



Short lived visit

This seemingly gregarious Raeford snowman spent a short visit on Niven Street Monday after Jennifer and Sarah Eanes gathered him together in their yard. Warming temperatures, however, made the social visit short lived.

Social Events

Mrs. Boyce Falls, Social Reporter, 875-4562

Tracy Parker Is Honoree At Shower

A surprise bridal shower for Tracy Parker, bride-elect of Michael Lee Lovette, was given January 27, at the home of Mrs. Thomas Davis.

Hostesses were Mrs. Davis, Lillian Oliver and Mrs. John Davis.

Twenty-six guests were served sandwiches, dip and chips, candy, and cake.

Miss Parker then opened and displayed her gifts.

Miss Tracy Lynne Parker, February 12 bride-elect, was honored February 3 with a bridal shower at Pittman Grove Baptist Church.

Guests were served sandwiches, nuts, chips and cake. After the refreshments, Miss Parker opened her gifts.

Nancy Epperson Is Speaker At Country Club

The Sandhills Christian Women's Club will meet at the Country Club of North Carolina on Thursday, February 16 at 11:30 a.m. CWC is an interdenominational women's group with no membership or dues. All are welcome. The buffet lunch is \$5.50.

Guest speaker will be Nancy Epperson from Winston-Salem. The special feature will be Jazzercise, presented by Terri McIntyre of Fort Bragg. Valerie Stancik and Anne Spence will provide the special music.

A free, pre-school nursery will be provided at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines. Mothers should bring a sandwich for their child.

Reservations for the luncheon and the nursery should be made by calling 875-3759 no later than Monday, February 13.

Annette Campbell And Richard Todd Married



Mrs. Richard Dean Todd

Annette Blackburn Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Blackburn of Whiteville and Richard Dean Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Todd of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, were united in marriage Saturday, January 14 at 4 p.m. in the Trinity Episcopal Church of Lumberton. Father Garland Teasley and Dr. John Ropp officiated at the double ring ceremony.

A program of wedding music was presented by organist Dr. George Walter.

The bride wore a gown of ivory chiffon over taffeta with a fitted bodice of Venice and Schiffler lace accented with a sweetheart neckline and seed pearls. The full bishop sleeves of English Net were accented with Schiffler lace motifs. The skirt and chapel length train were of crystal pleated ruffles and Schiffler lace. Her veil was a derby hat of ivory Venice lace and seed pearls with fingertip illusion.

Robin Holt, sister of the bride, attended as maid of honor.

Bennett Todd attended as his son's best man while Bennett Todd

Jr., brother of the groom, attended the service as an usher.

Following the ceremony, a reception was given at the Parrish house.

Kathie Ellis poured the punch while Pam Foster served the wedding cake.

The bride is a graduate of Hoke High and Sandhills Community College. She is presently a registered nurse working in public health.

The groom is a graduate of Myrtle Beach High School. He attended Greenville Technical College and is currently a data processing consultant.

Following a wedding trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, the couple will reside in Lumberton.

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Sunday School Lesson

Background Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12.
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 50:4-11.

Almost 30 years ago when I was a seminary student in Dayton, Ohio, the great Japanese Christian, Toyohiko Kagawa, came to town to speak in a public convocation.

I cannot remember anything he said that evening, for nothing he said was all that outstanding. He was not a great preacher in the accepted sense of that term.

But Kagawa didn't have to say anything to have an affect upon those of us present that evening. What he spoke louder and more eloquently than any of his words could have. His soft-spoken, shy, stumbling speech could not hide his great soul.

There is a story told about a high church dignitary who went to visit Kagawa shortly after the World War II. Kagawa's house was small, but he insisted his visitor stay the

night with him. As a seasoned traveler, the visitor put his shoes outside his door that night so that Kagawa's servant could clean and shine them.

In the morning, the visitor found that his shoes had received considerable attention. Later in the day, the visitor asked someone where he could find Kagawa's servant so that he could give him a small gratuity. He was shocked when the other person replied, "But Kagawa has no servant!"

This great Christian saint was not so great that he couldn't stoop to cleaning and shining the shoes of one of his visitors. In a like manner, Jesus had washed the feet of his disciples. Neither considered the roll of servant beneath them.

In fact, it was their willingness to be servants that gave them a status and sovereignty that would have otherwise been denied them. When one can willingly offer him or herself as a servant, it is in that free choice to live up to the highest and best in us that we experience what true sovereignty means.

The difference is that the true servant gives him or herself in service; nothing is taken from him, either by force or by suasion. Our problem is that we think of the servant as one who is the unwilling subject of someone in higher status.


Yet, as Jesus tried to show us, there is nothing in God's kingdom higher than the person who willingly bears the burdens of someone else. To become a servant -- as Jesus did -- is to take a giant step upwards, not down.

Even the injustice and rejection which the servant sometimes encounters, is not something that is imposed upon him or her:

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief...He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. (53:3, 7)

It is not the image of a hapless victim we see in these prophecies, but that of a victor who has maintained his sovereignty.

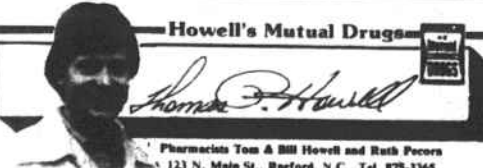
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