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LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Forgotten Man Of The Year

Looking back over 1967, we find it difficult indeed to select our annual Forgotten Man of the Year. There were so many that were forgotten, we hardly know where to begin.

However, after long and deliberate consideration, including much soul searching, investigation and several swigs of non-spiked egg nog, we have arrived at our decision. The Forgotten Man of the Year is Colé Thicksoup.

Our reasons for selecting Mr. Thicksoup are many and varied. He was chosen to receive the coveted used typewriter ribbon in appropriate ceremonies on his 109th birthday, when and if he ever reaches that age.

For one thing, Thicksoup refrained from criticizing his county and municipal governments during 1967, feeling, undoubtedly that this was being adequately taken care of by others. He did give in to saying an ugly word about Lyndon Johnson during one of his weaker moments at the Christmas Party, but this was not counted against him in the judging. Matter of fact, it added two points.

Thicksoup also refrained from beating his wife in 1967, although our investigation shows he had some grounds for such an act. He bit his nails instead. He did, however, kick his dog. The dog was too small to strike back. His wife weighs 207 pounds, which explains why he kicked the dog.

He did, however, mumble at his moth-

er-in-law on the forty-fifth day of her visit and at least once during the year, he stormed out and slammed the door. He had to rush back in, however, having caught his coat in the slam.

He was home early every night. His teenage son had the car and his wife had him. He didn't complain, however, until he was forced to take up knitting. That's when he messed up the color on the TV set. He would have escaped unharmed in this show of temper, but it happened to be a Peyton Place night. He gets out of the hospital in two more weeks.

Mostly, Thicksoup won his prized award for the things he did. He paid his taxes, although late; he cut back on his parking tickets, getting only thirty-two in 1967 a new low for him. He answered the telephone as many times as he missed and he took the garbage out, according to his count—734 times. This included seven times he spilled it and seven times he mopped the floor.

Thicksoup will receive his award as soon as his wife will allow him to get out. We suggested having the presentation at his bedside when he gets home, but she said she was not going to have us tracking in.

So to Thicksoup, we say, hang on. We'll get to you—as soon as possible. And to all the other forgotten men of 1967, we say, take heart. Next year it could be you.

Final Rites Held For War Victim

Funeral services for Capt. Grady I. Carriker, Jr., 27, of Kittrell, who was killed December 13 in a helicopter crash in Vietnam, were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Mountain Creek Baptist Church in the Oak Hill community of Granville county. Officiating were Rev. W. I. Terrell, Rev. Lemar Wheeler and Rev. Michael J. Sepaugh. Burial followed in the church cemetery with military honors.

Captain Carriker attended Louisiana College and Wake Forest University before entering the Army in 1960. Ear-

lier, he had served in Europe. His father is principal at Zeb Vance school in Vance county and his mother a faculty member there.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marie Helene Carriker; a son, Cameron Paul Carriker of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady I. Carriker of Kittrell; a brother, John Elam Carriker of Wake Forest University; a sister, Miss Alice Anne Carriker of East Carolina University; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. John S. Watkins of Route 4, Oxford.

Epsom Lions Hold Party

Christmas music, dinner, and an entertaining program by Dr. Morris L. Husted of Durham highlighted the annual Christmas party of the Epsom Lions club Thursday night in the fellowship hall of Liberty United Church of Christ.

Osman Gerrard, president, welcomed the Lions, their wives and special guests attending the program, then led in the pledge to the flag. Serving as toastmaster for the evening was E. C. Edwards, a past president of the club. The invocation was offered by E. Dean Coffey, pastor of Carey Baptist Church.

As part of the evening's entertainment, a program of Christmas music was presented by Mrs. R. A. Leggett, Jr., and Milton Walters, accompanied by Mrs. George Holden, at the piano.

Next on the program was the recognition of visitors and guests by Nelson Falkner. A special guest was C. Ray

Pruette of Franklinton, Governor of Lions District 31G, who reported briefly on district activities.

Lion Edwards introduced Dr. Husted as guest speaker for the evening. Dr. Husted, who is associate minister of Duke Memorial Methodist Church in Durham, formerly served as pastor of City Road Methodist Church in Henderson.


To Die On N.C. Roads

A New Year's resolution to make yourself a better driver in 1968 will lessen your chances of crashing into one of the thousand-odd traffic accidents which the N.C. State Motor Club warns may take up to 27 lives on North Carolina's streets and highways during the long holiday weekend.

The state will officially count its New Year's traffic toll from 6 p.m. Friday, December 29, through midnight Monday, January 1, a 78-hour period. In the same 1966-67 period, a record-breaking 29 persons were killed and 595 injured in 1,029 accidents. Leading driver violations were: speeding, 245; failure to yield right of way, 136; and driving left of center, 125.

"Let's start the New Year

HAPPY NEW YEAR



The Spirit of the New Year brings to mind a greater appreciation of old acquaintances and a higher value of close friendships. Lest we not forget our loyal friends and neighbors, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your good will throughout the year and to wish you good health and prosperity, always.

H.C. TAYLOR
HARDWARE FURNITURE

of 1968," Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club, urged. "It may prove the best year of your life, so don't risk losing it by driving carelessly on the highways."


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plain Dog

To The Editor:

In a recent issue of The Franklin Times, you printed a story concerning the rescue of a dog from a well. Later in the story, however, you referred to this animal as a feline.

My question is this: was this animal a dog (canine) or a cat (feline)? You seem to have identified it as both. If, in actuality, it is both, I believe you have an interesting biological phenomenon on your hands.

Yours truly,
Bobby Fuller

Editor's Note: Sorry about that. First error we've made since 1892.

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