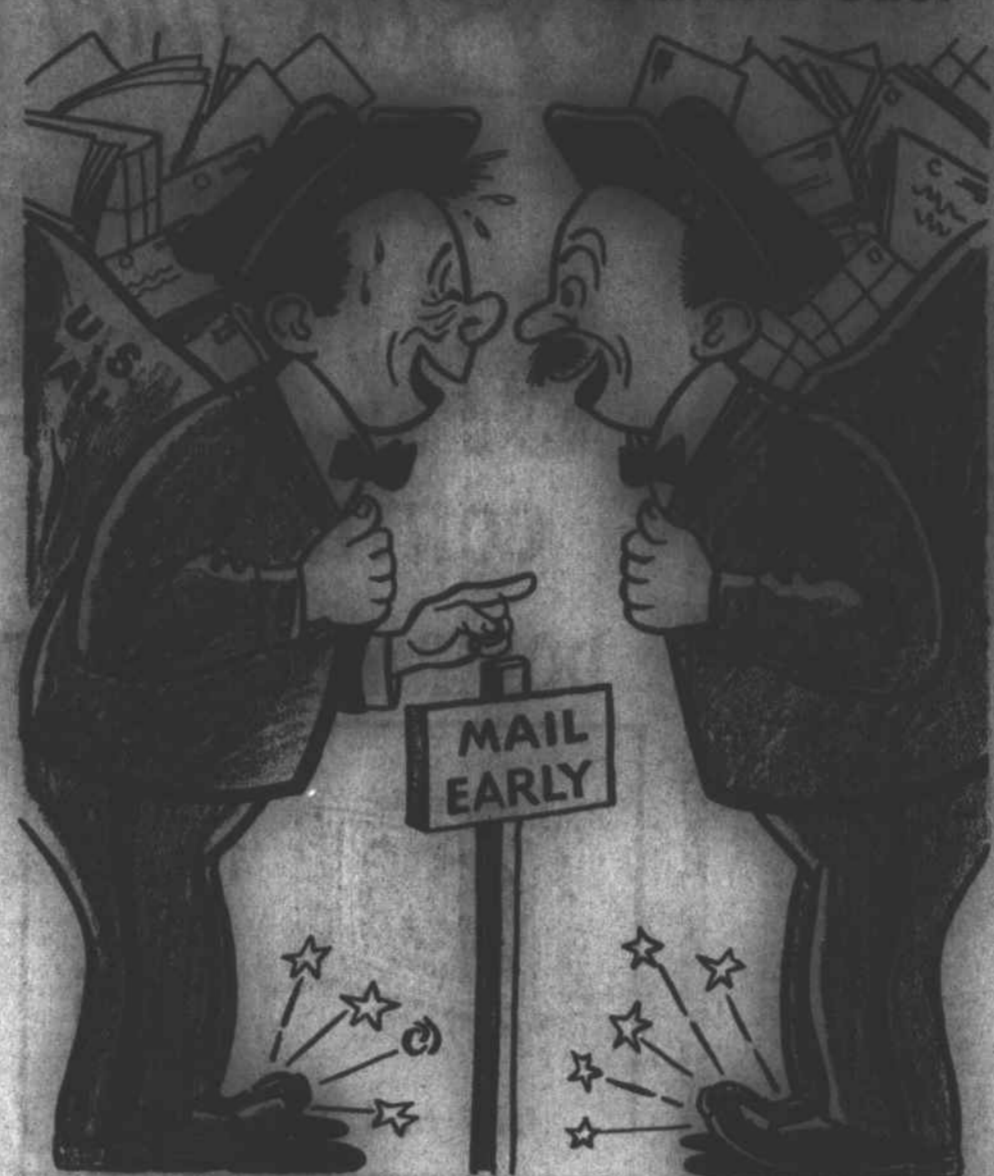


"I Won't Mail You One, If You Don't Mail Me One."



A Christmas Riddle

The summers he has seen are three score and two, and he's lived a like number of cold winters through. He's a weak and unsteady, he's old and all weary, his senses are dull and his eyes are all beary.

He's frightfully bald, his whiskers are gray, he's definitely a product of a more ancient day. With nary a kind word nor a twinkle of his eye, when asked for a kindness, he gives a negative reply. He's selfish, conceited, and, by himself overrated, but he cannot understand why he's just tolerated.

He thinks he must always get first consideration, but seldom finds others of a like persuasion. He's wont to complain, when his birthday is near, why was he born, the last month in the year? One wonders why, he doesn't remember, that Holy One that was born in December.

A better way to describe his mean disposition, is to place him and "Old Scrooge" in juxtaposition. I wonder why he doesn't apply to himself, some of the qualities of that other elf? That other elf that subjects this pause, goes by the name of Santa Claus.

But hold just a moment, if it's not too late, to deal with the subject of stanza eight.

That subject, and mine if I try to compare, brings me to the point of complete despair. Their figures were alike from head to toe, but only He was adorned with a bright halo.

They had one thing in common as everyone knows, they both, were wrapped in swaddling clothes. Now for this comparison I must make amends, and at this point the comparison ends.

Now I've not indicated to whom I refer, but suffice it to say it's a him, not a her. But there is one thing that will give you an angle, his vocabulary is limited and his participles dangle. He'll continue his sojourn if for no other reason, than to share another wonderful Christmas season. And now he'll strive to brush away his frown, and hark the glad tidings from Bethlehem town, but really now folk! You cannot feel abused! for you've known all along who is being introduced.

Hi There!!!

Merry Christmas!!!

By: Luther F. Jenkins

Simply Wonderful Christmas Cake



Rich, filling, and easy-to-serve right from the coffee table while friends visit — packages are opened and gifts exclaimed over. Christmas morning cake can be prepared in the less hectic days before Christmas and frozen for the big morning. Handy, too, to have several on hand for drop-in guests — for those evening card addressing and wrapping activities. Top with S&W strawberry or apricot-pineapple preserves, or tangy orange marmalade and use the handsome tumbler jars for spare drink glasses or to pack full of tiny cookies, spiced nuts or buttons and pins.

Makes Two 8" round cakes

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1 lemon rind, grated
- 2 eggs
- 3 1/2 cups pre-sifted flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- S&W Preserves/Marmalade
- Apricot-Pineapple and Strawberry

BEAT butter and sugar together until fluffy. ADD lemon rind, almond extract and eggs and beat again. STIR in flour, baking powder and soda. Mix well. FAT into Two 8" cake tins. DENT dough with spoon and fill holes alternately with the three preserves. BAKE at 300° F. for approximately 1 1/2 hours.

The Ministers' Dilemma

THE PAPER PULPIT
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Occasionally as I visit people and seek to enlist them for service in the Kingdom of God I hear the time worn excuse: "I would go to church, but there are so many hypocrites in it." If this were not so serious it would be humorous, for the church is not a haven for perfect people. It is a hospital for imperfect people. If you are among those who are looking for a perfect church to join I wish you the best of luck. I have my doubts about whether you will find such a church or not, but in case you do please give the news to one of the national news wires. There are thousands of ministers who would apply to become pastor of the church immediately. If you were to find such a church and join its membership it would cease to be a perfect church the moment you joined it. You see, you are not perfect either.

Any time you buy a new automobile you have to return to the garage several times in order to get the bugs out of it. No automobile is perfect. No church is either. Jesus said the church would always, as long as it stayed on this earth, have bugs in it. He said the tares (weeds) would grow beside the wheat. But He also said that on God's harvest day these weeds would be taken out by God. It is not a job for which man is suited.

I want to be honest about it, so I admit that there are bugs in every church. Let me mention a few of them:

LITTERBUG—Many people go into church without an appreciation of the cleanliness of the sanctuary. They leave gum wrappers, crumbs, tissues, notes they have written during the sermon, etc. on the pew when they leave. If you do not believe me about the litterbugs in church just feel under the edge of the pew where you sit next Sunday (I'm assuming you will be in church next Sunday) and see what you find. The chances are good that you

will find at least one and perhaps several kinds of showing gun or bubble gum. If your pastor notices all of you at one time feeding under the pew just tell him who told you to do it.

JITTERBUG—The jitterbug in the church is a new vibrator. He can't sit still. He turns north and then turns south. He crosses his legs, swings his foot and thinks up new methods each week to add to his repertoire. He likes the music, particularly if it is jumpy. He usually puts his foot to the beat of the fast humms.

SITTERBUG—He just sits and sits. This is the most widely found bug in our churches. He stands when a prayer is prayed, but he has a frown on his face that shows his displeasure. Sitting in his conception of Christianity. He feels that he is doing God an honor just by sitting on his pew. The church could not survive if he were not sitting there.

GLITTERBUG—The glitterbug are those who are dazzled by their own glamor or importance that they fall to see the glory of God. They want others around them to notice their new hat or their new suit of clothes. They haven't the slightest idea what the minister is saying, but they are glad he is saying it. It gives them an opportunity to go to church and shine.

BITTERBUG—This is the person who looks as though he just swallowed a coconut—while it is still in the shell. He looks and feels bitter. He seldom smiles and shakes hands reluctantly. He thinks constantly about the hypocrites sitting all around his own righteous imminence. This makes him feel more holy. He goes home to have hashed sermon and roasted preacher for lunch.

Yes, the church has bugs in it. And the trouble of it is that I do not know an exterminator that specializes in church bugs. But, according to what my Bible tells me, God knows what to do with them on judgment day.

The church is imperfect, but I will have to stick with it until something better comes along.

Some people catch lunkers as if fish didn't come in any other size, while most of us work hard to catch the ones that are desirable by comparison, and then feel pretty lucky.

To a successful "lunker hunter" look down a stream, say the famous ministerial at Mercury saltwater fishing out the big fish is a deliberate undertaking, requiring both a knowledge of the spot and an unwavering devotion to the preparation that one trophy of bragging also is worth a hundred of his lesser brethren.

While lunker-catching proficiency doesn't come overnight, there is one basic rule the aspiring might keep in mind: "Locate the lains."

Lunkers, like gold, are where you find them. This can be in the most unpredictable quarters, usually offshore where no visible signs give a clue to a hotspot beneath the surface.

To find such locations, they are usually quite small, calls for extensive prospecting through a great deal of barren water. Slow trolling on the bottom or drift casting is the best bet.

When a fish strikes, mark the exact spot immediately for future reference. This means taking cross sightings on land objects so that you can find it again. A single hole may yield more lunkers on the next few casts, next day, or a year hence.

The main thing is to know exactly where the location is, for if conditions are favorable for one lunker, invariably others move in.

Another aspect of lunker hunting commonly neglected is the tendency of large fish to bump a bait half-heartedly without getting hooked. If a few casts prove futile, advise the Mercury lads, mark the location and leave with a minimum of disturbance. Return later for another try.

Big fish don't come easy. With patience and an enthusiasm that overlooks long fruitless hours and sometimes the ridicule of shoreline casters, the prospecting pays off. That first lunker, and knowing where it came from, will be ample reward.

★ SATS ★

MORGANTON - Electoral College reform may receive primary consideration when the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments meets next session.

Chairman Bayh of the Subcommittee, of which I am a member, has already indicated that he plans to introduce a bill to abolish the Electoral College method of selecting the President and create in its stead a direct election system. That measure, along with others suggested to revise the system, does not constitute a new idea. Indeed, reform of the Electoral College has been suggested as far back as January 6, 1797, when the Republic was still in its infancy.

In recent years, and particularly since we have come close to having a major constitutional crisis under the present system, reform of the Electoral College has gained support. In the last Congress, I co-sponsored a bill providing for a proportional method of casting the electoral votes of each state. The plan would also abolish the Electoral College as such, but would retain the electoral vote.

The present system of selecting a President and Vice President is a questionable appendage to our governmental institutions since the rise of political parties. It is indefensible, because the unit rule requirement of counting electoral votes completely disfranchises those who do not vote for the winner within their state. It requires candidates to concentrate on pivotal states where Presidential elections are historically closely contested. Moreover, the present system encourages bloc-voting, since a small group can sometimes determine the entire electoral vote of a large state.

Although there is support for the direct election method, I do not believe that this is the best system that we can devise for the selection of the two highest officials in our country. In the first place, the direct

election method does not make any attempt to preserve the identity of the states in the electoral process. The great compromise which made the formation of the Union possible gave each state at least two electoral votes, because membership in the Senate was allotted on a geographical basis. The retention of this state representation is essential to our concept of a Federal system and is necessary for the protection of the interests of the smaller states.

Secondly, I am convinced that there is little chance of ratification for any resolution dealing with direct election of the President. As a practical matter, the legislatures of three-fourths of the states are unlikely to vote away the advantage they now have in the Electoral College. Thirty-six states now receive a proportionately larger representation in the Presidential election process, because of the present system. These states are unlikely to accept a plan which dilutes their vote in the Presidential election.

The proportional system has much to offer as a reform. It would eliminate the "winner-take-all" concept which is objectionable for many reasons. It would abolish the office of elector, but retain the electoral vote. Each candidate would receive the proportional share of each state's electoral vote according to the ratio of popular votes he obtained within the state. Every voter then would have a voice in the election. If no candidate received forty percent of the total electoral votes, the election would be decided by the House and Senate in Joint Session, with each Senator and Representative having one vote. This would eliminate the state unit rule now governing those elections which go to the House.

For these reasons, I plan again to urge the adoption of the proportional electoral system at the next session of the Congress.

Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch Soys

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers at the country store Saturday night was general agreed that we could solve most of our problems by turning 'em around and working them out backwards. Ed Doolittle said a Government conference was the confusion of one feller multiplied by the number attending, and claimed they was a lot of good thinking in this backwards problem idea.

For instant, said Ed, in our colleges the professors are supposed to teach and the students supposed to learn, but where we got them colleges that the students was demonstrating, rioting and capturing the college they had ought to let the students teach and the professors learn. It wouldn't take more'n 30 days, said Ed, fer them students to come to their senses and get back in class and behave themselves. That was the backwards approach, Ed allowed.

Clem Webster of the Great Society was agreed in this backwards system. Clem, Mister Editor, always tries to look on the Yuletide season the fellers got bright side. He's like the feller to thinking backwards and he that said bad breath was better was giving 'em a backwards problem no breath at all. And Clem lem to solve. He said we was goin' out that the licker in'ing to leave and he was going durny always took the backwards to close up or he was locking approach. They take big ads in up and we was staying.

Considering the backwards problem we would have to solve with our old lads if we didn't get home on time, we adjourned fer the session.

Yours truly
Uncle Pete

ing about walking a mile fer a Camel and start talking about all the good their taxes was doing fer the states and follow the backwards approach. Clem claimed this backwards approach would make the smokers feel like they was doing a good turn by smoking, even if it did shorten their days on earth.

But personal, Mister Editor, I think the fellers was just going yap-yap to hear themselves talking. We ain't going to work nothing out in this country by trying to work it out backwards. It reminds me of this piece I saw in the papers a while back where a boxcar load of powdered dog food went to a cement factory by mistake and the cement mix was shipped to the dog food plant. Sidewalks made of dog food ain't going to get hard, and them dogs, that got the wrong end of the deal, must have knowed somapun was wrong when they got indigestion and got too heavy to chase cars.

The feller that runs the store was agreed with me, said ever tor, always tries to look on the Yuletide season the fellers got bright side. He's like the feller to thinking backwards and he that said bad breath was better was giving 'em a backwards problem no breath at all. And Clem lem to solve. He said we was goin' out that the licker in'ing to leave and he was going durny always took the backwards to close up or he was locking approach. They take big ads in up and we was staying.

Looking Ahead

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MOSCOW — CAPITAL OF DECEIT

President Johnson's relationship with the Soviet Union has been notable for the policy of detent — "building bridges" of friendship. The policy is based on trust of the Soviet claim that their Lenin-Stalin blueprint for conquering the world — through subversion and wars of liberation — has been discarded, that they now have no world ambitions, that they have softened, that actually we, the U. S., ought to be helping the Soviets (and we have been, in many ways) because they represent a "liberal" form of Communism, while China under Mao Tse-tung represents the old-fashioned aggressive Communism of Lenin.

Apparently, President Johnson was not prepared for the shock of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. As President Kennedy had been deceived in the Cuban missile invasion, Mr. Johnson (according to reliable reports) had been told that the Russian and Communist satellite troops massed on the Czech border (known to U. S. intelligence) were not for the purpose of invasion.

The Challenge

And even in spite of the second-murdering of Czechoslovakia in a manner showing again the true nature of World Communism and the colossal deceitfulness of its hierarchy, the "building of bridges" remains, today, our foreign policy towards the Soviets — the Soviets who are supplying 80% of the armament used by the Communist enemy fighting U. S. forces in Vietnam.

The purpose of this brief review of historical facts (in this and the last seven columns) has been to remind the American people of our — as well as our leaders' — past record of forgiving and forgetting the nature of a monstrous enemy — atheistic Communism, whose leaders, from Lenin through Kasygin, have dedicated themselves openly to the destruction of the United States; in the blunt words of Khrushchev — "We will bury you!"

The Way It Is

Lenin, on April 8, 1920, gave a prophetic interview to the German newspaper, Neue Zurcher Zeitung. "On the basis of observations gathered during my years in exile," said Lenin, "the 'cultured' class of the capitalist countries of Western Europe and America, i.e., the ruling classes, the financial aristocracy, the bourgeoisie and the idealistic democrats, should be regarded as demerits and treated accordingly."

"They will grant us credits which will fill the coffers of the communist organizations in

The Family

The following was sent to me by Mrs. Lois Britt, Extension Home Agent. There seems no more appropriate time to ponder upon Family Life and Better Homes than the approaching Christmas Season. (RBW)

How we live together in families, and what we are taught to live by, influences the kind of people we become. The family is the child's first experience with love and affection. As a child's first knowledge is gained, he relates these facts to his family world and thus develops his first concepts of life. The family is the child's first circle of citizens. The family is where children get, or fail to get, that something to hold to, to live for, and to live by. It was in the family circle that early Hebrew fathers nurtured their faith in one God. Today it is in the family circle that children develop their beliefs, their values, and ambitions.

Schools cannot discipline the youth that parents do not train. Nor can they hold the youth that parents do not want educated.

Churches cannot develop character when homes dodge responsibilities. Courts and laws and welfare boards cannot control wildness which families fail to tame. Nor can they instill a sense of duty which homes have ignored. Since the quality of family life influences the health, happiness, security, and motivations of each individual citizen.

And affects the efficiency of workers in every vocation, Education for the occupation of homemaking is too significant to be left to chance.

Home economics education is dedicated to better homes and family life.

By Ruth Stovall, Alabama State Supervisor of Home Economics Education and State Advisor for the Alabama Association of Future Homemakers of America.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Intersects
4. Prefix; half
12. Typesetting machine
14. Persia
15. Printers' measures
16. Shri! cry
17. Hog fat
18. On the ocean
20. Rope fiber
22. Tellurium; chem.
23. Fasten again
25. Spanish hero
26. Fastener
27. Iron metal
29. Annoying child
30. Asylum
33. Fungus
35. Wings
36. Conifers
38. Wily
39. Tree
40. — turvy
44. Musical syllable
45. Incline
47. California valley
48. Gem
50. Eli
52. Humble
53. Bones; anat.
54. Slovenly
55. Tidy
57. Surrounds
1. Uncluded
2. Wash lightly
3. Start
4. Therefore
5. Fen
6. Vision organ
7. Interweave
8. Window
9. Ag
10. Man from Mars
11. Depressions
13. Greek letter
18. Church
19. Public notice
24. Greek letter
25. For
28. USS
29. Buffalo
30. Musical instrument
31. Compressed circle
32. 24 hours
34. Setae
37. Skewer
38. Building wing
41. Lotus color
42. Plant germ cell
43. Opens wide
45. Wood strip
46. Dash
48. Jewish king
51. And to fourth
55. Tentative

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