



By Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Family Trips Do Not Always Make For Happy Memories

Each year Norm and Vera took their children Billy Bob and Velda Jean to King's Eleven Flags Over Somerset Amusement Park. Perhaps their story will keep you from making some of the same mistakes that they did.

Norm did not want to go. "My idea of hell is a crowded amusement park in July when the temperature is 98," he told anyone who would listen.

For several years he had promised Vera almost anything if she would take the kids by herself. Vera always refused saying, "Norm, this is a family trip. The whole family has to go. We'll have fun." Norm had decided that sometimes Vera was not in touch with reality.

"Well, at least we will get an early start," Norm said. (All men seem to have a game that makes them want to get started early and arrive before everyone else.) Thus, at 5:00 am Norm and Vera dragged Billy Bob and Velda Jean out of bed.

At 9:00 am Norm and family finally managed to hit the road. Before Velda Jean's throwing up and Billy Bob's leaving her, it had taken four hours to get everyone ready. They were almost ready to leave at 8:00, but Vera remembered she hadn't made the pimento cheese sandwiches.

The children were unusually cooperative - for the first fifteen minutes of the trip. By that time the familiar "when will we be there" began to echo from the back seat. Norm told the kids to be quiet (in no uncertain terms). This worked for approximately 36 seconds.

After a three-hour drive (including seven restroom stops), they arrived at the park. They were lucky; there was only a ninety minute wait for a parking place. Norm told Vera to be sure and remember where they parked. Vera promised that she would.

The park was hot and already crowded. Velda Jean had to go to the bathroom again. This line took 37 minutes. Billy Bob was beside himself with anticipation. Norm considered throwing him in the fountain but decided Billy Bob would probably enjoy that.

Other parents seemed to be having almost as much fun as Norm. He heard them saying, encouraging

things to their children such as, "Don't hit Aunt Edna again. She just had surgery," and "Don't be afraid. That's not a giant rat. It's Melvin Mouse."

Billy Bob announced that he had to ride the new rides of Death Train. Will Make You Wish You Had Never Been Born Roller Coaster. Since Velda Jean did not want to ride, Norm and Vera decided (actually Vera decided) that Norm would ride with Billy Bob. The line took three hours. Norm decided that the only thing worse than that line was the actual ride, during which he made several promises concerning life-style changes if God would just let him live. Billy Bob said, "That was great! Let's do it again." Norm feigned an injury and refused.

The line to eat took 45 minutes. When they finally reached the head of the line, all that was left was soggy pizza and cold funnel cakes. Billy Bob and Velda Jean were thrilled. After lunch Billy Bob threw up.

At the end of the day they couldn't remember if they had parked in Wiggly Wormy Row 6 or Butternut the Magic Elf Row 9. They found their car only after most of the other cars had left the park and they could finally see it from a distance. Turns out it was in Norm the Rhino Row 12 all along. Vera had forgotten.

As they sat in the interminable line of cars waiting to leave the park, Norm announced that next year was going to be different. "Next year we'll get up at 4:00 a.m.," Vera just growled.

Bobby Is The Classmate I Admire The Most

I have not seen Bobby since high school. I wonder how he is getting along in life.

Bobby is the high school classmate that I admire the most. No, he was not a big sports star - nor was he the valedictorian of our class - and he did not get elected class president. He was not a member of the "in crowd" that seemed to include most of the popular kids at school.

He worked hard at his studies, and he was a good student, but I do not think the work came easily for him. He was quiet and not one to stand out in a crowd. He dressed neatly, though it was obvious from his clothes that his family did not have much money. His FFA jacket was

his coat no matter how cold the weather.

Sadly, it was his economic status that marked him as an outsider. We were very conscious of "status" in my class. There was a certain pecking order, and one of the qualifications for making it to the top was parental economic success. Without that, or could never quite make it to popularity.

Economic success was important because that meant "good clothes," which in those days consisted mainly of jeans, tee-shirts and penny loafers. Bobby's clothes were definitely not up to par. Both he and his sister reflected the family's lack of income. It is an indictment of me and my classmates that we sometimes laughed at Bobby and his sister. That is not, something I am proud to report.

I do not remember making fun of myself (or have I conveniently forgotten?), but I did nothing to stop it. Bobby did not seem bothered by all this, but it must have hurt him. I do not believe I ever saw him get upset at someone for the way he was treated. He did not fight back with his fists but with his mind and his achievements.

My feelings about what is important have changed quite a bit since high school (thank goodness!). As I remember Bobby now, I do not think of him as someone who did not have the right clothes. Instead I admire him for fighting to make it in a sometimes-hostile world.

I know nothing about his home life. There may have been alcohol or abuse, and there certainly was poverty. Any one of those is enough to break the spirit of a child. But Bobby didn't break. While home may not have been a good place, one would

never know that from what he said or how he acted. He always was the same calm person no matter what.

I wonder what he is doing today. Did he make it even without a lot of help? Is he working? Does he have a career? Is he still strong as a remember him? Is he still fighting to make it in a hostile world? Does he have a family? What kind of father is he to his children? What kind of husband is he?

I remember the page in our high school yearbook that featured the "most popular" students. Bobby's picture was not among those favored ones. "For what it's worth, Bobby, I think we did you an injustice by not including you in that group. And not for what you missed, but for what we missed. There was a lot you could have taught us about life if we had only stopped to see and listen.

If you are out there, Bobby, I would love to hear from you.

"Court News"

(Cont. from B-2)

Virgil D. Harrison: Alcohol intoxication, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Gordon L. Jackson, Tada Mariko, Michelle M. Ochs, Noel D. Oliver, David A. Robinson, Shigemi Sakamoto, Chaz A. Smith, Donna J. Teeters, Alexis V. Williams: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Jason C. Keller, Melissa G. Kidwell, Frederick L. Martin, Patty J. Mason, Veronica M. Moegenberg, Robert E. Ping, Richard W. Wellens, Archie D. Gilbert, James E. Tempesta, John Burrell Tall, Joseph Raymond Jakol, Jr.: Speeding, paid.

Carl E. Ramsey: Defective equipment, \$20 fine and costs.

Gary W. Caldwell: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$10 VCF, 30 day operator license suspension; 2nd Degree Possession of Controlled Substance, 180 days to serve 90/credit 7 days time serve/balance conditionally discharged two years.

Rhonda L. Cass: Theft by deception, 30 days in jail/conditionally discharged one year.

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Franklin M. Arnes: Speeding, \$30 and costs; Operating on suspended license, \$100 fine and 10 days conditionally discharged one year.

Howard J. Cameron: Possession of marijuana, \$100 and costs/confiscate and destroy contraband; Use possession of drug paraphernalia, \$50 fine/confiscate and destroy contraband.

Paul D. Cline: Fines due (\$101.85), issue warrant/suspend license.

Michael W. Collins: No motorcycle operators license, \$25 and costs; No Exp. Reg. Receipt, \$25 fine.

Barry Crouch: Harassment, \$100 and costs/suspend fine on condition.

Christopher I. Dalton: Speeding, state traffic school authorized.

Geoffry W. Fife: Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 and costs.

Chad M. Hagans: Operating on suspended license, \$100 and costs; No insurance, \$500 fine; R.S.P. Over \$300, \$500 fine and 100 days in days to serve 8/credit time served.

Tammie R. Hammond: Theft by deception (13 counts), \$10 and costs and 10 days/conditionally discharged one year and restitution (each count).

David B. Hood: No operating license in possession, \$100 and costs.

David R. Jones: No Ky. Reg. Plates and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Loren Craig Market: Speeding and Failure to wear seatbelt, paid to jail \$154.50.

Larry R. Miller: Failure to register, \$25 and costs; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450.

Kenneth L. Osborne: Fines due (\$57.85), warrant issued/license suspended.

James E. Renner: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$350 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 VCF, 30 days in jail to serve 2/credit 2 days time served.

Wendy F. Riddle: Disregarding TCD and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.

Stairlin D. Robinson: No operators license in possession, \$25 and costs.

Roger D. Sanders: No Ky. Reg. Plates, \$25 and costs; No insurance, \$500/suspend \$450.

James L. Silmon: No Ky. Reg. Plates, \$25 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

William Singleton: Fines due (\$81.85), (\$144.85), (\$152.85), (\$117.35), warrant issued.

Doyle M. Smith: Faulty equipment, \$20 and costs.

Allen K. Stanley: Fines due (\$92.35), warrant issued.

Roger D. Sanders: Improper registration, \$50 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Natasha Nakay Seylor: Public intoxication, \$25 and costs and 90 days/conditionally discharged two years.

Jacquelyn Jeanette Curry: Public intoxication, \$25 and costs and 90 days/credit 2 days time served/balance conditionally discharged two years.

House For Sale in Mareburg Sunset Place Subdivision

Only six years old and sits on approx. 75 acre 2 bedrooms, a master bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen combination, Oak cabinets, 2 full baths, utility room, 24gce walk-in closets, back deck and large front porch. This home offers a spectacular view.

Shown by appointment only Call 606-256-9402, leave name and number.



"What Saith The Scriptures"

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Pr. 16:18. Pride, arrogance, high minded, puffed up, boastful, conceited, and haughty, are words that describe a tremendous problem among a lot of human beings. "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed . . . pride . . . All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." Mk. 7:20-23. So pride is a problem that comes from within. It will lead us to the path of destruction, and a sure fall, as we see from Pr. 16:18. God fights against the proud person. "For God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." 1 Pt. 5:5b. Some of the worst offenders of the sin of pride are religious people. Consider the story in Luke 18:9-14. Here is a proud, self-righteous Pharisee who thought that he was serving God. But in the end God rejected him, and accepted the humble, broken, contrite publican. No one has reason to any reason to feel that that is better than anybody else. For these reasons, we are all the image of God, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, all of us are going to die, Jesus died for everyone. Now what is your justification to be filled with sinful pride?

Providence Church of Christ

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Web Site: www.whatsaiththescriptures.com

Time of Services: Sunday 10am Bible Study, Worship 10:40 & 7pm; Wednesday 7:30pm. Radio program, Sunday 8am, 1460 AM

Community Walking Program Cumberland Valley District Health Department

The Community Walking Program is for all residents of Rockcastle County who are interested in improving their health. The goal of the program is to walk a minimum of three days a week for thirty minutes or ideally, five days a week for thirty minutes. The program will have a 12-week fall and a 12-week spring session. Participants who complete the program and turn in their walking logs will be eligible to receive incentives or prizes.

Participants will register at the Rockcastle County Health Department. Each person will receive a registration packet with a walking log-book to track their time or mileage. At the time of registration, walkers can have their height, weight, blood pressure, and pulse recorded. In addition, optional body measurements, such as: circumference of waist, hips, and thighs, and arms can also be recorded. These body measurements can provide the walker valuable information and encouragement as you see positive changes in your body with a consistent exercise program. Follow-up measurements will be offered at the end of the program. Walking will be done at each individual's convenience, wherever he or she desires, and a treadmill is acceptable or walkers will be invited to walk as a group with a health department staff member at announced locations. Mileage or time will be documented on the honor system. At the end of the program, walkers that complete the program will be eligible to receive incentives and recognition for their outstanding effort!

Call the Rockcastle County Health Department, if you want more information or have questions. To register, simply fill out the form below and mail or drop off your form at the Health Department. If you mail your form, you should contact the Health Department to find out when you can come in to pick up your Registration Packet.

Important Dates:

Sign-Ups begin: August 6, 2001

First Day to begin walking: September 1, 2001

First 12-week walking log must be turned in: December 14, 2001

(This allows approximately 3 extra weeks that could be lost to vacation, illness or inclement weather.)

Second 12-weeks or Spring Session begins: March 1, 2002

Second 12-week log due: June 14, 2002

Detach and Return to:
Rockcastle County Health Department
120 Richmond St., PO Box 840
Mt. Vernon, KY 40356
606-256-2242

Community Walking Program Registration
Name: _____

Phone: _____

Age: _____

Male: _____

Female: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I, above, signed and fully understand and appreciate the risk of participating in the program and knowingly accept them as my responsibility.

Welcome to a

Gospel Meeting

Church of Christ at Chestnut Ridge

2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Highway 25

Aug. 15, 16, 17, 18, & 19

Wednesday thru Saturday Services - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Speaker will be Evangelist
Doug Hawkins

Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

Everyone is invited to attend