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Through This Preacher's Study Window

D. B. Alderman, Pastor
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I ran across another bit of wisdom the other day. It comes from the Globe, Toronto, Ont., entitled "The Obituary of a Prayer Meeting." It goes like this:

"Miss Faithful Prayer Meeting died recently at Neglectville, in the State of Worldliness. She was born many years ago amid revival fires. Miss Prayer Meeting had lived a very notable life until recent years. For some time past she had been confined to her home because of business engagements and severe attacks of fatigue and nervousness. These symptoms were always more noticeable prayer meeting nights.

She was troubled with stiffness of the knees during prayer, coldness of heart, and low blood pressure. Inactivity, weakness of the will power and general diminished vitality marked the last stages of her illness. Her last hours were accompanied by much

sobbing and groaning over the "good days" of her early life, but only a very few stood by her in her last struggles. It seems the blight of Modernism acted as sort of a creeping paralysis over her of late.

She leaves to mourn their loss, many churches, preachers, and official dignitaries, also many unsaved persons outside the pale of the church, who often sought her help in times of trouble.

The remains will be taken to the Judgements Bar of God, where the Searcher of all things will inquire into the real cause of the untimely death of so worthy a servant. It is suspected that treachery on the part of her care-taker and professed admirers will be discovered as responsible."

Let's add another thought just here. The responsible witnesses are going to be called to the stand. Then we have to ask the question: "Will I be one of those witnesses?"

POETRY CORNER

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THE TREE

As sturdy it stands against the sky,
Its branches reaching like hands to bless,
I ventured to ask, "will you tell me why
For ages you've stood through storm and stress?"
I listen-it seemed to speak and say,
"In patience I live through every hour,
Darkness of night and light of day
Contribute alike and give me power
To stand and grow the centuries through.
I take the sleet, the ice and snow,
As well as the gentle rain and dew,
For blessing, when storm winds blow
My roots sink deeper to anchor me
And that is my secret" said the Tree.

Homer Casto

(Poetry for this Corner should be sent direct to Edith Deaderick Erskine, Weaver ville, N. C.)

VEHICLE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Raleigh — The Department of Motor Vehicles said today 636 North Carolinians were convicted of drunken driving in July and thereby lost their legal driving privileges. The July figure rose sharply from the 567 persons convicted of similar charges in June. The drunken driving convictions are contained in the regular monthly summary of violations requiring the surrender of operator's permits prepared by the Department.

Other convictions reported in July included 81 for speeding over 75 mph; 69 for two offenses of speeding over 55 mph; 54 for reckless driving; 47 for driving after license revoked; and 20 for driving after license suspended.

July convictions resulted in 929 revocations and 528 suspensions.

TO PLAY PART IN FLAT ROCK PRODUCTION



W. C. BURTON

Flat Rock—Broby Farquhar, managing director of the Vagabond Players at the Flat Rock Playhouse here, has announced that W. C. Burton of Reidsville will join the professional theatre company for their final two productions.

Burton, a newspaper columnist and director of the Reidsville bureau of the Greensboro Daily News, has appeared in starring roles with the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville during the past five years and has more than 20 years experience as an actor.

For many years Burton has been associated with the Play-Likers of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, where he worked with W. R. Taylor, founder

OPS TO COOPERATE IN FEED PRICE CONTROLS

All the services of the Charlotte District Office of Price Stabilization have been offered the State Farmers Home Administration to insure that drought-stricken farmers pay no more than ceiling prices on supplies they need.

"We fear that the drought may precipitate pressure on ceiling prices of the things the farmer has to buy at this time," E. E. Huffman, Acting District Price Executive, has informed J. B. Slack of Raleigh, State FHA Director.

Mr. Huffman's letter continued: "Some suppliers who know that the farmer can secure loans to purchase such items as feeds, fertilizers, and other things necessitated by cause of the drought, may take undue advantage of the farmer in the matter of prices.

"We want you to know that we are going to do everything we can to protect the farmer in such cases, and if you learn of any cases in which you suspect that undue advantage is being taken of the farmer in order to secure above the ceiling prices, we would like for you to let us know about it promptly."

Similar letters have gone out for its initial years, director of the Parkway Playhouse.

While with the Vagabond Players here he is appearing this week as the Baron in "Captain Carvallo" and next week is scheduled to handle a feature role in "The Happy Time", the final play of the season.

FARMERS URGED TO ARRANGE FOR CATTLE SHOW IMMEDIATELY

September 4th and 5th are the dates scheduled for the Tri-County Cattle Show to be held in connection with the Spruce Pine Fair, according to T. S. Godwin, assistant county agent.

Farmers and 4-H Club boys and girls who are planning on entering cattle in the show are urged to get in touch with the county agent's office immediately.

The Tri-County Cattle Show was begun three or four years ago, with the show alternating between the three counties—Yancey, Mitchell and Avery—each year. Last year's show was held in this county.

Plans to have the show in connection with the Spruce Pine Fair was brought about because of the difficulties in financing the show at a separate time.

DANCE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

Plans are being made for an informal dance to be held at the Sam Wilson Community Building Saturday. The dance is being sponsored by young people of the community and proceeds will go to help build a tennis court near the Community Building.

The public is invited to attend. Contact county farm agents in Eastern Tennessee.

"I REMEMBER" BY THE OLD TIMERS

From Amelia Decker, Danvers: I remember when horses became frightened and ran into the ditch and upset the buggy when an automobile passed us.

From Mrs. Ida J. ... I remember when I was nine years old buying one-cent ice-cream cones—also five pieces of gum in a round tin box.

From C. L. Miller, Volo, Oregon: I remember when a President was elected—Grover Cleveland. The Democrats would get the blacksmith anvils and load them up with gun powder and shoot them. On a still night you could hear them 23 miles away.

From Rovena Warren, Harvard, Idaho: I remember when we lighted the kerosene lamps only when company came. We used candles made of beef and mutton tallow and a little beeswax. We ran melted fat into tin molds with sticks laid across the top with candle wicking dangling from them.

From Mrs. Nellie Keene, Hilliard, Fla.: I remember when we baked sweet potatoes in a Dutch oven on a clay hearth and carried water in pails up about a 100-foot hill.

From Mrs. True C. Whittier, New Sharon, Me.: I remember when my mother and all the ladies saved the yellow stamps from yeast cakes and sent them in for pictures. Also when a certain brand of soda came with pictures of birds, flowers and animals in each package.

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DALE CARNEGIE
AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

THIS STORY of two persons who learned to conquer themselves was told me by David S. Gonyer, Bridgeport, Conn. after he came out of the Army.

His mother was injured in an automobile accident and was left in a nervous state just before David enlisted in the navy. His enlistment hit her hard and in her condition she made no effort to conquer her worry over him. No matter that many other mothers were suffering the same trial, no matter that the majority of our soldiers and sailors have returned safe and sound from our wars, she saw only her own trouble.

So David wasn't frank with her and allowed her to think that he was not stationed anywhere near a danger zone, although he was in the thick of the fighting at Leyte Island. He also asked relatives and mutual friends not to tell her where he was.

Suddenly letters from her ceased and his sister wrote she had burned her hand but was all right. Later her letters resumed. It wasn't until he came home that he learned she had worried herself into a nervous breakdown immediately following someone accidentally telling her that he was in action. When he saw her after his return she had to be carried up and down the stairs.

One day her doctor knowing that her illness was due wholly to her mental attitude, suggested that she try Christian Science. She asked a practitioner to visit her, and after several discussions, she was convinced that her trouble was brought on by her own self.

When David arrived home, he scoffed at Christian Science; but only for a short while after he heard his mother's story. She had been so ill that she had been sent to a hospital. That was when her letters to David had ceased. It was after she had gained faith in God through Christian Science that she resumed her letter writing. His mother's example so impressed David that never again will he be subject to Fear as he once knew it.



Carnegie

SPORTS CORNER

All in the Game:

AT FIRST Manager Eddie Stank was inclined to blow his top too suddenly, but now he has calmed down and has the St. Louis Cardinals really playing for him.

The 1956 winter Olympics will be at Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, and the 1956 summer games will be held in Melbourne, Australia. . . . Russian and American Olympic swimmers were friendly and polite to each other when they met after arriving in Helsinki—even offered each other advice and tried each other's boats. . . . Tippy Goes, chairman of the U.S. rowing committee, said the Russian swimmers were "a swell bunch of fellows". . . . Well, the Olympics are supposed to promote international friendship. . . . Leo Durocher walks at least five miles up and down the box during a game. . . . Monte Irvin may be available to the Giants in pinch hitting roles by September—he broke an ankle in spring training after being last season's runs-batted-in king. . . . Ball clubs must have a few old pros in their lineup to really click.



FORGOTTEN FIREMAN . . . Relief hurler Clyde King won 14 games for the Dodgers last year and saved as many more. This year his talents are being overlooked. Here the Dodger fireman sits and waits for the alarm bell to call on him for help.

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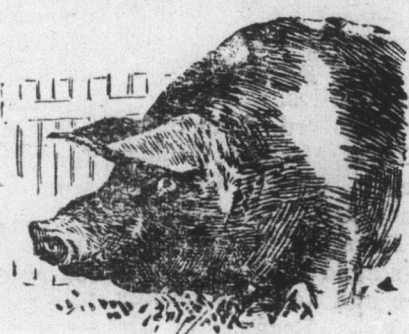


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