

By James L. Bond

PRINCIPLE OF LIFE — The life of the flesh is in the blood. . . . No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.—Leviticus 17:11,12.

TOMORROW CAME — Recently when our little four-year-old's grandparents were about to conclude a visit to our home Grandma told Carol that she would say goodbye then since she would leave "early tomorrow." Next morning after my wife and I had seen her folks off and returned home, Carol awoke and came into the kitchen demanding to know where "Gra'ma and Grandaddy" were. When told that they were gone, the child wanted to know, "Mama, is it tomorrow?"

ADD DIFFYNTIONS — Morning something which could mean less colds in winter for the average gal.

GRID FARE — One of the pieces de resistance on the gridiron fare offered followers of the college sport in this section this fall is the Army-Duke collision set for Saturday, October 16, at Duke Stadium. We believe it will mark the first time that an eleven representing the United States Military Academy has played in this State, although Army and Duke have met in New York City several times before. Fans will recall last year's 14-13 Army squeak which was a real heart-breaker for a fine Duke club. Incidents from Durham are that single game duets are going faster for the game than any other home game on the card. Incidentally, Navy will furnish the opposition for Duke in the annual Oyster Bowl game at Fore-

man Field, Norfolk, Virginia, on Saturday, November 6th. Navy always gives Duke a tough game and this year the experts have picked Army as the cream of Eastern independents.

SPELLING — Now that school has opened for a new year we hope we will be hearing about spelling bees again. We recall that a bee was held at the local school between Roper and Plymouth eighth graders about two years ago, Roper spellers having previously licked Creswell in an elimination. It seems to us that there are altogether too few spelling bees nowadays. A heavier accent should be placed on good spelling, we think. Your good speller is invariably a good reader and writer, as well, and usually is an above-average speaker. In recent years, industrial and business leaders have pointed to the weakness in spelling of high school graduates and oftentimes college graduates are little better.

MISINFORMED? — See where scientists have been experimenting with a substance called Life Jelly, the queen bee's love food, and have discovered among other things that pigs fed on the substance live 20 to 30 per cent longer than other pigs. And all the time we were under the impression that a pig's life span was all a matter of how long it took to fatten the rascal!

AMEN, BROTHER! — Weimar Jones, writing in the Franklin Press, has expressed our long-held opinion to a "T" concerning the expression "different than." We read it with such relish that we decided to pass it along to you with the added statement that

CHRISTMAS ON LABOR DAY



THE NUMBER OF DAYS before Christmas is important to Red Cross workers, who start preparing gift packages for overseas servicemen at a time when most youngsters are more interested in vacation fun than in Santa Claus. Here, Ann Kessler is already busy in the Washington Red Cross headquarters filling stockings for GIs. (International)

Yam Crops Under 10-Year Average

Raleigh.—A 1954 sweet potato crop of 4,200,000 bushels is estimated on the basis of August 1 reports from growers in North Carolina. The North Carolina Crop Reporting Service reports that such a crop would be 525,000 bushels or 11 per cent below production in 1953 and 30 per cent below the 10-year (1943-52) production of 5,983,000.

The 1954 crop will be harvested from 40,000 acres as compared with 45,000 harvested in 1953.

If August 1 prospects materialize, yield per acre will average 105 bushels. Such a yield would be the same as that realized in 1952 and 1953.

The crop has benefited greatly from recent rains and although considerable difficulty in getting their 1954 crop set, the crop is now generally in good condition.

Friday to spend some time after spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Worsham in Norfolk.

Mrs. George McNair, of Norfolk, spent last week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Lamm. Her husband accompanied her home Sunday.

Rev. Vance A. Lewis visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chesson Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Lee A. Phillips and daughter, Audrey, of Hobbsville, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knowles.

Many friends here of Howard Ange are glad to know that he is recovering nicely after sustaining a recent knee injury. He is a patient in Chowan hospital in Edenton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Silver and their guest, Dr. James Silver, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. White, Joe Jesse and Mildred White spent last Sunday at Nags Head.

Mrs. Estelle James and Mrs. Gene Dorsey and daughters, Cindy and Judith, of Norfolk, spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Phelps, Sr.

Pleasant Grove

Dr. J. W. Silver, of the University of Mississippi, spent several days here with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Silver, and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Silver.

Col. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton and son, Clinton III, and Scott, left Sunday for New York City where they will sail Thursday for Austria on a nine day voyage, where Col. Tarkenton will be stationed for the coming three years.

James Diaz, of the Edenton base, was the week-end guest of Miss Jean Phelps.

Mrs. Frank Sivills and Miss Sara Sivills, of Norfolk, spent the week-end here as guests of Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton and children, Robby, Mary Helen and Anne Worth visited in Mantoo and Nags Head Wednesday.

Mrs. Russell Holland is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Henry Davenport in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Silver and daughter, Becky Hutchins, with their house guest, Dr. J. W. Silver, spent Saturday at Nags Head. Mrs. W. A. Swain arrived home

those who are guilty of "different than," according to our observation, are usually the ones who also come up with "in back of" when what they really mean is "behind." Here is Mr. Jones' little piece:

"... different than..." Of all the ignorant, ungrammatical, nonsensical expressions, to me that one is the worst.

It rubs the wrong way. I suppose the reason it irritates me is it most often is used by those language snobs who laugh first and loudest at the incorrect language of the unlettered, who took longest down their noses at the good English phrase, "you all," and who even affect British pronunciations. In other words, a lot of the people who use it are those who should, and claim to, know their English. Yet they insist on saying something is different than something else.

Different than, indeed!

It lacks dictionary sanction. More important it violates every rule of logic, as applied to grammar. Than is a conjunction, and a conjunction is used to connect, rather than separate. Different, an adjective, is followed not by a conjunction, but a preposition; in this case, the preposition, "from."

Most important of all, neither a dictionary nor a knowledge of grammar is necessary to recognize that "different than" is a contradiction in terms; it just doesn't say anything. One man can be older than another, or taller than another. But how in the name of common sense can one man be different than another? You might just as well say that one man is different like another.

But the expression is spreading; you see it and hear it on every hand.

And if I don't watch myself I'll end this damnation of my pet aversion by saying I'm determined to keep on being different than the folks who use it!

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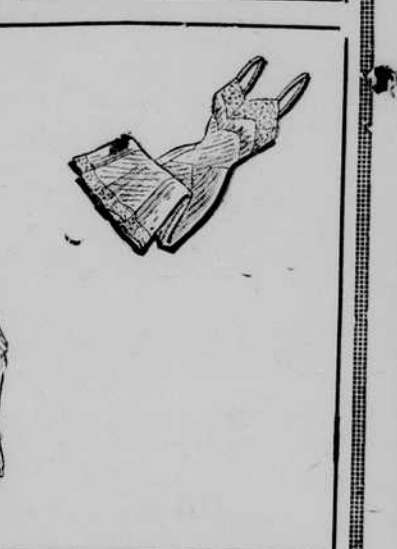
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