The
Whiteheaded Boy
A Comedy

Presented by the
North Bennington Community Players

North Bennington School Gymnasium
Friday, November 16
1934
RALPH

Seven-year-old Ralph needed a friend and needed one badly. No one had a good word to say for him. Everyone seemed to be against him and had been from the beginning. His mother had not wanted him. She was unhappy in her marriage to the father—a slow plodding man—always behind on rent and the grocery bill—and vented her discontent and impatience on Ralph. He was a rather dull fellow and had developed anti-social habits, largely because of anti-social treatment. After her mother deserted, there was a series of housekeepers who "couldn't be bothered" with him.

The young teacher at school, inexperienced and overworked, did not try to draw him out. Apparently he did not like her and flatly refused to try to learn. The father, at home very little, was bewildered enough by his problems and paid little attention to Ralph and in the neighborhood Ralph was branded as feeble minded.

At the suggestion of the Children's Aid Society, Ralph was brought to the special clinic for sub-normal children by one of the leading volunteer workers in the community. After a lengthy examination the specialist declared: "This seems to be no feeble minded boy; home conditions are undoubtedly responsible for these manifestations; give him a chance, put him where he can be understood and make him happy."

When young Ralph came to the Children's Aid office after this visit he had a smile on his face and Mrs. Block who had been so anxious for Children's Aid help in securing his admission to Brandon school, echoed the specialist's words—"Give him a chance; if my hands were not so full at home I would like to try to see if I could not really make something of this younger!"

If Ralph is to be a good citizen he needs his chance NOW. The Children's Aid Society is working for one for him. In a foster home under the supervision of the Society, arrangements will be made so his father can keep in touch with him and pay as he can for Ralph's care. He will be relieved of worry over Ralph and perhaps will enjoy him now, and as for Ralph—new life.

The Vermont Children's Aid Society is a state wide, private society, working in the interest of children like Ralph. On October 1st there were 150 of these children in foster homes for whom the Society was responsible and 500 children whom the Society had helped in other ways through the past year. During this last month there has been an unusual number of applications for help, but as many of the children must remain in our care for years it is out of the question to take on all that come to us and in some instances it is possible to make other plans.

The Society wishes to acknowledge the help it has received, financially and otherwise, from Bennington township. With the help and interest of friends a great deal may be accomplished for the children of Vermont.

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From the Bennington Chapter rooms last month went over fifty Comfort Bags filled with useful gifts to be sent from Washington headquarters to soldiers' hospitals or far distant posts. A definite message of good cheer and good will for the Christmas season.

This Chapter has the only Braille transcriber in the State of Vermont and word has come from the Congressional Library in Washington that one book of over 750 pages in eight volumes has been in almost constant circulation for six years. Who can compute the number of hours of pleasure those thousands of raised dots have given to their sightless readers and thousands of volumes of these books on the shelves to the credit of Bennington Red Cross.

When sudden misfortune overtakes a family, fire destroys a home, illness or unemployment depleting the larder or the wardrobe, the Red Cross is always ready to extend its help. Emergency provision, be it furniture or food, clothing or care, comfort or counsel may be secured through this agency in our community.

Who will fail to respond to the call? Many who have gladly given generously in the past no longer feel able to make large contributions, but these losses will not cripple the work if everyone who can will do his part. Dollar memberships— if there are enough of them—will lift the load, so let us raise high the Red Cross Banner and Rally Round the Flag.

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The kindergarten founded by Froebel for the purpose of child development along natural and spontaneous but directed lines, was an adventure in education some seventy years ago. Today it is a recognized necessity of a well-equipped school. In America it was first successfully incorporated in the public school system of St. Louis in 1873. Today there are more than 6000 kindergartens in American public schools besides the hundreds in private kindergartens, and kindergarten methods now dominate the best primary schools of the world.

The North Bennington kindergarten was started in the social rooms of the Congregational Church in October, 1930 with 30 children, each paying fifty cents per week. When the new school house was opened in 1931 a room for the kindergarten department was provided, the kindergartener’s salary included in the school budget and each child charged $1.00 per year for supplies.

During 1932 and 1933 the school budget was insufficient to provide kindergarten maintenance and but for the generosity and kindness of friends who were in sympathy with the plans and aims of the department the kindergarten would have fared badly. Even with the financial help of its friends, and money earned and contributed by the mothers of the kindergarten children it was difficult to maintain an entirely free kindergarten for the entire school term and tuition was charged for several weeks each year.

The same conditions prevail this year. Again our friends have contributed but the fund is insufficient to make the kindergarten free for the school year. Therefore, the Community Players of No. Bennington have very graciously given of their time and effort to complete this fund and tonight you witness the result of their endeavor.

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½ cup of milk (whole).
1 slice graham bread toasted.
1 slice graham bread.
1 square butter, 10 grams.
Coffee or tea—without sugar.

Dinner
Clear beef or chicken broth.
Average serving of meat (fat removed).
Average serving of fresh vegetables (two—prepared without fats).
Fresh fruit or fresh vegetable salad with mineral oil dressing.
½ slice graham bread.
½ square butter (5 grams).
Fresh fruit for dessert, average serving.
Beverage without sugar or cream.

Supper
Clear beef or chicken broth.
Average serving of meat.
Average serving of one fresh vegetable (prepared without butter or sauce).
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Fresh fruit for dessert (average serving).
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More than being a fine golf course, which is unsurpassed in beauty by any in the State, the Club has fulfilled more and more its place as a community club. The commodious club house affords an attractive setting for social occasions of every sort. Dances are held frequently during the summer. Card parties furnish amusement at any time the members wish to have them. Teas of very informal character, together with more ambitious efforts, similar to the anniversary tea at the end of this season, have provided entertainment during the summer months.

An invitation golf tournament, the fourth annual event of its kind, was a very successful climax to the 1934 activities. Beside providing an unusual occasion for the club's golfers, it attracted a large number of players from neighboring clubs, all of whom enjoyed an exceptional opportunity to indulge in their favorite sport.

This year the ladies' invitation golf tournament was revived, and the latter part of August witnessed a tournament in which some thirty players took part, local as well as those drawn from clubs within a radius of one hundred miles. The men of America may have made the game of golf what it is in this country, but the women are co-operating, not only in the divisions of sport such as golf, tennis, swimming, etc., but also they have done much to create the country club; it was they who first saw its manifold possibilities as a new form of social meeting place. Accordingly the country club has become just as much an organization for those who do not play golf, men or women, as it is for those who really know the difference between a spoon and a niblick.

Another important phase of Mount Anthony Country club's present position would seem to assure its future. Unlike many clubs which were formed during the years of prosperity, and which now have gone under through financial difficulties, Mount Anthony, organized on a sound basis, is in a position to grow and expand as its membership increases, and with the promise of steady improvement in the future there is every opportunity for the creation of a permanently superior and useful club by the citizens of Bennington.

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Bennington College  
November 15, 1934

Two years ago in this program I discussed the College, which then had neither faculty nor students, as we hoped it would be. Last year I was able to describe a going concern—a little community co-ordinated in its different parts internally, and attempting to become a useful citizen of the town of Bennington.

At that time, however, the institution was very new, not only in the idea of its conception but in its physical plant as well. People driving from Bennington to North Bennington can see it very plainly as they come across the flats. Two years ago those who were observant could not help noticing that of all the buildings on our hilltop, only the Barn and Croquet Hill, which have stood for so many years, seemed to be a part of the landscape.

It is interesting to contrast this situation with the present one. Seen from the flats, the College no longer appears alien to its surroundings. The original buildings are no longer the only ones which seem to belong to Bennington. Partly, no doubt, because of time and the weather, but also due to the fact that the period of probation is now over, the new buildings, tho student houses and the Commons, appear to have settled into the hillside and have been accepted by it as a part of itself. This was the hope when these buildings were designed and named in the New England fashion.

From the beginning the policy in naming the student houses has been that of combining an old Vermont family name with some act of participation in the founding of the College, whether intellectual, artistic or financial. The first was Booth House in honor of the founder of the College; then Jennings and McCullough Houses in faint acknowledgment of the efforts, the faith and the financial help of those two North Bennington families. Another house was named Dewey, after a Bennington and Vermont family known and honored for many years, a member of which, John Dewey, is the foremost philosopher of education in this country today. Canfield also is appropriate, since a member of that old Vermont family gave generously of her support and her faith at a time when Bennington College was an idea rather than an institution. Of the two houses completed this year, Bingham is the name of one of the earliest owners of the land upon which the campus is now situated and is in memory of a descendent of this family who, with her husband, made the College possible through generous financial help. The same reason led to the naming of Wellin House in honor of an old North Bennington family. This tradition will be continued in the naming of the last two student houses needed to complete the plant, when and if it is possible to build them.

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Article 2
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The object of the organization is to promote interest in amateur theatricals and have at all times a group of members who are capable of taking part in the presentation of plays. The proceeds of performances are to be used for current expenses of the organization, expense of play production and to promote the welfare of the community of North Bennington, Vt., through co-operation with organized effort and institutions.

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In its outreach the Association recognizes fully the primary place of home, church and school. Many of its groups are church and school centered with the loyalties of the group members retained within the organization represented; but the “Y” co-operating makes possible a greatly enriched program.

Thirty-two rural schools have been served with a program of recreation and posture correction, with local older boy and girl leaders trained to carry on between the periodical visits of the Y. M. C. A. secretary.

In the North Bennington school system, due to the interest of school board and faculty in co-operation with the “Y”, there has been developed a unique school-centered club program, in which nearly every boy from fourth grade on through high school participates. The activities range from business meetings, opening ritual, handicraft projects to recreational and athletic events on the gym floor. Volunteer leaders direct this splendid wealth of character building experiences, under the supervision of the school and the Y. M. C. A.

The Association has shown itself genuinely desirous of co-operating with every agency for the building of Christian character, and in the working out of plans has been more than willing to remain in the background. Its secretaries have been privileged to be a part of the youth movement of the state as expressed in the summer school of the State Council of Religious Education, the State Youth Council and of course, the State Older Boys Conference.

Once a year the “Y” goes to the community for funds to supplement the income from memberships, room rental, sales and the like. This campaign is a great adventure in faith, and affords a stirring sight when a hundred men in ten teams gather to plan for the effort. Government funds will never replace the sacrificial giving of the community in behalf of the growth in Christian character of its great army of oncoming men of the future.

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**Fillmore Farms Dairy**

**Christmas Boxes**

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Honey jars in the following colors:
Blue, Yellow, Green, Rose or Black

Large Size, 2 lbs. $1.00
Small Size, 12 oz. .50

Additional charge for Xmas wrapping 10c

Boxes may be ordered by number.
Boxes covered with Xmas paper, and wrapped ready for shipment. Any different combination of items will be assembled on order.
THE GIRLS CLUB

Everyone in Bennington knows the charming building which houses the Bennington Girls Club, but only about twenty-five per cent of the people who daily pass it have any idea of its scope or purpose.

The Bennington Girls Club is a social, recreational and educational club for girls in all fields of endeavor. Every girl in the community of Bennington who is sixteen years of age or over is eligible to join the Junior Club. Every girl in High School is eligible to join the Junior Club. Each division has its separate officers, meetings and activities. The club is one of the few organizations which is absolutely non-partisan in every way. The scope of its membership is, therefore, practically without limitations.

The club organization is headed by an Advisory Board of nine Bennington citizens who guide and advise the members in club policies and activities. There is a director to organize and lead the group. Each division of the club is a self-governing and self-supporting organization—the director's salary and building repairs being the only two items for which the Advisory Board assumes responsibility. The running expenses are paid through dues and money-making projects which the members plan and carry out themselves.

The remainder of the educational program is carried out in a series of classes conducted through the club year. This year there are twenty-three for the winter term. The spring term will bring another series. These classes vary in substance from the purely social to the definitely practical.

But, the club life does not by any means consist of just work for the members; play is an integral part of its activity. Each week there is a social gathering of some kind, ranging from teas and dances to hikes and camp suppers.

The camping has been made possible through the generosity of Mr. Wells White of Bennington who has given the use of "Pine Lodge" to the Girls Club. The camp makes possible snow-shoeing and skiing during the winter season, hikes and supper during the fall and spring seasons, and vacation periods and weekend trips for the summertime. The kindness of Mr. White has greatly enlarged the possibilities of the club program.

This brief outline of the organization and its activities may give some idea of the part the Girls Club plays in broadening the life and outlook of the young women of the community of Bennington. The motto of the club is "To have and to share". This is the guiding principle. What it has, it wants to share with the whole community—with other individuals and organizations. And it has to work for what it has.

There are many people who do not know these facts and who have never been inside the club house. Non-members are always welcome within the club-house and are always welcome to question its activities or to join its classes at a nominal fee. This gives every person an opportunity to know what is going on in the little grey stone building which one hundred years ago was Bennington's blacksmith shop.
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Do You Know--

1. That the population of Bennington Town is 14,560 (1930 U. S. Census)?
2. That of the total population of the county 88% are Native Whites—12% are Foreign Born?
3. That the retail trading area of Bennington extends, North 30 miles—South 10 miles—East 20 miles and West 15 miles?
4. That there are in Bennington Town 2,593 families—2,462 dwellings, and 2,127 Home owners?
5. That there are 2,643 telephones in the town?
6. That there are 1,425 radio receiving sets in the town?
7. That there are 4 banks with total resources of over $10,000,000?
8. That the Evening Banner reaches all these outlets with a daily circulation of 3400 papers?

The Evening Banner
Bennington, Vt.
Fight the Dutch Elm Menace

"The Dutch elm disease, first discovered in this country in 1930, has invaded more than 3000 square miles in New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut. Elms will go the way of the chestnut, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, if citizens fail to join forces with the Federal and local authorities now battling with the disease.

Up to September 1, more than 6,500 trees were known to have been infected. Of these, approximately 2,500 have been removed by various agencies, but the others are standing, potential sources of infection to undisceded elms. Elms from seventy-five to 150 years old, which, two weeks ago, showed no external sign of disease, today stand dead. Nothing can be done except to remove and burn them.

A diseased tree can not be treated; it must be cut down and burned, immediately. It is believed that a small beetle, which infests elms, carries the disease from diseased trees to uninfected ones. If diseased and beetle-infested trees are not removed immediately and burned, the beetles will move to sound trees. Only complete extermination of the disease, in the opinion of Lee A. Strong, chief of the United States Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, will save America’s elms."

—From the Literary Digest of Nov. 3, 1934

Besides Dutch Elm Disease several other fungi, serious but controllable, are attacking elms and their symptoms, being somewhat similar, can only be positively identified in the laboratory, but almost invariably these seem to originate in trees having weak or dead branches which furnish ideal conditions for the propagation, in great numbers, of Bark Beetles and these carry the disease to nearby and ultimately distant Elms which they infect as well as weaken. In October, sixty miles north of the recognized infected area, an isolated case of Dutch Elm Disease was discovered in Connecticut.

Only prompt and drastic measures can control this menace to New England’s Elms, the situation cannot be dodged, it must be faced.

All dead trees and dead branches in living trees should be removed and burned before April 1st, 1935. Weak trees fertilized. Extensive and intensive scouting carried on from May 1st to July 1st.

And in addition to the usual spray for the control of leaf-eating and sucking insects Bordeaux Mixture is recommended to combat fungi.