

Three P's PERSONAL AND PRIVATE PROBLEMS

This column will attempt to answer personal and private problems of individuals who submit their questions to this column. These inquiries to include family and social problems and will cover questions that come up in adjusting oneself to society; economic questions to include adjustment to business life and careers. All inquiries correspondence 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.
—Vladimir D. Kellov, Counselor.

Dear Three P's:

Recently I was a victim of a so-called speed trap, which I think is un-American. I was returning home from a meeting in another town. It was about midnight and I was tired and anxious to get home when out of the blue I was signalled down and told that I had been going sixty-eight miles per hour. I had no previous warning, in fact, I do not know where the State Trooper came from; he just popped up. This is un-American and I think something should be done about it.

—Lester W. B.

Dear Lester:

If you mean all of the deaths and accidents caused by speeding automobiles, being un-American; all of the reports in Monday morning newspapers of the increasing number of accidents and deaths by automobile; of the tragedy over week-ends and holidays; of the untold suffering, agony and pain and the tragedy of the fatherless and motherless children, I agree with you one hundred per cent; it is un-American and should be stopped by whatever means are effective. Your cry of un-Americanism and injustice is the same cry criminals use against the police tapping telephone calls under order of court. It is all right for the criminal to tap the telephone for his use, but it becomes un-American and improper when the same means are used against him. It is the same thing in the use of the automobile; here we put a powerful monster in the hands of an individual and he wants to be free of any control, except for the other fellow; he keeps on breaking the law until he kills or maims and ends up in the hospital. I do not know what is un-American about the rules and regulations and laws with which you have to become familiar when you pass your driver's test; I do not know what is un-American about the signs on the highways giving the speed limits; I do not know what is un-American about the signs on the highway stating that the speed is being electrically timed nor the signs stating that the speed is subject to radar control. No, I think you are the un-American; you want to do what you want to do regardless of the law, but you want others to keep the law for your own safety. No, I would say you were a lucky fellow that the State Trooper caught up with you before you went to sleep and had a serious accident. Your vision at night is only about fifty per cent of your day-light vision, and if you were wearing glasses it is less than that, so that night driving is more hazardous than day driving; then the fatigue factor enters into the picture. You say you were returning home at midnight; it is presumed that you had been up all day and had a busy, tiring day, so that the possibility of your falling asleep at the wheel was very great. If I were you I would pay the penalty graciously; I would seek out the State Trooper and thank him for getting you before you had a serious accident resulting in serious injury to yourself and possibly others.

Dear Three P's:

Several of my women neighbors and myself belong to an informal group. We meet when we feel like it; play bridge once in a while and do fairly much as we please as we do not have any set program. However, we do have discussion and conversation and there are two of our members who may have more education than we have who are always talking down to us. One talks about atomic energy all of the time, and, while I know nothing about atomic energy, I do not think she does either. I want to be polite, but some times I feel like bopping them over the head with the poker. What can I do about it?

—Letitia H. H.

Dear Letitia:

Your problem is not uncommon, for almost in any group you will find the bore who will talk forever on one subject in which he or she is interested. The over-privileged, some times called the intelligentsia, endeavor to keep everyone else under informed; and then there is the pure supercilious snob, who knows all,

sees all, keeps all, and all you can notice of him is his upturned nose when some one asks him a simple question. What you should do, Letitia is to learn to distinguish between the average normal person and these specialists and enjoy them with a quiet dignity. They are very interesting specimens of the human race; they have their part to play, that is, entertain you if you let them; and not take them too seriously.

Phthisic's Cows Hang Up Record

McCoy Phthisic of Tyner is the owner of two registered Guernseys that have recently completed official production records, according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club at Peterborough, N. H.

Bayville Margaret Charreen, a junior three year-old produced 10,521 pounds of milk and 552 pounds of fat in 305 days. She was milked two times daily.

Pine Grove Proud Virginia, a junior two-year-old, produced 8,523 pounds of milk and 458 pounds of fat in 305 days. She was milked two times daily.

These official production records were supervised by North Carolina State College.

Whatever enslaves man is opposed to the divine government. Truth makes man free.
—Mary Baker Eddy.

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

P. E. Bettendorf, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in Citizens Bank Building.

You don't have to retire to the rocking chair to receive social security payments. Most people know the retirement age under social security is 65 years for men and 62 years for women. Most people also know they can earn up to \$1200.00 in each calendar year and still receive all 12 of their monthly benefit checks. Many people, however, are not aware of several features of the law that allow a person to earn over \$1200.00 during the year and still receive payments for some months.

First, if you earn over \$1200.00 in a year all your payments for that year will not necessarily be held back. Only one month's check will not be payable to you for each \$80.00 or fraction of \$80.00 you go over \$1200.00. For example—if you earn up to \$1280 for the year you will still receive eleven checks. If you earn up to \$1360 for the year you still receive 10 checks; if you earn up to \$1440 for the year, you still receive 9 checks and so on, until if you earn over \$2080 for the year, all 12 checks are withheld. In other words, if you earn between \$1200 and \$2080 in a calendar year you are still entitled to one or more monthly checks for the year. In figuring the number of checks you receive, however, be sure to count your earnings over the entire taxable year.

Second, even though you should earn over \$2080 for the year it is still possible to receive a check for any calendar month in which you do not earn more than \$80.00—for example—you may have a slack season in your work and be laid off or work part time during several months of the year. You may not work at all say, in the month of June and only work part time in July. Since you did not earn more than \$80.00 in June and July you can receive payments for these months even if you earned over \$2080 for the year.

Incidentally, one of the recent changes in the social security law raises this \$80 amount to \$100.00 per month starting with the year 1959. Beginning this year, a social security beneficiary will be paid his benefits for any month in which he or she does not earn more than \$100.00 per month. If you are self-employed you can be paid for any month in which you do not perform any substan-

tial services in your business.

Third, after the year in which you reach age 72 there is no limit to the amount you may earn and still receive all your benefit checks for the year.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

God's great healing and saving power will be brought out at Christian Science services Sunday.

Scriptural selections will include the following from Matthew (14:14): "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."

Subject of the Lesson-Sermon is "Soul" a word which, when capitalized, is used in Christian Science as one of the synonyms for God. "From Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will be read the following (210:11-16): "Knowing that Soul and its attributes were forever manifested through man, the Master healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, feet to the lame, thus bringing to light the scientific action of the divine Mind on human minds and bodies and giving a better understanding of Soul and salvation."

The golden Text is from Psalms (62:1): "Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation."

VFW Corner By ED

Several of the post members, headed by Commander Harold Langdale, traveled to High Point on January 17 to attend the Council of Administration meeting. On Sunday, January 18, they attended the dedication of the new State Headquarters Building. Dedication of the new building was made by Commander-in-Chief John W. Mahan of Helena, Montana.

A special note to all post members, the First District meeting will be held in Sunbury on February 15. They have promised to feed country ham, so let's all go!

The Saturday night dances at the post home are getting better all the time. This past Saturday night the Missus and I went out to enjoy the fun. The only trouble encountered was finding a chair to rest on between dances.

Department Commander Wesley Cullipher visited with the local post at its regular meeting February 3. His visit was enjoyed very much by the members.

If you haven't paid your 1959 dues, see W. W. Perry, post quartermaster, right away.

Oh, yes, Johnny Lewis and his band furnish the music for the Saturday night dances.

See you next week!

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