

THE TIME OF SEASON FOR CHANGING CALENDARS



MRS. HOLEMAN

Writers Forum

By GEORGE B. RUSS

The 1972 Christmas holiday celebrations reached a new high. In the past years, folk high-lighted their festive occasions with much food and drink; however, this year, the emphasis seemingly was pivoted toward the spectacular: elaborate outlays of table decorations, colorful backgrounds and professional services.

The Thrifty Savings Club of Durham chose the Red and gold Banquet Room of the Downtowner Motel as a setting for this holiday season's celebration. And to complement the lovely setting for the '72 dinner party, the ladies made the scene wearing gorgeous fur trimmed coats over rainbow colors of shimmering, lacy, fur trimmed jewel studded, beribboned dinner gowns. Low cut gowns revealed slender necks decorated with sparkling necklaces or velvet, jewel-studded neck bands. Footwear ran the gamut of the color spectrum including snowy whites, silver and gold with glittering buttons 'n bow buckles.

Krismas Belles (Ushers) were on hand to see that the guests were kept happy and gay: Mmes. Mildred Gattis, Lucille Bass, Aldens Mcbane, Annie Alston, Millie Williams, Mattie Rouse, Queenie Cooper.

The radiantly beautiful Mrs. Jeanie Lucas was guest speaker. The charming lady projected her glowing personality and a splendid, colorful practical Christmas message into the hearts of everyone in a matter of minutes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Toastmistress, aside from extending holiday greetings and best wishes to members and guests, kept the party from lagging

with delightful repartee. Other ladies adding to the success of this convivial affair were: Chaplain, Mrs. Marie Harris, Mrs. Luna Holeman and Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards.

OFFICERS: President, Mrs. Beatrice Holman; Vice president, Mrs. Elnora Ransom; Treasurer, Mrs. Annie M. Gilmore who serves as Mrs. Santa Claus at the annual Christmas Party. Santa's helpers for revealing Secret Pals were Mmes. Jesse McIntyre, Stattie Russ, Irene Hall.

Mrs. Beatrice Holman who is a charter member of the Thrifty Savings Club has served the club for 2 years as president. Mrs. Holman is a member of the Union Baptist Church, a member of the Dorcas Class and works with the Willing Worker Missionary Circle.

MEMBERS: Mesdames Annie Alston, Lucille Bass, Pauline Boxley, Daisy Cain, Carolyn Cates, Rosetta Cobb, Queenie Cooper, Reather Core, Elizabeth Edwards, Lucille Flowers, Mozell Flintall, Mildred Gattis, Annie Gilmore, Irene Hall, Martha Harris, Marie Harris, Pauline Hart, Beatrice Holman, Luna Holeman, Ophelia Jones, Margaret Johnson, Alice Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Mattie Jones, Virgie Mangum, Jessie McIntyre, Aldens Mcbane, Jesse Pratt, Elnora Ransom, Genevieve Rogers, Sattie Russ, Christine Sales, Earline Thompson, Sadie Thompson, Mary Van Hook, Millie Williams and Temple Young.

Officers and members of T. S. Club wishes you and yours a very Happy New Year which will bring fulfillment of your brightest hopes.

We are in the season when calendars are changed. Old ones are taken down and new ones are put up. It is during this season that we do most of our anticipation about what the new calendar is to bring. Some of us take the time to look at the old calendars there are those of us who mumble the standard words of superficial thanks to our maker. And there are those of us who curse the things that passed us by in the span of the old calendar.

What calendars are bolts down to pictures of time. Pictures that we can use to wrap up little pockets of our lives. For too many of us life is a series of little blocks with numbers in them, a stack of pages. We

seem to think that a change of number means a change of pace, a change of conditions, a change of situation. We think that a new calendar opens the door to a new room, another road. Thus in our minds we paint a new picture, not of what is, but what we wish. The only problem is that we have done this over and over again, every time the numbers run out, we drag out the same old unfulfilled dreams as if there is magic in repeating them.

Unfortunately for us there are those people who use calendars to keep track of what they have done and how they can continue doing such. We have to begin realizing that there are forces that use calendars four



From Black

By JOHN HUDGINS

times as large as the ones we use. It becomes clear after time that calendars should be used to implement stages of action and not for the creation of dreams, illusions, plans, resolutions. When a calendar is changed one should be ready to begin doing a definite thing that will yield a definite result in a given time. This we have yet to do in the thinking of our

community. We have yet to build ideas around problems of action in terms of results and not numbered blocks.

This begins to seem contradictory but only if we fail to see the logic of not being time locked. Certainly we cannot ignore time nor can we afford to fall to keep track of it. What we must understand thoroughly is that change comes through

action not just in time. We cannot overlook the fact that no change in time has taken place in time without definitive action by people who used time and in more than a romantic sense.

So change the calendar, but understand that it is all you are doing. A piece of paper is being replaced with another piece of paper. Paper has its significance only in the minds of those who use it. If we can think no further than the limits of the paper then our thinking is controlled by those who control the use of the paper. We have no control over time, it comes and it goes often before

we understand that it has come and gone. Time is innocent it was here when we came and it will be here when we depart this life. If conditions are to change, if oppression is to stop, if exploitation is to cease, if Black people are to be free, then time will tell because it must. But what time tells will be a tragedy written by others because Black people refused to stop dreaming and do, because Black people refused to stop changing calendars and start changing conditions. The calendar, a picture painted, time, a story told, liberation, a thing to be done.

CHAD'S FAMILY LIFE ENDS

Love Me, Love My Wife

By GEORGE B. RUSS

Chad sensed a severance of the mental tight rope he had been walking and sat slumped in his chair, deprived of all hope of reconciliation with his proud, stubborn spouse.

Gladys was worth fighting for, but he had grown weary of combating an immovable wall. The moment had come for him to say, "to hell with everything." His wife walked past his chair and he wanted to snatch her into his arms and plead with her not to throw him to the wolves, but, upon second thought, he decided against being melodramatic. He had sown seeds of discord to the winds, now he must reap the whirlwinds. The going away, leaving his family behind, wouldn't be easy — down right hard, Chad thought as he began preparing for bed and the sleepless night he would encounter.

It was foolish for him to wish that Effie's funeral was over — down right childish to blame a corpse for his misdeeds — the dog house situation he was in. Effie had contributed largely to his downfall, but, in the name of sanity, he couldn't put the blame on Effie. He was basically, a bad egg — a born loser. This was the whole truth about him.

Tomorrow, he would attend Effie's funeral. After paying his last respects to the woman he had known so well, so in-

timately, he would go away. Shake the dust of this hard-luck town off his shoes. Hayestown was a jinx town for him. The clock on his worktable, noisily ticked away the seconds, minutes and hours. All the while Chad twisted and turned his body until he was weak and sore. Long before daylight, he left his couch of torcher and began packing a huge suitcase. By all means, he was giving up the ghost of a chance of holding his marriage together; he was moving out. If this was what Gladys wanted, he was going to do for her what the Devil had never done. The hour of Effie's funeral was set at 2 o'clock, nevertheless, he began dressing for the obsequy. After doing all he could to prolong the time, he was fully dressed before ten o'clock. Now he was packing the floor when Gladys and the children left for church. He had remained quiet until the car sped off down the street. Then he left the window where he stood watching his family take off without him. His heart was

nearly burst into tears and might have done so if the attendant hadn't called from the doorway of one of the cafes across the street, "Come over has outah th' cold."

Chad nearly ran into a moving automobile, in his haste to get out of the frigid weather. The cafe was smoky with burning bacon grease but the room was warm as toast, therefore, Chad forgot to resent having the smell of grease in his garments. He ordered a breakfast of grits, eggs and sausage and a pot of steaming coffee.

Floyd, the attendant, was a sort of laughing boy. He joked about everything and laughed at his own jokes. Chad followed him inside the Armory building with mixed emotions: he wasn't sure that he didn't prefer the skull cracking coldness to Floyd's lousy jokes. "I've been everywhere 'n I see some of everything but I ain't never-seed ah-Armory turned into a funeral chapel." He said as they were walking down the wide aisle toward the stage where a pulpit draped in black had been erected, with artificial potted palms bordering the length of the stage. Sudden, Chad was seized by terrifying funk. He had no wish to attend Effie's funeral.

The sun was bright, but the temperature was down to 18 degrees and Chad nearly fell over his feet getting back into the house where it was warm. Until recent years, he had doted on the fact that cold weather was his favorite. He was still shivering from frost bite when the cab arrived. Home had never been sweeter than at this moment and he was reluctant to leave it.

In a matter of minutes, he was paying the driver and blindly stumbling out into the below freezing weather. And to add salt to the wounds of his shattered courage, the doors of the building were locked. He

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DAILY LIVING

End Self-Conscious Due to Baldness or Gray Hair

By WILLIAM THORPE



During the years of my practical studies and dealing with servicing the outer portion of the human head and face, the three major things that concern me mostly are baldness, gray hairs, and the art of hair coloring.

You probably would be surprised to know the number of people that ask me regularly, what causes baldness, gray hair, and what can be done about it. Most of them seem to be worried and feel self-conscious about their appearance of these conditions.

My answer most of the time is: Relax and stop worrying, and face the facts concerning them, because modern science has developed a solution for all these conditions, whether it's premature, or results due to ill health or old age.

We can see some of the healthiest people bald-headed, or gray haired compared to folks with a full head of hair without gray. In fact, by being bald or gray, doesn't have any effect on our physical health. It just only affects people mentally.

A majority of men that are bald wears a hat most of the time to keep from being self-conscious while out in public. Also by doing this, it makes them look younger.

Since wigs are so now and very popular, women do not complain much lately about hair-lose or graying. Some have different colors and styles to help keep them attractive and emotionally balanced concerning their hair.

A message to the men would be more appropriate at this time, because males might not be as familiar with things of this sort personally, such as wearing hair-lose, or having their hair colored.

Baldness very seldom is a sign of poor health. In some cases it is hereditary, male pattern, or can also be caused by certain medicines, illness with high fever, and among women who are faced with the problem more than ever before

by pregnancy. The only cases during my practices in this field in which hair has retained growth from baldness are; nerve spots, or people who have suffered from a certain type of high fever in the past, due to a disease.

My advice to all men are to stop spending a lot of unnecessary money on different medications people claim can grow hair on a slick head. If you are bald and your hair roots are dead, you can forget about regrowing new hair, and it wouldn't be a good idea to try some specialist to transplant hair from some other part of your body to your head.

Therefore, the two solutions to baldness and gray hairs are: first, to make up in your mind whether you want to live and adjust yourself to them and remain that way the rest of your life, and say to yourself: "This is the way my creator intended me to be; and I'm not going to worry about it anymore, and as long as it doesn't have an effect on my health I'm satisfied."

Second: To do something about it as soon as possible by consulting a professional barber or hair specialist and let him help you. By taking this step you can have a full head of hair (toupee) and your natural color of your hair back.

It's so easy to get this particular job done, and start enjoying your new youth look which can do away with your self-consciousness if you are in that stage.

Finally, don't try the do-it-yourself method, because it requires a skilled person in this particular field to give you a satisfactory job. Lastly, to caution you; hair coloring is dangerous and should be mixed with "oil" by "pro". By being "poison," it can get in your eyes, and opening in the skin, or you could be allergic to some types of coloring, which also requires a skin test. For more information on this subject write to: Your Mind columnist 436 E. Pettigrew St. Durham.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR YOUTH?

Again, we must not whitewash the break in respectable conduct that sometimes characterizes youth by shifting the blame onto parents. Yet a search for causes must point as well in this direction. It really is not enough to deplore the use of drugs and the proliferation of sexual promiscuity among young people. We must consider the social and spiritual vacuum that may have contributed to their fall.

So this is a major cause—the failure and neglect of adults to get behind what is sometimes obnoxious behavior and communicate the love of Christ in a personal and warm way.

A second factor may be hypocrisy. Young people have a special aversion to this. "Show me!" is the legitimate call of many teens. Perhaps what they are demanding, in more Biblical terms is: "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" The outpourings of the Holy Spirit must not be seen in historical perspective alone. They must be part of the ongoing experience of the church. To tell of revivals gone by is meaningful, but to share in revival is life-changing.

We do well to be "event conscious" in dealing with young people. They must see and feel for themselves not the acts of God in history but

the acts of God today. God has acted! His Spirit has been evidenced! It is not a matter of claim alone—it is experience. Something glorious has happened. Nothing is hidden aside hypocrisy like demonstration.

Wise parents are over on the guard to maintain consistency in their own behavior. While no one is perfect, and teens don't expect that, many teens cannot handle the gaps between what is preached and what is performed. Parents must be what they say they are. The church must be what it says it is. Adults must be long on sincerity and short on insensitive criticism.

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Never have we needed such an opportunity to speak forth the gospel. Young people are coming alive, demonstrating in a variety of ways their dissatisfaction with the secularized and demoralized society they are asked to live in. In this context of searching and yearning, the field is prepared for the seed of God's Word. Youth today long for reality. They crave a meaningful experience of divine love and grace. The church must come alive and meet the challenge.

How? First, a church must consider its priorities. A successful ministry to youth does not come about accidentally. It is the product of careful planning, the outgrowth of sacrifice, and the result of intercessory prayer. A wise church will not consider the cost too great to have a dynamic appeal to the spiritual needs of its youth. Generally speaking churches with a heart for youth will be blessed with



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to reach teens with the gospel.

Third, a church must consider its program. A quick meeting, irregularly scheduled and carelessly planned, is not adequate to meet the needs of youth. We must see to it that a well-balanced group of activities is available. Young people need fellowship; they need recreation; they need instruction; they need worship. Such balance calls for dedicated leadership that will work and pray with purpose.

Recently churches have reported a spiritual awakening among their youth. Lingering in prayer, claiming the promise of the Holy Spirit, and sensing new dimensions in the Christian life are evidences of this spirit of revival. When churches pray, plan, and provide, young people will respond with sincerity.

What potential? Enthusiasm, intelligence, talent, and a full life ahead — these are the ingredients of that complex commodity called "youth". It stands waiting to be entrusted with a worthy cause—to be alive in Christ!

1.37 Million Gain

TOKYO — Japan ended 1972 with an estimated 1.37 million more people than the 108 million it started the year with, the Health and Welfare Ministry said. It reported more than 3 million births and said the country may be on the verge of a baby boom.

to buy stock, etc. The 1973 Buying Guide Issue of Consumer Reports by Consumers Union—Ratings for more than 2000 brand name products based on Consumer Union's independent tests as well as advice on household moving, auto insurance and small claims courts. Who Put the Con in Consumer? by David Sanford—Accounts of consumer fraud.

Dear Consumer

A Consumer's Reading List

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Books on consumer affairs cover just about every phase of day-to-day life—from food, drugs and cosmetics to cars, fraud and funerals. Some of these books are for easy reading; others are for study and reference.

Though by no means complete, here is a list of several recent books on consumer topics. While you and I might not agree with everything in them, they all contain interesting material. Chances are that most of them are in your local library.

Consumer Beware! Your Food and What's Done to It by Beatrice Hunter—A report on the food industry.

Consumer Education Bibliography by Office of Consumer Affairs—If this book is not in your local library, it is available for \$1 from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Don't let the word "education" in the title scare you. This book lists over 2000 publications on consumer subjects, including such books as Ruth Mulvey Harmer's The High Cost of Dying, Ralph Nader's What To Do With Your Bad Car and Sidney Margolis' The Responsible Consumer.

Consumer Housing by Pauline G. Garrett—Written to help the consumer avoid mistakes in selection, financing, furnishing and landscaping a house.

A Consumer's Dictionary of Food Additives by Ruth Winter—Reference book in dictionary form listing both harmful and desirable ingredients in packaged foods. Cosmetics: Trick or Treat? by Toni Stabile—Report on untested and potentially dangerous beauty prod-

ucts. Eater's Digest: The Consumer's Factbook on Food Additives by Michael Jacobson—A reference book that explains food ingredients.

Great American Auto Repair Robbery by Donald A. Randall and Arthur S. Glickman—Presents some advice on how to avoid dissatisfaction with auto repair shops.

Guide to Federal Consumer Services by Office of Consumer Affairs—This reference book, which can be ordered for \$1 from Superintendent of Documents, lists the consumer services available from the Federal Government.

How To Get the Most for Your Food Dollar by Elinor Bruce—Lists savings information for the family food shopper.

How To Pay Less for Life Insurance by Max Fogel—Discusses alternatives available in low cost insurance.

Legal Protection for the Consumer by Paul Crown—Where and how to get legal help as a consumer.

The Money Tree by Catherine Crook de Camp—Describes how to keep books and records, how to budget, how

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