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Leonard Vyne, Leader, Passes

Death last week removed from this community Leonard Vyne, who for many years was a progressive leader in many phases of endeavor.

Mr. Vyne came from Michigan with his father and settled in Wilkesboro before North Wilkesboro was a town. They organized and operated for many years a successful business in lumber manufacture, supplying materials for construction in this and outlying areas. They also shipped large quantities to other points.

Mr. Vyne was blessed with a keen and analytic mind and was able to see through and size up a situation promptly and correctly. It was this talent that he used so valuably for his community, his church, his fraternal orders and his county.

The county faced a financial crisis following failure of the Bank of Wilkes and Mr. Vyne agreed to serve as chairman of the board of county commissioners to assist in solving the problems which faced the county government, and he did his duties well. He also led the good roads movement when highway construction was revolutionary and looked upon by conservatives with disdain and suspicion.

It was a wonderful tribute that numerous people of the county, with no one giving more than 25 cents, presented to Mr. Vyne a diamond pin as a token of their appreciation for his work in behalf of the people.

Congratulations to High School Band

Those who heard the recent concert by the North Wilkesboro high school band were impressed with performance of the group.

The members of the band, Director Miss Eva Bingham, and all local citizens who have had a part in making the band possible are to be congratulated for the progress made during the past few years.

A good high school band is an asset in any community and is often taken for granted without the proper amount of appreciation on the part of the public.

The high school band here has performed well at many public gatherings, including football games, parades and other events. The band always adds color and interest to a gathering.

But many who see and hear and enjoy a band fail to appreciate that many hours of work and a considerable financial investment have gone into the making of the band. Public spirited citizens in North Wilkesboro have given much money toward the band and they, with the band members, director and school officials deserve commendation.

Belgium

It is widely believed that all of Europe has surrendered to the arid doctrines of collectivism, an enforced low standard of living for the masses of the people, and a completely regimented and planned economy. There is, however, one small but hopeful exception. That exception is Belgium.

Writing from Brussels, Joseph E. Evans, a staff correspondent of the Wall Street Journal, recently said: "The 'Belgium government-in-exile' very early decided what financial and economic policies it would pursue after liberation. And it happened that—in contrast to almost every other European country—those policies were the classical ones of free trade, expansion, and free private enterprise."

The result of that policy, says the same writer, is that "This little nation alone has a genuinely prosperous people, well clothed, well fed, and at least as content-

ed with their lot as Americans with theirs."

Rationing in Belgium is restricted to a few very scarce items, mostly basic foods. Everything else, from necessity to luxury, is on sale in the free, open market, as in America. The Belgium black market is the least important in Europe. The whole idea behind the Belgium free enterprise policy is a simple one—to encourage incentive—to give the people good wages for productive work—and, once they have earned their money, to permit them to buy what they want.

Belgium production is now approaching the prewar level in almost all lines, and in some has actually exceeded it. Worker output is high—while, by contrast, in the adjoining state of The Netherlands where a tough austerity program is in effect, output is low and is still declining. Belgium is dramatically proving that free enterprise can outdo socialism—even in war-torn Europe.

Belgium, in other words, has taken a page from the American book. There can be no substitute for individual incentive in a free economy. Socialism, like communism and the rest of the isms, makes robots out of men and women. When work and ability are not rewarded, despair and poverty prevail.

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spauha, D. D.



Stubbornness is determination gone to seed. It is determination without reason. It carries people to absurd lengths, breeds misery and unhappiness for all concerned.

Recently the Associated Press released a picture of an old grey mule which stubbornly held its ground for four hours in the middle of the Huey Long Bridge across the Mississippi River at New Orleans while train after train lined up on the lengthy approaches. Finally an officer from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals dispatched the animal with a bullet. The trains could then pass over and normal traffic was resumed.

There are unfortunate people who act just like this old mule. From time to time I hear of them. One has a misunderstanding or quarrel with another. Both then refuse to speak to one another, sometimes for years. Occasionally this impossible situation continues until death, if both of them are stubborn. Each waits for the other to make a move towards reconciliation.

Such an attitude is more than silly. It is absurd and often tragic. As time goes on, others are affected.

There is a vast difference between determination or persistence and stubbornness. Stubbornness is pure and unadulterated selfishness, unwillingness to see the other's side. There's nothing like a good apology to tone up the emotional life. It is a sort of mental and spiritual purgative. All of us make mistakes. I once saw this motto on an office wall, "He who makes no mistakes does nothing. He who makes too many loses his job."

A stubborn person, by his attitude, is unwilling to admit personal wrongdoings. If there were no wrong-doings, there would be no sin. The Bible reminds us that none of us are without sin. If there were no sin, there would be no need of a Saviour, and there would be no Christmas.

Christmas is the birthday of Christ who came as the Saviour of the world, the Saviour from sin. What a fine time this Christmas season affords for reconciliation of old differences and misunderstandings. Jesus Christ came as the great Reconciler of men to God. Suppose God had stubbornly held out against sinful and wayward mankind? Suppose Christ had not come? Suppose there had been no Christmas?

Some of you who read this column may be standing stubbornly on some bridge which leads to happiness. Like the old mule, you may be impeding the flow of happiness in your home and place of business. Why wait to be driven from an unreasonable position by the crushing blows of circumstance? Christmas spells giving and forgiving. What a time for righting old wrongs. Charles Dickens wrote his famous Christmas Carol about a stubborn old man named Scrooge who climbed down off of the bridge of life, and brought happiness to himself and the lives of others.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT
NICHOLS
et al

NYLONS, CAR WASH JOBS AND STREET CLEANING—

This column, which perhaps has gained a deserved reputation as complainer and top griper, has been asked to put in a word for the benefit of \$2.50 nylons, newly washed automobiles and unsteady tempers.

Ladies, they say down the street, are up in arms about afternoon street flushing. They say that when the street flusher comes along in the afternoon that nylons are going to get ruined by the splashing, spraying water from the streets, and long skirts catch their share of the dirt and grime.

And there comes a pronounced squawk from those who have just paid \$1.25 for a car wash, only to find that the street flusher has plastered one side with dirty water.

They plead for return to night work for street cleaning and promise not to say a word about sleep disturbance by noise from the street flusher.

GROWING UP—

Recently we heard a representative of a firm which wanted to erect a new and larger place said that he was puzzled. He knew North Wilkesboro is growing but he don't know what direction the town is growing. Seems that it is bursting at the hems in every direction.

The place is growing up and is suffering with growing pains, all of which are always necessary with growth. It is interesting to reflect upon change and growth. Suppose that you had not been in this community since 1941 and that you drove in and looked around. Maybe we think we haven't been making much progress, seeing the towns from day to day, but six years have made a lot of difference.

Some of the things you would notice would be two radio towers, a lighted athletic park, the development of the Midway business community, and the business and industrial section just out of the city across the bridge on highway 115. You could not help but notice the new mirror factory and the business development in the triangle on the northern part of the city. Construction on the Blair block, which seems only yesterday was vacant except for a residence, would appear amazing. Parking meters and more traffic signals give a "grown-up" look. Business growth in Wilkesboro and new residences too numerous to count hurriedly also would be impressive if you hadn't been here since before the war.

Yes, we're growing up and if growing pains aren't too severe we're going places.

Yarn reaveled from a knitted or crocheted garment can be made perfectly smooth by winding it around a board, then dampening it well with water. Let it dry on the board, and it will be as straight as new knitting yarn.

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Christmas Music At First Baptist

A program of Christmas music will be rendered by the choir of the First Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, December 21, at five o'clock. Mrs. A. F. Kilby will be director. Miss Lois Soroggs will be at the organ and Miss Marie Eller at the Piano. Miss Martha Lue Frasier, Miss Peggy Nichols, Dean Minton, and Jimmy Childress will be the soloists. Other members of the choir will be Betty Lou Foster, Betty Jean McNeill, Helen Eller, Doris Ruth Kerbaugh, Lucile Casey, Martha Lue Frasier, Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant, Joyce Kilby, Jo Anna McNeill, Patsy Hawkins, Mary Ann Casey, Helen Caldwell, Mrs. Tip McNeill, Mrs. Tal Barnes, Edwin Chipman, W. R. Harmon and D. E. Elledge.

The program will be as follows:

Solo, "Comfort, Ye My People," Handel, Dean Minton; Anthem, "The Shepherds' Story", Matthews, Miss Martha Lue Frasier, soloist; Solo, "O Holy Night," Adam, Miss Frasier; solo, "Gesu Bambino", Yon, Jimmy Childress; Anthem, "Mary's Little Son," Demarest; Anthem, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy", MacGimsey, Miss Peggy Nichols, soloist; Solo, "O Lovely Voices of the Sky", Matthews, Miss Frasier; Anthem, "Sleep Holy Babe", Matthews, Women's Choir; Anthem, "Awake, Awake, Put on Thy Strength, O Zion," Matthews.

Letters To Santa

Boomer, N. C.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl six years old. I go to school every day. Will you please bring me a little baby doll with a long dress, a cooking set, candy, oranges, and nuts? Please don't forget all the other little girls and boys.

A little friend,
VIVIAN WALSH.

Boomer, N. C.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 10 years old. I go to school at Ferguson, N. C. I like to go very much.

Santa, I would like very much if you could bring me a big doll, a kitchen cabinet, candy, oranges, and nuts. Look for your cup of coffee and cake. It will be waiting for you.

A little friend,
BETTY JO WALSH.

Meeting of Seed Dealers Is Called

It was announced from the office of the Wilkes County AAA by Lawrence Miller, secretary, that the County committee would hold a meeting in the county office on Monday, December 29, at 10:00 a. m., of all the seed dealers in Wilkes county, who would like to offer seed for sale

through the 1948 AAA program. In this meeting offering will be made by the seed dealers. In prices, after the requirements have been explained to these dealers. All dealers should be on hand promptly at 10 o'clock for the meeting.

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