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THE NUTS CLUB

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"AW NUTS," the sub-debs in Atlanta say to the boys who call to ask for dates, and the young men just laugh and hang up. They understand. The NUTS these girls refer to means the "No Unnecessary Telephoning Society." This patriotic organization was formed by a group of Atlanta girls who realized that they, along with other girls of the long-winded-telephone-conversation-age, were monopolizing many minutes each evening of valuable telephone time, so they decided on this novel club.

Parents of teen age girls know how their young daughters "oh yea" . . . "you don't say" . . . from seven until ten each evening. They know how these sweet young things work long drawn out algebra problems, step by step, over the 'phone, taking hours at a time to figure out the correct answers. Realizing all this because she herself is just such a teenager, Ruth Todd, of Atlanta, gathered together the charter members of the NUTS club. Now they've been operating successfully for many months, and we hear that other NUTS clubs are being formed in various parts of Atlanta.

The club works this way: If a boy calls a club member for a date, he must state his business and hang up—not one minute of chatting for him. Now if he talks over his allowed two minutes, the member says, "So you don't know about our NUTS club. Come on over and I'll explain. Goodbye." If a NUTS member calls another member just to chat awhile, the caller is fined a nickel. And each of the thirty-five members (the club started out with eleven) is pledged on her honor to report all unnecessary telephoning. The fines, when they accumulate, are used for club parties.

Ruth Todd boasts about the success of the club, saying, "We know we've helped the telephone situation out because all the NUTS have cut down their telephoning to about one tenth of what it used to be. For instance, I'm just one NUT and I used to get at least fifteen or twenty calls in one evening, and we'd always talk from twenty to thirty minutes on each call. And thirty-five times this mounts up!" Yes, the NUTS club is a very sensible club!

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