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Anything, that is offered for free, does not get respect for which it is entitled. That applies to food, toys, grown-up possessions, gifts, land and other forms of property for which was not earned by sweat, blood and tears.

Conversation with a fellow member of the Grange organization and who is working at a local food bank says too many young people who are capable of working, are asking for huge handouts and feeding their dogs on their discards on the ground, leaving much of it there. Material excesses are unappreciated. Material excesses are unappreciated. Requiring using their various forms of money, such as EBT cards to pay for food bank purchases would sharply reduce wastage.

Given today's litigious attitude of the general population, few homeowners risk casual employment of neighborhood youths. Spare time is used to learn how to avoid bearing responsibility, rather than seeking opportunities for even low-paying starter learning skills.

In highschool shop, we were allowed to work with most anything, even repairing firearms, forging knives on an anvil, fabricating crossbows from car springs and making farm implements. Nothing was damaged and no one injured as a consequence of these efforts. The emphasis was to be able to help youth to learn to use their hands to create or fix the equipment needed for tasks of life. The locale of current lifestyle limits opportunity to challenge one's potential abilities.

(I will have more to say about 83 years of observation...stay tuned)