

Unit 67 -POTTER

POTTER Forty-five. Forty-five. After supporting your mother, and paying your bills, you're able to keep, say, ten, if you skimp. A child or two comes along, and you won't even be able to save the ten. Now, if this young man was a common, ordinary yokel, I'd say he was doing fine. But George Bailey is not a common, ordinary yokel. He's an intelligent, smart, ambitious young man — who hates his job — who hates the Building and Loan almost as much as I do. A young man who's been dying to get out on his own. A young man . . . the smartest one of the crowd, mind you, a young man who has to sit by and watch his friends go places, because he's trapped. Trapped into frittering his life away playing nursemaid to a lot of loafers. Do I paint a correct picture, or do I exaggerate?