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Ethics of the Crew

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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY HOME IS NOT UNLIKE OUR MOST RECENT METHOD OF CONVEYANCE—THE AEROPLANE—FOR IT MUST BE DETERMINED, IF IT IS TO BE USED IN CONSIDERATION, THAT THE HOME AND FAMILY MUST BE ABOVE THE FOG IF IT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN THESE DAYS OF COMPLICATED LIVING.

Landing fields are quite as essential for this age-old institution and the five of greatest importance bear the names:

Health for the Entire Family,
Wise Use of Family Resources,
Beauty in Every Day Life,
Right Family Relationships,
Right Community Relationships.

The first three have been reached and the plane is about to start for the field called Right Family Relationships. Instead of a seat for one pilot, there is ample space for two. This means that there is not a day shift and a night shift or a work shift and a play shift, a week shift or a Sunday shift, but two on duty full time. In the rear, but near the pilot, are seats which fold and allow for one or more people. These, we are told, are for the helpers on the crew—where the number varies in the different planes. Some seats are large; others are small, in order that old and young may each find the one he can most comfortably inhabit him and from which he may learn the A B C's of successful piloting.

Air currents, low hanging clouds which conceal the distant field, and jagged mountain peaks make piloting much more difficult over this air-route which has been used less frequently than the other three. It is essential that the plane have special lighting to safeguard the crew and make landing possible. Just in front of the pilot's seat is a switch board with the number of the crew member. Each button is labelled and pilots must be familiar with the entire board before they are equal to the privileges of directing the plane's flight. One light avoids one hazard, another prevents a second mishap and only with all lights on can the destination be reached in perfect safety.

The keyboard just below labels the first one "respect." Having this light on means that each home pilot recognizes the individuality of the other and he is willing to help him develop. In an adjoining plane a crew forgot to turn on this light and the inevitable happened. The father, a small town merchant, was money-minded. His one ambition was to accumulate more, the not always thru methods approved of his business associates. The "good deals" put across at the expense of someone else were told with pride at the family table. Occasionally the man would call away and in his absence the neighborhood knew that the family was returning from the store, laden with packages, and the delivery boy making frequent trips. The provisions and dry goods in such quantities that nothing could have been calculated. The man was called away and in his absence his son turned on the light of the "respect." The father who had worked for years in building up a splendid reputation with his son lost much ground when he gave way to a fit of anger before the hired man. True, the hired man had been in error, but lack of self control did not right it nor did it make the improvement in the future. That's a button that gets overworked and perhaps frequent repair thru vacation is the best way to keep it in first class condition.

The switch board is a long one, but each button serves a very important purpose and we must not pass by any one. "Sympathy" is on the next and if willingness to share has been lighted earlier this one can be pressed easily. It makes for a close bond among the members and helps not only the one in need but the others in the group to see the mountains. Appreciations, which grow out of understanding, make each member bigger and more nearly equal to his privilege of piloting.

But among the pilots one sees those who wear habitually dark glasses "to keep out the glare" they tell us, but in reality it means that they lose sight of even the faintest rays of the sun. For them day and night look not just gray but blue, not a clear starlit night blue, but the kind you have on Monday. And so the button of Cheerfulness needs pressing. It brings a new perspective and helps to show in their real size the valleys and the heights.

The next label reads "Resourcefulness." We are reminded that the woman in the home plane lives a very monotonous existence with three meals a day, dishwashing, bed-making and all the rest. But there are many who are not as "monotonous." Anything from finding small Dorothy drinking kerosene, the son cutting the tail of the family cat, entertaining the minister or perhaps the Home Demonstration Agent impromptu, taking the neighbor's family in when the mother is being carried off to the hospital or spending only one-half of what you hoped to have for the income. These each of you could add to until we should have a very long list. Training the family to know how to work under normal conditions, but also how to right about face and handle an emergency on the spot is part of the piloting job.

And finally we find ourselves at the end of the long row with but one button left. This gives a brighter light than any of the others with the exception of the first. The last reads confidence and the first the plane, in each member of the crew, in reads respect. Belief in the mechanics of the landing field and the route chosen—this is necessary to make the journey in safety.

So the crew is aboard, the lights are all on, the flight is accomplished and the field reached. As each member alights he finds himself at the entrance to a beautiful building. From the rows of Right Family Relationships they pass between the pillars of

Respect
Openmindedness
Considerateness
Willingness to Share
Patience
Sympathy
Cheerfulness

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4-H Club Girls Give Scholarship

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III. Responsibility of Applicant:

1. To stay in school for at least one quarter beginning March 24, 1926.
2. Apply for and fill out application blanks, returning same to 4-H Girls’ Club Department, Iowa State College, Extension Service, Ames, Iowa.

IV. Responsibility of 4-H Club Department:

1. Judge applications impartially.
2. Announce successful applicant not later than March 1.
3. Present successful applicant with $100.00 on March 24.

Housecleaning

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equipment. It really costs no more in the long run for each piece of equipment lasts just twice as long. Almost as valuable as the cleaning closet itself is the cleaning kit, in which to put the small things needed, when carrying them from one room to another.

Of course, each housewife has to decide for herself just what methods are best to use in her own case. And she can do this by taking the professional attitude toward her work, determining to make it efficient in every detail. By this we mean the methods that obtain the best results with the least expenditure of time, money and human energy. Surely that is a worthy goal toward which any housewife may strive!

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Resourcefulness

Confidence and under the lintel of Social Fitness, enter together into the Temple of Right Community Relationships, which has over its altar the inscription:

“Whatever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them.”