

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 and questions should be addressed to "Three P's", care of The Chowan Herald, Edenton, N. C. —Virginia D. Taylor, Counselor.

Dear Jason:
The other evening I attended a lecture by a well known lecturer. In general terms he was trying to make the point that our standards of character were sinking to a new low and that moral decay was setting up a pattern that is becoming general throughout society. The speaker seemed to feel that the welfare state was partly responsible for this deterioration of moral character and that the decline would continue. How can this be blamed on the welfare state? —Jason.

Dear Jason:
In dealing with broad generalities it is easy for a speaker or an author to ascribe certain effects to broad general causes. However, when it comes to analyzing these generalities it becomes more difficult to stay within the realm of generalities. Then again there are differences between generations. The outlook of one generation, morally speaking, may be entirely different from the outlook of subsequent generations. Certainly in our history the Puritans were severe in their moral standards. Older people in society are apt to be more severe in their standards than the younger generations, who tend to be more liberal in their standards.

However, in recent years leaders and writers in the field of moral philosophy are becoming more concerned with what you might call a lowering of moral standards compared with the past. Certainly in the past we have had our scandals in all fields of social activity; government, politics, business and every-day life.

Some of the leaders in the field of social trends recite the following causes for our so-called moral decay. The movies have been criticized for years for artificially stimulating emotional desires and appetites in portraying lush characters on the screen. It has been alleged that such movies have been the cause of younger people leading a life of crime. TV falls into the same category and certainly the recent disclosures as to TV contests and payola are sufficient evidence of fraud, misrepresentation and the mulching of the people causing them to lose faith in what they previously believed to be true. The whole field of advertising can be criticized for exaggeration, misrepresentation and out and out fraud. People find out eventually that the advertising is buncombe and then question the value of all advertising allegations as to commodities they are advertising. This definitely causes moral decay and a breakdown of faith in what they are led to believe.

Then in the field of education there has been considerable concern as to cheating. Of course, basically, it is the result of mass advertising and propa-

ganda that everybody should go to college, and college education becomes a form to follow without any substance of value to college students. Surveys over the years have disclosed that there is widespread cheating in college examinations, but recently it is claimed that such cheating is on the increase. Dean Grief of Purdue University states that such cheating is a reflection of cultural trends today; that students observe how common cheating is outside the school and the penalties are not severe. People cheat on their income tax returns, violate traffic laws, lie about expense accounts as all part of the game. Then we have the publicity about the ghost writers who write examinations and thesis for college students, which is an out and out scandal.

In the field of politics, we have police scandals in Chicago, where the police actually aided and abetted burglaries; vote registration scandals in Philadelphia; scandals in the Dept. of Weights and Measures in New York where the inspectors were in collusion with suppliers and dealers at the expense and loss to the consumer. You have the Boro President of Manhattan, N. Y., involved in fraud and deceit and a Congressman from New York is on trial for income tax evasion and fraud. Then you have the employee of the Dept. of Agriculture in Washington who made \$100,000 in one year on cheating and collusive activities as to the storage of grain. Then in the field of unemployment relief there is all kinds of fraud and deceit; the original purposes of unemployment relief have been broadened to the point of getting everybody on relief that has the slightest excuse and the decisions of the BES in Washington is building up a welfare state out of unemployment alone.

Sweden is now becoming concerned with the welfare state where income taxes start at thirty five per cent and a new sales tax has been imposed of four per cent to provide more money for welfare programs of all kinds, actually from the cradle to the grave. In Sweden there has been a great increase in crime of all sorts, increase in alcoholics and juvenile delinquency. But the problem that is attracting attention is the problem of suicide. There has been a steady increase in the number of suicides in Sweden. Here in Sweden, with the highest standard of living in the world has a moral problem as-

cribed to the welfare state. Leaders are now stating that the cause is the welfare state taking away from people the ability to meet and solve their own personal daily problems of living.

In the U. S. there is a development that is giving some concern; that is, the increasing number of personal bankruptcy cases to clean the slate of all personal debts and liability. We never had such a problem before. It is claimed that this is due to the advertising incentives to buy everything with nothing down and payments for the remainder of life. This has increased the individual liability beyond the ability of the individual to meet his debt, and is a moral breakdown. The individual is continually being over-sold beyond his needs and ability to pay. There has been an increase of small loan companies who are making fortunes from the masses who are already debt ridden. Banks are now in the

Completes Training



Army Pvt. William H. Bunch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Bunch, recently completed eight weeks of military police training at the Provost Marshal General's School, Fort Gordon, Ga. Bunch received instruction in self defense, traffic control and the basic procedures of civil and military law. He entered the Army last December and completed basic combat training at Fort Benning, Ga. Bunch was graduated from John A. Holmes High School in 1957 and attended the University of North Carolina. —(U. S. Army photo)

field with a continuing line of credit based on your salary. These definitely are signs of moral decay; the welfare state is partly responsible; mass production is also responsible as well as the advertising profession in stimulating desire for more and more goods beyond individual needs and ability to pay.

Dear Three P's:
It is with difficulty that I write about a personal private family problem. My wife lately has been drinking more than she should and is on her way to becoming an alcoholic. I believe it came about as a result of belonging to bridge clubs that play for high stakes and where alcohol flows fairly freely. Her personality is changing, her appearance is becoming dowdy and the family is being neglected. What can I do to help my wife from further degradation? —Amos.

Dear Amos:
You are faced with one of the tragic problems of life, where a person becomes involved with the so-called fast set and is hypnotized by the so-called glamor of easy money and free flowing alcohol and is spending money beyond the budget and gets in debt and more deeply involved.

The best advice to you would be to have an outright talk with your wife on a sympathetic basis, pointing out where she is going and the effect it is having on you and the children. Offer to help her in every way, first by cleaning up her debts so that she will not be under obligation to the fast set who live on such suckers as your wife. Also offer to obtain for her outside help such as your minister, doctor and a close friend. If she has a close friend this friend to keep in close touch with her and develop new interests away from the fast set. If this does not help from a practical basis, try to get her to join the AA.

RYLAND CLUB MEETS

The Ryland Home Demonstration Club met recently for its regular meeting with Mrs. C. C. Copeland. A very inspiring devotion was given on "I Believe in Prayer" by Mrs. C. C. Copeland. Mrs. Randolph Ward read a poem, "Mom's Sewing". The demonstration, "Working and Playing Together As a Family," was well presented by Mrs. Melvin Copeland. She stressed the need for families to work and play together to strengthen family ties, and to

make a more happy and secure home. Mrs. Copeland used several poems to bring out the points in the demonstration, which was most enjoyable to all. The report was given from the cancer drive, with \$27 collected. Announcements were made by the president, Mrs. C. C. Copeland served delicious refreshments and the meeting adjourned after a song by Mrs. Melvin Copeland.

Town Council Proceedings

Edenton, N. C. May 10, 1960.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitchener and the invocation was given by Luther C. Parks.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as read.

Motion was made by C. A. Phillips, seconded by R. Elton Forehand, and duly carried that Willie Overton be granted a permit to sell beer on premises at Overton's Restaurant, 101 N. Oakum Street, providing his application is approved by the N. C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Motion was made by George A. Byrum, seconded by C. A. Phillips, and duly carried that James P. Ricks, Jr., be appointed Civil Defense Director for the Town of Edenton.

Motion was made by George A. Byrum, seconded by R. Elton Forehand, and duly carried that the following ordinance be adopted:

It shall be unlawful to store, land, dock, anchor or tie any commercial type boat or vessel exceeding thirty (30) feet in length within the waters of the Town of Edenton abutting any residential district.

Violation of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and the owner of such boat or vessel shall be punished by a fine of not more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days. It is further provided that each day during which such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate violation.

Motion was made by J. Edwin Bufflap, seconded by George A. Byrum, and duly carried that Electric and Water Department bills in the amount of \$30,417.37 be paid.

Motion was made by W. C. Bunch, Jr., seconded by R. Elton Forehand, and duly carried that the following Town of Edenton bills in the amount of \$2,930.82 be paid:

The Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$2.55; United States Pencil Co., \$12.35; The Chowan Herald, \$4.50; The Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$121.78; Gulf Oil Corporation, \$121.78; N and R Cleaners, \$12.85; George

Chevrolet Co., \$10.44; Wood's Speedometer Service, \$13.80; Albenarie Motor Co., \$5.50; Edenton Office Supply, \$136.94; Criminal Research Products, Inc., \$12.57; Byrum Hardware Company, \$8.30; W. F. Miller, \$25.00; The Chowan Herald, \$75.35; M. G. Brown Co., Inc., \$4.12; George I. Dail, \$15.66; Twiddy Insurance & Real Estate Co., \$29.60; C. W. Williams & Company, \$24.00; W. J. Yates, \$125.00; Norfolk-Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$21.98; Baker's Radiator Shop, \$20.93; Clark-Cooper Co., Inc., \$33.18; Byrum Hardware Co., Inc., \$27; M. G. Brown Co., Inc., \$19.29; Hughes-Parker Hardware Co., \$3.25; Ricks Laundry & Cleaners, Inc., \$8.00; Motorola C. & E., Inc., \$30.00; Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, \$5.00; Volunteer Firemen, \$239.00; Texaco, Inc., \$4.85; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$9.25; Gulf Oil Corporation, \$11.45; Byrum Hardware Co., Inc., \$55.95; Ashley Welding & Machine Co., \$4.96; Coastland Oil Company, \$6.20; Hobbs Implement Co., \$117.99; Gulf Oil Corp., \$480.72; Albenarie Motor Company, \$25.00; M. G. Brown Co., Inc., \$5.80; Leary Bros. Storage Co., \$10.36; Ack Ack Exterminating Co., \$15.00; Hughes-Parker Hardware Co., \$19.75; Edenton Ice Co., \$2.25; Bunch's Auto Parts, \$201.67; North Carolina League of Municipalities, \$116.89; Southern

Block & Pipe Co., \$543.00; George Chevrolet Co., \$59.78; Mrs. Raleigh Peele, \$10.00; Municipal Finance Officers Association, \$15.00; North Carolina League of Municipalities, \$12.00; Travel Council of North Caro-

lina, Inc., \$25.00; Byrum Hardware Co., \$12; The Henry B. Gilpin Co., \$143.54. There being no further business, the Council adjourned. ERNEST J. WARD, JR., Clerk.

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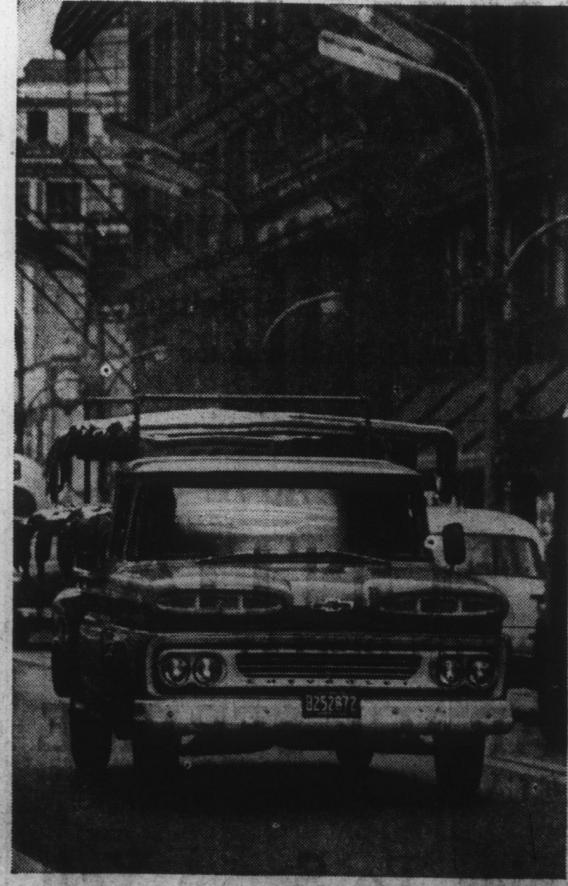
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