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A CURE THAT'S SURE

Although we're no authority on emotional disturbances, it has long been our opinion that self pity is the most destructive force a mortal falls victim to.

In its severest form it helps to crowd the nation's mental institutions. In its milder form, it makes millions miserable and a whining nuisance to those who have to be around them.

To some extent, all of us indulge in self pity, just as we secretly indulge in self admiration. The more you indulge the more you can be convinced that your horizon stops where your own desires leave off.

Some of us don't see the other fellow's woes on even the clearest day. If we do get a glimpse, through the murky haze of our self-centered isolation, we couldn't care less about his predicament.

In our case, we are ever mindful of the Chinese proverb about the man who complained because he had no shoes, until he met a man who had no feet. If you don't think things could be worse, just look around you.

Whatever may be the underlying cause for your self pity — no matter how badly you've been faring, or think you've been faring — there's a sure cure. Find somebody less fortunate than you, and lend him a helping hand.

New Bern's happiest people — still living or no longer with us — have always been the sort who gave of themselves for others. More often than not they had troubles of their own, but in their busy service for suffering humanity they didn't find time to consider their personal plight.

ON BEING HUMBLE

New Bernians who viewed the finals of the Miss America pageant via television were deeply impressed, as millions of others must have been, by the impromptu speech on humility that the winner, Miss Arkansas, made.

Only the judges know to what extent her defining of the word influenced their selection of a young woman who, in addition, had the attractiveness of face and figure that counts heavily in the competition. Admittedly, it takes more than wisdom to emerge as the reigning queen.

This fact notwithstanding, she spoke a mouthful with those pretty lips of hers when she said, "Humility is always apparent to others, but invisible to those who have it." No one, ugly or beautiful, could have expressed a great truth more eloquently.

In essence, she echoed the sentiments of James Russell Lowell when he observed that "Humbledness is always grace always dignity." And it was Thoreau's reasoning that "Humility, like darkness, reveals the heavenly lights."

Striving to describe the quality, Nathaniel Crew wrote, "By humility I mean not the abjectness of a base mind, but a prudent care not to overvalue ourselves." Mary Baker Eddy said, "Self-knowledge, humility, and love are divine strength," while John Ruskin wasn't wrong when he added, "I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility."

The new Miss America, except for the recognition accorded her last Saturday night at Atlantic City, may have no real claim to greatness. However, one of the things that made her definition of humility sound convincing was her own apparent humbleness.

The Mirror doubts, and the average New Bern citizen will share this doubt, that she could have made her simple words ring true if they hadn't come from an understanding heart as well as a keen and alert mind.

Something tells us that the lovely lady from the land of the Ozarks is a real Miss America.

Historical Gleanings

—By—
ELIZABETH MOORE

WILLIAM B. JONES AND WIFE, SARAH AND OTHERS, THE HEIRS OF JOHN STARKEY, DECEASED, PETITION FOR PARTITION OF REAL ESTATE, RECEIVED AND FILED BY A. NASH, JULY, 1806. SUPERIOR COURT OF LAW JULY, 1806.

Petition of William Jones and wife, Sarah, George W. Mitchell, and Phebe Ogden, his wife, James Taylor, Alice McCrohon, Julia Ann Taylor, Dugamier Taylor and William B. Graves Taylor, the last three infants under age of twenty one, by the said James Taylor, their guardian and next friend, show:

That John Starkey, late of Onslow County, Esq. departed this life some time in the year _____, intestate and seized at the time of his death of various tracts of land situate in the County of Carteret within the district of New Bern, and in the County of Onslow aforesaid, within the district of Wilmington.

Your petitioner further represents that the said lands &c upon the same vested in his three daughters as tenants in common and heirs at law to the said John, which said three daughters were your petitioners: Sarah, Phebe and Mary Taylor, then the wife of James Taylor; and your petitioners respectfully show that said Mary Taylor departed this life intestate some time in the year 1803.

Whereupon all the real estate whereof she was seized descended upon and came unto your petitioner James for the term of his life as tenant by courtesy and subject to such necessary estate unto your petitioners Alice McCrohon, Julia Ann, Dugamier and William Taylor and unto John Louis Taylor, her only children and heirs at law.

Petitioners further show that the said John Louis Taylor has since died an infant of very tender years, whereby all his rights subject to life estate of petitioner James Taylor, has accrued unto his surviving sisters and brothers Your petitioners: Alice, Julia, Ann, Dugamier, and William.

Your petitioner prays the Court in pursuance of the Act of the Assembly in such cases made and provided to appoint commissioners to divide real estate of the said John Starkey, which has so descended unto your petitioners and make return of such division to this Honorable Court. Signed by William Gaston for petitioners.

North Carolina, Jones County. At a court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held in Jones County on the second Monday in the year of our Lord, 1795, being the 11th day of the month, before Frederick Hargett, William Orme, Jacob Johnston, Esq. and the rest of their brethren the justices of said County.

Peter Morton brought a complaint into this court against

Village Verses

THE CHALLENGE

Here she comes along the street,
An adorable sight to see;
Her hat is cute, her dress is sweet,
Her lipstick bright as can be.
The birds sing gaily overhead,
While flowers burst into bloom;
And yet, her eyes reveal a dread
That heralds impending doom.
Her stride is halting, insecure,
Despite her determination;
She's uncertain, that's for sure,
In this trying situation.
There's no hiding her despair,
For no one ever conceals.
A grim expression all girls wear
In their very first pair of heels.

—JGMCD.

Alice Starkey, James Taylor and William Jones, Administrators of John Starkey, deceased, by a Writ, to wit: a plea of trespass in the amount of 160 pounds. Served by the high sheriff of Jones County. Defendants by attorney Edward Graham, Esq. pleaded the general issue &c, and upon which the plaintiff joined issue, and the case was continued for trial from term to term, until the present term, at the Court House in Trenton on the 2d Monday of February 1796, when it was made to appear that the plaintiff Peter Morton was dead. Whereupon Peter Morton, Jun. Micajah Morton and James Ball, Executors, of Peter Morton, deceased, were admitted to prosecute the suit &c, at the Court House in Trenton, on 2d Monday in August 1796.

Before Edward Whitty, William Orme, Benjamin Laveland and Joseph Hatch and the rest of the Justices, their brethren, where both parties being present by their attorneys and the Sheriff of the County having returned a venire of good and lawful men the following jury: Elijah Steel, John Tillman, Lemuel Lipsey, John Koonce, John King, Joseph Kinsey, Fred Markett, Edmond Johnston, Martin Filyaw, James Goodman, Daniel Koonce, and Enos Harrell, being duly empanelled, and sworn find for the plaintiff.

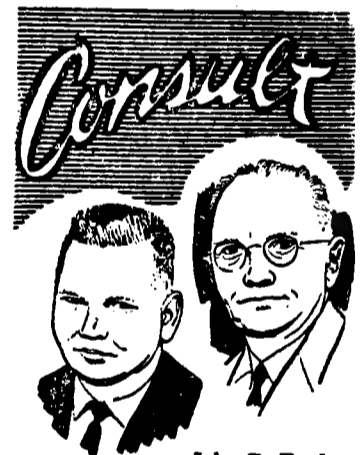
Case appealed. Appearance bond signed by William Jones John Brown and Attest: W. Bryan.

Attorney: William Slade. Witnesses: Brooks McKinnie

Southy Littleton, William Bryan, Clerk, Burkes McCaneys note, John Marshall one of the Justices for Onslow County. Witness tickets filed for John Farr before S. W. Arnett for Silas Cooke, CC. March, 1790. (Records of Craven County, Clerk's Loose Papers)

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John R. Taylor

John R. Taylor, Jr.

About This Question:

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