

Three P's PERSONAL AND PRIVATE PROBLEMS

This column will attempt to answer the personal and private problems of families who submit their questions to this column. These inquiries include family and social problems and will cover questions that come up in living oneself to society; economic plans to include adjustment to business life and careers. All inquiries and names will be held in the strictest confidence. All inquiries and questions should be addressed to "Three P's", care of The Chowan Herald, Edenton, N. C.

The Three P's:
There is a great deal in the papers about the farm subsidies, that it is costing millions of dollars; that some farmers want it and others do not. Do you have any comment to make on this problem?

Dear Lester:
There has been a great deal said and written on the general question of subsidies including the so-called farm support program of the government. Some thinkers believe that subsidies are the

fore-runner of absolute socialism. The word subsidy has a derogatory meaning and connotation; the prefix "sub" means below normal, sub-standard; the root "sidere" means to sit down, so that the word literally means a payment for sitting down on the job and letting some one else pay the bill or support. The purported purpose of the subsidy is to equalize the difference between what the farmer gets for his crops and the price he has to pay for other than farm commodities, particularly the cost of machinery, resulting in the so-called farm price support, acreage allotment and what have you. Generally the honest farmer does not want it and actually those who do need any help get most of it and the small farmer is left on the edge of the field looking at his crops. Then there is a great deal of so-called bamboozling of the government. For instance, it has been reported that the grains the government has bought on a parity basis and stored in the grain elevators gradually disappears; that wheat from Canada has been imported and used as collateral

for the price support program and the government is left holding the bag. Then there is the tremendous cost of storage for all of the commodities the government buys in; a great deal of it rots, a great deal of it disappears into the night air and the government tremendous storage charges on all of the commodities it has taken in. Then there is the moral side of the question. For years the farmer has been the backbone of the country, with a firmly developed conservative character, in fact, the farms have furnished this country with many an outstanding forcible leader. The subsidy program, in the opinion of your counselor, is debasing and weakening this character and undermining his independent personality. The two men who influenced your counselor more than any other men, was a farmer and a fisherman. In the old days when the farmer followed the plow, the harrow or hay rake, or rode on a load of hay behind a pair of oxen, he had time to think and he really thought things out on a sound basis regardless of the amount of schooling he may have had. The same with the old fashioned fisherman, who had time to think while waiting for the fish to bite. In the opinion of your counselor any subsidy program is morally corrupt; that subsidies create more evil and inequities than the inequity it was designed to correct. If the farmer needs help, give it to him in a normal way, such as unemployment relief for the unemployed, and do not permit the richer to become richer and the poor poorer as a result of the subsidy, and prevent the trend toward socialism.

Dear Three P's:
We have some friends who have done considerable traveling in the last year or two. They have taken a great many pictures on their travels and every opportunity they have these slides are shown. Is there any way of getting out of looking at these pictures without hurting our friends? Mr. and Mrs. K.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. K.:
This is really a question for Emily Post to answer, but I sympathize with you for I have been

the victim of such entertainment myself. Like all problems it has an answer; bring it out in the open, analyze it and do something about it. Undoubtedly your friends had a good time on their travels and enjoyed taking the pictures; they also had in mind sharing some of their pleasures with their friends at home by taking the pictures. In their enthusiasm they overlook the fact that pictures are not as interesting to others as to themselves and thus become a bore when they really think they are doing some good. So the next time your friends invite you to view their pictures you take the bull by the horns and invite your host for a walk in the woods and then gently explain to him how much you have already enjoyed his pictures but you have seen enough of them and how about going fishing. After your host realizes the significance of your remarks he will thank you.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon at Christian Science services Sunday.

Matthew's account of the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem at the time of the nativity of Christ Jesus will be among the Bible readings.
Selections from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will include this: The divine origin of Jesus gave him more than human power to expound the facts of creation, and demonstrate the one Mind which makes and governs man and the universe" (539: 27-30).

The Golden Text is from Psalms (86:9, 10): "All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou

art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone."

Accident Facts

Raleigh — Your first mistake in traffic may very well be your last says the State Department of Motor Vehicles. In a study of last year's fatal motor smash-ups, the department said that 539 of the 1,236 death-car drivers had behind the wheel experience of 11 or more years. Thus it is reasonable to believe that many of those victims died in "their first accident."

Minutes Of Board Of Public Works

Edenton, N. C., Dec. 2, 1958. The Board of Public Works met this day in regular session at 7:30 P. M. Members present, A. B. Harless, chairman, Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., Philip S. McMullan, Sidney S. Campen and W. M. Wilkins.

Minutes of the November meetings were approved as read. Motion was made by Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., seconded by Philip S. McMullan and duly carried that Electric & Water Department bills as follows in the amount of \$12,764.14 be paid: Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$72.80; The Chowan Herald, \$10.00; Edenton Construction Co., \$10.38; James M. Bond, \$4.25; The Peoples Bank

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& Trust Co., \$3.60; Sinclair Refining Co., \$115.88; Chowan County 1958 taxes, \$289.70; Carolina-Norfolk Truck Line, \$6.00; Remington Rand, \$281.67; Southern Safety Appliance Co., \$18.11; Virginia Electric & Power Co., \$10,204.32; M. G. Brown Co., \$6.36; Railway Express Agency, \$2.07; Edenton Ice Co., \$71.80; Motorola Com. & Elec., Inc., \$56.00; Clarence Spruill, \$24.00; Ashley Welding & Machine Co., \$0; A. L. Perry, \$2.00; R. J. Boyce, \$40.00; Bunch's Garage, \$27.50; Gray & Creech, Inc., \$32.84; Line Material Industries, \$15.00; Thurston Motor Lines, Inc., \$3.00; Graybar Electric Co., \$94.10; Electrical Equipment Co., \$675.28; Victor Adding Machine Co., \$391.50; Ernest J. Ward, Jr., \$23.00; Charleston Rubber Co., \$4.00; Postmaster, \$93.70; The R. S. Jordan Co., \$184.88; salaries paid for month of November, 1958, \$4,237.42; total, \$17,001.56.

Received for current, water and merchandise, \$25,626.61. Receipts in excess of disbursements, \$8,625.05. Motion was made by W. M. Wilkins, seconded by Sidney S. Campen and duly carried that Electric & Water Department employees be given a Christmas present amounting to 20% of an average week's salary.

Motion was made by Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., seconded by Philip S. McMullan and duly carried that the Board of Public Works recommend to the Town Council that the following

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1—Engineers will be retained on or before July 8, 1959.
2—Reports and preliminary

plans will be filed on or before November, 1959.
3—Construction will be begun on or before October, 1959.
4—Work will be completed and placed in operation on or before February 28, 1961.
There being no further business, the Board adjourned.
ERNEST J. WARD, JR., Clerk

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