

### Three P's

#### PERSONAL AND PRIVATE PROBLEMS

This column was created 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 a bustling career; economic questions to include adjustments to business life and careers. All inquiries and questions should be addressed to "Three P's," care of The Chowan Herald, Edenton, N. C.

Dear Three P's:  
For some time past I have become interested in reading the polls as printed in the newspapers, particularly the Gallup Poll. I do not agree with many of these polls and they are beginning to irritate me. As a result I went around my neighborhood and asked people if they knew about the poll and if they were ever asked questions. Many of them never heard of the poll and none of the people I asked ever had been questioned. As a result I have been wondering where these people get the information on which they base their results. Can you enlighten me on this?

Dear Lucifer:  
You are not the only one that is irritated by these polls. There are a great many people who think for themselves that resent having these polls represent their thinking. There are a number of definitions of the word "poll". The Greek meaning is the many, the rabble. The Old English meaning is the "head", the total number of heads or people, a list used for voting and tax purposes, such as the poll tax. There are many kinds of polls taken for various purposes; the census taken every ten years is a kind of poll. The Gallup Poll, with headquarters in Princeton, N. J., claim that they have a scientific, mathematical formula that accurately portrays the thinking of the mass of people in this country. They may have a scientific formula, but the weakness is in the system and the people they use in developing the basic information on which the conclusions are based. As the system works, Gallup has certain representative people in various parts of the country who in turn employ a number of young people who are supposed to interview people of different classes of society and employment. These people are asked key questions and these replies form the basic information on which the conclusions are formulated. Like you, your columnist has been curious and over a period of several years made a poll. The result was the same as you indicate. A great many people never heard of the poll and not one person interviewed ever had been asked any of the key questions. In fact, in the course of a lifetime your column has never even met the census taker. One of the tragedies of the poll taking was the going out of business of the old Literary Digest, subsequently bought by Time Magazine. For a number of years the Literary Digest poll was very

successful. In the early years of the depression they took their usual poll the result of which was an opinion that was completely contrary to what happened in that year's presidential election. The reason for this questioning of a restricted class of people. They sent out return reply postal cards to a selected list of people obtained from the telephone directories. The weakness in this was twofold: First, did the people give an honest reply, secondly, their list was too restricted as there were more not listed in the telephone directories than were listed, so that the replies were not representative, and the resultant opinion was totally wrong. As a result a great many people do not pay any attention to polls. One of the harmful effects of these polls is that a great many unthinking people feel that to be in the swim, or on the right side of the fence, have to express themselves or vote according to these polls. One of the undoubted weakness of these polls is that many of the people who may be asked the leading questions may not give honest replies and then again they may change their minds. While some polls may have their value on the whole the results should be taken with a great deal of skepticism, and people should learn to express themselves regardless of the polls.

Dear Three P's:  
A short time ago a very attractive woman moved into our town. She is employed in some state agency. My husband and I met her at church and in a neighborly way we have had her to dinner several times. We belong to a private dancing and social club. We both invited this lady to one of the dances. My husband was quite gallant and introduced her to several men, but I noticed that he had most of the dances with her. Since then on some pretext or other, some plumbing or hanging pictures, my husband is spending a great deal of time with her. We have two children and I am not going to do anything to affect them. Is there a way out of this for me and for my husband?

—Mrs. Anna H.  
Dear Mrs. Anna H.:  
Proximity is a great thing for getting many men into serious trouble. The closer they are to something attractive the more likely they are to become somewhat inflamed. There are two steps you might take to offset this interest of your husband. Look around the neighborhood for a single, attractive man. Invite him to dinner to meet this charming lady. Throw him in her way so that he will have to take her home. If she is wise she will recognize the attempt to help her with her social life and fasten on the single adonis. If this does not seem to work I would suggest that you have a talk with your minister and he might call on this charmer and point out that her attractions are too alluring to your husband and that she should have her light shine in another direction.

### P. O. Dept. Plans Next-Day Delivery

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metropolitan area includes the counties of Accomack, Nansemond, Norfolk, Northampton and Princess Anne, Virginia, and Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank and Perquimans, North Carolina.

"These major improvements in the Norfolk metropolitan area's first class mail service pattern are the result of intensive study and planning. Personnel of the Washington Postal Region and of 157 post offices in the area have worked as a team to develop a comprehensive service program and put it into effect.

"Next-day delivery of most of the first class mail in the Norfolk metropolitan area is now possible because of a closely integrated timetable which governs the work of the area's postal units and the transportation linking them together. Hard-working, skilled postal employees race against time throughout the night in order to make possible next-day delivery of hundreds of thousands of letters to the nearly one million people residing in this area.

"The population of this area is growing rapidly and the postal service needs are becoming increasingly complex. On an average day, approximately 850,000 pieces of first class mail are handled between the 157 area post offices, ranging from the large first class to the small rural fourth class post office.

"The principal feature of the new plan involves the designation of certain strategically located post offices to act as collection and distribution centers for various sections of the area involved in the plan. Thus much of this mail which formerly went into Norfolk for processing will have this function performed by the designated centers, thereby bypassing the congested Norfolk area and eliminating time-consuming travel.

"Such mail as must come into Norfolk to connect delivery routes which originate there will already have been processed, and can thus be kept separate from mail originating at Norfolk and sent on its way to destinations immediately.

"Other changes include the establishment of some new transportation routes, and adding trips to and changing schedules of existing routes. Some adjustment of city and mail collection schedules was also necessary.

"The improved delivery of letters throughout the Norfolk metropolitan area is being accomplished despite antiquated postal quarters and equipment, which do not begin to meet the demands of today's mail load.

"This plan for the Norfolk metropolitan area is another step toward achieving the department's goal of next-day delivery of mail between any two points in the United States. We have previously established similar plans in the Washington, Baltimore and Richmond areas, and 46 additional plans are in operation in other postal regions. The national program calls for establishment of 90 such metropolitan area plans, which in total will assure next-day delivery for more than two-thirds of the annual volume of mail generated by the entire country. The Washington Region of the Post Office Department is proud and happy to have been able to contribute the Norfolk metropolitan area plan to that effort," Mr. Clarke concluded.

Postmaster J. L. Chestnutt says he is trying to improve the mail service, but needs the help of the patrons. "Please mail as early as you can, and by all means get your mail in the office by 5 P. M.," he says.

### Lunch Room Menu

Menus at the John A. Holmes High School lunch room for the week of November 16-20 will be as follows:

Monday: Italian spaghetti with meat balls, cole slaw, bread, apple pie, garden peas, butter and milk.

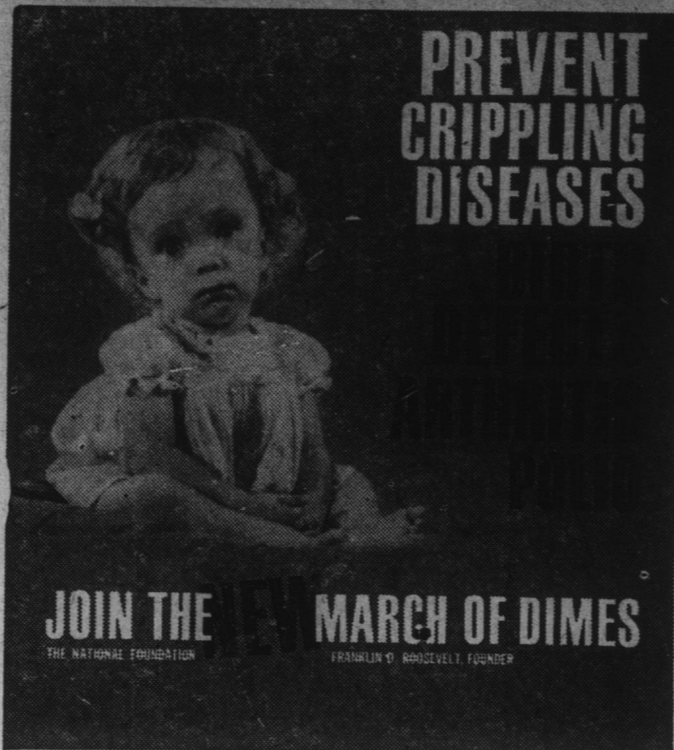
Tuesday: Stew beef with potatoes and onions, green string beans, rolls, apple sauce, butter and milk.

Wednesday: Ham, pickle relish, corn bread, collards, buttered sweet potatoes, butter, cookies and milk.

Thursday: Tuna fish salad on lettuce, salted crackers, dried lima beans, cheese slices, cheese biscuits, butter and milk.

Friday: Fish sticks, cole slaw, block cake, corn bread muffins, garden peas, milk and butter.

### 2-Year-Old Is 'Dimes' Poster Girl



Mary Beth Pyron, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Pyron of Florence, Ala., has just been chosen national poster girl for the New March of Dimes 1960 campaign in January. Her picture will appear on millions of posters (above), canisters and coin collectors in every town and village of the country, symbolizing the New March of Dimes attack on crippling birth defects, arthritis and polio, diseases that affect one in every four U. S. families. Mary Beth was born with an open spine and water on the brain. Medical science knows no way of helping her. Hope lies in scientific research supported by the New March of Dimes. Mary Beth is a sunny, affectionate child and loves to ride her new walking horse (left). Her brother Tommy, 4, is a normal child.

### The National Outlook What Happens "If Peace Breaks Out"?

By RALPH ROBEY

Although there is little possibility that we may get a reduction of major proportions in federal spending within the next year or so, there is much discussion of what the effect of such a cut would be upon our economic trend.

**Benefits Of Reduced Federal Spending**  
This problem usually is posed in terms of a reduction of our military spending of, say \$10 billion because of an end of the cold war. But there would be the same type of problem if the reduction of spending came in the non-military part of the budget.

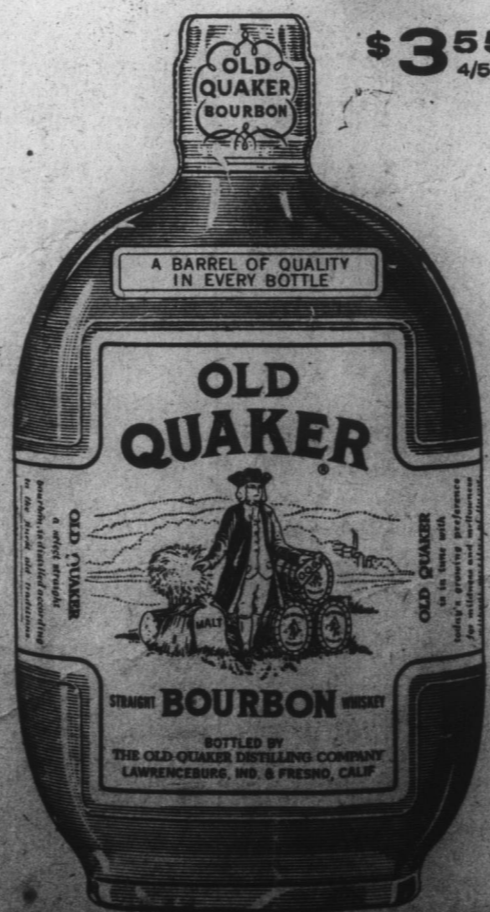
In other words, in the discussion it is assumed that the spending itself, regardless of its

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purpose, is an essential element in the present volume of business. So, for the purpose of argument, let us assume that we had a reduction in government outlays of ten billion dollars. What would the results be?

If the reduction was in the non-military parts of government it would mean that the public would have just that much more to spend as it saw fit. This would be true regardless of whether taxes were cut by an equal amount. The difference between a reduction of taxes and the alternative of the same amount paid off on the public debt, would be solely in the distribution of the proceeds.

And there could be a difference according to the type of tax reduction made, and the portion of the public debt paid off.

If the tax reduction was all given to those in the lower income brackets, the vast majority of it would be spent. If the reduction was for those in the upper income brackets, a major portion of it might be invested. If the tax reduction was across the income board, it would be used much as present personal income is used.

One other possibility needs mention. If the reduction were made in business taxes, it would reduce the cost of production, and prices would be lower. That would be assured by competition.

If the proceeds of the lower spending were used to pay off part of the public debt there

also could be a variation of its effects according to the owners of the obligations repaid.

If the owners were commercial banks it would mean that their reserves would be increased by the amount of the payment, and they could increase their loans and investments by an equal amount, or actually perhaps a somewhat larger amount since reserves do not have to be 100 percent. If the owners were private citizens there would be the same variation as in tax reduction.

The same situation would prevail if the reduction in spending was in the military, except in this instance some companies, and some industries, would feel an immediate impact. These would be companies and industries dependent, to a greater or lesser degree, on military orders. In some instances the readjustable probably could be made without too much trouble; in other instances the readjustment would be severe.

### Federal Spending Not Basis For U. S. Economy

What this all amounts to is the fact that our economic activity is not basically dependent upon government spending.

This does not mean that government spending does not affect business. Of course it does. But given a little time, we would adjust to a reduction of government spending of any magnitude. This will be true just as long as our desire for goods is not completely sated, and there is no reason to assume that we are even close to that point.

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A PENALTY OF 1% WILL BE ADDED ON 1959 TAXES NOT PAID BEFORE FEBRUARY 2. ANOTHER 1% WILL BE ADDED MARCH 2 AND AN ADDITIONAL 1/2 OF 1% WILL BE ADDED FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH TAXES ARE UNPAID.

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