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**-- Overlook On Life --**  
 By WARREN S. REEVE  
 Note: The idea of "Overlook" is taken from the Overlooks provided for viewing panoramas along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

At Christmas we try to spread good will. And indeed we should! For, is there anything that this old world of ours needs more than good will? I once knew of a man who had nursed a grudge against God for years. I suppose we have all known numerous cases of a person's holding a grudge against another person for a long period of time; and there are few of us, I judge, who haven't personally done a little grudge-bearing ourselves; and perhaps a lot.

Like a sword suspended by a thread over our necks, the recurrent threats of war continue to unsettle us. These threats are nothing else but giant grudges held not only by whole nations but by great blocks of nations.

Coming back to the case of the individual, I have noted how holding a grudge against some one has done far more harm to the one with the grudge than it has to the person who is the object of resentment. I heard of the operator of a filling station who became intensely jealous of a competitor across the street, and this jealousy almost drove him crazy. I have a suspicion that some of those who suffer acutely from rheumatism and arthritis have brought their distress on themselves because they never got over resenting something or being resentful against somebody. (Please notice that I said "some", and that my words should not be taken to imply that every rheumatic or arthritic person is guilty of having nursed some grudge or resentment).

The unwillingness to forgive somebody is like a deadly disease. It sucks the vitality and has the seeds of ruination in it. Therefore God feels that His own bountiful forgiveness of our sins cannot do us much good unless we also forgive everybody against whom we may have been resentful. We are taught therefore to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors". This prayer is an invitation to enter into a world of mutual forgivingness. Every time we pray it — if we put our minds on what we are saying (which far too often is not the case) — we are recognizing this invitation of God's. "Come! let's all of us forget our grudges", He pleads. "Let's start over new", — even if it hurts to do so.

And where great wrongs have

been done, it does hurt to forgive. But nobody suffered such hurt as God Himself did through His Son Jesus Christ. That is the meaning of the Cross. The Cross was the hurt that wounded the heart of the Almighty to a degree beyond anything we can imagine. For, it was a hurt great enough to compensate for the sins of the whole world. Thus when God invites men to forget, and to have good will among themselves, He was offering no cheap invitation. Here we see Him, not as One who is altogether detached from our world, sitting on His throne, but as One who had come down and entered into the details and intimacy of our miserableness. Here we see Him not just offering cheap, gratuitous advice. In Jesus Christ He was giving us His utmost. He was giving us Himself. Thus, in a sense, the proclamation "Peace on earth good will among men" was a terrible thing for God, so costly was it in its implications for Him. But for us men it was — and ever will be — "tidings of great joy".

In this aftermath of Christmas, may we all let this spirit of God's great giving simmer within us and exercise its contagious influence. Let's seriously try to lay aside our prejudices and have the humbleness of the little Jesus in the manger. By drowning our dislikes in the magnificence of God, we may prove to the world that faith counts and that the Christmas Gospel is no mere myth but that in Bethlehem an Incarnate One, adequate to rule the hearts and passions of the world was born.

"Heaven and nature sing—  
 The wonders of His love"

**Westall Serving In Greece**

Dreux Air Base France—S Sgt. Louis E. Westall, U. S. Air Force aircraft mechanic of Hamrick, N. C. is stationed at Dreux Air Base France, sixty miles southwest of Paris. He presently is on temporary duty at Athens, Greece, where his Aircraft is taking part in "Project Athena" transporting of vital supplies to the Middle East.

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**GARDEN TIME**  
 m. e. gardner  
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Perhaps you have heard the expression, "They go together like bacon and eggs." This seems to be true of the poinsettia and Christmas. Did you get one? Would you like to keep it? Here's how.

This plant is a little difficult to keep in the house unless conditions are good. Some of the reasons are: irregular watering; changes in temperature; low humidity; and gas flames. Water thoroughly and then wait until the soil dries on top before watering again. After the leaves begin to dry in January, cut off about one-half of the growth, place the plant in the cellar, or basement, and dry it out. Water just enough to prevent the stems from shriveling. About once every three or four weeks should be sufficient.

When the soil warms in the spring, cut the plant back severely and re-pot with good soil. Do not use a pot smaller than six inches, and provide good bottom drainage. It should then be put out-of-doors in partial shade. After growth starts, fertilize about once a month with a pinch of 8-8-8 fertilizer in a measuring cup of water. Bring the plant indoors before

frost in the fall. It is a "short day" plant and the longer it can stay outside the better. In some homes it will be influenced by the electric lights. This will have a tendency to increase the day length which may prevent flowering. Best conditions can be provided by putting the plant in a sunny window in the day time and shading when the lights are on at night. The night temperature should not go below sixty degrees for best results.

The hybrid amaryllis is an interesting plant and one you might like to try in the house. The large bulbs should be planted in pots no smaller than seven inches in diameter. Use good soil and leave at least one-third of the bulb exposed above the soil line. Keep watered and treat as any other pot plant. After the blooming period, keep the plants growing until fall. During the summer fertilize as suggested for the poinsettia. Then dry the plant up by withholding water for a period of six to eight weeks. After this, start watering again which will force growth. It is not necessary to re-pot each year.

**MERIT SYSTEM ANNOUNCE EXAMINATIONS**

RALEIGH, N. C.: The North Carolina Merit System Council has announced that examinations for professional positions with the Employment Security Commission will be held on February 9, 1957.

Applications, which must be filed on the official form, may be obtained from the Merit System Office, Mansion Park Building, Raleigh, N. C. or from any local health, welfare, or employment security office. These applications must be filed on or before January 18, 1957.

Open-competitive examinations for positions with the ESC will include: occupational analyst, tax auditor (ESC), field representative (ESC), personnel officer (ESC), cashier (ESC), and assistant cashier (ESC). These positions are open to any person who meets the established minimum qualifications.

Promotional examinations will be given for the positions of local office managers IV, III, II, and I; veterans' employment representatives III, II, and I; claims examiners IV, III, and II; chief auditor; assistant auditor; chief, staff services; industrial services supervisor; farm placement supervisor; assistant farm placement supervisor; supervisor of tax auditors (ESC); employment counseling supervisor; clearance placement supervisor; supervisor of field representatives (ESC); and interviewer II. These positions are open only to those persons who are presently employed by the Employment Security Commission, and promotional registers will be used to fill vacancies as they occur. Bulletins containing information regarding salaries, qualifica-

**RAY JOHNSON ABOARD USS ARNEB**

Antarctica (FHTNC) — Ray Johnson, seaman apprentice, USN son of Birgit Johnson of Burnsville, N. C., is aboard the attack cargo ship USS Arneb now operating at the "bottom of the earth" — the Antarctic — with "Operation Deepfreeze II."

More than 3,000 men are engaged in the operation, an overall support program for earth-science studies to begin in July 1957 in connection with the International Geophysical Year 1957-58.

The Arneb's job is to transport supplies and construction materials for the new Knox Coast Station.

tion requirements of each position, and pertinent examination data may be obtained from the Merit System Office.

If there are a sufficient number of applications, the examinations will be held in approximately 12 cities throughout the State.

**NOTICE**

In The Superior Court STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF YANCEY MITCHELL LUMBER CO., INC.

Plaintiff

vs. CARL STEWART and wife, DOROTHY STEWART and THE NORTHWESTERN BANK, a North Carolina corporation. Defendants

CARL STEWART and wife, DOROTHY STEWART, two of the above named defendants being sought, will take NOTICE that an action entitled as above has commenced in the Superior Court of Yancey County in which the plaintiff claims the sum of \$1,186.46 with interest thereon based upon the default of Carl Stewart and wife, Dorothy Stewart in the payment of the balance due on the contract price of certain building materials furnished to them by the plaintiff and to foreclose the plaintiff's materialman's lien.

SAID DEFENDANTS will also take NOTICE that they are required to appear at the Office of the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Yancey County not later than the 24th day of January 1957 and answer or demur to the Complaint or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief therein demanded.

SAID DEFENDANTS will further take NOTICE that in said action an order of attachment against the property of said defendants has been issued on the 19th day of November 1956 and the following property attached:

The 1 1/2 acre tract of land in Crabtree Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, described in a deed dated 18 May 1956 from J. E. Sparks, widower, to Carl Stewart and wife, Dorothy Stewart, which deed is recorded in Yancey County Deed Book 106, page 174.

That said order of attachment is returnable before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court. This 3rd day of December 1956. Lowe Thomas, Clerk of the Superior Court, Yancey County, North Carolina.

**THIS WEEK'S SAFETY MESSAGE**

By Cameron F. McRae, M. D.

New Year's Day is another holiday when the death rate from motor vehicle accidents may be expected to show an increase because of the large number of persons driving to or returning from distant points in connection with holiday visits. This time of year has its special hazards for drivers, what with the days being at their shortest and with the risk of snow or ice, or fog. Thus it behooves us all to use especial care when behind the wheel at this time of year. In this connection those of us who own motor vehicles would do well to study the Safe Driving Pledge mailed us recently with the 1957 license renewal cards:—

"I hereby resolve that I will do

all in my power to:

1. Share the road with others and drive with consideration and courtesy.
  2. Be a defensive driver, seeking beforehand to determine accident-making situations, even of another's making, and avoid them.
  3. Observe the letter and spirit of traffic laws and regulations".
- If we make no other resolutions for the New Year, a resolution to abide by the above principles will be definitely worth while in that it may be the means of taking us, and those who may be riding with us, safely through the year ahead.



**POETRY CORNER**

Conducted By Edith Deaderick Erskine

**THE ARTIST CAME TOO LATE**

One spot I planned  
 To hold with my brushes,  
 Blue from the sky  
 And green from the rushes;  
 A gray shack leaned  
 And guarded the river,  
 Where it curved east,  
 But the wind gave a shiver—  
 The small house fell  
 And never was painted,  
 Much like a man  
 Grown to old, who has fainted.  
 I meant to see  
 The colors that waited—  
 And you are kind,  
 But often belated...  
 Manfred A. Carter



STOP worrying about whether you paid this bill or that. START enjoying the positive assurance and convenience of paying by check. Your check stubs tell you when and how much you paid... to whom and for what. Your cancelled checks are bonafide receipts that stop all arguments before they start.

**THE NORTHWESTERN BANK**

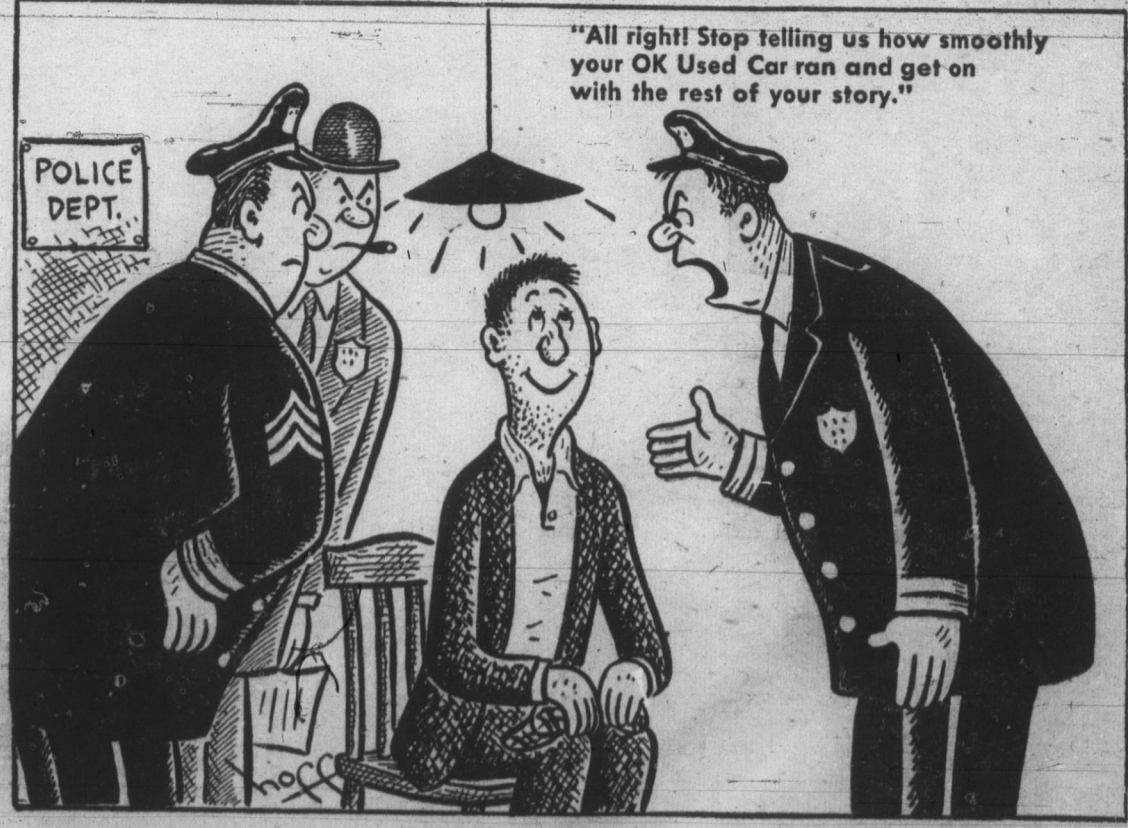
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**4-H Members Back the Attack on Highway Deaths**



TOP WINNERS IN THE 4-H FARM AND HOME SAFETY PROGRAM use a battering ram to dramatize the decision of the two million 4-H members to smash the barricade of 42,000 fatal accidents which annually blocks safe motoring on America's highways. Urging them to "Back the Attack" is A. G. De Lorenzo (right), Public Relations Director of General Motors, awards donor for the nation-wide safety program. Each of these national winners received \$300 college scholarships from GM. In addition, they and the other 42 state winners received all-expense trips to the 35th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago from General Motors. Left to right are: LeRetta Hales, Spanish Fork, Utah; Richard Parsons, Parsonsburg, Md.; Anita Mae Wenger, Powhattan, Kansas; Marjorie Bauwerdink, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.; Ella Lou Hembree, Braman, Okla.; Richard Mitchell, Denver, Colo., and Clyde Templeton, Olin, N. C.



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