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"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it"—Abraham Lincoln.

Of time and opportunity-- Facing the golden sixties

A phrase borrowed from the advertising of one of America's automobile companies can provide the most exciting activity for those who choose to reflect a bit on the occasion of this New Year's Day of 1960.

physical and material attainments are not the problems which must hold the center of our attention.

The problems for each of us deal rather with how we can provide for the coming generations the strength of character and mind which a different set of circumstances have made more easily available to past generations.

The basis for hope, for optimism as to this decade, may be found in the indications toward the close of the fifties that the human race on this earth may have possibly decided that it is too smart to destroy itself with another major war, that the ways to true power lie along the paths of helping our fellow man.

If, as it would almost appear, peace on a major scale is possible, it will be the first time in the world's history this situation has existed. With this as a foundation, certainly there is more hope than ever before for eventual freedom for the world's oppressed peoples.

The best things in life, of course, are not free, and we must be mindful of our responsibilities to retain and renew our moral strength in the midst of the greatest prosperity and plenty the world has ever known if the ideals of our race are to be realized.

The material gains of the recent past, and the plenty which is general in this land today, do provide for us the greatest opportunity for objective and determined solution to these problems of character which has ever existed.

If we can see our material blessings for just what they are, and no more, keep ourselves aware that our moral and spiritual challenges still exist as much as ever, we can truly attain the real status of match the outward evidences of our civilization's progress.

A start in this direction must be our "forward look" in this opening hour of a decade of challenge that can be golden.

"To bigotry no sanction"

The swift action of West-German officials against flareups of anti-Semitism in Cologne was refreshing.

Two young men have been seized for desecrating synagogues on Christmas Eve, and "regidly and publicly" conducted investigations are promised. Rewards have been offered, and the interior minister of the North Rhine-Westphalia state government went before a nation-wide TV audience to say that he believes there is no anti-Semitism in Germany despite the events.

United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection, should demand themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

Then and there the "Father of His Country" issued an injunction to succeeding generations of Americans, whom he predicted would become "a great and happy people." Addressing a letter "To the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island," he said:

The West will always be sensitive to news about anti-Semitic incidents in Germany. Hitler used anti-Jewish propaganda to boost himself to power. His systematic wartime campaign to rid Europe of its millions of Jews was so horrendous that even today it is still hard to take in.

In fact, men of all societies—even the freest—must watch for that tell-tale of sickness in the body politic—anti-Semitism. Even the most optimistic know that a long tradition of freedom is helpful, indeed necessary, for its elimination.

May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own Vine and Figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the Father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy.

Some of the strength of the origins of American freedom came through Sunday in the special Hanukkah, or "Feast of Lights," TV program conducted at Touro Synagogue in Newport, R. I. The Newport temple is the oldest in the country and for the past 13 years has been a national historic shrine.

Here are truly thought-provoking sentences for both the eight days of Hanukkah and the "Twelve Days of Christmas."—(Greensboro Daily News)

It was to the Touro congregation in 1700 that President George Washington directed his famous letter stressing religious freedom as a basic principle of our republic.

How wasteful can we be?

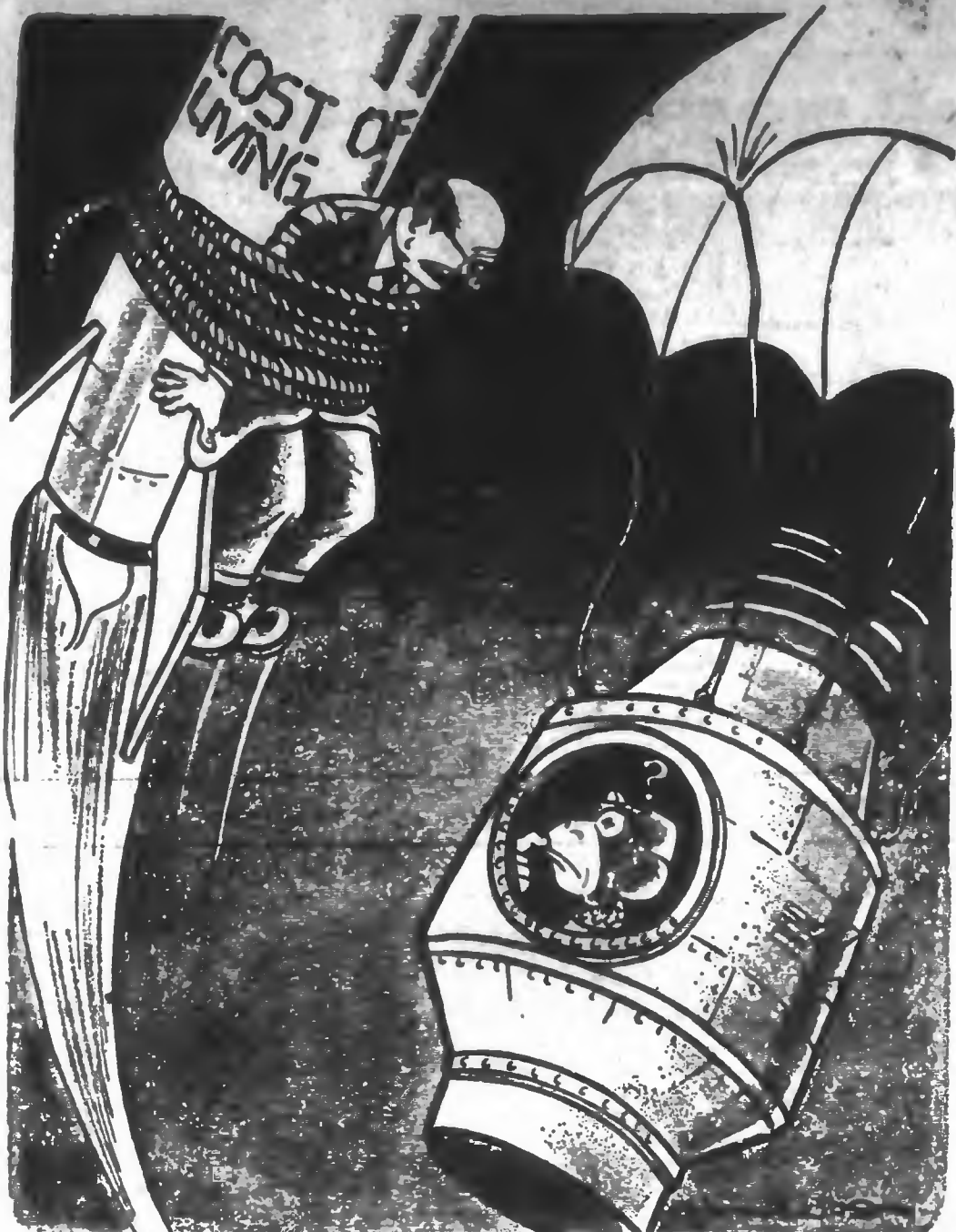
The Department of Agriculture earmarks \$756 million to remove land from production.

The Commodity Credit Corporation budgets nearly \$2.5 billion to remove surplus produce from the market.

The U. S. Department of interior requests \$216 million for dam building and irrigation programs to add more land to the productive capacity of the country.

And advocates of this philosophy seem to win votes by promising more of it

"The Citizens of the United States of America," he said, "have a right to applaud themselves for having given to Mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal? A policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the Government of the



The Puppy Creek Philosopher Unbends And Makes Some Big '60 Predictions Without Guarantees

Editor's note: The Puppy Creek Philosopher on his Bermuda grass farm has found out a new year is at hand, his letter indicates.

Dear editor: This is the time of year when all the experts bring out their predictions for the next twelve months, and while I'm no expert—oh, I'll admit I've been wrong about as many times as they have, still I don't qualify as one—I thought I'd fall in line and bring out a few of my own.



The trouble with most predictions is they aren't strong enough. They hedge. They say times are going to be good in 1960, unless this or that occurs. There's going to be an upturn, unless there's a downturn. Mine are more positive. For example, I predict the world's coming to an end in 1960. Naturally, I don't really think so, I'm going ahead and making a crop, but you've got to admit, if I'm right, I'll go down in history.

As for the economic situation in the next twelve months, I predict most people will make it,

but at the end of the year when they look back, they won't see how they did.

Internationally, the scene looks clouded. This is the same prediction I've made every year since I found out there were other countries besides the United States, and it's always been right. I've never been caught napping on that one. If I wanted to pick out the easiest job on earth, I'd pick the job of predicting every January 1 that the international scene is fraught with danger and uncertainty.

On the national scene, I predict the United States, despite the feeling some people have it won't hold together, will hold together for another twelve months. It's a funny thing about the United States. It's not as smart as some people give it credit for being, nor half as dumb as some people suspect.

Around here, my predictions are a little more hazy. The closer a man gets to home, the less specific he is, if he's smart. I wouldn't mind predicting what's going to happen around here in the next twelve months, and may do it some day, just as soon as I find out what happened in the last twelve.

Happy new year. That's the kind I intend to have. Yours faithfully, J. A.

This Is The Law

By Robert E. Lee (For N. C. Bar Association)

JOINT BANK ACCOUNTS

A husband deposited money in a bank account which was entered upon the records of the bank in the name of the husband or wife. The account was merely labeled "John T. Jones or Mary S. Jones." There was no express contract, signed by parties, spelling out a right of survivorship in the survivor.

During the lifetime of both of the parties, the bank permitted withdrawals signed by either. The husband died. Is his surviving widow entitled to claim ownership to that which is on deposit at the time of her husband's death?

No. There are several decisions of the North Carolina Supreme Court so holding.

Where a person does nothing more than to deposit his own money in a bank account in the name of himself or another person, the effect is merely to authorize the other person to draw on the account until authority is revoked by some act of the depositor or by the death of the depositor. The same result occurs when similar deposits are made in building and loan associations or federal loan and savings associations.

The administrator or executor of the deceased husband gets the bank deposit and inventories it as an asset of the estate.

In the absence of any evidence to the contrary the person making a deposit in a bank is deemed to be the owner of the fund.

The husband deposited the money and the ownership remained in his husband. The only right the wife had to draw out the money was by virtue of the authority conferred upon her by

her husband, she acting as his agent. Her power to act as his agent was automatically revoked by his death.

If a surviving widow should be paid the balance on deposit by the bank, as it is permitted to do by statute after pursuing certain safeguards in respect to tax waivers, this does not mean that she owns the money in the account. She must turn it over to the estate of the deceased depositor.

Is it possible for a husband and a wife to have a joint bank account so that when one dies the whole of that which is on deposit will belong to the survivor?

Yes. This is possible under a statute passed by the 1959 General Assembly of North Carolina if "both parties have signed a written agreement, either on the signature card or by separate instrument, expressly providing for the right of survivorship."

The particular statute was drafted by the writer of this column. But in his opinion it is unfortunate that the statute, subsequent to its introduction, was amended so as to be applicable only to deposits "by two persons who are husband and wife" and by another clause which makes the unwithdrawn deposit at the death of either the husband or wife "subject to the claims of the creditors of the deceased and to governmental rights."

Building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, and credit unions are treated the same as banks for the purposes of the particular statute. Most of these institutions have printed forms for the use of their customers.

Confusion continues to characterize the law of North Carolina in reference to the ownership of personal property with purported rights of survivorship. It is an

FARMING AROUND

By Mark Welsh

Now is the time for New Year's resolutions. How about these as a starter:

- 1. Be more careful around your tractor. Be sure gears are in neutral before starting. Don't dismount before tractor is stopped and the brake is on. Don't drive too fast. Remember, doubling the speed quadruples the chance of overturning.
2. Be more careful around livestock. Talk gently to animals before entering their stalls. Ring the noses of bulls and always lead them with a safety staff. Keep fences, gates and other equipment in good repair. Remember, humans are susceptible to many animal diseases so learn and apply every precaution in the treatment and quarantine of sick animals.
3. Have a healthy respect for electrical equipment. Inspect your wiring and outlets. Be sure your installations conform to the requirements of the National Safety Code. Use only the correct size fuses and circuit breakers.
4. Look around for fire hazards. Dispose of piles of oily waste, rags or other flammable materials. Keep matches away from children and vice versa. These are just a few, there are many more resolutions you



can make to insure 1960 being a happy new year.

Rats are smart. They're quick to discover stored grain and skillful at avoiding traps, poisons, dogs, cats, shotguns and other things that might do them in. But they have to breathe—and that's where we can get them. Cyanogas A-dust can be pumped into an iron water pipe which has been perforated at two-inch intervals and driven into the corn in a crib. Drive the pipe into the corn at intervals of about two feet for best results. Remember, for every rat you see there are at least 25 others you don't see.

(Editors Note: Dr. Mark Welsh is a former university instructor and state livestock sanitary service director who has spent a lifetime in agriculture. He now is an agricultural consultant to American Cyanamid Company.)

Sidelines...

By The Staff

Well, it's all clear, Nickie.

"Pon my word—another year already. And we were just getting accustomed to writing 1959."

The postal department really has it rough this time of year. Before Christmas it was the greeting cards. After the holiday the bills flood the mail.

The Sideliner, like everyone else, is recovering from the holidays.

North Carolina farmers plan to set about 60,660 acres in trees in 1960 under ASC conservation program.

area of our law filled with pitfalls for the unwary.

With the new year approaching fast, this space will again be taken up with a few predictions about events that will likely take place during the first year of a new decade.

1960 will be the year in which steel management and labor will come to an agreement that will grant all the workers a 100 shares in the company, a three-day work week, and a \$100,000 life insurance policy.

The new year will also see the erection of a statue in the middle of downtown Charlotte to that Prince Consort of Queen Charlotte, Harry Golden.

'60 will be the first year in history that television offers prizes to those who can guess which shows are rigged.

Television will also offer other developments such as four full days a week of Westerns.

Premier Charles de Gaulle will select '60 as the year to declare France the foremost power in the world. So as not to offend the mighty Charles, the U. S., Russia, and Britain will be quick to agree.

The State of North Carolina will cut welfare payments in the same day that a state-sponsored trip around the world for Governor Hodges and 100 friends is announced.

Premier Fidel Castro will declare the creation of a Latin American empire with him as emperor and Rafael Trujillo as secretary of the treasury. The farm situation in the U.

5. will become so further confused that no one will be able to figure out anything about it. Americans will become so blasé about death on the roads that every street will carry a sign: Travel At Your Own Risk, and every highway may be aptly called Bloody Boulevard.

So that the federal government may keep a close check on manufacturing thereby "protecting" the rights of the citizen, a new office will be created. This "Inspector of Policy," he might be called, will determine all prices for all manufactured goods.

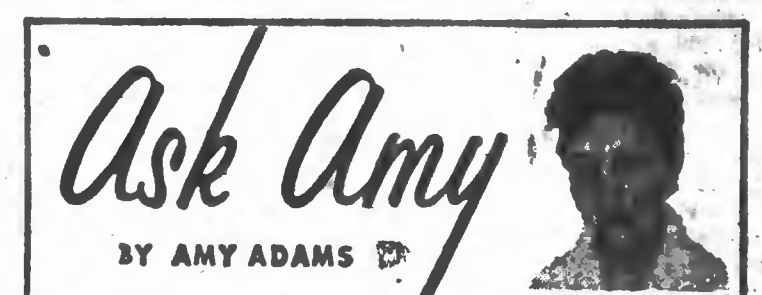
We know it will be a good year.

The year 1960 on an entirely personal scale will be pretty much what each of us makes it, since we still cling to the belief that each man controls his own future, although the state, the federal government, and organization in general are gaining fast.

The old Irish blessing for New Year's Day is full of hope and promise:

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, And the rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



HER PUNISHMENT DOESN'T FIT THE 'CRIME'

Dear Amy:

You may find my problem ridiculous but I haven't been able to find a solution for it. I'm a college freshman, 19 years old. I could be fairly popular if my parents would let me. You see, every time a boy asks me for a date, I have to refuse or be embarrassed when he comes to pick me up. They (my parents) refuse to let me date! Now let me tell you why. When I was 15, I was madly in love with a boy and of course my parents objected. I got their permission to spend the night at a girlfriend's house but instead, my boyfriend and I along with my girlfriend and her date went to a movie. My parents found out and my punishment has lasted ever since. They won't even give me a chance to prove to them that I have learned my lesson. When I try to talk to them about this situation, they become angry and I get a whipping.

developed a fungus infection on my skin and I tried the new doctor in our neighborhood. He really was helpful so I continued to use him. This skin condition has cleared up but I still make an appointment for once a week just so I can see him.

He's absolutely the greatest and when he examines me with his stethoscope, I get the chills all over. I know the way I feel about him is wrong but I don't know what to do about it. Please don't print my name.

There ought to be a law to protect the unsuspecting doctor from women that have nothing better to do than take up his time with imaginary illnesses just to be near him. The chills you feel are from the cold stethoscope and nothing more.

Your doctor is most likely a happily married man and if he knew what was in your mind, he would suggest that you go have it psychoanalyzed!

Dear A.S.W.

In my opinion, this plan needs a great deal of revision. There's no quicker way for parents to force their children into bad company than by forbidding them to associate with the opposite sex.

I'm 17 years old and a regular fan of yours. I've got a problem. My trouble is that I get tired of one boy if I go out with him more than 5 or 6 times. It seems I like them at first but later I get bored.

You are no longer a child—you are a young woman and I can think of nothing that is quite so cruel as this punishment you are being subjected to. I sincerely suggest you enlist the aid of your clergyman. Please keep me advised.

At the present time, I'm going out with a wonderful person, Joe. I like him very much, more than anyone that I've gone out with. We have gone out 3 times and I like him more each time. I don't want to get tired of him ever. My mother thinks he's grand also.

Dear Amy:

I was engaged for seven months and as an engagement gift I received a three carat diamond ring. My fiancé broke off the engagement and now wants the ring back. I don't have to give it to him... do I?

How can I prevent the same thing happening that happens all the other times?

Dear Rita: If you feel you could still enjoy wearing it, then do so, but I would rather see you as a good girl and give it back. However, legally it is yours to keep.

P.S. Do you think it's wrong for a girl not to date other boys while she is going out with the one she likes. Would it be unfaithful to do this?

Dear Amy: I am ashamed to tell you this, and you probably won't print it, but I'm in love with my doctor. Although I'm married and have a darling daughter, I can't help myself. After my baby was born, I de-

Don't let it worry you! Your present date is the right boy for you, your feelings for him will continue to grow. You should date other boys also. This is not being unfaithful but the only way you can be sure before you make a lifetime choice.

Please address all letters to: Amy Adams, c/o This Newspaper. For a personal reply enclose an addressed, stamped envelope.



"He's not rushing to get to school; he wants to find a place to park his car!"