

### The Everyday Counselor

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Prayer changes things, even if it does sometimes seem to take a long time. Recently a man, whom I had had on my prayer list for almost ten years, "came through" and gave his life fully to his Lord. As a result, he is a new man. I recall another one who ran away from my prayers from upwards of ten years.

He is now a new man with a completely changed home life. Both of these cases involved alcohol.

Now a reader brings me another case of his own personal life. His father was an avowed atheist, denied belief in God, the Devil, Heaven, Hell. However, the son became an earnest Christ-

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### IMPROVEMENTS AT CHURCH CEMETERY

Many improvements have been made on the Prather's Creek cemetery following the general clean-up day held by a large crowd of members and interested citizens.

Those who called the meeting stated that they hoped more mem-

bers would attend the next meeting, the date of which would be announced later.

Producer price supports of 6 cents a pound for 1947-crop common rye grass seed grown west of the Rocky Mountains, and of 7 cents a pound for seed grown east of the Rockies, have been announced by the USDA.

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ian, grew to maturity, married. All the while, he was earnestly praying for his father's conversion and salvation. The son's prayers continued daily for about twelve years. Then community-wide evangelistic services were organized in their town, rotating through the different churches.

One evening upon coming into the church late, the son and his wife were surprised and delighted to see the father seated ahead of them. After the sermon when the minister asked those who wanted prayer to be offered for them to raise their hands, the son prayed earnestly, "Knock him to his knees, Lord! Knock his to his knees, please." Then, to the son's joy, the father raised his hand for prayer. When a later altar call was given, the father came forward and professed his faith in Christ as his

Lord and Saviour.

Knowing that his father was an individualist, the son and his wife quietly slipped out of the church without informing the father of their presence. The next day the son came to his father and told him how happy he was to have him accept Christ. The father seemed surprised that the son knew, as he had "slipped away" to go to church. Great rejoicing followed in that household, the father living a completely changed and new life. He was brought out of his selfishness and stubbornness to the prayers of his son over a long period of years.

These incidents are related to encourage those who have loved ones for whom they are praying. Perhaps they have been praying for them a long time. Don't give up! Remember, that "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much in its working," and, "Let us not weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Tussey a fine old gentleman who is still actively engaged in farming out of Lexington on Route 6.

"Thirty years ago," Agent Brown related, "Mr. Tussey broke up a piece of meadow land on Swearing Creek, used a thousand pounds of sixteen percent acid phosphate on the plot, and added 200 pounds of a complete fertilizer in the rows at planting time. His resulting yield, verified and measured by the county agent of the day—W. G. Yeager—was 139 bushels and three pecks of corn on a single acre! That record, Cousin, set in 1916, still stands as tops for Davidson county, as far as we are able to determine."

"With a mark like that to shoot at," I says, "farmers over here certainly do have plenty of inspiration!"

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### At Home On The Farm With The City Cousin

With corn production contests being received with such enthusiasm on Tar Heel farms this year, I thought as long as I was in Lexington I'd see what Davidson County farmers were doing.

"Well, Cousin," says John Brown, farm agent for the State College Extension Service there, "some mighty interesting prizes are being offered in several corn contests in the county this year, and some civic clubs and other organizations are furnishing hybrid seed corn in an effort to further boost per acre yields."

"That's fine," I says. Then I asked the agent if he was expecting anything outstanding in the way of extra-high yields.

"It's hard to say—right now—," he answered, "but they'll have to go some to beat the record." Then he told me about A. S.

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