

### 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 in their family and social problems and will cover questions that come up in a family or social setting. Economic conditions to include adjustment to hard times and taxes. All inquiries accompanied by return address 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.

Dear Three P's:  
The settlement of the recent steel strike was full of hokum in my opinion, all at the expense of the public. The steel companies declared they would not agree to a settlement that would involve an increase in the cost of steel; the President declared that any settlement should not include any element that would result in inflation. I recall the statements before and since the settlement, and while I am not an economist, I

cannot see anything but an increase in the cost of steel, which the general public will pay. It seems to me that labor always wins. When is labor going to be satisfied and when is it going to be determined that a given wage is final, take it or leave it. What do you say?  
—Jasper.

You are not the only one confused about the recent settlement of the steel strike and there are a few others who think the same as you. The recent strike was comparatively peaceful, except for the bitter words and vituperative name calling. The union leaders used invective and vituperative name calling, implying that there was falsehood and lying on the part of companies; the companies replied in advertisements indicating that any settlement beyond their terms would mean an increase in the price of steel and further inflation. The President insisted on a settlement that would not result in inflation. There are three phases to the settlement that are going to have their repercussions: 1—The political phase; 2—The economic phase; 3—The labor phase.

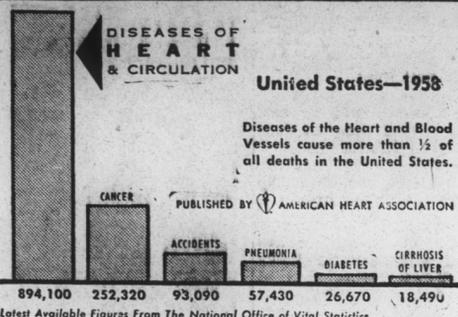
1—The political phase: While V. P. Nixon and Secretary of Labor Mitchell, did not publicly take any credit for the settlement, a great many others took the credit for them. Statements have been made that the settlement enhanced the possibility of Nixon being elected President and Mitchell as Vice President. McDonald, of the union, was non-committal at first as to who should receive the credit. Chairman Butler, National Democratic Party, came out on TV and in the papers, with a strong condemnation of the settlement, as being a political deal made under the table, that the steel companies agreed not to increase any prices until after the November elections and after that the sky was the limit. (Butler forgot to mention the economic factors which would be a deterrent to such a scheme) Butler was very caustic in his remarks and statements. McDonald, union leader, came out with the statement that too much credit was being given to the wrong parties. He stated that the man who brought about the settlement was Joseph P. Kennedy, father of Senator Kennedy, candidate for the nomination for President on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Ken-

edy, of course, is doing all he can to obtain the nomination for his son. McDonald's statement was to the effect that Mr. Kennedy had great influence in Wall Street and forced a settlement through that channel. These are the highlights of the political phase and you can rest assured that the settlement will be the subject of discussion and bitter debate in the coming November election. One phase that is interesting is the action of Democratic Governor of Pennsylvania. He lost no time in congratulating McDonald and appointing him as delegate at large to the coming National Democratic Convention.

2—The economic phase: The economic phase is rather simple. No corporation or individual can absorb an increased cost of production of over a billion dollars in a comparatively short period of time without increasing the cost of its product or services. It remains to be seen how much the increase will be. It has been estimated that the increase will be from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per ton. The limiting factor is the element of competition and the increasing transportation of steel from abroad. Kaiser, more or less independent, is going to hold the line to steal more business if he can, and he will be the last to increase the price. Increased imports have been taking over some of the business and with an increase in domestic prices you can rest assured there will be an increase in the import of steel. In any event, the public will pay the bill.

3—The labor phase: From any point of view the settlement has been a great victory for labor, as claimed by McDonald. But again, it cannot be stressed too often, that the loser will be, not the steel companies, but the general public. The important point is what might be a fair wage and fringe benefits for a given type of work. Some one, some time, will have to determine this question. The history of labor settlements has been that at the expiration of any given contract, the unions seek higher and higher wages and more and more fringe benefits, all at the expense of the public in increased prices, further inflation and a loss of the purchasing power of the dollar. Management, labor, the Government, arbitrators, never discuss this point but each element in all negotiating try to reach a compromise resulting in an in-

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### Something New

The long-winded lecturer had been holding forth for over an hour, except for brief pauses from time to time to gulp a hasty drink of water.

Finally, during one such pause, an old farmer in the audience leaned toward his neighbor and announced in a loud whisper: "First time I ever saw a windmill run by water."

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GARDEN TIME  
M.E. Gardner  
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We have just passed through a rather severe ice storm in our neighborhood which caused considerable damage to trees and shrubs. Limbs snapping and trees falling under the weight of ice caused great inconvenience because of broken wires and power failures. Some homes were without heat, water and light for hours and even days. Hundreds of men labored around the clock to restore power and open communications. Baby chicks, just pipping out, died by the thousands because their mechanical mamas ceased to supply the vital warmth necessary for survival.

Perhaps we should not fuss too much about electric current and telephone bills always being too high when we think of maintenance and repair costs, especially in extreme emergencies. Now back to the storm damage of trees and shrubs. Pines were the hardest hit. In some instances it may be desirable to remove the trees but where limbs were snapped, the stub left should be removed with a clean, close cut. All limbs and trees removed should be used, or destroyed to prevent breeding places for bark beetles. Trees that were bent under the weight of ice should straighten

up again.  
If limbs on shade trees snapped a distance from the main trunk, remove the remaining section by first cutting on the under side about eight inches out and then from the top. As the limb falls away, a stub will be left which can be removed without tearing the bark. Make a close cut so it will heal over. Wounds over three inches in diameter should be protected with a wound dressing. If the limb splits and tears away from the trunk, you have a different problem. If the

How the power of God brings man protection and strength will be brought out in the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Man" which will be read at Christian Science services this Sunday.  
The spiritual relationship of God and the man of His creating will be emphasized in the Scriptural readings which include this verse: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1).  
Among the correlative passages to be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy is the following: "Nothing but the power of Truth can prevent the fear of error, and prove man's dominion over error" (380:19).  
The Golden Text is from Genesis (1:27): "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him."

tree is worth saving, remove the limb and smooth the wound as best you can, taking care that it drains well. Then protect with a wound dressing. Some of my ligustrum hedge plants split a distance from the main stem but did not snap. There is not much you can do in this case except to remove the limb entirely or cut back of the split section and leave the stub to fill in.  
If the breakage problem is too much for you to handle, or supervise, it will be best to call in someone who is competent to do pruning and tree surgery.

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