



Times Remembered

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Sometimes there are small, seemingly unimportant moments in your life that stay in your memory forever. Those sights, smells and sounds remain as clearly 50, 60 years later as if they just happened. No matter what your age, when you recall those times, you can go back to your childhood and relive being among those people; everyone you knew and loved.

Around the age of 5, I always accompanied my Dad anywhere and everywhere he went. I especially enjoyed going to the barber shop with him. Dad always got his hair cut and a shave at Ballard's Barber Shop, Main Street in Irvine. It was a small squeeze-in type place located next to the Main Street Pool Room.

He always greeted me at the door with, "Hey, little Arvin, what kind of meanness you been into today?" He was comical, always picking at me and playing tricks on me. His favorite thing to do was buzz the clippers on my neck like

Memory of Sights, Sounds & Smells

he was going to cut my hair and he had some sort of toy buzzer that when he shook hands with you it felt like a shock. He made me laugh; he just loved kids. You know that means a lot to a kid. You don't forget those people.

In his shop were two barber chairs, (the best I remember), with white arms and black leather/vinyl seats. I never saw another barber working there, I don't remember another barber. Dad climbed into the chair and he put the sheet around his neck and began using the clippers, he went up and down the back of his hair and then around the sides. Dad wore his hair in a flat top at that time so it didn't take long for him to get a haircut.

Before he got started, he would fully sharpen a straight razor on a well-worn strop hanging from a nearby peg. He took out the shaving mug, which was a soft ivory-handle, a shaving brush, and a thin black case that contained the straight razor. He took the shaving mug and filled it with hot water, and used the shaving brush to stir up the soap and brushed the rich lather on Dad's face. Teasingly, he said "I hope I don't cut your Dad's ears off." At first it scared me, but by this time I knew he was only joking because he would tell me all the time he was going to cut my ears off and he never did; therefore I was not afraid.

Then he carefully placed the razor over Dad's left sideburn and brought it

down with a long, firm stroke, and he did the same thing on the right side. Then he went over the rest of his face. The scraping sounds of the razor cutting through the stubble of the beard sent chills down my spine. I thought to myself, "I would never let anyone shave my face with a straight razor." At last he was finished; I felt like I had held my breathe the whole time he was shaving Dad. I would say you definitely need some practice with a straight razor to actually shave someone's face.

Next, Ballard placed a hot towel over his face and wiped away all the shaving cream and dried his face. Then he put a special powder on Dad's face with his fancy brush that sort of looked like a pistol with brushes on the end. He always hit me on the neck with the same brush when he was finished with Dad. That talc powder, whatever kind it was smelled great, and he put a little butch wax on Dad's hair, (the front), to make it stand up.

He removed the sheet from Dad's neck and snapped it free of cut hair. He was finally finished. I was thankful that Dad survived another trip to Ballard's Barber Shop.

The barber shop has been closed for many years now; and Mr. Ballard and my Dad both have passed, but I will always remember those fun, but sometimes scary trips, (when Dad got a shave), at the barber shop.

In one ear and out the other: Deer hunting woman makes remarkable shot



America's Heartland

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Perhaps you heard about the fellow who decided to take his wife deer hunting.

Oh, it was a fabulous day as they sat on a hillside waiting on a big buck to walk into view. And they didn't have to wait long.

When that deer with his huge antlers popped into view, two shots rang out simultaneously. That's when the argument broke out between them about whose shot actually killed the deer.

A conservation officer happened along just in time to resolve the argument. He took one look at the deer and knew immediately who killed

it.

"It was your wife who shot it," the conservation officer declared. "See here; the bullet went in one ear and out the other."

If you liked that old joke, you can thank Brice Thornton of Frankfort, Ky., who sent it along to me. Brice is a middle school student who obviously has a keen sense of humor. I absolutely appreciate that people of all ages read this devotional column and offer ammunition that helps me put it together each week. When it all comes together, we get to share a laugh and ponder a biblical truth.

It's the nature of all Christians to share our faith, and one easy way is to pass this column along to our friends and relatives.

In the Book of Acts, we learn about a good man named Philip who had the opportunity to share his faith in Jesus with a fellow from Ethiopia who was returning home from Jerusalem. He was reading the words of Prophet Isaiah:

"Like a sheep, He was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opens not his mouth. In his humiliation, justice was denied Him."

The Ethiopian asked Philip

who those words referred to.

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and, beginning with this scripture, he told him the good news about Jesus" (Acts 8:37).

Philip explained that Jesus is the lamb of God who offered his life a sacrifice when He has crucified.

"And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'See, here is water. What prevents me from being baptized?' And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water; Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him" (Acts 8:37-38).

The great hope of those of who share in this column is that it might trigger someone to consider Jesus.

Sometimes, we may feel like the wife on that deer hunt, that our words go in one ear and out the other. But the Bible gives us assurance that, that isn't the case.

"My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do." (Isaiah 55:11).

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WEST IRVINE LUNCHES				
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