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Faith Even Conquers Blindness

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I first met Rebecca Gooding when she came to my door on a gray day the last day of the year. She was 45 years old; a year that had not been kind—holding more of bitter than sweet.

"This must be a beautiful place in spring and summer," she said. "That great old tree and your blue hedge — and there'll be many tulips, I'll wager." Then, introducing herself as the Home Teacher for the Blind in Northern Colorado, she came into the house.

Rebecca was tall and stately, a woman of timeless age. She could have been 45 — or perhaps, 60. Her skin was clear and soft, her hair gray, her eyes deep and understanding.

But what was she saying? Would I like to come to her house for my Braille lesson? Braille — the hated word!

WHILE I WAS STILL battling with myself, Rebecca rose quickly and was gone. Only then did I remember that she had asked me nothing about myself, and had given me no opportunity for feeling sorry for myself. Since the doctors had told me that I would be blind within a year's time, self-pity stood always on the threshold—blotting out the inner vision of faith.

Rebecca returned the next week, and I went with her for my first lesson. As time went by, my slow fingers began to pick out the tiny embossed dots of the Braille alphabet. Quite often, rebellious tears would rush into my eyes, but I began to love those afternoons when I went to Rebecca's little white frame house.

In May, I could feel the lessening of rebellion. One day Rebecca took my arm and led me through the back door to a rambling barn.

There, in the storehouse stood an array of looms. She handed me a basket filled with skeins of soft wool and spread before me a soft haze of creamy warp threads. I touched them lightly. I felt the vibration of music in my fingers as truly as if I had put them on the keys of a piano.

"NOW LET'S TRY IT," she coaxed.

Gently, she guided me until my first, slow uneven beat built up into a rhythm of boom and peal, right hand on foot beam, left hand, left foot. As the rhythm became more even, it brought relaxation to my entire body. As I swayed forward and backward, I forgot myself.

I wove steadily for hours. When my folks came for me that evening, I had a 20-inch rug. But it was more than a rug. It was a symbol of answered prayer, for on that day, faith again began to live inside me. It was at home we called it a prayer rug and I wove that thereafter I would not sit idly in dark desolation, but that I would use my hands and my will to work.

All that spring, summer, and fall, others came for weekly visits to learn Braille, and I learned there were many like myself, all blind. Rebecca's

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Light Snow To Linger For While

A light snow started falling around 11:45 a. m. today and weather men say it may continue this afternoon and tonight.

"Light snow or sleet today and tonight" is the official Weather Bureau forecast issued just before noon.

The new forecast was issued shortly after it had called for light sleet beginning tonight. Weather men were emphatic in their predictions the snow or sleet will be of little consequence.

But continued sub-freezing temperatures are predicted for tonight. A low of 22 degrees five under this morning's 27, is seen for tomorrow morning. A high of 43 is expected tomorrow afternoon.

Skies should remain cloudy throughout tomorrow, the Weather Bureau said.

A thick cloud layer formed over the city last night and kept the mercury from plunging to its previously predicted 18-degree low. But the clouds also kept the temperature from going up, and a high of 36 is forecast for today.



Rep. Carter (Left) and Son Confer About Work

Success At 19 Part-Time Task Worth \$10,000

WASHINGTON (AP)—Steven A. Carter, 19-year-old son of Rep. Steven V. Carter, a freshman Democratic congressman from Iowa, receives about \$10,000 a year for working in his father's office. He also attends college.

"It's true that he is my son and only 19," Carter said today, "but he's worth that much to me and the taxpayers."

Carter said his son handles such things as research and public relations and makes a radio report to the Iowa congressional district once a week.

Young Carter also is a freshman pre-law student at George Washington University. He transferred to George Washington from the University of Iowa after his father's election.

Carter said he wasn't hiding his son's employment. His son has a nameplate on the desk he occupies in the congressman's outer office.

Carter said he went over 65 applications for the post and "Steve had the most outstanding qualifications."

Carter said his son has campaigned through the Iowa district with him, knows the area and its residents, "can express my point of view very well, and has an advanced interest in politics and legislation."

"I'm real proud to have him with me," the congressman said.

Carter said his son attends morning classes at the university and reports to work in the early afternoon, staying until about 6 p. m.

"If he has to miss classes for work here," Carter said, "he does."

Carter's salary comes from about \$35,000 the government provides congressmen for office expenses.

Frank Costello's Citizenship Taken

NEW YORK (AP)—The citizenship of Frank Costello was revoked today by U. S. Dist. Judge Archie O. Dawson.

Costello, 68, currently is serving a five-year sentence for federal income tax evasion.

The government has waged a long, legal battle to strip from Costello the U. S. citizenship it claimed he obtained through fraud and misrepresentation in 1925.

Judge Dawson's action paved the way for what is expected to be the government's next move—to deport Costello to his native Italy.

Costello long has been regarded as one of the topmost men in the underworld, and at one time was tabbed its "prime minister."

This voice became familiar to many millions of Americans a few years ago during the nationally televised New York hearings on crime conducted by the U. S. Senate committee headed by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.).

Only Costello's voice was heard during his witness chair appearance, because of a demand that his face not be shown. Viewers now and then caught a glimpse of his hands as he duled verbally with Rudolph Halber, chief counsel of the committee.

Earlier Attempt

The government had tried once before to denaturalize him. The case was thrown out by a federal court in 1956 on the ground that the government evidence was "permeated with the fruit of illegal wire taps."

The government then set out again to achieve its goal employing the live wire. This strength was not obtained by wiretaps, but was obtained by arrests.

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Evening Prayer

O Lord, help us to live useful lives, guided by the example and spirit of Jesus, our Savior. Help us to see beyond the present moment and focus upon values of eternal worth. Thus may we live Thy strength and Thy glory, in the Master's name. — Amen.

Changes In Air Control Requested

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Federal Aviation Agency studied a picture of confusion in the airways today following three near-collisions between military and civilian craft this week. Two of the incidents were reported yesterday. A total of 74 passengers were involved.

Meanwhile, the Air Force called for "more reliable facilities" for all aircraft traffic control.

A Capital Airlines pilot reported Thursday his plane died to avoid flying a B47 jet bomber 30 miles north-east of here.

On the same day an American Airlines plane reported narrowly missing a Navy trainer near Indianapolis.

Last Tuesday, Eastern Air Lines reported one of its planes had to evade a B47 near Chattanooga, Tenn. Three of its 17 passengers were hospitalized.

19,000 FEET

Capital pilot Robert Spink said he was flying at 19,000 feet under ground traffic guidance. The B47, commanded by Maj. George R. Erks, was on a training mission from Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.

The Air Force said the B47 was under visual flight rules and that civilian air controllers had been notified of the bombers in the Charlotte area.

Capital Airlines said its planes had been notified of the training maneuver.

Under air traffic regulations, planes flying under visual flight rules are responsible to be alert for planes under ground control.

Spink said some of the 34 passengers were shaken up when he plunged the airliner 600 feet to avoid the six-jet bomber.

B47 CLIMBING

Erks said his B47 was climbing at 22,000 feet on an instrument flight plan. The pilot said he hadn't been informed of military craft in his vicinity.

Will N. C. Extend Sales Tax?

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Customer's Always Right?

(From AP Reports)

Two customers approached Fritz Kahn in a Denver pawn shop and asked to inspect a .32 caliber automatic.

Kahn offered the weapon. One of the men took two bullets from his pocket and loaded it.

Then they robbed Kahn of \$500.

Sweet Tooth

Sweeten at Yellowstone Park train elk to keep the herd at about 5,000, all the range will support.

Last winter, Supt. Leonard Garrison says, not one elk was induced into traps loaded with

plain hay. But so far this year about 175 have succumbed to the lure of hay flavored with molasses, licorice and spices.

Serious Case

A Detroit cat has a case on car axles and has been put under observation at the dog pound.

Police noticed the cat when Mrs. Louise Stamenoff pulled up to a station and told an officer, "I've been driving around in my car with this cat on my axle for over an hour. He keeps moving and people are stopping and staring at me."

Before police captured him the animal jumped from Mrs. Stamenoff's axle and climbed onto the axle of a police automobile.

Bad Guess

Two men approached a woman in Newark, N. J., yesterday and offered to predict the future for her.

"I can tell you are a very nice type of person," one said to Mrs. Helen Mason. "But I wouldn't want to get into an argument with you. I know I would lose."

He couldn't have been more right. Mrs. Mason is a police-woman. They're now trying to predict the outcome of their fortune-telling charge.

Tax Calls For 1-Cent On Soft Drinks



Troopers To The Rescue

The sky above Rio Hato, Panama, is dotted with paratroopers in mass drop to 2,000 miles from Ft. Bragg, N. C., to take battle a theoretical aggressor. Approximately 1,300 men took part after flying 2,000 miles from Ft. Bragg, N. C., to take part in the war maneuvers.

How To Stay Alive Although Driving: Obey Traffic Laws

By BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer
(Last of a series)

Take a brand new car and park it beside your house and throw the key away.

"I'm not going to hurt you," says Capt. J. B. Stegall of the Charlotte Police Traffic Division.

"If she was so preoccupied she couldn't even remember walking home she could have gotten into her car and not ever have known it," Capt. Stegall said.

"The traffic division captain works on the theory that accidents are caused occurrences."

"These three tips on how to stay alive were offered by Capt. Stegall.

1. Comply with the existing laws.

2. Keep your mind on your driving.

3. Be courteous toward your fellow drivers.

"We feel that if the motorists would obey all the traffic laws in the book," Capt. Stegall said, "that in itself would prevent a great portion of the accidents."

Capt. Stegall said regard for speed laws would greatly reduce the number of injuries and fatalities stemming from wrecks.

"During the last snow, we had about 40 wrecks and only one injury," he said. "That proves that speed is a factor in injuring people. When nobody's going fast that aren't going to get hurt."

COURTESY is a factor that needs to be promoted, Capt. Stegall continued.

"Most drivers are just not courteous," he said. "If they see you trying to come out of a parking place they won't let you out. Courtesy would play a great part in reducing accidents."

He cited the Billy Graham Crusade last year as a prime example.

"Everybody came out of there in a good frame of mind," he said. "We found that group the most courteous drivers we've ever seen."

How about driver attitude?

"In my opinion the preoccupation of the mind plays a great part in accidents," Capt. Stegall said. "The driver's subconscious mind is driving for him. When an emergency pops up, he realizes he's been dreaming."

Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness, continued cold today, tonight and Saturday with very light snow this afternoon and tonight.

Low tomorrow morning — 27
High today — 36
High yesterday — 44
High tomorrow — 43
Sunrise today 7:05 a. m.; sunset today 5:09 p. m.

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Minimum Wage Bill Introduced

RALEIGH (AP)—A bill to place a one-cent crown tax on soft drinks and a \$1 minimum wage bill were introduced in the North Carolina House today.

Rep. Ed Kemp of Guilford and Frank Sneed of Mecklenburg tossed in the bill to slap a tax on soft drinks. It would boost state revenues by about 10 million dollars a year.

The minimum wage measure was sponsored by Rep. Sam J. Burrow Jr. of Randolph. He said it "has more teeth in it as far as enforcing" is concerned than a 75 cents minimum wage bill which was introduced earlier in the session.

Burrow's bill would exempt from the \$1 wage floor employers with less than four workers. It also would exempt farm workers, domestic help, newsboys, shoe shine boys, caddies, baby sitters, theater ushers, pin boys in bowling alleys, traveling salesmen, students doing part time work, and those whose pay consists principally of tips.

Burrow said the State Department of Labor had informed him that more than 200,000 workers in the state are now receiving less than \$1 an hour.

Gov. Hodges in his biennial message to the General Assembly urged the enactment of a minimum wage of at least 75 cents an hour.

Other new legislation included bills in both the Senate and the House reduced the membership of the State Utilities Commission from 10 to 3 and to boost their pay. The changes were recommended by the Commission on Reorganization of State Government and endorsed by Gov. Hodges.

Kemp said his bill would permit lawmakers to consider withholding from the state income tax "on its merits, and not as a desperation measure to balance the budget."

Gov. Hodges and the Advisory Board on Finance have recommended that a 2 1/2 million dollar windfall feature of withholding be used to balance the budget for the biennium.

Kemp said he did not mean his bill to be taken as an imposition of the withholding proposal. "It is his own," he explained.

He also refused to tie the measure to spending proposals. "The Appropriations Committee can decide how to spend it," Kemp said.

PITTS' PROPOSAL met enthusiastic support from all corners. See OBEY on page 2-A

'Irregularities' Found In Funds

RALEIGH (AP)—State Auditor Henry Bridges reported today the discovery of "certain irregularities" in the handling of receipts and disbursements by the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

Bridges, in a special audit report, said that the auditors had found that the institute's "receipts were not being properly recorded, nor deposited in accordance to state laws, and second, disbursements were being made in an illegal manner."

The institute, which is an agency of the University of North Carolina, serves in an advisory and training capacity for state, county and municipal governments.

LACK OF CONTROL

"Due to the lack of internal control," said the report, "The inadequate records of receipts, and the lesser manner of handling cash, the total amount of receipts could not be accurately determined."

"Since the records were inadequate, it was not possible to make a final determination of the unrecorded receipts," it added.

The audit report pointed out state law requires that all agencies collecting state funds "shall daily deposit the same in some bank or trust company, selected or designated by the state treasurer."

It added that in view of the procedures and acts of all persons in connection with all cash received which was not deposited, and (2) all cash disbursements made from these funds."

It added that in view of the law requiring immediate deposits and "since receipts, . . . in the amount of \$5,643.22 have not yet been deposited, it is necessary to present claims to the proper university officials." That portion of the claims which are found to be proper expenditures and properly supported, may be approved by the university officials for reimbursement.

Piggy Bank Thieves

CHESTER, Conn. (AP)—Police are looking for the culprits in three bank robberies in two weeks.

They admit they are short on clues. The latest of the robberies in this small town took place in a piggy bank, same as the others. Eight dollars were reported missing from the home of Peter Zaworskas.