

## Reflections

By Alta Nye Oxendine

### MORE ABOUT PEARL HARBOR

In my last column I shared some of my reactions to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, which brought our country into the second World War. To the boys and men who fought in the trenches my description of World War II must have sounded quite trivial.

Even today many are suffering from injuries received 50 years ago. Many more never made it back home. One of these was James Smith. His younger brother, Oliver, was one of the two boys who graduated in our Class of 1945.

### THE JAPANESE

Throughout World War II it was common practice in the United States to use derogatory terms for the Germans and the Japanese. Germans were often called "Krauts," Japanese simply "Japs."

But this did not happen at our house. In the first grade my best friend was Nora. Both of her parents were from Germany.

When Mother lived in California, she helped teach Sunday school classes in a Japanese American church. For two summers she worked with the kindergarten there. Afterward she went back to Montana, where she married Daddy in 1925. One of the treasures in our house was a beautiful Japanese candy dish. No way was Mother going to let us refer to her friends as "Japs." Nor did we do this to other ethnic groups!

### MY JAPANESE FRIEND

Ever since I started to college in the fall of '45, I've had the wonderful privilege of getting to know people from most of the areas around the world. Because of the number of countries represented, Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, TN, was sometimes called a "little United Nations."

When I first arrived there for special training in rural church and community work, I was assigned to a suite (two rooms connected by a half bath). My suite-mate was So Iwai, a professor at a Christian college in Tokyo, who had come to the United States for further graduate training. Although she had a teen-age son, SO was so tiny that she looked more like a young girl.

Once SO told me she was sorry about the bombing of Pearl Harbor and asked if I could forgive her after what he country had done. I immediately asked her the same thing about the bombing of Nagasaki and Heroshima. That day we forgave each other.

SO referred to me as her sweet "suite-mate." I will always think of her as one of the sweetest persons I have known!

Let's take time to remember that "Jesus is the reason for the season."

## Congressman Charlie Rose honored by Farm Bureau

Congressman Charlie Rose of the 7th District of North Carolina was presented the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation's Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award during the organization's 56th annual convention in Asheville.

According to Farm Bureau President W.B. Jenkins, who presented the award, the honor is "reserved to recognize those individuals who have made contributions to the betterment of agriculture and rural North Carolina above and beyond the call of duty."

Jenkins cited Rose's long service as a member of the House Agriculture Committee during which he has "demonstrated his concerns and love for the working farmers of North Carolina and America. He has been

especially interested and involved in tobacco and peanut issues during the period he served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Tobacco and Peanuts."

Currently, Rose is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research and Foreign Agriculture while serving on four other agriculture subcommittees. He was elected Chairman of the Committee on Administration for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1990.

"With his many responsibilities and leadership demands," Jenkins stated, "Congressman Rose still maintains a strong, highly visible interest in agriculture and the well-being of America's farmers."

## The Coach's Corner

By Ken Johnson

### MICHAEL JORDAN

"Sportsman of the Year" honors were heaped upon Michael in this past week's Sports Illustrated magazine. He richly deserves the honor. 4 1/2 million copies were made and distributed of Michael's 3 dimensional picture showing him smiling in action, a real "holographic triumphant." Michael Jordan is a real life role model. Characteristics of honesty, integrity, friendliness his best, most outstanding factor in spite of his outstanding ability to play basketball. People note a person's friendliness more than any other factor. This is so true with Magic Johnson more than his ability to play great basketball. His is a real loss to the American public, but his fight against AIDS will be outstanding and no doubt will save hundreds of lives.

Sports Illustrated also mentions 10 other outstanding "role models." Wayne Gretzky, Cal Ripkin Jr., Joe

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