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Practically Perfect Precepts

by L.D. Burnham

We regard our lives too lightly. We spend too much energy in pursuit of good times. Too often, we laugh too quickly. We fail to approach our problems with the realistic outlook they deserve. We forever seek entertainment and diversion.

"Stop," I said to mayself. "Just stop and get life in a proper persepctive. Be practical," I chided myself. **PRACTICAL**, that's the word. **PRACTICAL**!

Deep down inside, weren't you searching for something practical when you opened to this page? Weren't you looking for something to act as mortar for life's loose bricks? Of course. The mind's energies are so often wasted on the trivial. Get back down to earth, brother. Be practical. And to get you properly directed on the practical pavement I've listed below some excerpts from **Burnham's Practically Perfect Precepts.**

The subject is walking. My advice? Stick with the basics; walk on the bottoms of your feet. Statisics show that nine out of 10 successful walkers tread on their feet bottoms on a regular basis. Another hint: be sure to place your feet bottoms on solid, preferably flat, surfaces. Avoid strolling on liquids (unless you're trying to impress that special someone). Don't walk outside aircraft in flight or stray out open windows.

Although it certainly is a temptation at times (you're income tax is due, you just got an oil bill) you must consider the wear and tear on your body. Remember, the feet are very sensitive. Statistics show that people who pursue this form of recreation are at least 75 percent shorter than average and in poor physical condition. It may be a good way to loosen tensions but remember--the word is **PRACTICAL**.

What about raking leaves? you might ask. One rule: don't. You read it right. Don't rake leaves. Leaves fall from trees under the pretense of being dead--but they're not. They are crawling, coniving creatures. They attack drain gutters; they sweep themselves beneath doors; they bury unassuming lawns.

Leaves are dangerous. They hide fissures in the earth that wait to swallow the innocent leaf raker. Do as I do. Stay inside. The leaves will do away eventually. It simply isn't worth the risk.

Consider the chill you must subject yourself to in order to rake leaves. You ran the constant rish of pneumonia and frost bite. Preserve your health at all costs.

Stave off that nasty fall leaf raking chill with some brandy while sitting in a cozy chair in a warm room. Place the chair by a window and watch the neighbors rake and wait to see if they fall into any fissures. Now that's practical.

Last bit of advice: never buy used things. You only inherit someone else's problem. Used items can be unreliable, and often times you can't get service. Buying used items just isn't practical.

Last bit of advice, part 2: never buy new things. You only inherit someone else's problem. Why do you think the manufacturer is so eager to be rid of the merchandise? Sure--he knows all the problems involved with new items. They take forever to break in, they can be unreliable, and often times you can't get service.

The only advantage to buying something new is **THE GUARANTEE**, which states quite clearly, "This guarantee not valid is case of breakdown or defect. Gaurantee expires one day prior to first malfunction."

Examine the car industry. Take away parts and service and the industry collapses. Defects are built right into the cars. There's a department in charge of the defects. It makes sure the defects are properly varied and evenly spread. The department calls itself "quality control," but it's the quality of the defect that concerns the department.

Engine switches, transmission alterations--who knows where the next big trend in defects may be. Who knows when we might hear GM advertise:

"We're teasing Mrs. Moore. We've told her we're taking the engines out of our GM cars. Let's see what she says."

"Well, I'm not happy. I'm very upset. I just don't know what I'll do. I bought the car because I though it had an engine. I guess it'll get better gas mileage, but it'll surely be an inconvenience."

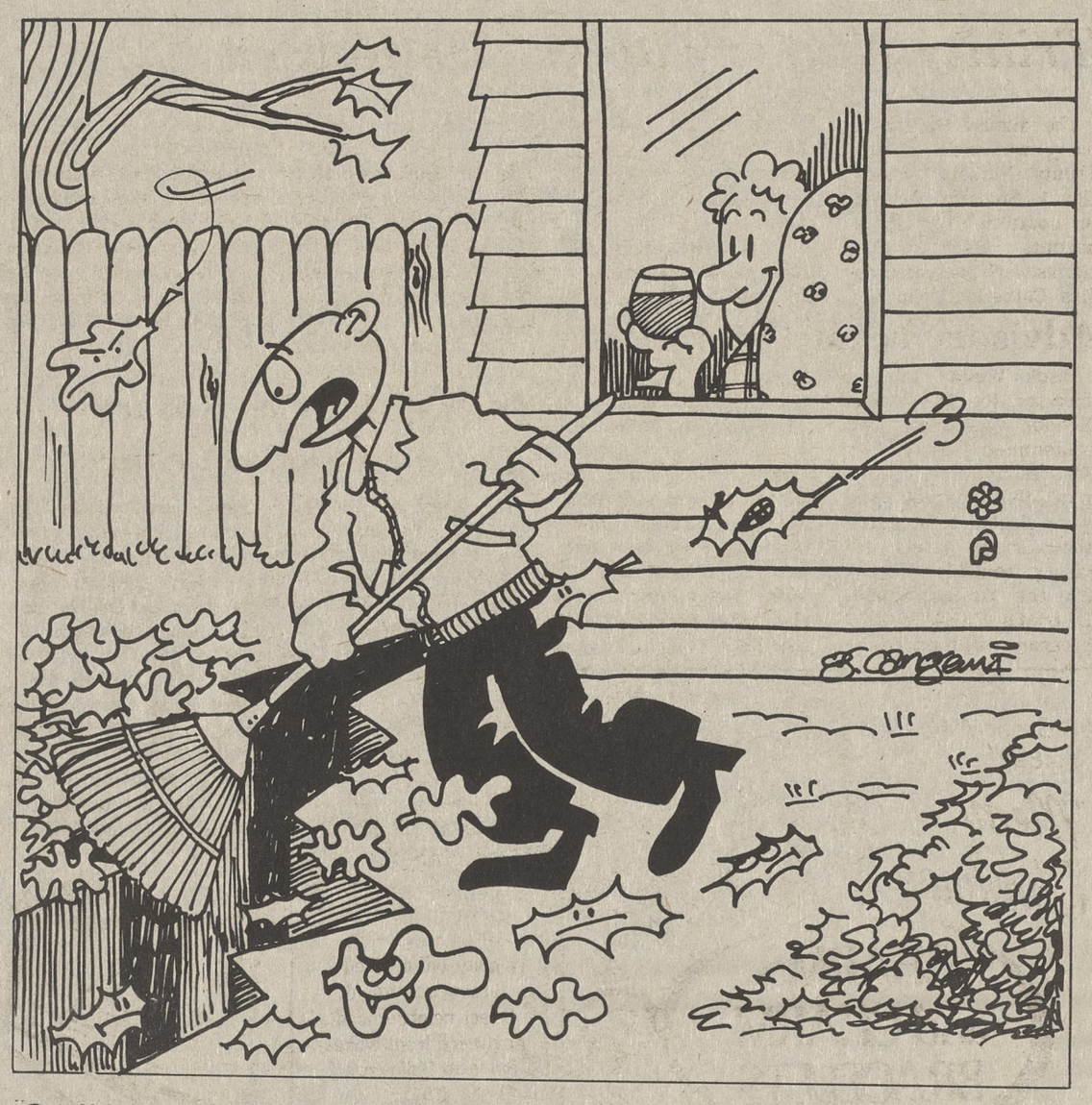
"Relax, Mrs. Moore. We're just teasing."

"Well, I'm relieved. I'm pleased. I'm tickled to death."

What they haven't told Mrs. Moore is that they've put a four-cylinder engine in her Monte Carlo. In the meantime, we view industry with awe. We're shown film of happy families touring the Ford plant, their eyes aglow with amazement. It must be an almost holy experience.

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Ford.
It is tearing down the highway doing 30 when its floored.
It gets 15 miles a gallon though the ad says 34.
The wheels keep falling off.
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
The guarantee will put it to ya.
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Big business marches on."

So who can afford to buy anything? You pay more--you get less. Now that's not practical--Lord, that's **INCREDIBLE**!



LNL widowed persons to meet in Tunkhannock

"Living A New Life", an organization formed to aid widows and widowers adjust to widowhood, will meet for the third time on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Nativity Hall, 99 E. Tioga St., Tunkhannock. LNL is a self-help, outreach, non-profit, non-denominational organization.

At this meeting, Carol Hession, a certified counselor, will deal with self-esteem when she speaks on "Resentment Only Hurts You".

The Rev. Joseph Rauscher and James M. Calderone, Counselor, are the key persons in the organization of the LNL group. The group deals with problems and life adjustments that both widows and widowers must face because of the profound changes in their lives.

Any widow or widower is welcome to attend this meeting and all future meetings. For further information, you may call any of the following steering committee members: Willard Reese at 298-2234, Florence Palmer at 298-2132, Betty Josuweit at 477-5170, or Claire Shupp at 639-5040.

Taxpayers Assn. held unity meeting Nov. 4

In the first united effort of various taxpayers associations of the Back Mountain, they groups met Nov. 4 at the home of Stanley Magalski, Oak Hill, to discuss and evaluate common yaxpayers problems and utility rates in the Back Mountain.

Representatives at the meeting were Dorrance Kocher, president, Lake Township Taxpayers Association; Benjamin Orfaly, president, Harveys Lake Borough Taxpayers Association; Paul Saneholtz, president, Jackson Township Concerned Taxpayers Association; Dr. F. Budd Schooley, president of Back Mountain Protective Association, and Stanley Magalski, president of the Lehman Township Taxpayers Association.

Future meetings of the group will be held for cooperative action to consider community problems.

All groups met Nov. 5 at the office of Atty. James Reinert, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, to evaluate UGI's proposed rate increase of $3,200,000.

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School fire

State Police fire marshal's office at the Wyoming Barracks. An investigator was at the scene within 30 minutes.

By late morning, the fire was under control and by 1:30 p.m., it was declared out. Lake Engine 25 and Truck 27, with additional manpower, stayed on the scene the remainder of the day and night to wet down the remains.

Coordinated mutual aid

The strategy used in combating the seven-hour ordeal was that of a well-coordinated mutual aid evolution among 11 neighboring companies. Portable radios were used by chief officers, and pump operators depended on pump-panel mikes to maintain constant communication, especially for the relay pumping.

The extensive relay pumping was hampered by the lack of large-diameter hose. Age-old reliance on 2½-inch hose for supply lines is no longer practical. It is now apparent what 4-inch hose could have done to have kept the ladder truck supplied.

From the time the state police fire marshal arrived on the scene, an intense investigation was conducted by state as well as local police and fire officials. As a result of evidence recovered at the scene and information received, three suspects were arrested and charged with burglary and arson at both Lake Elementary School and the summer cottage that was destroyed prior to the school fire.

BMPA corrects PUC hearing time

The Back Mountain Protective Asociation this week released new information about an informal hearing on a proposed UGI rate hike. The new date corrected an earlier statement by BMPA President Dr. F. Budd SChooley regarding the schedule for the public meeting.

Instead of convening at 10 a.m. as announced last week, the PUC "educational forum"for the public will meet only at 7 p.m. on Nov. 8. The session will be held at Kingston Middle School and be staffed by the PUC's Consumer Services Bureau.

The first of the non-evidentiary hearings will take place beginning at 10 a.m. Nov. 14 at the Kingston Municipal Building with Administrative Law Judge Charles Hoffman.

An evidentiary hearing will then convene on Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. and another non-evidentiary hearing will occur that evening at 7 p.m.

Evidentiary hearings will continue Nov. 15 and 16 as needed, beginning each day at 10 a.m. All hearings except the Nov. 8 educational forum will take place at the Kingston Municipal Building.

Under condiseration is an application from the UGI Corporation's Luzerne Electric Division to raise power rates by some $3.2 million. Schooley has urged local consumers of the utility to participate in the session.

ONLY YESTERDAY

Rev. JJ O'Leary honored

50 years ago-Nov. 9, 1929

J.H. Anderson is reelected burgess in Dallas and James Besecker and Clifford Space are elected school directors.

Rev. J.J. O'Leary, pastor of ST. Therese's Church was honored for his achievements as a pastor, soldier and humanitarian, with dignitaries from New York present at the service.

Work is nearing completion on the gun club cabin being built on South Mountain by the Limited Twenty Club of Noxen.

Lehman Girl Scouts will present a minstrel show in the high school auditorium on the evening of Nov. 29.

Now playing at local theatres-"Man I Love", Mary Brian, Himmler Theatre.

You could get-Catfish 33 cents lb.; oysters 20 cents doz.; English walnuts 32 cents lb.; oranges 2 doz. 35 cents; celery 10 cents bch.; grapes 3 lbs. 25 cents.

40 years ago-Nov. 19, 1939

Dallas Junior Woman's Club marks its seventh birthday by initiating 25 new members at the dinner meeting at Irem Temple Country Club.

Dallas Township school board on Wednesday night awarded $28,765.22 worth of contracts for the erection of an addition to the high school building.

Deborah Jeter of Dallas is among the air hostesses pictured in an American Airlines advertisement in the current issue of McCall's magazine.

Henry Pierson, the WPA worker who burned the barn and smashed windows in the home of the farm he rented in Orange was remanded to jail this week in default of bail. Pierson committed the acts to spite his landlord, who gave him notice to vacate the property.

Frequent snow flurries during the week gave residents a prevue of winter.

Second important games in mythical Back Mountain football championship will be played Saturday at Dallas with Dallas Township meeting Lehman. If Lehman wins it will have a chance at the title when it meets Kingston Township on Thanksgiving Day. Dallas Township is out of the running.

Married-Jean Frey and James E. Davis; Mary Atkinson and Olin Webb.

Now playing at local theatres-"Wizard of Oz", Himmler Theatre.

You could get-Leg of lamb 23 cents lb.; smoked hams 23 cents lb.; coffee 2 lbs. 33 cents; mild cheese 19 cents lb.; bread 2 lvs. 15 cents; shredded wheat 10 cents pkg.; apples 10 lbs. 25 cents; celery 5 cents bch.; cabbage 1 cent lb.; Fla. oranges 15 cents doz.

30 years ago-Nov. 11, 1949

New home construction continues at its peak in Back Mountain with activity especially noticeable in New Goss Manor development.

Best decorated homes will get prizes during Christmas week in contest sponsored by Dallas Business Association.

Citizens of Franklin Township will meet this week to discuss formation of a new volunteer fire company in that area.

Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post granted club liquor license for its proposed new home at Castle Inn on Harveys Lake Highway.

Church wallas are going up for the new Prince of Peace Episcopal Church at Dallas.

Dallas Township gridders are first to score on Tunkhannock nearly upsetting them with 18-12 score.

Now playing at local theatres-"Girl From Jones Beach", Wayne Morris, Himmler Theatre; "Good Sam", Gary Cooper, Ann Sheridan, Sandy Beach; "Crash Dive", Tyrone Power, Anne Baxter, Dana Andres, Dallas OUtdoor.

Engaged-Margaret Laity to George May.

You could get-Pork chops 49 cents lb.; steaks 79 cents lb.; margarine 31 cents lb.; sharp cheese 65 cents lb.; dog food 5-lb. bag 65 cents; raisin bread 18 cents loaf; frozen peas 25 cents pkg.; frozen cut corn 22 cents pkg.; mushrooms 49 cents; grapefruit 3-25 cents; potatoes 50-lb. bag; McIntosh apples 4 lbs. 25 cents.

20 years ago-Nov. 12, 1959

Kingston Township is arranging for new municipal building with offices for police, tax collector and supervisors.

A minstrel "High Pockets and Cracker Jacks", will be presented in Gate of Heaven auditorium with the proceeds to go towards purchase of a car for transportation of sisters back and forth between College Misericordia and Gate of Heaven.

Lopasky's touchdowns lead Lake-Lehman to 33-7 win over Edwardsville.

Married-Jacqueline Ann Hinkle and Ross T. Bartleson.

Now playing at local theatres-"It Happened to Jane", Doris Day, Jack Lemmon, Himmler Theatre; "Bend of the River", James Stewart, Rock Hudson, Forty Fort Theatre; "Daddy-O", Luzerne Theatre.

Deaths-Anthony Sieminski, Lake Silkworth;p Joseph M. Raphael, Shavertown; Henry W. Merithew, Dallas.

You could get-Chuck roast 39 cents lb.; smoked picnics 29 cents lb.; peanut butter 49 cent jar; Vienna bread 17 cents loaf; extra sharp cheese 69 cents lb.; eggs, med. size 39 cents doz.; coffee 83 cents lb.; tuna fish 28 cents can; veg. oil 55 cents qt.; frozen grapefruit juice 2-43 cents; frozen pineapple chunks 27 cents can; rutabagas 3 lbs. 14 cents; corn 6 ears 49 cents; oranges 19 cents doz.

10 years ago-Nov. 13, 1969

Charges that a resolution was railroaded through an ALOA convention Saturday to affiliate Amalgamated Lace Operative of America with the United Textile Workers of America have been leveled at ALOA officials by Russell Banta, one of the delegates to that convention in but one of the union conflicts at Natona Mills.

Two court suits filed by Harveys Lake Borough and Medico Industries Inc. were settled in action presided over by Judge Richard L. Bigelow.

Engaged-Jay Ann Mohn to Larry A. Major; Christine C. Crecca to David Mascali; Sandra Jean Patton to Ronald Bruce Whitesell.

Married-Kaye Nina Brown and Darwin L. Smith.

Dallas Mountaineers bow 14-0 to Central Catholic Queensmen; Caughlin downs Knights 18-12.

Deaths-Mrs. James White, Dallas; George Landon, Kunkle; Edith Schoonover, Centermoreland; Marjorie A. Richards, Shickshinny; Arlington Vanderhoff, Lehman.

You could get-Rib roasts 79 cents lb.; Cornish hens 49 cents lb.;