Playing church

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I remember watching children playing make-believe games over the years. One of those pastimes often popular among the youngsters was playing church.]

Maybe we can all remember doing something similar. Perhaps the available chairs would be lined up into rows, a discussion would be held as to who would be the preacher, who would be the song leader, and who would sit and listen as church services were held in this grand game.

All the kids seemed to have a grand time playing church. The biggest and most aggressive youngsters would usually end up being the leaders while the smaller and quieter ones were content to be entertained by those up front. Eventually, those sitting in the chairs would seem to lose interest and wander away to play some other game and at that point, church would be dismissed for lack of interest.

It seems still to be a popular game for many adults these days. Many are still playing church. They line up in their seats to be entertained. If it's pretty good they may come fairly often, unless there is something else more exciting to them, such as the lake, or the golf course, or some road trip. Eventually, they seem to drift off to play something else, and the game of church is postponed until a more convenient time.

I believe it is time all people stopped playing church. It is time we grew up and realized that unless we seek God first we are only playing games.

Self Sacrifice

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Galatians 6:10; "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

In the day and age that we live in the idea of someone being willing to sacrifice a little for someone else is unheard of. People, in general, try to get ahead any way they can, and are often unwilling to help others because they see it as a burden they are unwilling to carry. We must commend those that are willing to help others, especially when it is a sacrifice to them. They are a rare breed these days.

There is no better example of perfect self-sacrifice than the life that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ lived on this earth. His entire life was dedicated to helping and doing for others. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, and raised the dead to life. His worst enemies were those that added to the burden of others, but even to His enemies, He offered His hand in friendship. He is, "a friend of publicans and sinners," Matthew 11:19.

The name, "Judas Iscariot," is a name that will forever be associated with the title of traitor, but the Lord had compassion on him up to the last moment. Matthew 26:50, "And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come?" He called the one that betrayed Him, "Friend."

His greatest act of self-sacrifice was laying down His life for all of mankind. He cared enough about us that He took the punishment of all of the evils that we do unto Himself. We cannot do anything to deserve the gift that He offers us for free. Romans 5:7-8, "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

The title of, "Christian" means to be Christ-like, and if our Great God and Savior is willing to make such a sacrifice for us, shouldn't we be willing to make some sacrifices for others, especially if we bare the title?

LET'S TALK ABOUT

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Class "A" All the Way

Thirty-five years, that is how long it was been since the Metcalfe Hornets played in the state basketball tourney at Rupp Arena. For larger schools in our regional, going to the state is "old hat" but for small schools with a population averaging around 450, it's a big deal. Last Saturday night, Coach Tim McMurtrey and the team of 1985 (with only one player who could not get home due to a snowstorm in the north) were recognized during a home game. The gym was packed! We all remember the events of that week with celebrations and pep rallies! Some of today's Hornet fans were only five or six years old, but they remember going with their parents to Rupp Arena as the Hornets won their first game against Louisville Eastern. That was another "big deal."

Our high school media team has developed a documentary (video) that consists of interviews with Coach Mc, a player or two, and fans. (You can watch this on YouTube or go to the school website). There were also clips of the final game of the region when the last shot led us to Rupp. Saturday night the team of 1985 lined up across the high school (that is foreign to them because they all played in the "old gym" at the first Metcalfe County High School). I don't know if they realize the impact that time in history had on our town.

The Hornets of 2020 are playing in the Class "A" tournament in Richmond, won the first game and will play the second Friday (after you read this, we'll know the results). For a small town, going to the class "A" is also a big deal because winning a championship is not easy for a school our size. The boys have not been since 2011. (Our girls played in the Class "A" last year.) Before the team left Wednesday, the band led them through the hallway as students cheered and gave high fives. The local police escorted the team bus out of town. Fans soon followed.

Even though many in our community may not keep up weekly with our team, when it comes to a tournament, people perk up. They pitch in money to help provide food and pay for expenses for the boys, the cheerleaders, and the band. Business owners decorate store windows and others write on their cars things like "Richmond, here we come!" Small communities often cheer the loudest compared to city fans. At the Class "A" our fans outnumbered those from other schools. We usually do.

We all need something to take the routine out of our lives. We need a diversion from the ordinary. There was a time when I would have been in the middle of the action, but I'm happy listening on 99.1 and cheering as if I were there. Because, as we say in Metcalfe County, "Once a Hornet; Always a Hornet." I'm sure that is true for all schools.

Super Crossword

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SMILES

By **WENDELL KENNISON**
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Justice is nearsighted

As I have said before in this column, justice ain't blind, but it sure is nearsighted most of th' time!

For example, this feller wuz very well-liked in th' community but wuz brought before th' jedge and jury accused of stealin' a mule.

Th' jedge sent th' jury out to decide on his guilt. When the jury finally comes back in th' verdict wuz "not guilty, but he'll have to give the mule back!"

Outraged th' jedge sent th' jury back fer more consideration. Finally, the jury had made a decision, "not guilty and he can keep the mule."

Thought for today – Be better to your neighbors and you'll have better neighbors.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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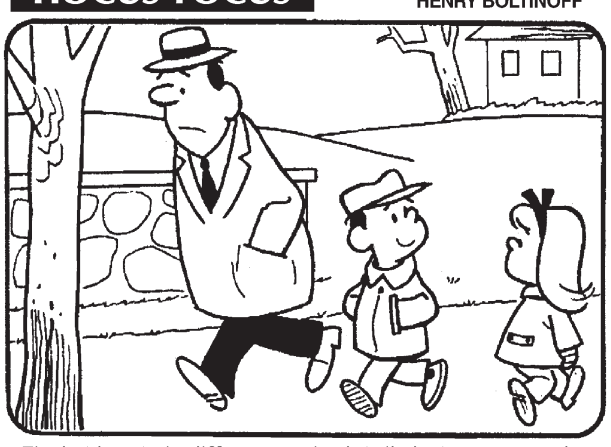
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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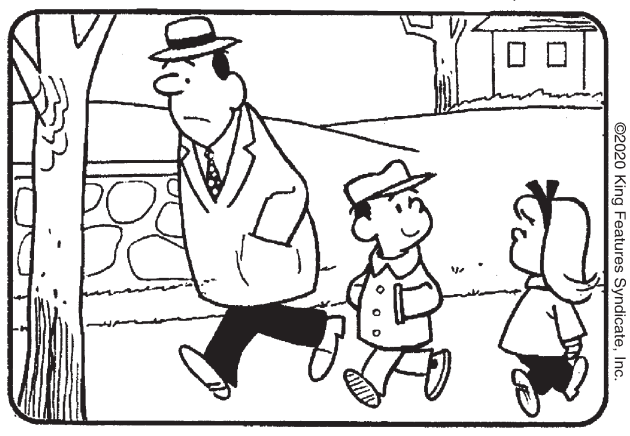

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