to plan your travels for the times when traffic is light.
- 6) Drive a little slower and more carefully; you may be sober, but the other driver may not.
- 7) Keep special watch for children who are out of school during the holiday season.
- 8) Watch for pedestrians; they may not see cars if they are bundled up in winter clothing or carrying an armload of parcels.
- 9) When in doubt, yield the right-of-way to other drivers. It is better to avoid an accident than to insist upon your right-of-way.

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## After The Holidays

Lay the Christmas lights away  
(For use again another day),  
Throw the tree out helter skelter,  
(Birds adore it for their shelter);  
Fold the cards from shelf and wall,  
Being sure you check them all  
For the names that there appear  
(You can send them one next year).  
Attitudes are very formal  
While we're getting back to normal,  
And the thinning larder yields.  
Turkey-burgers for our meals.  
Robert D. Little.

## Have You Read These?

### Book Reviews from the Richmond Hill Public Library

As we approach another New Year, it is time to give some thought to those annual New Year's Resolutions. We hope that everyone will make and keep this one—"I resolve to read a book this week during 1962." With this thought and determination, you will enjoy many restful hours during the coming year. To help you find the books to read, we suggest:

**The Lifetime Reading Plan**, by Clifton Fadiman (World, 1960). This is a discussion of one hundred books and authors from Homer to Hemingway. Fadiman's plan is designed to lead you slowly, gradually, under no compulsion to read the works of the greatest writers of our Western tradition, and to understand what these writers have thought, felt, and imagined. Each selection is discussed and presented to give a brief yet thoughtful introduction to the original author. A bibliography of the various editions available is included, or they may be obtained from the library.

**The Reader's Guide**, edited by Sir William Williams (Penguin Books, 1960). This is another guide to effective reading, and is available in a paper back edition. Sir William compiled this book in response to many letters from people with limited leisure who would like to widen their reading. This need and desire for guidance was so extensive that he has provided this as a systematic and convenient form. It is intended to assist a wide cross-section of the public to be more adventurous and versatile in their reading. Each section has a brief introduction followed by a varied and interesting bibliography. Most of the titles are British in origin, but many are available in public libraries.

**A Voice from the Attic**, by Robertson Davies (Knopf, 1960). Reading for pleasure and a dozen other literary topics are explored by this Canadian novelist-critic, and editor of the Peterborough "Examiner". At a leisurely pace and with an amused air he discourses on the rights and privileges of the general reader—self-help books on sex education, some forgotten Victorian works, book collecting including the vogue for collection of pornography, comic literature, drama as literature, and the present status of writers. This is an inviting commentary for the general reader.

To whet your appetite, especially during the holiday season, a couple of "dippers" anthologies:

**Pick of Punch**, edited by Bernard Hollowood (Arthur Barker, 1961). This annual collection of humour, cartoons, articles, and satire is a welcome favourite

to the dipper of anthologies. Something for every mood and every day, has been the editor's aim, now presented in a new and pleasing format.

**Gentlemen, scholars and scoundrels**, a treasury of the best of Harper's magazine from 1850 to the present. Edited by Horace Knowles. This volume contains some ninety selections of prose, poetry and short stories, dealing chiefly with the passing American scene. Some of the contributors are William Faulkner, James Thurber, Clifton Fadiman, Edna St. Vincent Mallay and John Gunther. Designed to regale the spirit and stimulate the mind, this is a volume unabashedly directed to people of intelligence and wit. Some of the contents are familiar to many, who will welcome their favourites again; much will be new and equally priceless.

**Library hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on Wednesday.**

We wish to send New Year's greetings to all our friends, new and old.

## Dear Mr. Editor GREAT CRIPPLER ARTHRITIS

Dear Mr. Editor:— On behalf of this Society I express our deep gratitude for the wholehearted support you have given us in the year just ending.

When the Society's records for 1961 are reviewed, one cannot help but be impressed with the generous co-operation we have received from the Richmond Hill Liberal, as well as so many public spirited citizens, in our fight against the great crippler—arthritis.

In this season of joy, it should be a comforting thought for you and your staff to know that, through your unselfish support of voluntary health and welfare agencies, you have been the means of bringing aid and comfort to many.

With all good wishes and the hope that this Society will continue to merit your support throughout the year. Yours sincerely, W. PRESTON GILBRIDE, President.

## Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

● Proving that yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

A Denver woman was granted a divorce because she hadn't seen her husband since he left her in a tavern an hour after their marriage in 1954. . . . It's too bad—but think of all the fun she had waiting.

The BBG announces that, after Jan. 1st, it will prohibit only those political telecasts it considers unnecessarily theatrical. . . . Or, in other words, they mustn't be all fiction.

Reeve Ozzie Waffle of Etobicoke says, " . . . no stone is to be left unturned" in ousting Molly Stainer's nursery. . . . Including the heart-shaped ones of the ousters?

A Los Angeles firm has developed a quick-change shoe "cosmetic". It comes in 25 shades—or almost as many as women would need to match their hair-of-the-day.

In "trying to bring arts to the people" the Canada Council has granted \$600 to an Ottawa coffee house for "poetic readings". . . . And how about a few bucks for tealeaf readings? . . . Or iambic fortune-cookies?

On the other side of the picture, a poetic Toronto youth was captured in a bank-robbing attempt after announcing his intent, in poetry, to the bank manager and the papers. Proving, in this case, that rhyme doesn't pay.

Dublin's Lord Mayor says that Ireland will soon be shipping kosher beef to Israel. . . . Holsteins, of course, but think of all that meat and no potatoes!

The Ontario Government is enacting laws to insure that money for "pay now, die later" funerals will be properly invested. . . . And the promoters of the plan can make a big thing out of it by advertising "Guaranteed Returns!"

Heading writers on the Toronto papers (usually fast with a pun) slipped-up on the announcement that Timex Watches are not going to open a proposed plant in India as a result of the Portuguese push-out.

Guards at the Don Jail are being suspended for dyeing and curling their hair. . . . And rightly. The inmates would want to have their locks changed, too!

Metro's Emergency Measures Organization says that plans are almost completed to evacuate Toronto's entire 1,566,000 population. . . . They just need a longer dock into Lake Ontario.

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