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All of us, being sentimental by nature, like to cling to keepsakes. More often than not, the things we save have no material value, and in the eyes of others it may seem rather foolish to preserve them.

In your case, you probably have one or several letters that you wouldn't think of parting with, plus several greeting cards, extra special clippings and treasured photographs.

Instinctively, we hold onto tangible reminders of the past, wishing wistfully for small portions of our life that we would like to live over but never can.

Sometimes it is pride alone that makes us harbor a memento through the years. It bolsters us for the belittling realities of today to have a reminder at hand that once we won a debating contest, scored an important touchdown, led the grand march at the Junior-Senior prom, or were elected president of a club.

Preserving newspaper clippings is a universal habit. Next to hearing one's own voice, few things intrigue a completely normal mortal more than seeing his or her name in print.

We are reminded of what the late O. O. McIntyre—best of the New York columnists—once said. "Anyone," wrote McIntyre, "who doesn't appreciate a favorable mention in a reputable newspaper is either a fool or a liar."

There must, we'll admit, be exceptions, but they are probably quite rare. Of course, no one admires the publicity seeker who goes overboard about breaking into print, but there's nothing woefully wrong about a reasonable appreciation of public notice.

Today, with her permission, we want to share with you a keepsake that belongs to Mrs. J. R. Alexander of 509 Metcalf street. Entitled A Prayer Of The Aged, it was found among the belongings of her mother, Mrs. Richhilda Hardison, when she died. Mrs. Hardison, who lived at Arapahoe, may not have composed the prayer—that we don't know—but it was penned in her handwriting as advancing years descended upon her.

No matter who wrote it, the prayer is beautiful and will find a responsive chord in the hearts of those who dwell in the sunset years. Read it, and you'll understand why:

"Oh most merciful God, cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not if my strength faileth. May my hoary head be found in righteousness.

Preserve my mind from dotage and imbecility, and my body from protracted disease and excruciating pain. Deliver me from dependency in my declining years, and enable me to bear with patience whatever may be Thy holy will.

I humbly ask that my reason may be continued to the last, and that I may be so comforted and supported that I may leave my testimony in favor of the reality of religion and of Thy faithfulness in fulfilling Thy gracious promises. And when my spirit leaves this clay tenement, Lord Jesus receive it.

Send some of Thy holy angels to accompany my soul to the holy mansions which Thy love has prepared. And O Lord, may I have an abundant entrance administered unto me into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

One doesn't have to be of the Christian faith to be impressed by the lines of this prayer. A lot of thoughts run through the minds of those who have lived up, in all probability, most of their life span.

To remain of sound mind until we cross the bar into eternity, and



NEW BERN'S NEWEST BUSINESS—Robert King (Bobby) Davis, Jr., 11, and Charlie Rice, 6, chalk up a sale to Paula Rice, 7, at their concession stand in Country Club Heights. They launched their venture to buy a gift for Charlie's

10-year-old brother, Paul, when he went to St. Luke's hospital for an appendectomy. Profits have been good from soft drinks, crackers and potato chips.—Photo by Billy Benners.

Word of Youth Rally Opens Three-Day Program Tonight

Christian Business Men's Group and Ministers Behind Wyrzten's Coming

Bringing Jack Wyrzten to this city for the three-day Word of Life Youth Rally that gets underway Friday night in the Shrine Auditorium is a significant event in the religious activities of the community.

Particularly is it meaningful to the young people here and in the surrounding area, since Wyrzten is internationally known for the exceptional success he has had in deeply influencing teen-agers, pre-teen children and young adults.

Sponsored by the New Bern Christian Business Men's Committee, cooperating with the New Bern Ministerial Association, he will deliver his messages of assurance and inspiration tonight and Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock, and Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Here with him will be Ken Nantfelt, tenor, and Norman Clayton, organist. Those who listen to the Word of Life program regularly over station WHIT and the Mutual Broadcasting System are familiar with the stirring program, and need no further inducement to attend the three meetings here.

A former bandleader, he has conducted mass rallies in Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, Boston Garden, Philadelphia Convention Hall and other large auditoriums. In some instances, thousands had to be turned

away because of capacity crowds. His first broadcast, staged without financial backing 20 years ago, was made possible when a New York City radio station agreed to air it from the heart of Times Square on Saturday night. The results were astounding.

Since then he has visited countries throughout the world. The Word of Life Youth Rally carried by Mutual each week is also sent by short-wave to every point on the globe. In addition, the Word of Life Fellowship now helps to support 60 missionaries in 21 different

countries. Word of Life owns and conducts under the direction of Wyrzten three of the best equipped Christian camps in America. They are Word of Life Ranch for boys and girls 7 to 13; Word of Life Island for youth from 13 to 25; and Word of Life Inn for family groups and adults.

All three are located on Schroom Lake, N. Y., in the Adirondacks. In addition to these camps in the United States, Word of Life has now established a camp in Brazil and another camp in Yucatan, Mexico.

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COOL CUSTOMER

Jacksonville, Fla. — Newell E. Foreman is a man who doesn't get upset easily.

Duval County Patrolmen C. M. Hopkins and D. A. McLeod said Foreman lost control of his car, plunged across the highway, hit a utility pole, smashed through a sign and bounced off a speeding train before his battered car stopped.

The patrolmen rushed to the car and pulled open a door.

Foreman was calmly peeling a tangerine.

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LUCKY BREAK

Fort Worth — Firemen credited a short circuit with saving the lives of the William Schwarting family.

Schwarting, awakened by the ringing of the door bell, noticed flames leaping from the ceiling of his bedroom. He and his family fled the house.

Firemen said flames probably short circuited the electricity, causing the door bell to ring.