

## Lenten Guideposts

### President A Member Of His Flock

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On Thanksgiving, 1957, two days after he had suffered a cerebral disturbance, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Mrs. Eisenhower drove up Connecticut Ave. to an old gray stone church whose walls have turned dark from 70 years of weathering — the National Presbyterian Church.

An involuntary murmur rose from the congregation, no one had expected to see the President so soon after his illness.

After the service, the pastor, Dr. Edward L. Kiss, walked to the Eisenhowers' pew and personally escorted the Chief Executive and Mrs. Eisenhower to the rear of the church. On the steps outside they paused while cameras flashed. The pictures that appeared in the papers the next morning seemed to catch a look of mutual admiration as these two men exchanged handshakes.

As an elder of National Presbyterian Church, I wrote to General Eisenhower during his first candidacy for president. He said that "we would be complimented if you would throw in your lot with us."

FROM THE FIRST, we had some reason to think that the Eisenhowers might accept our invitation. Mrs. Eisenhower was a Presbyterian and their son, John, years ago had been a member of our church's Boy Scout troop. Also, General Eisenhower knew and liked our pastor.

Dr. Elson was born 52 years ago in Moonshela City, Penn. From the time he was in his early teens, he was struggling with the choice of going into the ministry, or into the Army. After concentrated soul-searching and prayer, he threw down the gauntlet for a West Point entrance examination. But, as he says, "I still could not give up my interest in the Army. Two days after my ordination, I joined the reserves as a chaplain."

Dr. Elson still carries himself with military bearing. He walks fast, speaks fast, speaks fast. During the Second World War he went on active duty and saw 169 consecutive days of action in Europe. He was awarded General Eisenhower during this tour of duty.

OVER THE YEARS, the Eisenhowers and the Elsons have become good friends. Dr. Elson and his wife, Helen Louise, are frequent guests at White House dinners. It was more than a formality when, after her husband's heart attack in September, 1955, one of the first persons Mrs. Eisenhower called was Dr. Elson.

In every mail Dr. Elson gets letters urging him to intercede with the White House on some matter. These letters always get a polite but firm reply: "The calipers are always given the more difficult to control, are the people who use the church simply as a chance to do some signifying."

The church office is constantly bombarded with telephone calls, asking when the Eisenhowers will be in church. The callers are always given the

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### Blast Damages Worker's Home

HENDERSON — An explosion early today damaged the home of a worker in the strike-troubled Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills.

The Vance County sheriff's office said the explosive went off around 1 a.m. in the yard of the home of Elmer Jenks. Jenks is a worker in the cotton mills and was among those who returned to work Monday when management reopened the mills in an effort to break the strike.

However, most of the workers, members of the Textile Workers Union of America, have remained on strike.

According to the sheriff's office, the blast broke a picture window in Jenks' home and damaged plaster inside. No one was injured. The spokesman said it was not known what kind of explosive was used. Jenks' home is located about 100 yards from the fence of the mills' North Henderson plant.



### Ride In A Different Car

Donald Holehan, 16, is taken away by police after he hopped up in a shed for three hours and held 20 officers at bay with a sawed-off rifle. He finally was routed by tear gas. He went into the shed after his mother refused to give him money to buy a new car.

### 'Ready... Aim... Fire!'

## Maj. Sosa Blanco Dies Before Squad

HAVANA (AP)—Maj. Jesus Sosa Blanco died before a firing squad today, calmly giving the order to fire.

Convicted a second time yesterday as a major war criminal, the 35-year-old officer had one last request—that he be given the right to give the order to his executioners.

Army sources gave this account of the major's execution in the early morning hours at La Cabana Fortress.

Sosa Blanco was led from his cell into the courtyard where his firing squad waited. He told them: "I forgive you, muchachos (boys), and you will forgive me."

"Then he calmly told the executioners: "Get ready... Aim... Fire!"

Prime Minister Fidel Castro had branded Sosa Blanco a mass murderer and virtually demanded his death. The unofficial toll of executions carried out by the revolutionary regime now is 200.

Sosa Blanco cast a leveling lease on life—and a second trial—after the carnival atmosphere of his first trial Jan. 23 brought adverse criticism from abroad. The same three-man tribunal tried him again, this time in a quiet courtroom, and came up yesterday with the same guilty verdict.

It is signed to his fate, Sosa Blanco refused to make a personal plea for his life. "I shall go with a clear conscience," he said.

In his last hours, he was visited by a Franciscan priest and his wife and sister. The priest said the condemned man was calm. Only official witnesses saw the execution and it was not announced until two hours after.

On the diplomatic front, Cuba directly challenged three Latin American countries which Castro charges are oppressed by dictatorships.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete pending the arrival of Devin's son, W. A. Devin Jr., of Silver Spring, Md.

### The Lighter Side

## It's A Simple Matter To Get Worker Sober

(From AP Reports)

A testator in Grand Rapids, Mich., asked the health department to help him find way he was getting a job on at work.

He told W. B. Prohler, the health officer, that he felt tipsy when he finished his job each day. He said his wife had threatened to leave him and his boss had accused him of breaking a short now and then.

The health department discovered the man worked with trichlorethylene, an industrial solvent, and that the fumes were making him woozy.

He can sober up by changing jobs.

**Just A Show-Off**  
Fellow fireman of a suburban

Pittsburgh volunteer fire company began wondering why a 19-year-old member was first on the scene at three false alarms. In court yesterday William H. Raughman admitted he had turned in the false alarms and explained:

"I wanted to show that I was a fireman."

**Such Irritation**  
Every time James Daniels approached an intersection in Hamilton, Ohio, the "walk-wait" pedestrian signal would turn to "wait," he told police.

This, he said, irritated him. Tuesday afternoon, when the light turned to "wait," Daniels whipped out a revolver and shot out the light, police reported.

# White Pupils Boycott Integrated Va. School

## Only Six Teachers On Hand

FRONT ROYAL, Va. (AP)—Twenty-two Negro children and six white teachers, but not a single white child, showed up this morning at Warren County High School reopened on an integrated basis.

The Negro youngsters arrived in groups of three and four, and walked slowly up the hill to the entrance.

A few teen-agers, some white children of school age, gathered but no words were spoken to the Negro children.

Police had set up barricades at the entrance and allowed no one except the pupils on the grounds. Two policemen named the gates; others were at the top of the hill facing the school. Sheriff's deputies and state police were stationed along the street leading to the school.

### NAMES CHECKED

As each child passed through the barricade, his name was checked by Warren County's school supervisor, Brent Sandage. The list of names arrived only 15 minutes before registration was to begin for classes starting Thursday. Within the next 10 minutes the other 18 pupils were taken four to a car. None came on buses.

The group of 22 included 10 boys and 12 girls.

Twenty-four Negro children had been admitted to the school by federal courts, but two had not shown up by school opening time and presumably would not enroll.

School officials said they were "not surprised in the least" that no white children appeared for enrollment at the high school where more than 1,000 were enrolled last year.

Oliver W. Hill of Richmond, an attorney for the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, said in an interview with a Washington radio station that any boycott by white pupils would be the fault of the county school board.

### NO LEADERSHIP?

The board, Hill said, "failed to provide such leadership as appeared in Arlington and Norfolk," where seven schools opened on an integrated basis Feb. 2. Three previously all-white schools in Alexandria are also integrated.

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### Marshall Has Second Stroke

FT. BRAGG (AP)—Gen. George Marshall has had another stroke and his condition is considered serious. The World War II Army chief of staff suffered a mild stroke Jan. 15 at his winter home at nearby Dunsmuir and was immediately transferred to an Army hospital here. He is 76.

An announcement today by the Womack Army Hospital here said the stroke suffered in the night was more severe than the previous one.

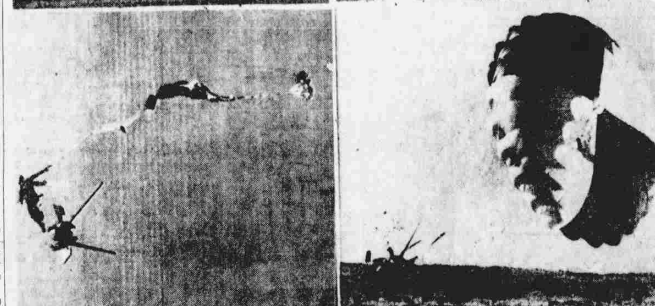
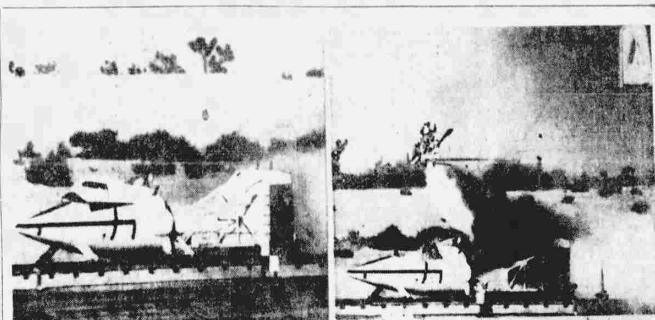
The announcement added: "He is conscious, his blood pressure and pulse are stable, and at present he shows no evidence of paralysis of his extremities. He has some difficulty with vision and with swallowing. His condition is considered serious."

### Our Weather

Partly cloudy with little temperature change this afternoon. Fair, windy and much colder tonight and tomorrow.

High expected today: 64  
High expected tomorrow: 52  
Low this morning: 47  
Low expected tonight: 30  
Sunrise, 7:36 a.m.; sunset, 6:08 p.m.

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### 'Pilot' Safe In Parachute Test Run

These pictures were made during tests of a cockpit model for the X15 plane designed to take man into space. Upper left, model starts test slide ride to check seat ejection design. Upper right, "pilot" is sent upward

on rocket-propelled seat. Lower left, "pilot" comes free from seat and parachute automatically opens. Lower right, parachute safely brings "pilot" to the ground.

### —INVESTIGATION, REPORTS DUE—

## Average Auto Accident Wastes Hours

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(Third In A Series)

A wreck in Mecklenburg County involves a lot of people.

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### Stanfield Youth Dies

The efforts of Concord doctors and the Charlotte Life Saving Crew proved futile last night in a dramatic attempt to save the life of a 13-year-old boy.

Dwaine Ray Barbee, 13, of Meadow Creek Rd., Stanfield, died at 6:30 a.m. today at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital.

Hospital authorities said young Barbee, a polo case, was admitted to the hospital Feb. 14. One of his lungs had collapsed.

When an accident involves and injury the policeman goes to the hospital to determine the nature and extent of injuries.

Then comes the paper work.

The officer fills out an accident report, at the police station in long hand and turns it over to a record clerk for typing. After the report is typed the officer must proof read the report for possible errors.

The other copy of the report is processed at the police department.

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### Life Saving Efforts Fail To Save Boy

The youngster developed pneumonia and the lung and he was placed in an oxygen tent. Early yesterday evening his doctors felt the need for an iron lung.

### Stay On Job Up To Dulles

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today he wants Secretary of State Dulles to remain on the job as long as Dulles believes he is able to carry on.

Eisenhower told his news conference that he and Dulles agreed that the President's visit to Walter Reed Army Hospital yesterday to go right ahead with plans for international conferences.

In response to a question, the President said he has given no thought to naming an alternate secretary. If Dulles is physically unable to attend the conference because of his illness with cancer,

Marver, Eisenhower said he has not discussed with anyone the possibility of replacing Dulles as Secretary of State.

Eisenhower said that since Dulles became Secretary of State he has made it clear to the President that any time Eisenhower feels the secretary is either a political or national liability the possibility of replacing Dulles is

In this connection, Eisenhower said Dulles has never made the specific statement that he wanted to resign because that would have lay down the secretary wanted to lay down his duties and responsibilities.

One copy of the report goes to the Department of Motor Vehicles at Raleigh if property damage amounts to \$100 or more, or if there is an injury.

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The traffic secretary also puts pins on a map of Charlotte to show the location of the wreck.

Your report goes on file in police department and you become a statistic.

That's what happens when you have a wreck.

### No Tricks, Just Hard Basketball

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