

The Everyday Counselor

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"Give me Lord, the serenity to accept what I cannot change; the courage to change what I should; the wisdom to distinguish between them." This prayer, attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, has been passed on to me by a correspondent who has found it helpful. It is one of the choice prayers of all time. It could profitably be placed on the walls of every office, shop and home.

How we all need the philosophy contained in that prayer. How we fight against, fume about those things we cannot change or alter. They're out of our control. Yet we use up so much energy and time on them that we don't have enough left to devote to changing those things which we should and can.

Individually, neither you or I can do much about improving relations between our State De-

partment and Russia, and their relation towards the world peace. But we can do something about winning the peace in our own hearts, and improving the relations in our own homes between the members of our own family. Ah yes! We can do that. But we want to do something bigger. We want to join the League for the Preservation of Democracy, all the while forgetting that there may be some little democrats back home where we can make our influence felt for good much more than by writing speeches and articles and signing petitions for world peace.

From my observation as a pastoral counselor, the battlefields of human heart and mind concern us more right now than world battlefields of tomorrow.

There are some things that we simply can't change, and have to

Miss Brown, Mr. Weaver Are Wed

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown, of Crumpler, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy, to Charles Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Weaver, of Scottville, on August 8, at Jefferson. Officiating was David Burkett, justice of the peace.

For her nuptials, the bride wore a dress of light blue with black accessories.

Mrs. Weaver attended Nathan's Creek high school. The groom was a member of Sparta high school and served two years with the U. S. Army.

After returning from a short wedding trip through the eastern part of North Carolina, a wedding supper was held at the home of the bride's parents on Sunday night, when a number of friends and relatives were present.

Mrs. Carson Is Honored At Party

Mrs. J. R. Carson, of Crumpler, was honored last Sunday with a surprise birthday dinner in celebration of her seventy-fifth birthday.

A table was set on the lawn under the trees and a number of her children, grandchildren and other relatives and friends were present.

Mrs. Carson, the mother of ten children, all of whom are living, is still very active. She does her own house work, tends her garden, does her laundry and a number of other things.

Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, of Atkins, Va., sister-in-law of Mrs. Carson was present for the celebration. She is 84 years old and this is her first trip back home in twenty-seven years.

Those attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Phipps, and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hudler, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hudler and family; Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Anders and family, Misses Syble and Anne Lee Norman, all of Atkins, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carson and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Jameson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Upton Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Carson and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reed and family,

endure. Well, then, why not endure them gracefully, pray for strength to bear them. There's no use getting all steamed up over circumstances, conditions and people whom we can't change. We only get a phobia or complex on the subject. Some of us have jobs to do which we dislike, but have to do. Well, then! Go on and do them gracefully. Don't be one of those who is a chronic complainer. You make yourself unhappy and everybody else around you.

The biggest task of all is to be able to discern what we can change and what we can't. That takes judgment, and discernment. Of this we can all be certain: that when we start out on any reformation program to improve conditions which surround us, the first one to start on is ourselves. That's where any adequate reformation program must commence.

Serenity, peace, and contentment as far as you're concerned, stem back into your heart. Know of no better way to secure them than to give up the daily contentiousness of your Lord. When you make peace with your Lord and your fellow man, you're at peace with yourself.

WEDS IN JEFFERSON



Mrs. Charles Weaver, who was before her recent marriage, Miss Dorothy Brown, of Crumpler.

ASHE SONG WRITER



Miss Tava Bare, of Dog Creek, who is to have three of her songs published in the "Rhyme 'N' Rhythm." The songs are "Texas Cowboys," "Love Me," and "Rose of My Dream." Miss Bare is now doing work with "Hollywood representatives." Her songs are expected to be broadcast also at an early date.

Timely Hints

CLEANING PAPER LAMP SHADES. Skim milk is a good cleaner for paper lampshades, both those of unfinished paper and those with a shellac, varnish or waxlike finish, according to home management specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Do not use water on paper shades because it softens and may break or damage the paper. Milk on the other hand does not penetrate paper readily because of its casein content. It slips over the surface carrying soil with it.

A small amount of milk poured on the shade and rolled around cleans many papers well. As the milk dries with dirt, a fresh supply should be used. Sponging the milk on with a soft cloth restores the cleaning. However, if the cloth roughens the paper, this method should not be used.

The casein in milk is a rather sticky material that picks up and carries dirt. Cleaning with milk leaves a slight film on the paper shade.

The best way to clean the shade is to first inside and out with a soft clean cloth, soft brush, and water. Then apply the milk.

Master David Warren Robbins and Mrs. L. T. Reed, Mrs. Carson, received a number of nice gifts.

Miss Blevins, Mr. Ashley Wed

Mr. and Mrs. William Blevins, of Jefferson, announce the marriage of their daughter, Louise, to Mr. Walter Ashley on August 11 at the home of Rev. Wesley Eldreth.

Mrs. Ashley is a graduate of West Jefferson high school. Mr. Ashley is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Ashley, of Mullens, W. Va. He spent 40 months in the army, 14 months of which were spent on active duty in the Pacific.

The couple plan to make their home near Wytheville, Va.

Civil Service Position Open

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced in open competitive examination for postmaster at Whitetop, Va. Applications must be on file with the commission at Washington, D. C., not later than September 11.

Application blanks containing detailed information regarding the requirements, may be obtained from the local post office or from the civil service commission in Washington, D. C.

or hand vacuum cleaner. Then sponge the surface very lightly with a cloth dipped in milk, using about a fourth cupful for a large shade. Support the shade by placing it on a table and hold it by the top wires, turning as you clean in order not to bend the paper. Use a fresh cloth and fresh milk as either shows soil. The milk should not stand on the shade or moisten the glue. If the milk seems to be softening the paper, allow the shade to dry before continuing. A very soiled shade may need a second application after it dries.

Be careful with shades made of two layers of paper. If soil has seeped in between the layers, cleaning the lining with milk may leave streaks.

Fruit production will be larger than in 1946. Export demand may fall off because of dollar shortages abroad, and probably less delicious fruits will be canned.

Smith Serving On USS Fargo

Raymond P. Smith, seaman, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul O. Smith of Glade Valley, is serving aboard the light cruiser USS Fargo, which is touring the

Mediterranean area. The Fargo, flagship of Vice Admiral Bernard H. Bieri, USN, Commander of Naval Forces in the Mediterranean, will visit Algiers, Africa; Ville France, France, and Rapallo, Italy, on the two-month cruise.

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