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A recipe for a quick attitude adjustment!

As I was listening to the minister at our Thanksgiving service talk about how many things we have to be thankful for, it struck me how relative our attitude can be. In fact, it brought to my mind an event that happened when I was sixteen that I doubt I will ever forget.

I had traveled to Ohio and a group of us teens had planned to visit the US Air Force Museum at Wright Patt in the town of Dayton which was about a half hour drive from where we were staying. As we loaded

up, there was high drama and excitement as there usually is in a group of teens, especially when both sexes are present. I had committed to riding with a young man who was in his early twenties. I had deemed him cool enough to garner at least a couple of girls who would want to ride with him. (Frankly, I had no illusions about

my own coolness factor! I had learned early on that coolness took work. You had to hang out and be the butt of cooler people's jokes, and it interfered with reading, riding horses, reading, camping, reading, and hanging out with guys that were a lot of fun but lacking in the coolness department.) When everyone was settled in their respective vehicles, we realized, much to our chagrin, that no girls had chosen to ride with us.

As we headed down the road, there were two quite sour young men inside. The driver was taking out his anger on his tires and engine. The rider (me) was quite frustrated that he had chosen this ride and wondering if the driver was as cool as he had thought. Looking back now, I think the driver was blaming me for scaring off the girls. As we followed the long line of cars, we grumped to each other about how they were all a bunch of losers and jerks. (We really had a poor attitude about it.) We came to a stop sign and the driver, being from California and



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Tschirky's City Government and Farming Days

Running the town of Mesa became a family job when at one point, Mary was the Mayor, Oscar was the Judge, and their son Mark was the maintenance man. Oscar and Mary Tschirky spent years working in their community along with growing and packing many tons of potatoes.



Oscar & Mary Tschirky still enjoying life in The Basin.

Oscar's family moved from Switzerland to America in 1923. His father's foot was amputated after a logging accident and so the family began farming instead of logging. "Our family bought a farm in Tule Lake, CA," recalls Oscar, "then later rented a farm in Madras, Oregon. My mother and dad were both in the hospital at the same time. My father was recovering from his logging accident while my mother was giving birth to me."

In 1954, Oscar, age 24, and his family moved to the Columbia Basin and bought three farms north of Mesa totaling 198 acres. Our first year we planted wheat. It was a disaster. We didn't know to spray it so our crop was nearly all tumbleweeds. That year we received \$1.50 a bushel for wheat."

We farmed mostly potatoes, raising about 35 acres of potatoes our first year," Oscar said. "Again, it was a learning experience since farming here was much different than in Oregon. We didn't need much fertilizer in Oregon, so we didn't

use much here. Our first crop was not very good but our second year was beautiful. However, that year the market was over saturated and you could only sell potatoes larger than 6 ounces. My dad went down to the warehouse and the man said they had sold our potatoes and we owed them \$97. Dad wrote out the check and asked about his culls. They said, 'Oh, we sold those too and we owe you \$300.' Dad said, 'You should have sold them all as culls.'" Farming is much different today. "My son, Ted, harvests more in one day than I raised all together annually. He harvests 1400 tons a day and my storage shed only held 1300 ton. He can do in one day what took me two weeks to do."

I traveled back and forth to Portland where my parents had bought a home and lived most of the time. One of those trips brought Oscar and Mary together. Mary needed a ride to the dentist and her Dad, a family friend, asked Oscar if he would give her a ride. He did and love bloomed. The two were married and settled on the family farm north of Mesa. "I was a city girl," smiled Mary. "I cried a lot. The dust was so horrible. Oscar's parents and us lived on the farm. Eventually we built a building that had a house on one end and a shed on the other. I can remember one time the wind blew so hard that I woke up one morning to a huge sand dune in front of our house. I said, 'What are we going to do with that?' The next day, the wind blew again and blew it all out." "I was a room mother in all schools," recalls Mary. "One year we had children in every North Franklin School - Mesa, Basin City, and Connell Elementary, Robert Olds Jr. High and Connell High School." There was no entertainment in Mesa. "The neighborhood would have pinochle parties in the winter time. We'd get together in our tiny houses and play. The adults would play cards and since there was only one TV channel, the kids [Continued on page 4](#)

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Attitude Adjustment...

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used to 4 way stops everywhere there was a stop sign, gave a quick glance each way and eased out into the intersection. I casually glanced down the highway and my attention suddenly focused on a car headed right towards my door at a high rate of speed. In that instant, I thought death was imminent, but that didn't stop me from yelling! The driver, to his credit, reacted instantly and floored it, probably saving my life. A split second later, the car clipped our rear bumper and went sliding on down the road a couple hundred feet. Sliding because it hit just right to knock the front tire and wheel off. I have never before or since experienced such a rapid attitude adjustment! Suddenly neither of us could have cared less who rode with us. We (especially I) were just happy to be alive! I have thought back to that day a lot of times and it is a good reminder of how good each moment really is. We (especially I) were just happy to be alive! I have thought back to that day a lot of times and it is a good reminder of how good each moment really is. I, and all of us here at C&E, thank you for your part in another great year. A year full of highs and lows, for sure, but moment by moment, a great year. We wish you a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a great start in the New Year.



Cwentin and crew hard at work laying new irrigation main near Plymouth, WA on one of the rare, but much appreciated, sunny days this time of year.



Moving dirt and cutting out a substantial pad for a new house overlooking the Columbia. We are thankful for lights on these early evenings!

Irrigation Time....

Irrigation will soon be here and our spring availability is filling up rapidly.

Do you have work you want done this spring?

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"I ordered gravel for a job in Othello on late notice (12 noon). Aaron said maybe by 3 p.m. Gravel arrived at 1:40 p.m. Very impressive!"

- Reuben Bauman, R&R Enterprises



Travis is keeping a close watch so we don't over cut the sub grade on a small project for the Pasco School District. They are adding some paved playground space.

Church Bloopers: The importance of punctuation and properly placed words

These comments were either announced at church or printed in the bulletin.

1. Don't let worry kill you - let the church help you.
2. Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
3. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
4. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
5. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
6. Tuesday at 4:00 PM, there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk please come early.
7. The choir will meet at the Larsen house for fun and sinning.
8. The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement.
9. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
10. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
11. The preacher will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth With Joy".
12. During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when A.B. Boe supplied our pulpit.
13. The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.
14. Evening massage - 6 p.m.
15. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
16. The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Shirley Green, who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service, we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.
17. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
18. The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.
19. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.



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would usually be playing in a back room somewhere having a blast. Occasionally, we would go to Connell to the movies."

"A friend of mine would come and pick me up and often we'd go to town together," remembers Mary. "My friend always had money and she could buy anything. Oscar would only give me a check for \$5 to buy all the groceries. One time I told him, 'For heaven's sakes, give me more than \$5.' So he wrote out the check and off I went to town to cash the check at Safeway. It was for \$5.01! I hadn't even looked at it when he gave it to me. I should have known something was up because he gave up pretty quick."

At one point, the town of Mesa needed a city council member. Oscar was elected and would later become the town judge, settling traffic violations and disputes and earning \$5 per month. Later, Mary became a council member and then was the first lady to be Mayor of Mesa. "It was just like being the mother to a bunch of kids. Someone called me one morning, 'Mrs. Tschirky there's a dead dog on Main Street.' Another time they called me, 'There's a pig loose in my garden.'"

"Farming life was very stressful and even more so today," comments Oscar. "It was good for our children to grow up in this area."



IRS Checkup

Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is."

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

"I can."

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do."

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is."

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will."

16 Christmas Tidbits

1. The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.
2. Each year, more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S.
3. The Bible story does not say that three wise men came to visit the Christ child. It says there were three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (perfume), and not three wise men, kings, etc.
4. The traditional three colors of Christmas are green, red and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.
5. Christmas trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.
6. Each year, there are approximately 20,000 "Rent-a-Santa's" across the United States. "Rent-a-Santa's" usually undergo seasonal training on how to maintain a jolly attitude under pressure from the public. They also receive practical advice, such as avoiding garlic, onions, or beans for lunch.
7. Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.
8. The first department store to feature a visit with Santa was the J. W. Parkinson's store in Philadelphia in 1841. No other department stores copied this event until 1890 when a store in Boston repeated it.
9. Mistletoe (*Viscum album*) is from the Anglo-Saxon word misteltan, which means "little dung twig" because the plant spreads through bird droppings.
10. There is a town in Indiana called Santa Claus.
11. President Teddy Roosevelt, an environmentalist, banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1912.
12. Christmas is a contraction of "Christ's Mass," which is derived from the Old English Cristes mæsse (first recorded in 1038). The letter "X" in Greek is the first letter of Christ, and "Xmas" has been used as an abbreviation for Christmas since the mid 1500's.
13. In 1962, the first Christmas postage stamp was issued in the United States.
14. In the U.S., Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska. The greatest supplier of Christmas trees in the U.S. is California. But, most artificial Christmas trees (85%) in the U.S. are imported from China.



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Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

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Drinking from my saucer

I've never made a fortune,
And it's probably too late now;
But I don't worry about that much -
I'm happy anyhow;
And as I go along life's journey,
I'm reaping better than I sowed;
And I'm drinking from the saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's rough;
But I've got loving ones around me,
And that makes me rich enough;
I just thank God for His blessings,
And the mercies He's bestowed;
And I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong,
My faith got somewhat thin;
But all at once the dark clouds broke,
And the sun shone through again;
So, Lord, help me not to gripe,
About the tough rows I have hoed;
For I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage,
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough;
And may I never be too busy,
To help another bear his load;
Then I'll keep drinking from the saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

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What A Girl Wants For Christmas

The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when Emily, a young lady aged about 20 years old, walked up and sat on his lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, "What do you want for Christmas?"

"Something for my mother, please," replied Emily sweetly.

"Something for your mother? Well, that's very loving and thoughtful of you," smiled Santa. "What would you like me to bring her?"

Without turning a hair, Emily answered quickly, "A son-in-law."

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C&E Is In The Show Business



We are about to embark on our favorite winter job - catching up with you! We will be at three tradeshows during January. Be sure to stop by and say "Hi" at each show. We have great door prizes, free stuff and fantastic company! Sign up for your free TONKA TRUCK! Stop by and enjoy a break.



Formally, Pasco Real Ag Show
January 5 & 6, 2016
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Stop by for a free drink.



2016 Northwest Hay Expo
January 20-21, 2016
Three Rivers Convention Center
Kennewick, WA



2016 WA/OR Potato Conference
January 26-28, 2016
Three Rivers Convention Center
Kennewick, WA

World's Largest Tradeshow

The Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas has a problem that many events would love to have: it's become too big.

It now hosts as many as 160,000 visitors but the city only has hotel rooms



for 150,000 people. Somehow, these gadget-loving geeks packed in a full 10,000 more people than Las Vegas has rooms for them to sleep in. The Consumer Electronics Association, the folks who put on the conference and expo, said CES 2015 had the equivalent of 35 football fields, or about 2 miles of floor space, filled with phones, televisions, smartwatches, washing machines and throngs of people trying to see it all.



Robert loads up Elvin in tight quarters

What A Boy Wants For Christmas

Darren remembers accompanying his father out shopping in the toy department of Hamley's one Christmas Eve.

Dad said, "What a marvelous train set. I'll buy it."

The girl behind the counter looked pleased and murmured, "Great! I'm sure your son will really love it."

Dad replied with a glint in his eye, "Maybe you're right. In that case I'll take two."

Saying a Prayer for the Christmas Meal

Lee, a seven-year-old boy, was asked to say thanks for the Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. Lee began his prayer, thanking God for his Mommy, Daddy, brothers, sister, Grandma, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food.

He gave thanks for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas pudding, even the cranberry sauce. Then he paused, and everyone waited ... and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the brussel sprouts, won't he know that I'm lying?"



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Sorry, cute girl not included.

