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The other morning I found myself in the center of a small traffic jam as many hurried parents tried to unload papers for a recycling contest. It was the last day to fill the tractor trailer with newspapers and magazines and some children had gone "all out" to win.

Our son's classroom was

the winner of the icecream and extra honor period as they had the highest number of inches of paper. There are about 450 pupils in his grade but only 7 in his room really contributed to their triumph while the rest "just went along for the ride."

It seems there is a lot of "dead wood" in all groups. Recently at a club meeting I

noticed members did not even bother to applaud winners in a contest. At this same meeting people talked continuously while a group sang several numbers. Many adult organizations are filled with members who lack enthusiasm the same as school groups who have lost their competitive spirit.

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Tomorrow is Easter and Judy has promised to make our candy this year. In fact, when I saw the prices for cream-filled eggs I was glad she offered to make some.

This year Cindy wants to help with a special cake shaped like a rabbit which we decorate and sprinkle with coconut. The custom of painting hard-cooked eggs on Saturday afternoon and eating smoked tongue on Easter morning is a tradition that was carried out in my

house as a child and we have continued it.

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My married son, who lives in an apartment, has acquired a puppy which gives him many happy moments and a few bad ones. They are spending a lot of time training him to use that special box on the balcony.

The other day this puppy came to our house and dashed through the door and immediately was hanging on the kitchen table with his front paws. He almost got his nose in the cherry pie I was baking. After they ate the pie I told them what happened.

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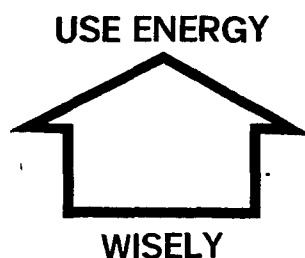
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