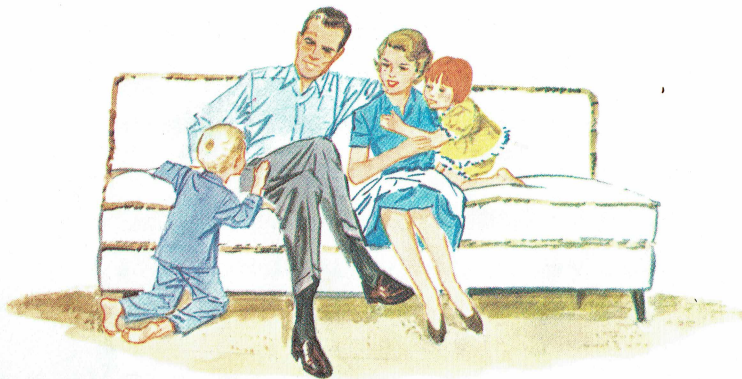


of self-esteem and personal growth and an array of New Age notions, some of them quasi religions based on the primacy of self. . . . This culture of therapy has positioned itself as the antidote for America's fragmentation and the decline of civic culture." We belong to fewer civic groups, vote less, and spend far more time doing things by ourselves, for ourselves. What is this world coming to?

The Good Citizen's Handbook is here to help. In "Good Citizenship Starts with You," we learn the importance of washing our hands before meals, a positive outlook, and not talking back. "Good Citizenship in the



Family" reveals the secrets of "right living." "Good Citizenship at School and Work" illustrates the value of school spirit, fair dealing, and proper penmanship. Chapters on citizenship in the neighborhood and community offer tips for turning blight into beauty, how to be friendly, and why we must never poison the neighbor's dog. "Good Citizenship in Your Country" ensures we fly the flag properly, and "Good Citizenship in the World" stresses that we must treat those from other countries as our neighbors, no matter how odd their beliefs may seem.

Good citizenship is our duty. The future depends on us. The alternative, as we are warned in Edwin C. Broome's and Edwin W. Adams' *Conduct and Citizenship*, is unthinkable: "Character is a nation's strength. The nations of the earth that, like the Roman Empire, have been overthrown were not defeated by outside enemies, but by their own failure to live up to high standards of national character."

—Jennifer McKnight-Trontz

