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# Maudie's Naughties



## Hidden Loot

A group from Chicago spend a weekend gambling in Las Vegas. One of the men wins \$100,000. He doesn't want anyone to know about it, so he decides to return on a later plane home and arrives at 3 a.m. He immediately goes to the backyard of his house, digs a hole and plants the money in it. The following morning he walks outside and finds only an empty hole. He notices footsteps leading from the hole to the house next door, which is owned by a deaf-mute. On the same street lives a professor who understands sign language and is a friend of the deaf man. Grabbing his pistol, the enraged man awakens the professor and drags him to the deaf man's house.

"You tell this guy that if he doesn't give me back my \$100,000, I'm going to kill him!" he screams at the professor. The professor conveys the message to his friend, and his friend replies in sign language, "I hid it in my backyard, under the cherry tree."

The professor turns to the man with the gun and says, "He's not going to tell you. He said he would rather die first!"

## Goodbye, Mother!

A man is walking through the supermarket picking up a few things when he notices an old lady following him around. When he gets to the checkout line she is there, so he lets her go in front of him.

"Pardon me," she says. "I'm sorry if I keep staring at you. It's just that you look so much like my son who died recently."

"I'm sorry," he answers. "Is there anything I can do?"

"Yes," she replies, "As I am leaving, can you say, 'Goodbye, Mother!'? It would make me feel so much better."

"Sure," he says, thinking it was an odd request but no harm could come from it. As the woman is leaving he calls out, "Goodbye, Mother!"

He steps up to the checkout counter and finds that his total is \$127.50. "How can that be?" he asks, "I only got a few things!"

"Your mother said you would pay for her," says the clerk.

## Wrong Tee

It is a sunny Saturday morning, and Pete is beginning his pre-shot routine. As he is visualizing his upcoming shot, a voice comes over the loudspeaker, "Would the gentleman on the ladies tee please back up to the men's tee, please!"

Pete is still deep in his routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption. Again the announcement, "Would the man on the women's tee kindly back up to the men's tee!"

Pete has had enough. He yells, "Will the announcer in the clubhouse kindly shut up and let me play my second shot!"

## Magic Room

A man who lives the simple life is visiting a mall for the first time with his son. They are amazed by everything, but more so by two silver doors that open up to reveal a small room. They watch in amazement as people step into the room, the doors close, and it comes back empty or with someone different inside. As they are watching, an ugly, overweight lady goes inside, the doors close behind her. They watch as the numbers change and a few minutes later, the doors open again and out steps a beautiful, young blonde.

"Pa," says the boy, "Are you going inside the room?"

"Nah," says the man. "But run home quickly and get your mother!"

## Baseball Pals

Two ninety year old men had been friends all their life and played on baseball teams together for many years. They visit each other every day and share stories about some of the games they played. One day, one of the men passes on, and the other spends the next few months reliving the days by himself.

One night he is awakened by a blinding flash of light and a voice that is calling out to him. "Bill, Bill, Bill..."

"Who's there," he calls out.

"It's me, Sam! I'm in heaven and I've got some good news and bad news for you. The good news is that it is wonderful here. I'm playing baseball here and having the time of my life!"

"Well," says Bill. "What's the bad news?"

"You're pitching next Tuesday!"

## Letter to the Editor

### I Have a Picture of Farris!

With the good help of Judy (Scrivner) Reed, plus the assistance of Jack and Mary (Richardson) Chaney I have a picture of Farris Lee Richardson to send to the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee. The KVVV committee will soon be making a press release about the date for Farris' name being added to the Memorial in Frankfort.

I was totally amazed that

Judy Reed, a childhood friend of Farris, and his Aunt Mary Chaney had saved the newspaper clippings of Farris' death in Vietnam for these nearly 50 years. The clippings were in good condition. Mary also provided me with a couple pictures of Farris in his uniform. One of the pictures accompanies this notice.

Judy's den is adorned with the many members

of her family that served proudly in various branches of the United States military. Mary's husband, Jack Chaney, was a medic in with the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam with the 1st Battalion/92nd Artillery during 1970-71. Jack also serves as a member of the American Legion Post 79 Color Guard as well as the Post Chaplain. Jack's father, Wilson Chaney, served as the minister at Farris' funeral in 1968. I was very pleased to hear that Farris' mother is still living in Estill County and will know of this honor being bestowed on her son. Hopefully she will be able to attend the ceremony.

I am very thankful to all the friends and relatives of Farris who have helped to make this ceremony possible. Harold Hall, also a Vietnam Veteran, spearheaded this effort. Jerry Cecil of the KVVV Committee has been very cooperative to see that Farris receives this delayed, but much deserved honor.

My initial article about Sammy Mefford and Farris



Farris Richardson

Lee Richardson generated many telephone calls from family and friends—some were in tears as their memories unfolded. I have talked with several of Farris and Sammy's classmates. There was always one common thread in all their memories—they both were excellent young men! They were the type of men that would never sit and whine when the 'Star Spangled Banner' was being played, nor would they ever disgrace our flag. We need more of this caliber of citizens in this country and fewer whiners.

Jerry Elzroth

## Seeds of Hope



Years ago someone carved an image in a block of wood by allowing the object to remain above the area that had been chiseled away. They covered the image with ink and placed it on another surface and made a copy of the image and some say that "printing was born."

In A.D. 779 the Chinese carved words and pictures by hand and invented "wood block printing." Years later however, Johannes Gutenberg, a man from Germany, invented a machine with moveable type and called it a "printing press."

It is not possible to estimate the power of the printed page. It has brought knowledge and

insight since the fifteenth century. It has also corrupted minds and been used to lead people into paths of destruction.

Napoleon once said, "There are only two powers in the world: the sword and the pen, and in the end, the former is always conquered by the latter."

Benjamin Franklin said, "Give me twenty-six lead soldiers and I will conquer the world."

G. Christian Weiss, a missionary-statesman wrote, "The battle for the men's minds will be won by the printer's ink. Make no mistake about it!"

Many years ago David wrote, "The Lord announced the Word."

Christians have no greater responsibility or obligation than to "announce" the Word of the Lord. Wherever we are and no matter what we are doing we must constantly and consciously "announce the Word" to the world.

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