



Times Remembered

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I was raised on a small farm just outside the city limits of Irvine, but it was in the country and we had farm animals of all kinds. Even though we had a small farm of 100 acres more or less, it make a big impact on my life. This is where I grew up and learn to appreciate the simple rural lifestyle.

Every spring Dad ordered a batch of baby chicks. Therefore, we always had a big flock of chickens, therefore we had plenty of eggs to gather. At a young age, I had the responsibility of collecting them. The chore made me feel like I was grown-up.

With an old bucket in my hand, it felt like I was going on an Easter egg hunt every afternoon

Easter

around 4 o'clock. We had both white eggs and brown eggs. Thankfully, most of the chickens laid them in the wooden nesting boxes made for them. But to my dismay, some like to wander to the tall grass and the corners of the brooding house to lay their eggs. They would try to hide their eggs about anywhere; especially when they want to nest. I would have to pull them off the nest; they didn't like that too much and would try to peck me; but I won!

By the time I was done gathering eggs my bucket was getting pretty heavy. So..... I had plenty of eggs to dye for Easter.

Our family traditionally dyed Easter eggs on Saturday afternoon; the day before Easter. Mom would hard-boil a bunch of eggs for us to color. All we had to buy was a package of Easter egg dye. I had fun coloring them and making a mess in the process.

Growing up we never ate much candy; instead I snacked on carrots, tomatoes and celery. Chocolate was a real treat. Although I didn't get an Easter basket, Dad always got us a big chocolate Easter bunny.

I recall waking up on Easter morning to find a big chocolate bunny. I got a chocolate bunny rabbit that was hollow inside. Since I wanted my treat to last for a while, I bit off the ears and enjoyed the sweet taste of the milk chocolate. I then put the bunny back in its package to eat later. I tried to make it last longer.

We attended church on Easter; and after church we would usually go to my Aunt and Uncle's house for a big dinner and an Easter egg hunt with all my cousins.

All the kids would gather in a room and hide our eyes while the aunts hid the eggs in the old school house yard. We would all push and shove and run as fast as we could when the call came that they were ready. We all wanted to find the big prize egg that contained money.

Those were the happy days; no worry of the corona virus and quarantines. Hopefully, it will get better before Easter. Remember to follow all the rules to keep from spreading the virus.

My thoughts and prayers are with our community and nation.

Burglar no match for an angry wife with cast iron skillet



America's Heartland

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I heard a story the other day about the man who had an ill-tempered wife who would whack him over the head with a skillet anytime he came home late.

Well, one day he lost track of time and didn't get home until nearly midnight. Oh, how he was dreading that skillet as he made his way up the sidewalk.

When he got to the porch, he found a burglar trying to jimmy the lock on the door. The burglar spotted the husband, jumped up with a crowbar in his hand, and said, "Get back, or I'll have to hit you."

"That's not necessary," the husband said. "I'll unlock the door for you, and I'll wait right here while you go inside."

I'd guess that burglar spent a few days rubbing the knot on his head when the the angry wife with a big skillet finished

with him.

Have you ever noticed how quickly some people are to get angry? For some, it takes very little to make their tempers flare.

After having entered his public ministry, Jesus went to Nazareth, his hometown. There, He went into the synagogue and read scripture. He explained that a prophet gets no honor in his own country. And He told the people how God had opted to perform miracles for a starving widow in Elisha's day and a leper in Elisha's day. The people in Nazareth were so angry they forced Jesus out of their city and tried to push him over a very high cliff to his death.

These were religious people but, as it turned out, not very godly. You can read about that day in Luke 4, and you'll be hard pressed to figure out why those people became so violently angry so fast. I suppose any pastor who has spent much time in ministry has encountered similar situations in which religious people gotten mad without good cause.

Of course, Jesus knew just how to handle that situation. He walked away, giving those people time to cool off. That sometimes can work with an angry spouse, with spoiled children, with siblings, with co-workers and with neighbors.

Most reasonable people will calm down and return to their rational selves after some time to reflect on the situation. Some won't. When Jesus returned to Nazareth, most of the people still rejected him. Fortunately, a few sick folks had the faith to come to Him to be healed. But most people there saw him only as the carpenter's son. They rejected the truth that He was the only begotten Son of God who came to this world to seek and save the lost.

You know, folks like that might benefit from a meeting with the woman with the cast iron skillet. Perhaps she could knock some sense into them.

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Dog-Owning Countries

1. Argentina
2. Mexico
3. Brazil
4. USA
5. Poland
6. Australia (tie)
7. Italy
8. Czech Republic
9. Spain
10. Canada

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Library Happenings

Estill Public Library

by Shannon Horn

Hello Readers!

So there is a lot going on right now in our world, but I wanted to share a quick statement. The library is currently closed to the public until further notice. The board will be meeting on Wednesday to discuss what will happen over the next few weeks.

If you have items checked out, they can still be dropped in the book drops. The library will not be open for new items to be checked out. All library programs will also be cancelled

until further notice as well.

For parents with children at home, you can find resources on our Facebook page to help with "homeschooling" for the next few weeks.

While we are still in the process of moving, there will be someone in the library to answer any reference questions you may have. At this time we will also receive faxes, but we will not be sending faxes or making copies. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

We hope to be open again soon, and we may be opening back up in the new library! We shall have to see. Check back with us again to find out more!

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