

## Reflections

by Alta Nye Oxendine

### The Rest of the Story

Earlier I wrote about printer problems, receiving money from friends for a new printer, for my 70th birthday and going with Wanda Kay on a business trip to Virginia.

On that trip I sat back and let Wanda Kay do all the driving. The lovely mountain scenery had a calming effect. I came back feeling refreshed.

### Fly in the Ointment

But there was ONE fly in the ointment.

While Wanda Kay was out at her meeting, I found the local library, converted from an interesting old home. I walked upstairs where I found a cheery children's section. The friendly librarian told me I could work on my column at one of the tables until children started coming from school. At lunch time I drove Wanda Kay's car back to the Sara Lee Plant to check in with her, then ate at a nearby restaurant. By the time I got back to the library there was only about an hour left before Wanda Kay's meeting would be over.

And the narrow parking place was practically filled up!

Finally, I decided there was room to parallel park between two vehicles on the left. Before backing up, I made sure my daughter's car was far enough away from the Dodge van I would be parking behind.

But, as I started backing, a car came along and stopped, waiting to get by. Sure that I still had plenty of room to clear the van, I hurriedly turned in to let the car through.

Suddenly there was a too familiar noise. (This had happened to me before). Thinking I had simply struck the van's bumper, I pulled back out. (The other car had managed to squeeze by, and I should have left "mine" in park to check what had happened.)

Sure enough, some paint was missing from the new looking van's right fender. (No sign of a bumper!) And Wanda Kay's blue car was now decorated with a streak of bright red paint!

I wasn't THRILLED with my situation. But I knew I had to get it straightened out as soon as possible.

I walked into the library and asked who had a red van. It belonged to Ninnan, one of the downstairs librarians.

She was upset. The van had just been repainted because of bubbles in the paint. But she thanked me for being honest and, after walking to the van, seemed relieved that there was no more damage.

She called her husband. He came and drove the van back to the Dodge place where he works part time (where they had just had the van repainted.)

At the paint shop they found the "scratch" was so deep it was likely to rust out eventually. It would require extra paint, and extra work.

At this point I was thinking "OVER A HUNDRED DOLLARS!"

But Ninnan's husband could get a discount. To my amazement, the estimate came to one dollar less than what I had received each of the two times friends had given me money for the printer fund.

Relieved, I handed Ninnan a check and let to pick Wanda Kay up.

Taking her back to the library with me, I introduced her to Ninnan and mentioned my birthday and the printer fund.

"My printer can wait," I told her.

Again Ninnan thanked me for being honest. (I had told her I was a former church worker, that try to practice what I preach, that I could not LIVE with myself if I hadn't told the truth and tried to repair the damage I had caused.)

I had said I was thankful that no people were hurt, like the four who had been killed in the collision in 1980. And how glad I have been to have my daughter all these years!

As Wanda Kay and I started to leave the library, I thanked Ninnan for being so understanding and said I wished I could reach over and give her a hug.

Without a word, she walked around the book "counter" and gave ME a hug!

Then she walked over to Wanda Kay to shake her hand. "I'm sure your daughter is just as fine a person as you told me she is!" she added.

### Using Our Mistakes

By now I realized that even our foolish MISTAKES can serve as a means of witnessing to people we have hurt, as well as those looking on.

Our actions DO speak much louder than our words!

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## Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Jade Gardens Chinese Restaurant with President Brian Brooks presiding.

Program Chairman Furnie Lambert presented Commissioner Noah Woods who gave a report on the new solid waste program. Robeson County Commissioners have set a good leadership example and the new solid waste operation goes into operation this January. The original was a program started in 1974. The new land fill accommodates all cities in Robeson County. The original land fill was

near Rowland. Now the new one is located in the Saint Pauls area. The 230 pick up sites has been cut down to 38 pick up sites. And there are 225 acres in the St. Pauls area. Four acres are used each year which means 90,000 tons are processed each year which means a Recovery Center in the future. Laws allow a 40 ft. height in the amount of the waste. There is 1.2 million dollar budget. The Commissioners in 19990 had the foresight to acquire the land. Today the new mandate is for a consolidated system at a cost of \$5,000 with 15 acres seals with

liners. Each liner costs \$275,000 covering one acre. In 1998 starts a new era. The \$32.50 a ton recycling will save \$5,000,000 a year, the cost used to be \$10,000,000. Commissioner Woods and Rep. Ron Sutton are doing a lot for education on recycling advance-

tages. We have visited Charlotte to see their system.

Recycling means all glass, even different colors of glass, papers, etc need separating. The Charlotte Incinerator runs 24 hours a day. We are the first county to see that things are done right, in harmony with the neighbors. Robeson County hog operation is the second largest in the country.

President Brooks announced we will help the LRDA in setting up food baskets for the needy. The annual spaghetti supper, pancake breakfast set for December 5 and 6. Tickets are \$5 for all you can eat. Tickets can be obtained from any member.

Ed Teets announced two Eagle Scouts-James Prentice Locklear and Zeb Beasley will receive their Eagle Scouts rank on Sunday at Faith Baptist Church.

Those who are of opinion that money will do everything may very well be expected to do everything for money.

—Lord Halifax

## Mother Teresa: Saint of the Gutter

Hailed as a living saint, Mother Teresa dedicated her life to caring for the dying, the outcast and the abandoned. When she recently passed away—just days after her eighty-seventh birthday—the world lost one of the most revered and admired figures of the Twentieth Century, a charismatic leader respected by people of all religions and nationalities.

From her earliest childhood dreams of helping the poor to her tireless work as the leader of the Mission of Charity, Mother Teresa's life was dedicated solely to helping those in need. With a steely resolve, and the backing of religious, international and political leaders, she eventually

created the Missionary Sisters of Charity, an order of over 4,500 sari-clad sisters, who extend themselves to everyone from huddled, starving masses around the world to the victims of AIDS. And from her charitable work came inescapable fame, along with the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, the Congressional Gold Medal and the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, among others.

Her inspirational story took her from the convent years in Calcutta to her meetings with presidents, prime ministers and royalty. To make a donation or offer services to the Missionaries of Charity call (718) 292-0019.

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