

Cuz's Corner

by Bagley

In a book I read a few weeks ago an explanation was given of the word "nostalgia." It said the word was built on two Greek roots, Nostos, a return to home, and Algia, pain. It went on to say that if you're normal you have experienced it when some external stimulus, or cause, has crowded your mind with scenes from an earlier day.

I was happy to see, in black and white, that it is a normal feeling. I have been suffering with it a lot lately and I was beginning to decide that it was slightly abnormal. So, that was reassuring, and now I'll just indulge in it a rite smart and enjoy myself. I suppose that what brought it all on was my planning a trip "back home."

You folks that are living in the towns and immediate areas

where you were born and grew up just don't know how fortunate that you are. You have all those pleasant reminders around you all the time and it isn't necessary for you to travel hundreds and hundreds of miles every two or three years to get to see the home-looks, and the places that figured so prominently in your youth.

I've often heard the remark about so and so cutting all ties with his home town and moving away. Somehow I'm inclined to believe that "cutting all ties" is an impossibility. It is for me, anyhow. I haven't lived in my home town since 1937, own no property there, and all my family has long since died or moved away. Yet, I'm always anxious to go "back home." In earlier years I could spend a great deal of time visiting close relatives; parents, uncles, and aunts---but now they are almost all gone and so, cousins take on a new importance. And it seems that they are gladder to see me than they used to be and I, them. They must be experiencing some of the same

trouble.

A friend of mine said, all this was "Ancestor Worship." That may be true but I like the sound of nostalgia better. I don't think I worship any of my ancestors. I do revere them. Yes, and when I go "back home" I always visit one particular cemetery. There's several of my kinfolks there: My pa, his Pa, and Great-Grandpa, then there's Grandma, and Great Grandma, uncles, aunts, and cousins. Every time I go back there I can always see that day when we laid Pa away. It was on a late November afternoon. It had been cloudy all day and I'll never forget how dreary that day was. Then just as the preacher said "Amen" at his closing prayer and I raised my head and opened my eyes, it seemed that in that instant the sun slipped out of its shroud of clouds. Yes, I always see the picture when I go back and it never fails to bring a few tears but it sorta makes me feel cleansed inside and I'm glad I come.

Then I go and visit the cou-

sins, an aunt or two, and the few old friends that are left --- and the old home place. About the only thing left there now is the old well. The last time I was there I walked over to it, leaned against the old brick curbing, and looked down inside. I picked up a rock and dropped it in. It sounded just like the old bucket did years ago when it hit the water. I can remember turning the windless loose and that old bucket would just FLY and hit with the loudest "plop" and Pa'd say, "Son, you're gonna bust the bottom outa that old bucket a letting it hit the bottom like that." I remembered what a job it used to be to draw enough water for a bunch of thirsty cows and mules. I remembered too, how good and cold that water tasted to me after coming outta the field, hot, tired and sweaty.

Then, there were a few old gnarled apple trees still there. One in particular, that always had the earliest apples on it. Every year as soon as they were big as marbles I'd go by the smokehouse, get a handful of salt and climb up this old tree and help myself to a green apple feast. Ma would always predict a fear-some bellyache as a result, but it never developed. Or she'd declare there wouldn't be enough apples left to bake more'n one tart. Course, I never worried about that cause I liked 'em a lot better green than in any tart.

There's only one of my old school teachers left there now. He's the principal of the high school. I enjoy going by to see him. And I remember how he used to fret over all of us. I could never quite see why he always felt so concerned. I understand now. And he hasn't changed a bit. He still frets. One thing we could always expect in his classes was, as he put it --- "a little quiz." Then a discussion, and if this showed any signs of getting out of hand he'd say very, very solemnly "Now let's gird our loins and get down to business." And we be unto the one that didn't "gird 'em good."

When I used to walk along the streets at home it was unusual to pass anyone I didn't recognize. Now if I meet someone I do know, I'm here to tell you that I stop them and talk to 'em.

Yes, there were heartaches, disappointments, and hard times "back home" --- but there were joys, pleasures, and good times, too, and more than enough to insure that my returning will always be a happy occasion.

Methodist Men

ANDREWS - The Methodist Men will meet on Thursday (tonight) at 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Following a pot-luck supper, a brief business session will be held. All members are asked to attend.

Sales, Operating Revenues Up For Indian Head Mills

NEW YORK, N. Y. - Sales and operating revenues of Indian Head Mills, Inc., increased slightly in the first quarter of its fiscal year, but net profits declined.

Sales totalled \$35.3 million in the three months ended on March 2, 1963, compared with \$34.6 million in the corresponding period a year ago. Sales of Native Laces and Textiles of which Rimco Mfg. Corp. of Murphy is a subsidiary, were included for the full period this year, as compared with only one month in 1962, and several other divisions recorded increases. These gains were largely offset, however, by omission of the sales of two divisions sold during the latter part of 1962 and lower sales in some other operations.

Net profits after income taxes were \$450,000, compared with net profits of \$667,000 for the first quarter of last year. Federal and foreign income taxes amounted to \$410,000 this year, compared with \$583,000 a year earlier. After Preferred Stock dividends, net profits amounted to 25¢ per share on the 1,377,405 Common shares presently outstanding as compared with 40¢ per share in 1962, calculated on the same number of shares.

Indian Head's acquisition and diversification program showed continued progress during the quarter. James E. Robinson, President, stated. The converted cotton fabric business of George Wood, Sons & Co., Inc., and the fine worsted fabric business of Faragon Worsted Co. were acquired, and an agreement was made to purchase substantially all of the assets of Claussen Hosiery Company.

The Board of Directors has declared the regular quarterly dividends of 31 1/4 cents per share on the \$1.25 Cumulative Preferred Stock and 37 1/2¢ per share on the \$1.50 Cumulative Preferred Stock, both payable May 1 to stockholders of record on April 15. The Board has also authorized the regular quarterly payments into the Sinking Funds for both issues.

No More Burning

MURPHY - The U. S. Forest Service here announced Monday, April 1, that notice had been received from the N. C. State Forestry Service that no burning permits will be issued this week.

The forest fire danger increased as the weather forecast predictions were for dry weather.

New Forest Fire Fighting Method Used in Clay

ASHEVILLE - Peter J. Hanlon, Forest Supervisor of the North Carolina National Forests, has announced that a new method of fighting forest fires is being used on the Forests in this area. The new method was used Saturday, March 30, at a fire on Eagle Fork in Clay County.

The U. S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and Indian Service have contracted with a Western firm for Two World War II Vintage B-26 Bombers to be based at Knoxville, Tenn., for fire control use on the Forests beginning March 1.

Each plane has a carrying capacity of 1,200 gallons of fire-retardant chemicals. Flight speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour make any point on the Forests of Western North Carolina within one-half hour flight time from the Knoxville Bomber Base.

The fire-retardant used is the commercial fertilizer, diamonium-phosphate, mixed with water. The use of this fertilizer as a fire-retardant is required because there is no toxic affect to either vegetation or wildlife in the Forest. The method of bombing forest fires with fire-retardant from aircraft has

'Oscar Show' Sinatra Headlines Host Of Top Stars



Marking a new role for him, Frank Sinatra will make his bow as an Academy Awards master of ceremonies at the 35th Annual Presentation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Monday, April 8. A former "Oscar" winner (supporting actor, "From Here to Eternity," 1953), Sinatra heads the brilliant galaxy of Hollywood luminaries who will appear on the program to be carried over the combined radio and television facilities of the American Broadcasting Company and made available to the Canadian Broadcasting Co. starting at 7:00 p.m. (PST).

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BIBLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

By Tom Ledbetter
Andrews Church of Christ

Question: Was the thief on the cross saved without baptism?

Answer: Yes, he was to be with the Lord in Paradise according to Luke 23:43, but we today are not saved in this manner.

We are living under the will of Christ which came into effect on his death (Heb. 9:16-17), and not under the law of Moses which was nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14). While Christ lived he could change his law in any manner he saw fit, but now we are living under the will he made which included, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:16)

We cannot legally change this law, so at least, in order to be assured of salvation we should follow the commands, one of which is baptism.

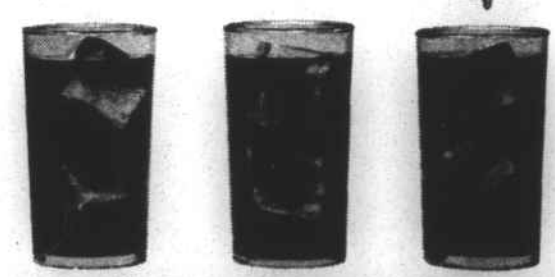
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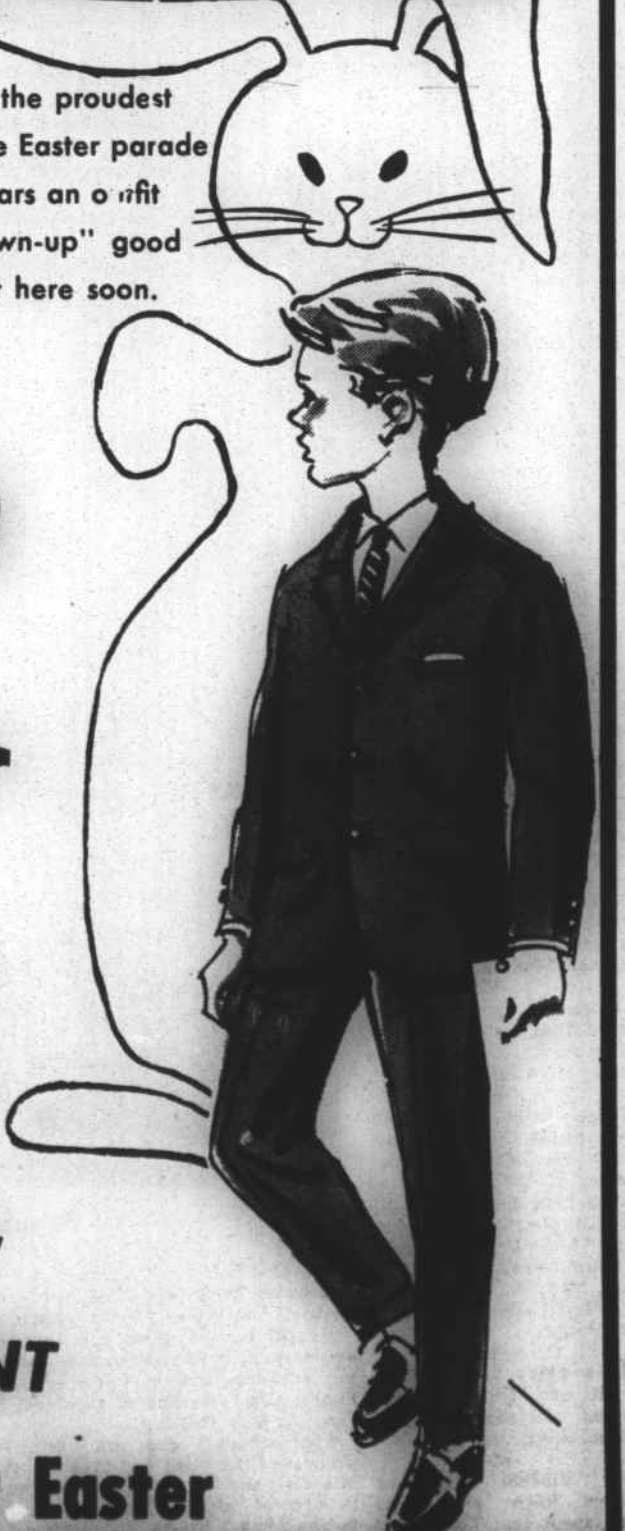
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