

Three P's PERSONAL AND PRIVATE PROBLEMS

Personal and private problems of individuals who submit their questions to the editor. These inquiries to the editor are handled by the editor and are not necessarily the opinion of the editor. All inquiries should be addressed to the editor, care of The Chowan Herald, Edenton, N. C.

Dear Three P's:
My problem is becoming serious and I am wondering what I can do about it. I have a wonderful husband and I do not want any other. About two years ago my husband started to drink in a very mild way. He said that the medical profession advocated a man past forty taking a drink now and then. However, the now and then has become every day. I do not mind at home for I can take care of him. However, every time when we go out for a ride he has to take two drinks and sometimes he takes a pint with him and on the ride may stop for a nip or two. Then when he goes to football games with his friends he always takes a pint with him. What I am concerned about is his driving. Sometimes when the family is out on a ride he tries to show what a good driver he is by speeding and then weaving the car from one side of the road to another and I am afraid we will have a serious accident. What can I do?

—Worried.

Dear Worried:
From what you write it would seem that your husband has started as a mild social drinker and is progressing toward being a steady drinker and apparently is on his way to becoming an alcoholic and needs help. Alcohol has been known and has been used in many forms since the dawn of civilization. It is the mis-use of alcohol that brings on the problem. It is both a moral problem as well as a medical one. For people in their late forties and upwards the medical profession does advise certain people to take half an ounce or an ounce of whiskey an hour or so before their evening meal. This helps circulation by dilating the arteries and aids digestion. But from a medical point of view the use of whiskey beyond this point can become dangerous and a problem. Drinking becomes a moral problem from two points of view: First the break down of an individual's character to a point that he cannot solve his problems without two or three drinks. But this drinking does not solve his problem, he only uses alcohol to bury the problem temporarily, and after the influence of the alcohol has worn off,

his problem looms much larger, more terrifying and more difficult to solve. The other point is a break down of an individual's responsibility to other people. Some men react differently under the influence of alcohol. Some become boisterous and demonstrative; others become very quiet; some want to show their prowess in various ways; others become reckless and want to fight. Any man who drinks before and during the time that he is driving a car is a dangerous person and forgets his responsibility to himself, his family and other people on the road. It is a well known fact that the reflexes of an individual under the influence of alcohol are much slower than a person who is not under such influence. Therefore, when a man under the influence of alcohol comes up with a traffic or driving problem on the road he is apt to react too slowly, improperly and thus bring about a situation where a serious accident may occur. Many of the reports on highway accidents indicate that alcohol has been the main cause, resulting in overspeeding, taking unnecessary chances and reacting improperly under traffic conditions and hazards. He is dangerous and that is the reason that various state legislatures are considering laws penalizing a driver who is found under the influence of alcohol while driving. Such a driver loses all sense of his responsibility to his family and to others on the road. The fact that your husband tries to demonstrate his skill while driving may indicate that he has some deep seated problem within himself that he has not been able to solve and he tries to bury it in alcohol, which weakens him in his attempt to solve the problem and the situation becomes worse. My advice to you is to show this column to your husband; have a heart to heart talk with him; you try to find out if he has a problem and if there is anything you can do to help him solve it. Inasmuch as your husband has not gone too far would indicate that you have a great opportunity to find out what is bothering him and helping him to solve it with the assurance of your help and sympathy. Under no circumstances should you be critical,

which may make him worse. If this does not help him write in again and there will be other suggestions.

Dear Three P's:
My son is seventeen and will graduate from high school next year when he hopes to go to college. However, he claims to have fallen in love with one of his teachers who is twenty-eight and wants to marry her. While I realize that this may be a calf type of interest, nevertheless nothing that I can say will make him change his mind. The teacher is an attractive person and I have nothing against her.

Dear Mother:
It is not uncommon for youngsters to become infatuated with their teachers. As you say it is a sort of calf love which often wears off. Of course, there are cases where the situation becomes serious and it becomes a problem particularly where the teacher encourages the affair and oftentimes in changes of classes and teachers the affair is forgotten. However, if in your own mind it would appear to be real serious, my suggestion to you is to call upon the teacher and have a frank and open talk with her. You may find that she herself does not have the slightest interest in your son. At least this will let you know what the teacher feels about the affair. If this does not solve the problem drop me another line.

Circulations For Libraries Released

Circulations for the Pettigrew Regional Library, as announced by Mrs. Eugenia Babylon, director, for November follow:
White bookmobile, 2,138; colored bookmobile, 1,315; Washington County Public Library, 2,017; Tyrrell County Public Library, 1,551; Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, 921; Brown-Carver Library, 820; Washington County Colored Library, 354.
The bookmobile circulations are lower than usual due to the trip made by Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Alexander to Shrewsbury, Mass., to get the new Moroney bookmobile. The two bookmobiles did not operate during the time they were gone nor the week afterwards when the new vehicle was stocked with books.

Minutes Of County Board Of Education

The Board of Education held its regular meeting December 7, at 10 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. Mary D. Nixon, by repeating the last verse of the 19th Psalm.

The following members were present: Mrs. Mary D. Nixon, Gariand Asbell, Marvin Evans and Sherlen C. Layton.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and same were approved as read.
The bills paid since the last meeting were read and approved by a motion by Mr. Asbell and seconded by Mr. Layton and unanimously passed:

Current expense, \$2,599.15; capital outlay, \$838.11; Building Fund, (White Oak), \$8,018.89; Veterans' Program, \$286.18; Teachers, \$11.30; total, \$11,784.43.

The county treasurer's report for November along with the local school fund treasurer's reports for Chowan High and White Oak Consolidated Schools were presented. A motion made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Asbell that same be adopted passed unanimously.

The superintendent reminded the board that the Rocky Hock Central School Building would be offered for sale as advertised, December 14, noon, at the Court House door.

The grand jury's report for November and December was

read and several items of interest were noted.

Carey Evans and M. J. Tynch, representing the Brotherhood of Rocky Hock Baptist Church and the community, appeared before the board in regard to the sale of the Rocky Hock Central School Building. The chairman Mrs. Nixon, referred to the law providing for the building to be offered for sale at public bidding December 14, 1959, and that said bids were subject to rejection by the board.

The superintendent reported that the four additional classrooms at White Oak Consolidated School would be completed by January 1, 1960, on schedule, unless weather conditions or some unforeseen factors prevented.

There being no further business, the board adjourned.
W. J. TAYLOR, Secretary
MRS. MARY D. NIXON, Chairman

Town Council Proceedings

Edenton, N. C., Dec. 8, 1959.

The Town Council met this day in regular session at 8 P. M. Members present: J. Edwin Buffalup, Mayor Pro-Tem, George A. Byrum, Luther C. Parks, W. C. Bunch, Jr., R. Elton Forehand and C. A. Phillips.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as read.
Motion was made by Luther C. Parks, seconded by R. Elton Forehand, and duly carried that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That the Town Council do hereby extend their sympathy to his wife and son, and

Be it Further Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Council and that a copy be sent to the wife and son of Frank Lee Hughes.

Motion was made by R. Elton Forehand, seconded by George A. Byrum, and duly carried that Town employees be given a Christmas present amounting to twenty percent of a regular week's pay.

Motion was made by Luther C. Parks, seconded by George A. Byrum, and duly carried that the Board of Public Works be requested to purchase and install two blinker lights on North Oakum Street.

Motion was made by R. Elton Forehand, seconded by George A. Byrum, and duly carried that Electric and Water Department bills in the amount of \$16,174.77 be paid.

Motion was made by W. C. Bunch, Jr., seconded by C. A. Phillips and duly carried that the following Town of Edenton bills in the amount of \$2,757.77 be paid:

The Chowan Herald, \$61.45; Institute for Training in Municipal Administration, \$75.00; Abbott Coin Counter Co., \$1.13; International City Managers' Association, \$2.00; Norfolk-Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$2.50; Ernest J. Ward, Jr., \$26.00; Esso Standard Oil Co., \$263.54; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$10.85; Charles Greenleaf, \$16.87; Hersh Tyler Co., \$632.50; Albemarle Motor Co., \$9.11; Hughes-Parker Hardware Co., \$3.15; Jackson Radio & TV Service, \$2.53; Byrum Hardware Co., \$1.95; Colt's Patent Fire Arms Co., \$60.84; Bunch's Auto Parts, \$12.48; Coastland Oil Co., \$17.13; W. F. Miller, \$25.00; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$21.38; Esso Standard Oil Co., \$23.13; Hobbs Implement Co., \$1.10; Ashlee

Welding & Machine Co., \$8.91; Hughes-Parker Hardware Co., \$3.30; Byrum Hardware Co., \$28.95; Ricks Laundry & Cleaners, \$6.00; Bunch's Auto Parts, \$1.88; Motorola C. & E., Inc., \$30.00; Volunteer Firemen, \$89.00; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$9.25; Edenton Construction Co., \$29.70; Town of Edenton E. & W. Dept., \$120.00; Carolina Machinery & Supply Co., \$17.23; Hobbs Implement Co., \$4.10; Esso Standard Oil Co., \$269.36; Bridge-Turn Service Station, \$68.60; J. D. McCotter, \$51.00; A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc., \$47.74; Hughes-Parker Hardware Co., \$27.56; Ashlee Welding & Machine Co., \$66.46; Ack Ack Exterminating Co., \$15.00; Albemarle Motor Co., \$21.00; George Chevrolet Co., Inc., \$6.44; Mitchener's Pharmacy, \$8c; Gulf Oil Corp., \$4.10; The Texas Co., \$130.89; The San-Pax Co., \$23.57; N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, \$4.00; Rhett Miller, \$1.00; Wm. F. Freeman, Inc., \$248.97;

Consumer Reports, \$12.00; Lila White's Flower Shop, \$10.00; Speare Food Products, \$15.00; Sears Roebuck & Co., \$7.83; Mrs. Ann Wallace, \$31.00; Carlyle Webb, \$30.00; N. C. League of Municipalities, \$108.79.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.
ERNEST J. WARD, JR., Clerk

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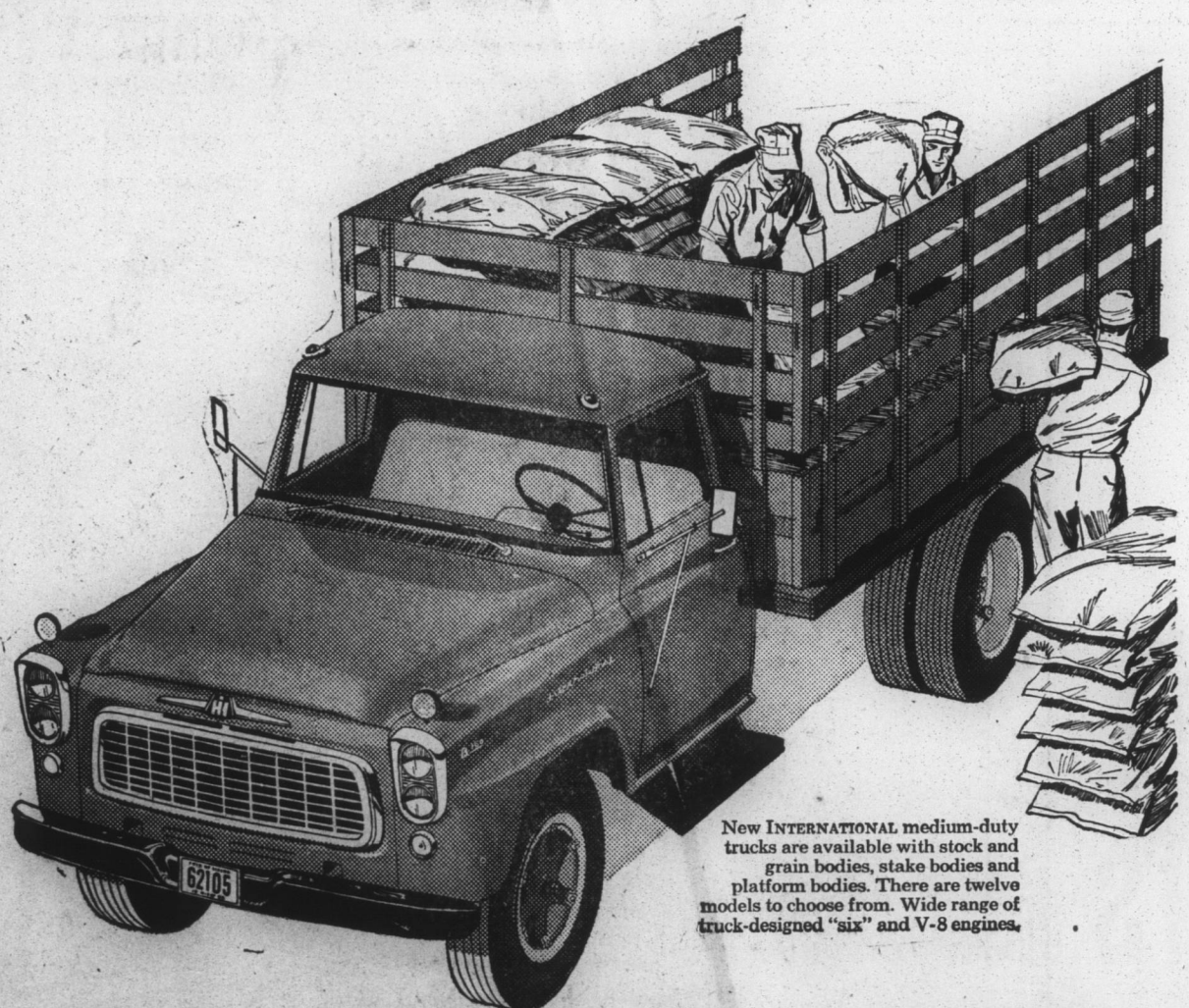
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