"Things That Matter"

by Lucien Coleman

I REMEMBER WHEN I COULD REMEMBER

I must be in that stage of life where the years get shorter, muscles get softer, and remembering gets harder.

Just the other day I looked all wer the house for my bifocals before it dawned on me that I was wearing them. And, so help me, I can lose a paper I was reading just before the phone rang without ever getting up from my desk.

What's even more embarrassing is the habit of forgetting names that I know very well. For instance, I have a daughter whose name is Lynette and a granddaughter named Joy Beth. For some reason, I persist in calling Lynette by my granddaughter's name. And I've known my daughter for ... uh, let's see ... something like 23 years. I

Then, there are those occasions when I ask someone if he knows one of my very best friends, and go completely blank when I try to recall my very best friend's name.

I tell my wife that these symptoms are a sure sign that I'm overworked. She insists that they are more like sure signs I'm over the hill. She's wrong, of course, I'd argue the point with her more if I could ever think of the arguments I had planned to use.

Besides, faulty memory isn't necessarily a result of aging. Plenty of older people have memories clear as a bell. I remember, for example, the story of a Cherokee Indian up in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. Even though he was getting up in years, he was known far and wide as a man with a fantastic memory.

One day a tourist from up east decided to test the old man's memory. "What did you have for breakfast yesterday morning?", he asked.

"Eggs," the elderly Indian shot back without a moment's hesitation.

The tourist went on his way. But five years later he came back that way again and found the old Indian sitting where he had last seen him.

"How!", the tourist said, using the Indian greeting he had learned from western movies.

"Scrambled," the old man said.

You see, I remembered that story without any trouble, just as it was told to me by ... ah ... don't tell me. I'll think of it in a minute.

Well, anyway, as I was saying earlier, the price of herring in Amsterdam this year is NOTICE

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FIELD DAY GAMES -- The children at the South Hoke Day Care Center were given a Field Day Friday, and here are pictures of some of their games. In one, Rose Denise Brooks, 5, of Shannon, is fixing to knock the ball out of the park -- or even the county. The pitcher is teacher Kathy Locklear. In the other, Cornelia Locklear, 5, of Raeford, is bobbing for one of several

Hebron Group Meets Aug. 28

The Hebron Fellowship Group begins its third year as an organiza-

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