

Three P's PERSONAL AND PRIVATE PROBLEMS

This column will attempt 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 adjusting oneself to society; economic questions to include adjustment to business life and careers. All inquiries correspondence and names will be held in the strictest confidence. All inquiries and questions should be addressed to "Three P's", care of The Chowan Herald, Edenton, N. C.

—Vladimir D. Rellor, Counselor.

To Three P's:

Now that Christmas is over I would like to express my feelings. As our Christmas giving has been completed our family is in debt and it will take us several months to get out of the red. Both my husband and myself have a number of relatives and friends who each year send us a present of some kind and of course presents for our three children. We are both appreciative of their thoughtfulness and generosity to us and the children, but it places us in a difficult position for both of us we must give gifts in return. My husband says he does not want to be a cheapskate and it results in our giving, on a money basis, more expensive gifts than we receive. I want to curtail our giving but my husband says it would place us in an awkward position. Is there any reasonable way that we may handle this problem and not have a guilty conscience?

Mrs. D. G. M.

Dear Mrs. D. G. M.:

Christmas is a joyous time for unto man a Saviour was born and gifts were brought to the Christ Child in the Manger as an expression of joy and gratitude and it is doubted that the wisemen, shepherds and the country people expected any material return. However, at Christmas time people feel more generous, more grateful and express their feelings in giving. However, if the giving is done with the thought in mind that they will receive a gift in return it is not true Christian giving, and it would be much better to not give at all than to send gifts on the basis of an expected return. Years ago, it used to be the custom to exchange small gifts among the immediate members of the family; to send penny Christmas cards; then hold open house for neighborly visits when wine and Christmas cookies were served. Of course, there was happy general conversation. Then New Year's cards were sent to those who had sent Christmas cards and again there was open house with wine and cookies and general good conversation. The children received small gifts. But through the holidays there was a feeling of good will and neighborliness. Alas and alack times and customs have changed and in many cases the giving is done on the basis of hoping you will receive something better than you gave. The talk is quite common that Christmas has become too commercialized. Certainly for

Dear Three P's:

I am a stenographer and work with a firm that has offices in a large office building. Every day when people are arriving for work, when they go out and come back from lunch and when people go home, the elevators are crowded. It is my experience that every time I use the elevators the men take off their hats. Of course they try to save their hats from being crushed, and as a result the men take up more room than they should; in fact, several times hats have been poked in my face. Is it necessary for men to take off their hats under such circumstances.

Miss Ruth

Dear Miss Ruth:

Men taking off their hats in the presence of women is a throwback to the days of chivalry and gallantry, when knights in armor removed their shields to show their respect for women. In this modern age and with the increasing crowds this gallantry is misplaced, and actually in crowded elevators men removing their hats show less gallantry

and consideration than if they kept their hats on. It is noticed that in department stores men do not remove their hats except in the elevators. No it is not necessary for men to remove their hats in crowds; it would be more thoughtful of them if they kept their hats on. You just ask your elevator starter to post a notice in the elevators for men not to remove their hats and things will be better.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

loved one, or one in need, can express our inward caring and assume the mantle of greatness.

Our prayer may well be not for place or power, or what custom calls greatness for ourselves, but for hearts sensitive to hear the call of need and hands skilled to respond.

As Jesus went about giving of his daily life, he entered imaginatively into the problems and needs of persons. That is the true meaning of compassion—"feeling with." If a person was crippled, Jesus felt himself afflicted. He knew the dark world of the blind, the lonely world of the brokenhearted. He knew the strange, lonely poverty of the rich. He bore sorrows on his shoulders, and was acquainted with griefs.

It would be a tragic mistake for us to study the transcript of Jesus' life without seeing in it a clinical demonstration of how service leads to the only kind of greatness worth having; greatness of inner feeling and light.

(These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission.)

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Harrell announce the birth of a 10-pound son. Mr. Harrell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell of Corapeake and is now a student of Bob Jones University at Greenville, S. C.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MacKENZIE

This week's column concludes an original sermon, "I Resolve This New Year . . ." by George Nixon, 16-year-old member of the Edenton Presbyterian Church.

The greatest resolution by far to make this new year, and one that includes all the others, is consecration, or being separated from sin, and dedicated to the Lord and His will for us.

First, we should resolve to consecrate to Him our time. Not just an hour or two on Sunday, but all of our time. And if God honors you by calling you into full-time Christian service, respond eagerly to His call.

Second, our talents, or abilities. God gives us talents for one reason, and one reason only: to be used for Him and His glory. If God calls us to use our talents in a certain ministry, and we do not, we shall find out we can't deceive God, and our talents will be taken away from us. So resolve to give Him your talents.

Third, the consecration of our possessions and wealth. We should give God what we have for His use and glory. I think this is the reason God does not let us have much money: He knows that if we become what this world calls "rich" we shall forget that all comes from God, and we won't depend on Him for our daily needs. We should also give money to God's work, such as missions, and orphanages. Give Him your all, and you will find complete joy.

Last, consecration of ourselves. God made us with one purpose in mind, to glorify Him. Paul tells us in the wonderful third chapter of Philippians, verses 7-16: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is

through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the Resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing." God made us, we belong to Him. Therefore, let us resolve this new year to give our all and all to God.

Lord, I am Thine entirely Thine, Purchased and saved by blood divine; With full consent, Thine I should be, And own Thy Sovereign right in me.

Let this be our prayer and resolution for this coming year, and all the years to follow: LORD.

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Ryland HD Club Making Planters

Ten copper tooled planters were made recently at a craft workshop sponsored by the Ryland Home Demonstration Club. The ladies met in the home of Mrs. Lester Copeland, club president.

Mrs. Eugene Jordan attended the craft workshop at Manteo this past summer and attended the class on copper tooling which was taught by Burton Simcox of Tennessee. Through experience and information gained at the workshop, she taught tooling at the local workshop held in her club.

Each club member chose her own design for a planter. After tracing the pattern on the copper, the work began. Tooling is fun and the women had little trouble learning the technique. The approximate cost of the planter was \$2.85.

These planters make wonderful gifts but the first ten to be made will probably be used to beautify the homes in Ryland

community.

Other workshops are being planned for copper planters and for bottoming stools.

Those attending were Mrs. Doris Copeland, Mrs. Melvin Copeland, Mrs. Glenn Langley, Mrs. Carson Davis, Mrs. Gordon Boyce, Mrs. John Raymond Dail, Mrs. C. C. Copeland, Mrs. T. L. Ward, Mrs. Deroy Bunch, Mrs. Eugene Jordan and Mrs. Lester Copeland.

The devil loves nothing better than the intolerance of reformers. —James Russell Lowell.

I do not believe you can do today's job with yesterday's methods and be in business tomorrow. . . —Nelson Jackson.

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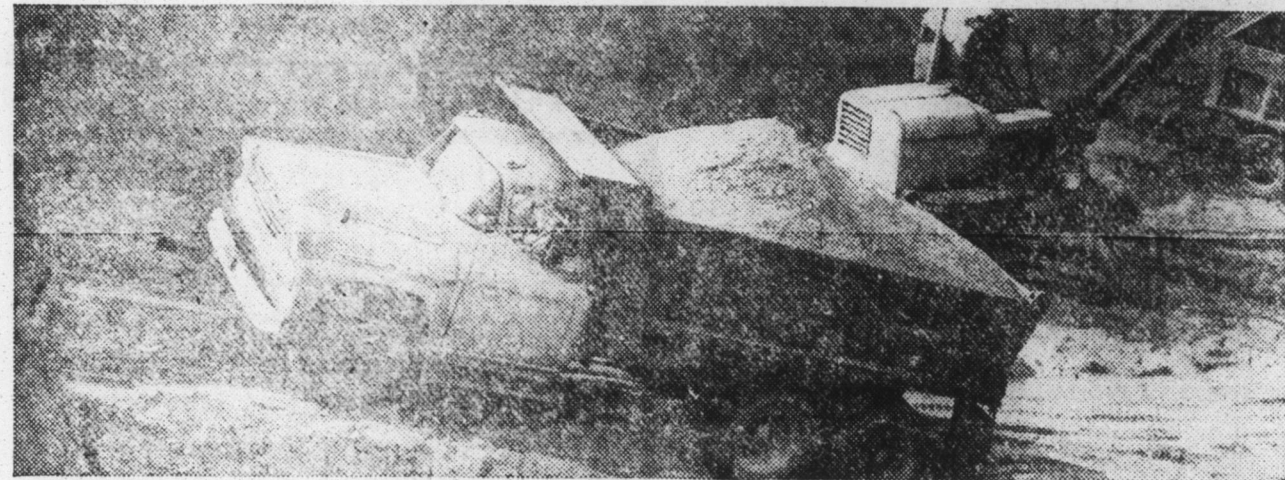
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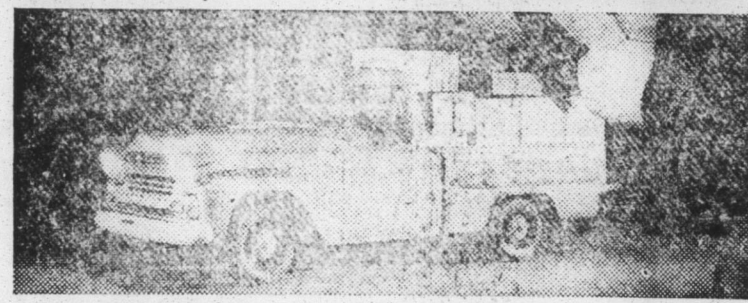
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