



Lenten Guideposts

Personal Messages of Inspiration and Faith
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LENTEN GUIDEPOSTS TAKE 1.

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GOD KEEPS SCORE

By DeWitt (Tex) Coulter

Rugged, 260-pound "Tex" Coulter, crashing football tackle from Fort Worth, Texas, won All-American honors two years in a row while playing with the great Army teams of 1944 and 1945. Later a stellar lineman for the New York Giants professional team, "Tex" discloses how faith works on the football field.

It's easy to be vain and self-fish on the football field. You can read too many clippings about yourself, or let the roar of the crowd go to your head.

I know. Sometimes I feel a special urge to show what a powerhouse of action I can be. A rock on defense, a dynamo on offense—as much a standout as a tackler in the line can be—that's for me. It's human to have such temptations, but to let them run away with you, that's bad.

When I feel these "Big Me" urges coming on, I switch my thinking quickly to the team and how we operate as a unit. Then I concentrate on doing the best job I can in the interests of the team. If I don't switch my thinking in time, sooner or later I'll make some mistake that will cost us yardage.

A football team can have eleven All-Americans, one for very position, but if each is trying to be a star on his own, any well-trained team with moderately good players can beat the daylight out of it.

"Wrong Ideas"

Too many people, I'm afraid, have acquired a lot of wrong ideas about professional football players. The great majority of men I know in the professional ranks represent the finest type of men. Most of us are married and live normal home lives.

As long as I have been playing, I have never heard anyone "knock" religion. A great many of them are regular church goers. Because of the great pressure of publicity and the spotlight that is constantly focussed on us, and the people who want to lionize, entertain or "treat" us, we meet up with a great many more temptations than the average person. In the face of this, amazingly few players go off the beam. My religious thinking began in earnest back in my Fort Worth high school. I'd been brought up in a Mason's Home (an orphanage), and been given sound religious training. But at some time each man has to do some pretty straight religious thinking on his own, and figure out just where he stands in relation to God in his own way.

Friend's Experience

In my high school days, I had a friend whom I'll call Billy Jackson. He seemed to typify to me how a really religious person should act.

Ice Conditions Are Improving

Ice was moving out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence faster than he had expected, First Officer Angus Brown of the C.G.S. Brant said yesterday after a Department of Transport aerial ice patrol.

A couple of sealing ships were sighted off Cape Ray, Nfld., but no sign of seals was seen during the whole trip yesterday. Heavy ice blocks Cabot Strait and extends a considerable distance to sea. Four steamers and two schooners were seen working their way around the outside edge, probably bound for Newfoundland ports.

With all the ice in the area, easterly wind would mean Sydney harbor would be blocked, Mr. Brown said.

Part of yesterday's patrol was devoted to attempting to pick a track for the C.G.S. Sauril, which is attempting to reach the Magdalen Islands. The ship was scheduled to leave Louisbourg today. An earlier attempt had to be abandoned when the ship was within 40 miles of the islands when it became necessary to return to port to refuel.

Mr. Brown said it might be possible now for the ship to reach the Magdalens, although there was heavy ice in the area.

Northumberland Strait from Charlottetown west, and along the eastern coast of New Brunswick is showing considerable open water. The Strait from Charlottetown east to Cape George was still blocked.

The next patrol is scheduled for Friday.

He not only went to church regularly every Sunday, but often during the week. "My life career," he told one and all, "is devoted to religious work." He never cursed, he never allowed others to cuss in front of him, if he could prevent it. He made a point of urging others to religious practice.

All this hardly won him the "most popular" label, but his fervid sincerity did command a certain amount of grudging respect. Then one night for no reason I could see, Billy went haywire. He stormed into town and proceeded to get drunk—publicly.

Naturally, this created a sensation because on top of his religious convictions, he had expressed strong anti-drinking views. Though somewhat stunned by what he had done, Billy was soon back in stride again, waging his one-man campaign against sin.

But now underneath his pious manner, it was quite apparent that he wasn't happy. And it was not long before he was seen off the beam again. The next time he occurred more and more often. This whole performance deeply disturbed me. Was it that religion could not help him in times of temptation—or was it that he was not sincere in religion or was practicing it as a sort of escape from himself?

Down and Down

We watched Billy go down and down, unable to help him. And it turned out that he'd let a lot of people harm, for they tied his faith and religion together in such a way as to lower their estimation of any practical value of a religious life.

But God works in a mysterious way. That seemingly had influence of Billy's was what really started my thinking. Where did I stand myself in regard to temptation and sin?

Just why was I here on earth anyway?

I arrived at the conclusion that if I wanted eternal life in God's Plan, I would have to live in such a way as to prove that I was worthy of it.

Like all humans I am equipped with the standard faults of selfishness, vanity, and a tendency to give in to temptations. Therefore, I began to concentrate on fighting off selfishness and temptation. I have a strong belief in God and His plan—and I am convinced that it does not involve passive selfishness. I believe that from the moment Adam sinned against God, God decided that the earth would be a proving ground for all the people in it. In other words, the right to an eternal, heavenly life must be earned.

How Church Helps

My wife and I go to church as often as we can. Whenever I need to straighten out on my thinking, the quiet, restful atmosphere of the church never fails to recall to me the important things in life.

On every out-of-town trip over a weekend, the New York Giants consider the religious interests of the players as thoroughly as they do the eating and sleeping arrangements. A man is sent ahead to handle accommodations. He looks up the location of all Christian and Jewish houses of worship and gets a schedule of all services. When the men arrive in town, they are informed as to where their particular churches are located, what time the services are held and who the ministers are.

It helps me to think of life as a game with God keeping score of every yard lost or gained. Grantland Rice expressed how I feel about the sportsmanship of living so that I can visualize myself playing on God's team. He said: "And when the One Great Scorer Comes to write against your name, He marks not that you won or lost, But how you played the game."

TOMORROW—What are the great influences that shape a life? For Dr. Arthur H. Merritt, past president of the American Denial Association, it was two people—his mother and a man he met in church.

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Denmark, in normal times, exported more butter than any other country in the world.

Variety Concert Presented At Holy Name Hall

A very charming and amusing concert was held last night in the Holy Name Hall under the patronage of Lieut. Governor J. A. Bernard and Mrs. Bernard, and His Excellency Bishop Boyle.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the variety concert was presented before a large audience, and consisted for the most part of numbers presented by the girls of St. Joseph's Convent. The entertainment was of many different types and styles, from choral and solo work to short plays and tap dancing.

A number which proved to be a "show stopper" was the singing of young Master Pat Connolly. Pat sang two Irish numbers, following the general theme of the evening, the first of which was "Clancy Lowered the Boom" which he sang in the free and easy style used by Charlie Chamberlain so effectively. Accompanied only by a piano rhythm, he sang merrily along, enjoying himself as much as the audience who at times shrieked with laughter.

During the evening Lieut. Col. Leo McDonald, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, expressed his appreciation to the performers and to the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent for their splendid co-operation in preparing the concert. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be presented to the Catholic Social Service Welfare Bureau.

Program for the evening was as follows:

- "Mother, Machree"—Chorus.
- Violin and guitar selections—Leona and George Weatherbie.
- "In A Little Irish Schoolroom"—Grade 7 girls.
- "Galway Bay"—Hubert MacKenzie.
- "Jaunting Down To Kerry"—Anne Marie Chamberlain, Carol Leighizer, Anne Murnaghan and Catherine MacCallum.
- Accordeon Solo—Philip Doyle.
- "Alice Blue Gown"—M. Roach.
- B. Tierney, V. Joseph and M. Chamberlain.
- Reel and Hornpipe—Rhythm Band.
- Irish Songs—Pat Connolly.
- "Swallow Birds"—Pauline Doyle and Janet Malone.
- Piano Solo—Charles Smith and Merrill Steele.
- Violin Solo—Vincent Griffith.
- "Lullaby Land"—Chorus.
- Solo Dance—Electa Roberts.
- "The Trimming of the Rosary"—Grades 5 and 6 girls.
- Solo Dance—Lorraine Weatherbie.
- Piano Solo—Dorothy Campbell.
- "A Party For Mr. O'Toole"—Pialet in two acts.

Players in "Little Irish Schoolroom" were: Suzanne Francis, Patricia Walker, Barbara Gallant, Sylvia Duffy, Mary Cumiskey, Martha Cumiskey, Anne Bradley, Bernice Bowlan, Barbara Gallant and Barbara Ward.

Players in "Party For Mr. O'Toole" were: Leona Weatherbie, Barbara Durante, Mary McInnis, Winnifred MacDonald, Mary Smith, Paula Noonan, Ruth Cadmore and Elaine Smith.

Indoor Rifle Range

Capt. E. R. Burke led all marksmen at the regular Tuesday evening Shoot at the Armouries scoring a possible 100. Using the issue Mark IV Army Rifle and D. C. R. A. targets the average score has been very high. Results of the last shoot are as follows:

E. R. Burke	100
Lieut. W. Pringle	99
Gerald Hooper	98
J. D. McRae	97
William Kells	96
P. J. Landrigan	95
R. E. Jenkins	95
Harry Wood	95
William Seaman	95
Willard West	95
J. S. Moore	94
William Walsh	94
J. R. Watts	93
Alton Rodd	93
Eric Coles	92
Geo. McLennan	92
Al. Mutch	92
J. E. Taylor	91
Stuart Crawford	90
Percy Hooper	90
Jack Farquharson	90
Mei Horne	89
W. C. Auld	89
Fred Hooper	88
Blair McCallum	88
B.S.M. H. Hobbs	88
H. N. Watts	82
Eddie Acorn	82
E. J. Carbonell	80
Jack Good	80
G. E. Watts	80
Ken Arthur	80
Ben Slade	80
Ralph McCannum	80
Garth McLennan	80
Bdr. A. Westergard	80

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

Lou (Iron Man) Gehrig missed his first ball game with the New York Yankees since 1925 when he stayed on the bench 13 years ago today to watch his team make a 14-1 conquest of Kansas City, Yankee farm club. Later in the season, Gehrig withdrew permanently after 2,130 successive league games, crippled by a form of paralysis.

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Columbia Boys' Choir To Train Two Local Boys

Two local boys Freddie and Roddie Hickox of Parkdale will spend a wonderful summer holiday this year because they like singing. They were chosen to attend the summer camp and music instruction courses sponsored by the Columbia Boys' Choir which recently gave a concert in Charlottetown. After the concert several boys were auditioned by the Director of the choir and the two brothers received word yesterday that they had qualified to attend this famous summer school which is just outside of New York. Both boys are pupils of Mr. Frank Johnston.

York Rifle Club

The Indoor Rifle Club held its weekly shooting practise in the hall on Thursday evening with a large number of members and fans present. The progress of practise testifies to the slogan, "Practise makes perfection", this week when Mr. Harry Vessey made a perfect score, 100 out of a possible 100; Louis Vessey coming a close second with 99.

W. D. Cooke	98
William Crockett	98
Edison Hardy	98
Raymond Vessey	96
Howard Watts	96
A. J. Cluey	95
Dewar Swan	95
Harry Lewis	95
Dean Watts	94
Peter Proud	93
Leigh Vessey	93
Stewart Vessey	92
Vernon Duck	91
Lloyd Vessey	91
L. Andrew	87
Oliver Ellis	87
Arthur Brown	86
Harold MacNeil	84
Frank Vessey	81
Leith Brown	80
Richard Vessey	80
Joe Clow	80

BISON BOMBERS 9, SOUTHPORT 10

The second game between the Bison Bombers and Southport at Montague Thursday night drew a large crowd, who excitedly watched Southport edge out the local squad 10 to 9 in a well-fought encounter.

Getting off to a quick start the Bombers rapped in three quick counters, only to be met by a similar attack from Southport who tied the score. However, Sorrey put the locals one up before the session ended.

Southport went ahead at the beginning of the next period but the Bombers again tied the score, with the game going in see-saw fashion to the end, when Collings again put them one up to end the period at 7-6.

The last period was a repetition of the second with each team getting a goal alternately, and until the 18th minute the two teams were tied at 9 all, when Burns slipped in to shoot home the winning counter.

SUMMARY

First Period

- 1—Montague, R. Collings, 2:05.
- 2—Montague, R. Collings, 2:35.
- 3—Montague, Poole, 4:24.
- 4—Southport, Stewart (Shepherd) 4:53.
- 5—Southport, Peters (Stewart) 5:15.
- 6—Southport, Stewart, 6:17.
- 7—Montague, Sorrey, 19:45.
- Penalty: L. Driscoll.

Second Period

- 8—Southport, Shepherd (Driscoll) 3:43.
- 9—Southport, Peters (Stewart) 10:15.
- 10—Montague, Collings (Pearson) 16:45.
- 11—Southport, Stewart (Peters) 17:14.
- 12—Montague, Campbell, 18:35.
- 13—Montague, Collings (Sorrey) 19:20.
- Penalties: Burns, B. Driscoll.

Third Period

- 14—Southport, Stewart, 3:15.
- 15—Montague, F. MacKenzie, 5:45.
- 16—Southport, Peters, 5:58.
- 17—Montague, T. Clair, 11:13.
- 18—Southport, Peters (Shepherd) 16:30.
- 19—Southport, Burns (Drake, Muise) 18:12.
- Penalties: T. Clair, Muise.

AFRICAN RIVER

The Nile River, which stretches from Lake Victoria Nyanya to the Mediterranean, has a length of 4,000 miles.

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Report Made On Potato Industry Promotion Fund

Receipts totalling \$128,825 and disbursements \$110,012, leaving a balance on deposit of \$18,843, is reported in connection with the operation of the potato industry promotion fund for the period from the inception of the fund on April 1, 1946 to February 28, 1950, according to a statement tabled in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. C. C. Baker, Minister of Agriculture.

For the period April 1, 1949 to Feb. 28, 1950, receipts from levy on potatoes exported amounted to \$31,642, and disbursements in salaries, travelling expenses, office expenses and advertising to \$16,533, leaving a balance covering the period to Feb. 28 last of \$15,108. Submitted in reply to a question placed on the order paper by Mr. R. L. Burge, the statement shows that compensation made to growers under the plant disease indemnification fund for the year ending March 31, 1947 amounted to \$27,383; for the year ending March 31, 1948, to \$40,344, and for the year ending March 31, 1949, to \$3,985. Total disbursements for the three year period under this fund amounted to \$93,213, and total receipts from levy on potatoes exported, \$97,213. Detailed lists of levies and disbursements are given in the report.

BEYOND

Beyond the tears of April time
We see the flowers of May.
Beyond the winter's frost and rime
We see the lambs at play.

Beyond the drilling of the wheat
Deep down in mother earth
We see the granaries replete.
Of bread there is no dearth.

Beyond the blood stained tyrant's fame
The angels still are singing.
Beyond the bellowing batteries' flame
The doves of peace are winging.

Beyond the sorrows of today
The morrow's joys appear.
Beyond all doubt, despair, dismay,
Is hope surpassing fear.

Beyond Gethsemane forlorn
And bitter Roman Cross
Came matchless Resurrection Morn.
Supreme o'er every loss.
Pliny A. Wiley.

THEATRE TRAGEDY
A theatre fire killed 169 people in Boyertown, Pa., January 13, 1908.

PARKS AREA
The first official horse race in Australia was at Parramatta, in New South Wales, in 1810. The national parks of Canada cover approximately 20,170 square miles.

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