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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Cold. Cold. COLD!

Well 2025 has been cold so far and now it is supposed to be downright frigid, this whole week.

Good thing, Mimi makes sure that Ms Ivory and me have plenty of warm

coats and hoodies.

I will be okay in the cold because I wuff the cold and all thoat goes with it. Ms Ivory though, hates the white stuff. I don't know if it is because she doesn't have as much fluff and fur as me, or because the white stuff was so deep she sank down in it last year. I felt sorry for her cause she couldn't run and play in it like me. Pappy had to scrape off a section of that white stuff on the grass and sidewalk so that Ms Ivory could do her business. When we would go out to potty, she would run right back to the door as soon as she was done. She didn't want any part of that cold stuff. Mimi and Pap call it snow. I call it FUN!

Any-woof, I don't know if they'll be snow and ice but, if there is please stay safe and warm in this brand New Year.

Oh, and Happy New Year from Mimi, Pappy, Ms Ivory and me, Ms Avery Pearl.

For more of my Pet Perspective like and follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Senior Citizens Building at 6:00 PM.

Morgan County Republican Party meets the last Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the American Legion in Wartburg.





David Zubler Columnist

IRS sending 2021 Recovery Rebates

The IRS announced that it plans to issue automatic payments later this month to eligible people who did not claim the Recovery Rebate Credit on their 2021 tax returns.

Approximately \$2.4 billion will be sent to about 1 million people.

The payment amount varies depending on several factors, but the maximum payment is \$1,400 per person.

The IRS announced the special step after reviewing internal data showing many eligible peo-

ple who filed a return but did not claim the credit. It is a refundable credit for people who didn't receive the Economic Impact Payments (EIP), also known as stimulus payments.

Many people are unaware of tax credits and deductions for which they are eligible.

The Recovery Rebate Credit does not count as income when determining eligibility for federal benefits such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

"The IRS continues to work hard to make improvements and help taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel. "These payments are an example of our commitment to go the extra mile for taxpayers. Looking at our internal data, we realized that one million taxpayers overlooked claiming this complex credit when they were actually eligible. To minimize headaches and get this money to eligible taxpayers, we're making these payments automatic, meaning these people will not be required to go

through the extensive process of filing an amended return to receive it."

If your bank account has changed since filing your 2023 tax return, you don't need to notify the IRS. The bank will return the payment to the IRS and the refund will be reissued to the most recent address the IRS has on record.

The IRS also reminded people who haven't filed 2021 tax returns they may not be eligible to receive their 2021 refund after the April 15, 2025, deadline. The IRS generally doesn't give a refund after the three-year deadline without extenuating circumstances.

No action is needed for eligible people to receive these payments, which will go out automatically in December. They should arrive in most cases by late January 2025. The payments will be automatically direct deposited or sent by paper check.

Anyone who receives a payment will receive a separate letter notifying them of the payment. If you receive the IRS letter and don't receive the payment, it may have gotten lost in the mail.

You would need to contact the IRS if you received the letter and haven't received your payment.

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George "Al" Davidson, 73 United States Marine Corps Veteran



Mr. George "Al" Davidson, age 73 of Lancing, passed away Saturday December 28, 2024 at his home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Al enjoyed hunting of all types, especially deer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Deloris Davidson; and brother, Paul Jean Davidson.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Linda Daugherty Davidson; son, George Allen David-

son III; brothers: Daniel (Carol) Davidson, Charles Davidson, and Jeff (June) Davidson; sisters: Shirley (Jerry) Gooch, Nancy (Bill) Jones, Judy (Edd) Griffith, and Emma Lou Hicks; granddaughter, Candace Davidson; along with several nieces, nephews, and other friends and relatives.

The family will receive friends Tuesday December 31, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the funeral to follow at 1:00, Bro. Aaron Nance officiating. Interment will immediately follow in the Lane Cemetery with full Military Honors by American Legion Post 149.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of George "AI" Davidson.

Jerry "Grey Dad" Higgs United States Army, Korean War Veteran



Jerry "Grey Dad" Higgs was born January, 20th 1933 in Toombs County, Georgia. He graduated from Collins High School in Collins, Georgia.

He was a Korean War Veteran, serving in the US Army, Fort Bragg, North Carolina 1954-1956

From 1963 - 1980, Jerry worked as a Corrections Officer at Reidsville State Prison, Reidsville, Georgia then Brushy Mountain State Prison for another 14 years until he retired in 1995.

After retirement, he didn't slow down. He worked at Petros-Joyner Elementary school as a Custodian and became a beloved member of the staff and a positive influence on children

Jerry's love for football led him to support the Coalfield High School YellowJackets as a team manager for 30 years. You could find him on the sidelines, rain or shine, always there for the team. Many players passing through that football program will always remember Grey Dad and the influence he

He was also a HUGE Georgia Bulldog fan. You would typically find him in a Georgia hat, talking Georgia football. He was truly a Bulldog for life. "Grey Dad" loved life and the people in it. He was quick with a story or joke and even though you heard it before, he would still make it funny. Jerry was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

He is preceded in death by Mother, Sophia Higgs; Father, Victor Higgs; Son, Wayne Higgs; Granddaughter, Jetta Higgs; Brother, Hubert Higgs; Brother, Victor Higgs; Sister, Pearl Higgs; Sister, Vondale Higgs, Sister Monteen Jarriel.

He is survived by his companion of 20 yrs, Anna Human; Sisters Jedon and Merita; Sons Jerry and Keith; Daughter, Sheree.

Also surviving are several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A special thanks to Gentiva Hospice Staff for their kindness, compassion, and professionalism.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 2, 2025 from 6-7 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral Service will follow at 7pm, with Bro. Joey Aytes officiating. Graveside services with Military Honors provided by American Legion Post 149, will be Friday, January 3, 11am at the Annadell Baptist Church Cemetery, Lancing, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jerry Higgs.

Psalm 123:1

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Rebecca Jane Pittman, 89



Rebecca Jane Pittman, age 89 passed away January 1, 2025. She was born September 11, 1935 to the late Elmer and Mae Treadway.

Jane loved gardening, crocheting, watching the birds and loved visits from her family.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband Harold Pittman.

She is survived by her 2 sons Darryl Pittman and David (Lesa) Pittman; grandchildren Lucas and Lauren Pittman; great grandson Theodore Pittman and a host of family and friends.

The family will have a graveside service Saturday, January 4, 2025 in the Wartburg City Cemetery with Bro. Brandon Peters officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Rebecca Jane Pittman.



Obituaries must come from a funeral home to be in the newspaper.



Historically Speaking Did Germany Enrich Uranium during World War II? Part II

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

This two-part series is the result of a long-standing friendship with the author of a book that challenges accepted history in a way I have never seen before. Carter Hydrick researched and wrote Critical Mass.

This book, now in its third edition, identifies the possibility that Germany enriched uranium during World War II that ultimately helped fuel Little Boy and furthermore the key to successful detonation of Fat Man were both provided to the United States by Germany. These two are but part of the cargo of the U-234 German submarine that surrendered to the U.S. in May 1945.

Now come with me as I bring us up to date on Carter Hydrick and his struggles to gain recognition of the research in Critical Mass and the impact on current history of the Manhattan Project and World War II.

Nearly twenty years later, in August 2024 and September 2024, recalling Mr. Hydrick's discoveries and still desiring they should get the exposure and be embraced as the important piece of history they are – in fact, perplexed that they have not become that – I contacted him again and asked if he would be my guest on our video cast, Hidden History: Stories of the Secret City, which he kindly did. Warming to this important subject once more, a couple of weeks later I invited him to teach an online class I instruct for the Oak Ridge Institute of Continued Learning.

The videos of these two events are available at these links:

Hidden History: Stories from the Secret City video cast:

https://youtu.be/ByOswS2cH_g?si=RIxj1KN-motEbE8kl

Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learn-

https://youtu.be/EPhJa9st3-c?si=qQKQf9n-jQmzzqLDW

During the video cast, the subject came up as to why his research hasn't gained traction, become common knowledge, and embraced as fact. Then, and in following communications with him driven by my determination to understand this travesty, he shared with me that, "to much of academia and the media the thought of challenging the ingrained history of the Manhattan Project is taboo."

Both because they don't believe it is assailable, and to protect the attachment Americans have to the idea that the achievements of the Manhattan Project stood alone as an American accomplishment and are unequaled.

Some unfortunate but otherwise irrelevant events in the publishing industry early on in Mr. Hydrick's endeavors, also combined to close all avenues of properly establishing the findings.

For example, Carter at first, two different times, tried to get leading history professors to take on the task of completing the research and writing a book about it – offering his initial research to them as a beginning. They refused, indignantly suggesting that he did not know what he was talking about; that the history is well-documented and established beyond reproof.

Feeling certain, however, that his research findings were proving otherwise – and, more importantly, that they revealed a compelling important revision to history – as a professional writer he had the skills to complete the task. He felt he should go forward and write the story himself, despite his lack of academic or journalistic credentials.

He prepared and presented a publishing proposal to The Curtis Brown Literary Agency in

New York, which had represented Winston Churchill, Ayn Rand, and many other New York Times historically famous and bestselling authors. Curtis Brown's CEO, Perry Knowlton himself, personally took on the project. Knowlton pitched the proposal and a writing sample to Random House, Simon and Schuster, and other major publishers. Because of the backlash, however, from a recent fraudulent series of diaries purported to be written by Adolf Hitler, which a publisher bought for \$3.7 million; and a fraudulent biography of Howard Hughes bought for over \$750,000, every publisher Knowlton approached refused to consider a non-fiction property written by a non-credentialed author.

Knowlton was surprised, disturbed, and disappointed, but still felt the project was important enough to encourage Carter that, if he would complete the research and write the book, Knowlton would re-pitch it. Carter invested 10 years and over \$40,000 of his own money to research and complete the manu script.

Knowlton returned to the publishers but was again rejected, on the same grounds. At this point Knowlton stepped away from the project.

Very disappointed but having a manuscript now in hand that needed exposure, Carter could do nothing else but self-publish the book. It didn't sell well. Most people have an instinctive distrust in the viability of any self-published book, due to lack of critical review; and mass-marketing such a work through conventional means is almost impossible, while very expensive.



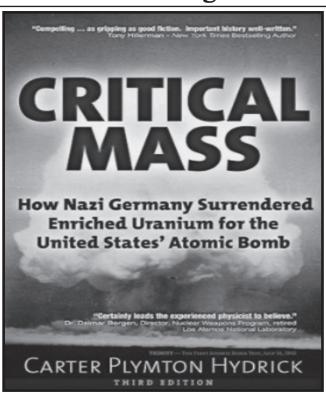
Carter Hydrick as a guest on Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning (Courtesy of Ray Smith)

When he updated it in a second edition a couple of years later, to garner the deserved credibility for the history, he was fortunate to have been put in contact with Dr. Delmar Bergen, referenced above, who agreed to vet the work. After having done so for the second edition, Bergin endorsed it. (When a third edition came out a few years ago with important updates that further strengthen the conclusions written above, Bergin wrote the Forward, even more strongly, and in detail, endorsing the research, analysis, and conclusions.)

When Carter tried to get media support for the critically-reviewed second edition, however, the media demurred again, still on the grounds it was self-published, but also "old news," as well, because it was a second edition – even though most of the world had never heard about it. How could they without media support? It was caught in a circular trap. But mostly, Carter was told by one incensed journalist, that it was because journalists are understandably resistant to authors trying to sell their work using them as their salesmen.

But what else could Carter do to try to get the truth out for this important history? What channel is there besides the media to garner widespread exposure and acceptance of such an important event?

At the time the second edition came out, over 3 million books had been self-published but only 12 had been tabbed by Barnes and Noble to be sold on its stores' shelves. Carter's book, Crit-



Critical Mass Third Edition is available on Amazon.com (Courtesy of Ray Smith)

ical Mass, was the 13th.

It was here that noted revisionist historian Dr. Joseph Farrell, unbeknownst to Carter, purchased a copy and went on to tout it to the fringe conspiracy theory crowd – excited for an important bona fide example of real conspiracy – quoting and promoting Critical Mass extensively in several of his own works. The result was, Critical Mass became a cult classic – still without Carter's knowledge – with copies being sold on the inter-

net for \$600 to \$800.

Hydrick, by the time he found out about all this, was drained financially, emotionally, and mentally by the project, and so was satisfied to let it happen – feeling that at least the project had found an audience. At this point, Farrell convinced him to publish a third edition, updated with new infor-

mation Farrell had discovered that proved Hydrick

was right!

There were 126,000 barrels of spent uranium that had been found in Germany, documented as having been the uranium waste of the Nazi atomic bomb project. The finding did, indeed, prove Carter right, but it also got him, and his work wrapped up with the conspiracy theory crowd, further marginalizing broad review and acceptance of his important discoveries.

This is a shame, an injustice, and will continue to be a travesty if this important history – proven by science and world-class scientists interpreting it – is allowed to remain in this oblivion. It should be embraced as the important historical event it is that shaped the modern world.

Please join me and the eminent scientists named above; and Curtis Brown CEO, the late Perry Knowlton, and recognize the amazing fact that Critical Mass was one of 13 works chosen from among 3 million to be sold at Barnes and Noble stores, as you consider helping revive and put in place this deserving, although secret, monumental world affair.

Lastly, from one of our nation's leading book reviewers, The Kirkus Reviews:

"This book marks a turning point in the history of atomic-bomb scholarship, and no future study can credibly ignore its compelling contentions.... A genuinely original book about a profoundly important topic."

Please help this "profoundly important" piece of history take its place where it belongs, in the forefront of understanding of our modern world.

Luke Chapter 16 Part B



Melvin Howard

(Luke 16:19-31) The rich man and Lazarus: The concluding portion of this chapter resumes with the issue of material prosperity and the Pharisees' love for money. It is a supplement to the previous instruction. Many expositors consider the following narrative to be a parable. For some, this view is compelling, for they believe it provides support for their theology that there is neither consciousness nor torment for the wicked in the post-death world. But two points must be made. (a) Though a parable is a story for illustrative purposes, its lessons are always true to

life, never portraying that which is unrealistic. (b) The account is so radically different from the Lord's easily-identified parables that it does not appear to fit the parable pattern.

There was a certain rich man who lived in the lap of luxury. He wanted for nothing and had far more than he needed. By way of contrast, a beggar, whose name was Lazarus (not the brother of Martha and Mary), was deposited every day at the wealthy man's gate, so famished that he longed for even crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. His only comfort seemed to be when the scavenger dogs came and licked the sores that ravaged his body. Finally, Lazarus died and his spirit was transported by angels to paradise, here designated as "Abraham's bosom," a symbol for a blessed place of honor for the faithful spiritual descendants of the great patriarch.

The rich man also died and was buried; he then lifted up his eyes in Hades. In this instance, "Hades" refers to the state of wicked spirits between death and the resurrection (v.23). The description is ripe with figures of speech (bosom, finger, water, tongue, flame, gulf), all necessary to convey non-material concepts of the spirit world to physical beings on a material earth. The rich man was in torment. Permitted to view Lazarus in comfort from afar, he petitioned for the beggar to bring water to relive his suffering (still a "user," even in torment!). The request was denied: (a) on moral grounds and (b) on the basis of a divinely imposed "gulf" that permanently separated (the force of the Greek) the righteous from the wicked (v.26). The rich man then pled that Lazarus might be sent as a missionary back to earth to issue a warning to his five brothers that they not come to this horrible place. The text assumes he knew the character of his brothers, and it appeared they were destined for punishment. He was told that they had "Moses and the prophets," their writings. If they would not be persuaded by the word of God, not even a visitor from the dead would be able to convince them. From this narrative a number of important truths may be gathered.

(q) The rich man had perception; he could see and identify both Abraham and Lazarus. Perception involves an awareness of objects---hence, consciousness. (b) Lazarus had satisfaction; he was in a familial fellowship with Abraham, sharing the patriarch's "happiness." Clearly, this indicates consciousness. (c) The rich man experienced sensation; he was in "torments." Indeed, he is suffering "anguish," which certainly affirms conscious sorrow (2:48; Acts 20:38). On the other hand, Lazarus is "comforted." (d) There was communication. The rich man could both speak and be spoken to. Communication is possible only with conscious beings. This suffering rebel had not been annihilated. (e) The rich man recognized Lazarus and requested his services by name. Recognition involves consciousness. (f) There was comprehension. The rich man was able to assess his condition, formulate a plan for relief, make a request, understand that such was denied, then construct a back-up plan. (g) Volition is implied. The rich man's petition that Lazarus be allowed to enter the Hadean realm where he was, or that he be permitted to return to earth, implies that Lazarus had the volitional and /or locomotive ability to accomplish that feat, if divinely allowed. (h) Recollection is apparent. Abraham reminded the rich man of his earthly status: "Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things." Where there is memory, there is consciousness. (i) Emotion is implied. When the rich man reflected upon the spiritual condition of his earthly brothers, he evidenced concern and urged that they be warned not to enter the dreadful Hadean realm. People without consciousness evidence no concern for others. (j) The power of the Scriptures is affirmed. The testimony of Scripture rivals that of a miraculous event itself.

A careful and honest consideration of the information contained in this account can only lead to the conclusion that the dead are conscious. Theories that allow for the extinction of the wicked or for "soul-sleeping" on the part of the righteous dead are not consistent with this divine instruction as given by Jesus Christ. Further, it is clear that one's earthly life determines the condition of his after-life state. Finally, the narrative assuredly indicates that in the postmortem world, one's destiny cannot be altered. Doctrines such as second chance, purgatory, and baptism for the dead are humanly contrived theories void of any biblical substance and truly part of the broad way leading to destruction (Matt. 7:13).

The Bible's teaching about hell: A (Hell is real. Just as surely as there is a heaven there is a hell. Note, "And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life," Matt. 25:46. Anyone who wishes to believe in the eternality of heaven is faced with the reality of hell. God saw fit to use the same word "eternal" to describe the bliss of heaven and the punishment of hell.

B. Do you believe in an everlasting God? Then notice Romans 16:26, "but now is manifested, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known unto all nations unto obedience of faith." Once again, the word eternal is used. It is a form of the same Greek word. Just as surely as God is everlasting, so hell is eternal.

C. Do you believe in the "eternal spirit?" Note Hebrews 9:4, "how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish unto God, cleanse your conscience form dead works to serve the living God?" Here is our word again. Just as surely as the Holy Spirit is eternal, just so hell is eternal. All of these are from the Greek word "aionios" which means everlasting, eternal, without end, or never to cease.

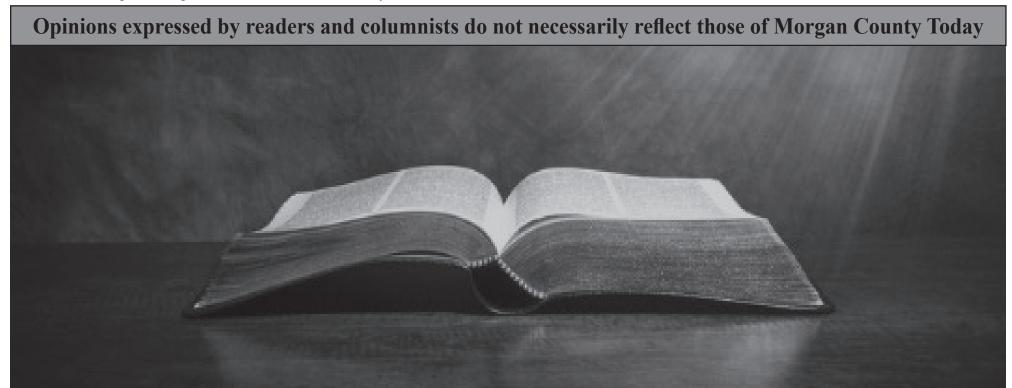
D. Since hell is a reality, where is it? Is it up or down, here or there? Most of us are aware that the English word hell in our translations of the Bible are used for the original words Sheol; Hades; Gehenna. The previous two words refer to realms of the spirit of the dead, while Gehenna is the final punishment of the wicked, or the eternal abode of the damned. It is associated with fire as the source of torment. Both body and soul are cast into it, "And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both the soul and body in hell," Matt. 10:28. This, of course, presupposes the resurrection. Its actual location is not dwelt on in the New Testament.

E. Jesus makes it abundantly clear it is a place to be avoided at all costs, "And if thy hand cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed, rather than having thy two hands to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire. And if thy foot cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life halt, rather than having thy two feet to be cast into hell. And, if thine eye cause thee to stumble, cast it out: it is good for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell; where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. For every one shall be salted with fire," Mark 9:43-49. Neighbor, we had best beware; hell exists, it is personal, horrible and eternal!

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