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THE SWEETEST OF LAST WORDS

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"Rescue 911" (January 26) featured a medical emergency on a plane. As passengers were eating dinner, an elderly woman cried out, "I don't think my husband's breathing."

Moving the wife to another seat, flight attendants began the Heimlich maneuver. They dragged the old man from his seat and stretched him out in the aisle. By that time, he had turned blue.

Two doctors rushed to his aid. One called for a knife. A passenger produced a pocket knife. The doctor slit the patient's throat and dislodged the food particle. The patient began to breathe.

Possible brain damage and blood loss became the major concern. Hostesses brought bandages while the doctor applied pressure to stop the bleeding.

The pilot made an emergency landing. An ambulance rushed the man to the hospital. The bleeding stopped.

In the final scene, the old couple were enjoying an evening at home. The 89 year old husband was saying, "I thought I was dying on the plane. But I thought, If this is dying, it isn't so bad."

"I don't know why I'm still here," he added. "The Lord must have a reason. I guess it's to make my wife happy."

"The last thing I say to my wife every night," he continued, "is 'I love you.' So if I should die before morning, those will be my last words."

A PIECE OF PIE

Wini Howard

Actually, we first met in logic class in my freshman year at ENC. Dick and his roommate sat in front of me. Since both of them had girlfriends, I was not that impressed or interested. It wasn't until my junior year (his senior) that we had our first date. By then he and a classmate were starting a home mission church a few miles from the campus. They took turns preaching in the services, but singers and piano

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LOOKING AHEAD

February 15 -- Ray Moore, Hymnology (RSVP Vada Lee/Elbert before 10:00 a.m. Friday, Feb.12)

March 22 -- Elbert Overholt, International Experiences for Students

April 12 -- Annual Meeting

INSTANT FAMILY

Lyle Flinger

I was never actually introduced to my wife, but I met her about a year after returning from Germany at the end of World War II. She was 80 miles from home to attend a youth rally at a church of another denomination from mine. I was there at the invitation of another girl, but that didn't slow things down a bit.

I became immediately interested, not only because she was beautiful in her own right but also because I found out she was a war widow whose husband had been shot down over Belgium and the English Channel on his first mission as a fighter pilot.

Of course, I acquired all of the necessary information and three weeks later I hitch-hiked to her home, 80 miles away. When I entered the front door some of her family were there to greet me, but they seemed a little up-tight. What I didn't know was that Bea had a two-year old son and she had instructed her sister to hold him out in the kitchen until she got ready to handle the situation. She wanted to be sure to see my reaction when I learned about her son.

Unfortunately, her sister was unable to handle the little fellow and he came running into the hallway with outstretched arms and called to me, "Up, Daddy."

Bea thought that blew the whole situation, but I couldn't resist that little blonde boy and so I passed the test. Within six months we were married.

Don now lives in Denver with his wife Kathy--both of them beautiful Christians. Our daughter Carol is pastoring with her husband Jim (and our two grandchildren, James and Stefanie) in Lufkin, Texas. And that makes a great family!

THANK THE LORD - SHE HAD A DATE!

Richard W. Law

Was I ever let down? I made a date to go to the State Fair with a cute little college freshman. Underestimating her popularity, I assumed that I would have her in my possession until time to return her to the girls' dorm. Apologetically, she informed me that she had another date for the night session of the Fair. Quickly, she attempted to repair my punctured ego by suggesting that I ask her very attractive roommate to go with me for the evening. I did just that; and I was "swept off my feet" by her roommate that September night in 1940. We were engaged in May, and were married the following September.

During my World War II service time, we both were called to preach. Following our graduation from Bethany Peniel College, we pastored while attending our Seminary. We resigned our church which we had organized, and commenced a twenty-four year period of full-time evangelism. For most of my tenure as an Oklahoma State Chaplain, Lucille Meredith Law served faithfully as my chapel assistant...preaching, teaching, counseling, singing and playing musical instruments. I feel that I have been uniquely blessed to have had my True Love at my side during our many years of ministry.

Thank the Lord that the cute little college freshman had a date for the evening session of the Kansas State Fair that September night in 1940.

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players were recruited from student body friends. Dick's co-pastor, with whom I was better acquainted, rang my bell at the dorm and asked me to play the piano the following Sunday. A girl friend of mine would be singing. Yes, I would go!

I don't remember much about that afternoon, but on the way home afterwards Dick asked me if I would like to stop at the diner with him and have a piece of pie. That also included a short walk back to the campus. But when Dick tells this story, the pie was custard, his favorite. He says I acted like it was my favorite too, hence impressing him with my good taste! I was therefore asked out again. It all began with a piece of pie, and it will soon be 50 years.

WHITHER BOUND

-- From the Travel Center: (789-7716)

1. June 15-29, 1993--Scandinavian Tour. See Milton Sonnevik.
2. July 20-30, 1993--Nazarene General Assembly, Indianapolis.
3. January 15-22, 1994--Caribbean Cruise hosted by Bro. Sam Stearman and Dr. Ponder Gilliland for Nazarenes and Friends.

-- From Community Bank & Trust Co. (787-8110)
Ralph Downs

1. March 11, 1993--Amish Farm/Claremore Tour
2. March 23-26--Louisiana Azalea Pilgrimage
3. April 7-8--The Magic of Marlsgate
4. April 29-May 2--New York City
5. May 14-16--Branson, MO
6. June 16-17--Palo Duro Canyon
7. June 22-24--Napolean. . . In Memphis
8. July 12-16--A Colorado Adventure
9. October 8-10--Branson, MO (Fall Tour)
10. October 26-27--Okla./Ark. Foliage Tour
11. November 5--Watonga Cheese Festival
12. November 7-11--Caribbean Cruise/MS Fantasy
13. December 7-10--Wonderland of Lights/San Antonio Christmas

-- From SAM TOURS, INC.: (787-6063) Sam Stearman

1. October 27-November 9, 1993--Georgia NIROGA at St. Simons Island via Chartered Motor Coach

-- From Dr. Gwen Hackler: (491-6329) English Dept., SNU

1. May 17-31, 1993--SNU's England/Scotland Trip

At the close of our luncheon February 15, I will meet with members interested in travels for an organizational meeting. Location will be announced at the luncheon. We solicit your input.

MEMORIAL

On Monday, February 1, Milton Brasher died after a lengthy illness. Milton served 3 years of active duty in the U.S. Army and 28 years in the Army Reserves. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 33 years.

Milton and Lois (Stockett) met as students of SNU (then BPC). They were married February 14, 1943, in Bethany First Church of the Nazarene. They devoted their lives to and reared their son and two daughters in that church. They would have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary next Sunday, Valentine's Day.

Few people endure so many months and years of suffering as did Milton. And few caregiver spouses must endure the anguish for so long. Yet sixteen years after Milton's first heart attack, he was still mentally alert and cheerful. And Lois remained steadfast in her caregiver role.

At times during those sixteen years, Lois practically set up housekeeping in Milton's hospital room. For weeks he was confined there, able to walk the halls; unable to come home. With a hospital bed and oxygen tank, he spent the last several months of life at home, except for occasional trips to the hospital.

Milton and Lois joined the Academy as Senior Housing enthusiasts. Lois supplied brochures for the S.H. committee to drool over as we dreamed of facilities just like those pictured in the brochures. Lois serves as our contact person to send greeting cards to members as needed.

We will miss Milton although he was seldom able to attend our luncheons. He was one of our best boosters for the Senior Housing complex. He and Lois were among the first participants in the SNU alumni EndowFUND.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lois and their family during these difficult days.

ENDOWFUND: THE "FOREVER" PROGRAM

Didn't hear Marilyn Olson at our January meeting? Didn't read SOUTHERN LIGHTS? Here's the gist of the plan:

- I. Sponsored by the Alumni Association of SNU
- II. A life insurance-based program
- III. A way to make a major gift without depriving family or depleting personal estate
- IV. A few simple steps:
 - A. Choose an endowment gift of \$25,000, \$50,000, or \$100,000 or other amount
 - B. Pay the premium to SNU (tax deductible)
 - C. SNU will use the gift to buy endowment insurance on your life or that of a member of your family
 - D. Determine
 - 1. The size of the endowment gift
 - 2. The method of payment (pledge--5 annual payments or single gift)
 - 3. The age of the insured
 - E. Examples

1. Five Annual Payments

	\$25,000		\$50,000		\$75,000		\$100,000	
Age	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
21	265	218	423	320	581	429	740	539
40	460	415	823	728	1,186	1,042	1,550	1,355
50	738	618	1,390	1,139	2,042	1,661	2,695	2,183
65	1,757	1,332	3,440	2,579	5,125	3,825	6,809	5,072

2. Single Payment

21	1,162	939	1,867	1,379	2,574	1,857	3,281	2,337
40	2,037	1,833	3,662	3,232	5,290	4,632	6,917	6,032
50	3,204	2,680	6,084	4,957	8,894	7,236	11,739	9,515
65	7,275	5,767	14,263	11,177	21,252	16,589	28,240	22,002

- V. Additional Information
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