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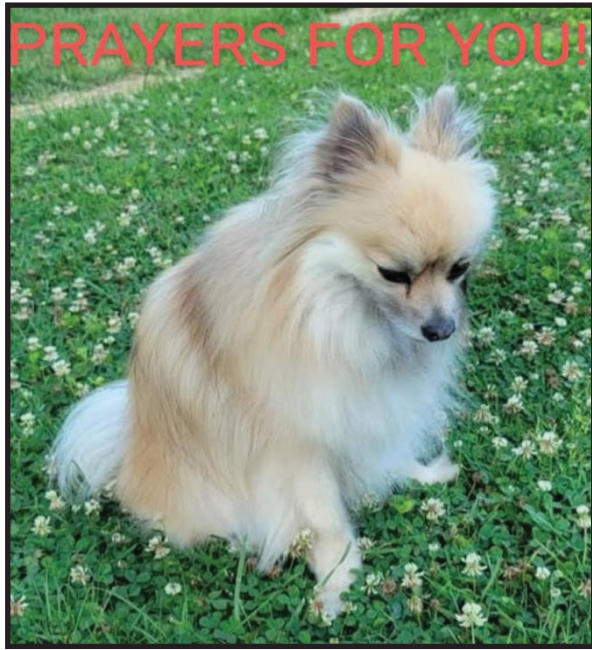
Prayers For Morgan County

My little heart is so sad. This week another horrific tornado hit Morgan County. It took the lives of a mother and daughter, while it injured several more people.

This tornado comes less than a year since another tornado hit Sunbright.

Unfortunately, tornados seem to like Morgan County. No one can forget the tornado that struck in November 2002 in the communities of Mossy Grove/Petros. It snatched away 7 victims including a baby.

That was the most devastating tornado to ever strike in this part of East Tennessee. So the events of this last week are all too familiar for the residents of our little nick of the woods. The sounds of chainsaws and smell of burning brush will linger in the air in the days and weeks to come. A miraculous thing also occurs here when the bad stuff happens.



The community comes together with tools, trucks, love, prayers, and the true Volunteer Spirit to help our fellow man.

We don't wait for the government to start the cleanup and rebuilding process. Neighbors and strangers unite to help those in need.

So, in the midst of all the sorrow and loss, love shines through and that is beautiful thing. When you pray, remember the victims, their families, first responders, and the people that are doing what they can to help pur community heal.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

City of Sunbright

AGENDA FOR February 18, 2025 6pm

- Agenda:
- Report of previous minutes
 - Review of Financial Statements
 - Continued discussion of Scottie Lane properties
 - Library Update

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.

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Avoid being ruled a hobby



David Zubler
Columnist

If the IRS rules that your business is a hobby, it can be costly.

Normally you have the tax benefit of deducting any losses your business might have. However, if the IRS rules that your business is a hobby, you will lose all the deductions and be required to pay taxes on your income without taking any deductions.

If the IRS rules that your business is a hobby, they can adjust your previous tax returns. Additionally, you will be required to pay penalties and

interest.

If you're a sole proprietor and have a loss in the first year, be sure to check the box indicating it's your first year in business on the Schedule C. Checking the box lets the IRS know it's your first year in business which helps to avoid scrutiny by the IRS.

If you have a profit in at least three of five consecutive years, the IRS typically will presume that you are engaged in it for profit.

If your business is showing a loss more than two out of the last five years, it is vital to take steps to avoid the possibility of being ruled a hobby by the IRS.

To avoid having your business ruled a hobby:

- Keep detailed records to support any deductions claimed on your tax return.
- Create a separate bank account for your business. Never mingle your business and personal finances.
- Get any necessary federal, state, or local licenses and permits for your business, and keep them current.
- Write a business plan. A simple business plan can be valuable for proving you are trying to make a profit from the activity.

- Setting up your business as a limited liability company (LLC), corporation, or partnership will help demonstrate that you plan to make a profit.

- If you are not already an expert in this activity, use outside experts or take expert courses to develop any necessary skills. If you meet with an expert, document the meetings, advice and the business actions taken.

- Create professional marketing materials, such as business cards and a business website. If you only advertise by word of mouth, it's more likely to look like a hobby.

- Avoid businesses that provide personal pleasure or recreation. As an example, activities such as golfing and fishing are likely to be considered as hobbies.

- Keep track of your time spent on activities with your business. The more time you spend, the more it looks like a business.

Taking proactive steps to avoid being classified as a hobby by the IRS can help to prevent the IRS from classifying your business as a hobby.

More information can be found at IRS Tax Tip 2022-57.

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— In Loving Memory —

Betty Ann Hammons, 76



ton Hammons; as well as her grandchild, Tyler Daugherty; and great-grandchildren Alexis Allen and Dalton Daugherty.

She is survived by her devoted companion, George Melhorn; six children: Ikie Daugherty, Chad (Dawn) Daugherty, Van Daugherty, Hazel (Richard) Carroll, Storm Hammons, and Raven Hammons; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. The family will honor Betty's memory with a traditional funeral service, reflecting on the love she shared and the impact she had on her family and community. May she rest in peace, knowing she is in the arms of her Lord.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Schubert Funeral Home, with the funeral service to follow. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Armes Chapel Church.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Betty Ann Hammons.

Betty Ann Hammons, age 76, of Wartburg, TN, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Betty was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who cherished her family above all else. She worked as a respiratory therapist throughout her life and devoted herself to raising six children. Her nurturing spirit extended to everyone around her.

Betty was an active member of Shady Grove Baptist Church, where she found joy in attending services and engaging in fellowship. In her free time, she enjoyed reading, gardening, cooking, and especially spending quality time with her great-grandchildren, who brought her much joy.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Calvin and Hazel Rich; brothers Alvin and Hubert Rich; sisters Sally Bell, Wanda Watson, and Norma Cross; her first husband, Issac Daugherty; second husband, Clif-

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



Creasie June Hall



She is survived by sons: Timothy Hall and Jason Hall and his wife, Penny, all of Wartburg; grandchildren: Austin, Hannah, and Haven Hall; sisters: Allie Bowlin and Erma Wilson; brothers: Stanley West and William West; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

Creasie June Hall of Wartburg passed away January 29th, 2025 at her home battling an illness.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Hall; parents, Charlie and Savannah West; Brother, Esau West; sisters, Martha Hamby, Mary Carroll, May Carroll, and Emma West.

The family will receive friends Monday, February 3, 2025, from 12-2 pm at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 2 PM with Bro. Dustin Bonham officiating. Interment will follow in the Forrester Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Creasie June Hall.

Psalm 86:4-5

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Michelle Marie Ellison, 54



lissa Ellison, other daughter Kristie Ellison and her husband Bobby Ellison; brothers Scott and Jeremy and sister Tammi Williams; granddaughter Isabella Ellison and her friend Danny Smith and host of nieces, nephews and special fur babies.

Our mom, Michelle Marie Ellison passed away January 25, 2025. She was born March 6, 1970.

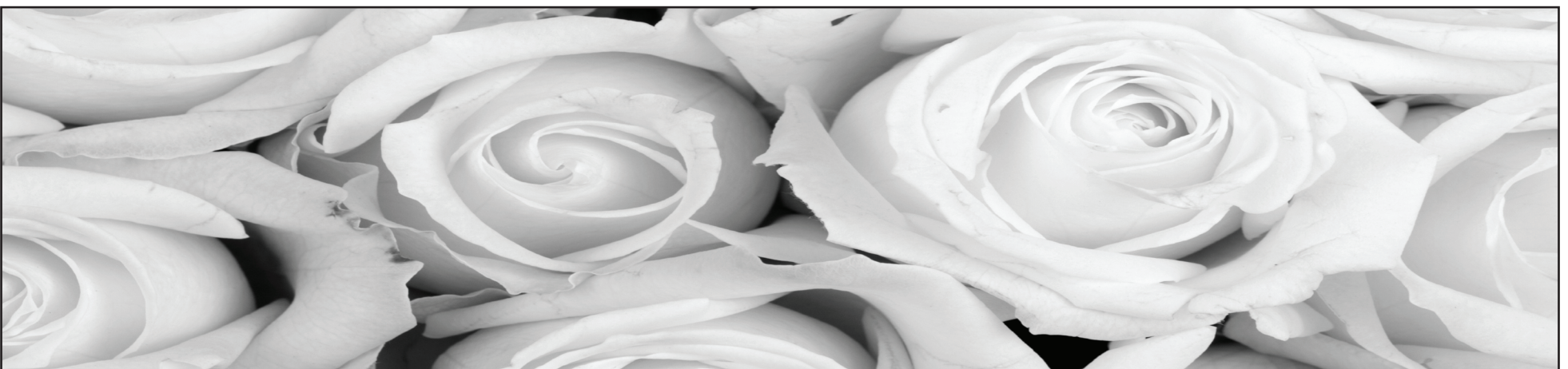
Our mom was a wonderful, good mother, wife, daughter, sister, grandma, aunt and friend.

She is survived by her children, son Kris Ellison; daughter Me-

Our Mom is a beautiful angel and is now with the Lord!

The family has chosen cremation and no services will be scheduled.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Michelle Marie Ellison.



Historically Speaking

Meet Kenneth D. Nichols, the Father of Oak Ridge: Building Oak Ridge “from scratch,” Part 1

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Barbara Scollin, grandniece of Major General Kenneth D. Nichols continues her series on his life.

Ample reasons, most notably leadership skills, personality traits and qualifications, led to choosing General (then Colonel) Kenneth D. Nichols as Deputy District Engineer and subsequently as District Engineer of the Manhattan Engineer District (MED). In this capacity he had supervision of the research and development connected with, and the design, construction and operation of all plants required to produce plutonium-239 and uranium-235, including the construction of the towns of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Richland, Washington.

The responsibility of his position was massive as he oversaw a workforce of both military and civilian personnel of approximately 125,000; his Oak Ridge office became the center of the wartime atomic energy's activities. He also was responsible for internal security operations in the production facilities that helped keep the development of the atomic bomb secret.

In this tenth installment of several articles covering the life and accomplishments of Kenneth D. Nichols, we see his role in infrastructure and housing as Oak Ridge TN is built “from scratch.”

Two prior “start from scratch” assignments (see 5 th article) dwarfed in comparison with Colonel Kenneth Nichols' next assignment to build a site at Oak Ridge for the Manhattan Project. His and Colonel James C. Marshall's visit and selection of the Elza site July 1-3, 1942, of 26,000 acres grew to a possible 80,000 acres by the time Lt Col Groves visited the site with Marshall on July 24 th . Ultimately, the U.S. government acquired 59,000 acres.

Nichols recalls, “During the war, some 75,000 people were housed [at Oak Ridge] in dormitories and family housing. To accommodate this population, we had to construct from scratch and then operate a whole city's infrastructure, a sewage system, water supply, and roads, and created fire and police departments as well as provide theaters, churches, stores, libraries, schools, offices, cafeteria, hotel, laundry service, etc.”

The Oak Ridge [Elza] site was chosen for several reasons:

- The TVA providing power,
- Ample water from the Cinch River,
- Natural valleys and ridges providing necessary isolation and boundaries,
- Railway for transporting supplies and material,
- Sufficient acreage for building four proposed plants, and,
- A trained Knoxville workforce of construction workers was available.

Moving to Oak Ridge on October 3, 1943, Colonel Nichols transferred the Manhattan Engi-

neer District from New York City to the Clinton Engineer Works (CEW). His main focus was on the production facilities for the bomb, but practical considerations for the workforce also had to be addressed. Nichols recalls, “Administering Oak Ridge proved a fascinating, demanding and difficult problem throughout the war... The overall policy I was determined to establish was that Oak Ridge approximate a normal midwestern town – at least as normal as conditions at a secret installation under Army control would allow. I resisted all efforts to introduce novel ideas advanced by some people, including such things as a unified religion, self-government, and experimental educational methods.

“More headaches for me were generated

sprang a leak and was spouting bourbon. (In a ‘dry’ county, the bourbon alone could have been problematic, but Nick had done his homework on the punch. The TN Secretary of State suggested, “Make it real good and no one will ask about the contents”.)

The governor exclaimed, “Now I have seen everything... You have a most impressive town and fantastic plants, but this caps everything. I've never in my life seen bourbon flowing so freely.” The governor finally smiled for the first time that day and Nichols recalls, “As a result of his visit, we had little trouble negotiating with the state for road improvements and a completely new access road. Also, we later came to an understanding with the county judge about his bridge.”

Homes were built by a competitive contract bidding process, 1000-2000 at a time, one every thirty minutes (fully furnished). Homes consisted of multi-family units (2,833 in total), as well as flat-top units (3,373), 90 dormitories (with 13,368 rooms) and 5,000 trailers and hutments (tent-like structures). The architect-engineer designing the homes was Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. Town layout & planning including design of communal facilities was by Stone and Webster.

June Adamson, neighbor to Colonel Nichols, reflected on him and the early planning

of Oak Ridge, “He was a very nice man, there is no other way of putting it. He was fair, he was smart, it's because of him that the town is laid out the way it is. If Groves had had his way... he would have bulldozed down the valley and gotten rid of all the trees and never mind what kind of houses, he didn't care. Nichols cared, he wanted this to be a real community, and it's thanks to him that it is laid out as it is.”

Nichols did decide not to raze the hills and ridges in the residential areas. He later reflected, “I ... was glad that we had laid out the town along the ridges instead of the lower and flatter areas. Perhaps this cost a bit more than absolutely necessary (certainly more than Groves would have liked), but I know it more than paid off both in morale and in recruitment of professional workers during and after the war. The icing on the cake, as far as I am concerned, is that four decades later, residents live in Oak Ridge by choice, and some who came in the early days still were there forty years later.”

The Nichols were the first to move to Olney Lane (111 Olney Lane was one of 700 type D homes built at Oak Ridge each costing \$6,691). Jackie recalls, “Conforming to the terrain, streets were laid out in pleasing curves. Five different housing plans were situated according to the best features of the building sites, but there were neither curbs nor sidewalks. Instead, wooden board walks curved through the woods between dwellings forming a solid footpath. ...

“Every day, long lines of trucks delivered prefab houses, painted like colorful Easter eggs, and off-loaded them onto building sites with ample yards. As if by magic, plumbing and electricity were hooked up and within hours, somebody from somewhere moved in to do something in the Manhattan Project. Until all the building was complete, the noise, mud and traffic was unbelievable.

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Colonel Kenneth Nichols introduced to Military officer and others (unknown). Oak Ridge, TN, World War II. Photo by Ed Westcott. (Courtesy: Emily (Westcott) & Don

per dollar spent in the construction and operation of the town than for any of the production plants. ... Handling personnel on a construction job or in an operating plant was one thing, but being responsible for the men, women and children in a government-owned town of which the best that can be said for the form of government is that it was a benevolent dictatorship was another matter.”

Infrastructure, especially adequate roads and bridges was key to production as well as everyday life. The road around CEW was inadequate to support the volume of commuter traffic (over 40,000 workers were commuting into Oak Ridge daily). A local judge threatened to close the Solway bridge, so the governor's help was needed. Governor Cooper was personally invited to Oak Ridge by Colonel Nichols; General Groves made a point of being there as well.

Then the unexpected happened. Nichols explained: “[Starting] at the Andrew Johnson Hotel [in Knoxville] ... accompanied by police escort, our motorcade ... was passing four huge LeTourneau scrapers bound for the K-25 plant site. At that moment, the lead police car blasted its siren. This startled one of the LeTourneau drivers, and as our car passed his scraper, it toppled off the edge of the road and down the steep bank. The scraper rolled over a couple of times, the driver scrambling to stay on the top side. When it stopped, he scrambled up the hill. Quite a spectacle!

“I promptly ordered our driver to stop and went back to see if the man was injured. Miraculously, he wasn't. I invited him to meet the governor. As we headed on our way, the governor commented, ‘If that was staged for me, don't do it again. I am fully convinced that you need better access roads.’”

Later that evening, another unexpected event occurred at the Nichols' residence while entertaining the governor and special guests. Jackie Nichols' specially carved ice punchbowl

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“...There was no dryer, but there was an ample coal bin into which coal was routinely delivered. Hardwood floors, venetian blinds, eggshell painted walls and ceilings made the house light and cheerful.

“... CEW was operated by a contract (Roane-Anderson Company) which supplied all the required service functions such as transportation, housing and education; hospital and medical services were furnished by the military... [Actually Roane-Anderson “organized and operated the bus lines, garbage collection, the school system, the hospital, management of all the housing, the hotel, the fire department, central eating facilities, and practically everything else pertaining to town operation, including delivering coal to individual houses” according to General Nichols in his book “The Road to Trinity, A Personal Account of How America’s Nuclear Policies Were Made”.]

“Oak Ridge residents were all young, healthy, and fertile. There was no shortage of pregnant women or young toddlers. There was, however, a shortage of food, fuel, fun and a marked shortage of grandmothers. Whereas the men were totally immersed in their work, wives and mothers in this secret city managed a sort of ‘bring daddy home’ household. It was reported that a sign in a master bedroom read: ‘Daddy Sleeps Here – Sometimes!’”

By mid-1945, Nick and Jackie were caring for their newly adopted babies Kenneth David (“David”) Nichols, Jr., and Jacqueline Ann (“Jan”) Nichols and were very happy parents. Kind neighbors on Olney Lane such as Patricia Gates helped with baby-sitting when Nick and Jackie were out of town. Patricia Gates recalls, “From Nick... I learned about taking time out for your children. He and Jackie adored their babies, Jan and David, and we were pleased when they trusted us to take care of those babies when they had to travel. Nick was always concerned with all the children in Jackie’s family... No matter how heavy his responsibilities, he always found time for family.”

Neighbors on Olney Lane became lifelong friends with Nick and Jackie: George and June Adamson, Dr. Arthur and Betty Compton, Ambassador Patricia Gates Lynch Ewell, Frances Smith Gates, and Colonel Pete and Fran Weil.

Colonel Nichols’ time was always in demand, at home and at his office “The Castle on the Hill”.

Next up: Building Oak Ridge “from scratch,” Part 2.



The Nichols’ residence 1943-1946 at 111 Olney Lane Photo by Ray Smith (Courtesy of Ray Smith)



Aerial view of housing at Oak Ridge c. 1944 (Courtesy Atomic Heritage Foundation)

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Thank you, Barbara Rogers Scollin, grandniece of General Kenneth D. Nichols. This series has been most enlightening. The events de-

scribed in such detail makes the Oak Ridge of the Manhattan Project come to life!

Luke Chapter 21 and 22



Melvin Howard

(Luke 21:1-4) The poor widow's contribution (Mk. 12:41-44).

(Luke 21:5-33) the coming destruction of Jerusalem (Mt. 24:1-34; Mk. 13:1-30): While Matthew and Mark depict the destruction of Jerusalem as an act of the Lord, coming in judgment upon the evil nation (Mt. 24:33; Mk. 13:29), Luke declares that this event will reveal that the "kingdom of God is near" (v. 31). The expression, "kingdom of God," clearly refers to

the Lord's exercise of regal judgment. The Greek word translated "kingdom" can be used abstractly to refer to royal power.

(Luke 21:34-38) Be watchful: Christ issued a warning about becoming lax and being unprepared for his final coming and the judgment that would accompany that event. It is easy to let one's heart (mind, focus of his attention) be drawn away from spiritual issues by self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worries about this-world matters. Preoccupation may lead to one being wholly unprepared as "that day" suddenly catches him like a trap. The Lord's coming will affect everyone upon the planet and determine his eternal fate. One must, therefore, remain watchful, praying constantly for strength to remain faithful, and anticipating the opportunity to stand exonerated before the Savior. In this final week, during the day, Jesus continued to teach; at evening time, he retired to the Mount of Olives for rest. In the mornings, people were waiting for his teaching at the temple.

(Luke 22:1-6) The conspiracy (Mt. 26:14-16; Mk. 14:1-2, 10-11).

(Luke 22:7-23) The last supper (Mt. 26:17-30; Mk. 14:12-26) On Thursday, before the evening of the Passover sacrifice (which would take place after sunset, hence, on the Jewish Friday,) Jesus sent Peter and John into the city to make preparation for the supper they would eat together that evening. Specific instructions were given about how to locate the place. See Matthew 26:17-19). At the appropriate evening hour, Jesus and his apostles convened at the table for the supper (v.14). He tells his men how strongly he had desired to observe this occasion with them. "I shall not eat" seems difficult, for the evidence seems clear that the Lord did eat the Passover supper. His statement, therefore, appears to suggest that he would not eat another Passover with them after this one (he would be killed the next day). Instead, his next meal with them would be a spiritual one "in the kingdom of God."

Matthew 26:29 "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new, (it new) with you in my Father's kingdom."

1 Corinthians 11:26 "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." (Till he come).

Therefore, we will not be partaking of the Lord's Supper in heaven, we do this until he comes and the judgment takes place. Acts 20:7 "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

The first century disciples did assemble every first day of the week for worship and partaking of the Lord's Supper was part of that worship every first day of the week. Upon being born again one has entered into the kingdom of God. John 3:5 "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Jesus has promised to partake of the supper with us in the kingdom; therefore, each Lord's Day Matthew 26:29 is fulfilled. (Matthew 26:29 "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom"). The Father's kingdom is a spirit kingdom.

The "cup" is referred to twice in the context. First, there was the cup of the Passover ceremony, which was to be divided among the participants (v.17). Subsequent to this, there would be the cup of the communion institution after the supper had ended (v.20). Paul makes it clear that the communion cup came after the eating of the bread (1 Cor. 11:23). For comments on the institution of the Lord's supper. (It must be recognized that, in many particulars, the Passover of the first century was different from that initially ordained in Egypt. For example, in the former case, they were required to eat the supper standing; in this event, they ate reclined at the table. There was no "cup" in the earlier ceremony; there was on this occasion. It was not Christ's purpose to restore every element of departure from the original

plan. Judaism was a dying system, beyond repair, and would soon be gone forever in the divine scheme of things.)

(Luke 22:24-30) Contention at the table: At some point during the feast, a "contention" arose among the disciples; one might say it was reignited, because competition was already a problem among the apostles (Mt. 18:1-5; 20:24-28; Mk. 9:33-37; 10:41-45; Lk. 9:46-48). The issue among them was which of them would be considered the "greatest." Christ's response was that this attitude was pagan in sentiment. The Gentiles exercised this sort of "lordship." But this type of domineering spirit was not to prevail among those whose ideal goals were to "serve" rather than function as bosses! He used himself as a model of service; for the whole of his ministry he had been a model of service. He expressed gratitude for their steadfastness during his time of temptations. At the appropriate time, however, they would be appointed places in his "kingdom," and they would be permitted to partake of his "table." Additionally, they would sit on thrones, judging the "tribes of [spiritual] Israel."

(Luke 22:31-34) A preview of Peter's lapse of faith: (Matt. 26:31-35).

(Luke 22:35-38) The two swords: Jesus asked his apostles to recollect concerning their earlier preaching missions, when they were minimally provisioned with supplies: did they lack anything? They replied: "Nothing." Very well: a different state of affairs was about to be upon them. He instructed them (with figurative language) to sell their wallets, etc., and buy a sword," by which he signified that dangerous days were ahead. Just as Isaiah foretold, he would be "reckoned with transgressors" (Isa. 53:12), which was "fulfilled" by his crucifixion between two criminals (23:32-33). They replied they had two swords in their possession. Strangely, he said: "It is enough." Since two would not be enough for the entire apostolic band, his instruction obviously was figurative. They would be involved in a spiritual battle and carnal weapons would be entirely inappropriate (2 Cor. 10:3-6; Eph. 6:12-17).

(Luke 22:39-46) In the garden (Mt. 26:36-46; Mk. 14:32-34).

(Luke 22:47-53) The betrayal and arrest (Mt. 26:47-56; Mk. 14:43-52; Jn. 18:1-11).

(Luke 22:54-71) The Jewish trial (Mt. 26:57-27:10; Mk. 14:53-72; Jn. 18:12-27): Luke adds a footnote of interest. After daylight, there was an assembly of the elders, chief priests, and scribes. They took the Lord aside to interrogate him further. Were they unsatisfied with the process thus far? They pressed him: "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He responded that no matter how he answered, they would not be satisfied; moreover, when he asked them questions, they would not reply (20:4). He assured them, however, that, presently, he would be seated at the right hand of the power of God. How would their "judgment" of him then appear? Again they pressed: "Are you then the Son of God?" He answered with that cryptic affirmative: "You say that I am," which was equal to "Yes." Excitedly they declared: "What further need do we have for witnesses? He has condemned himself." According to Jewish law, a man could not be condemned on his personal testimony alone. But being "legal" was of total unconcern.

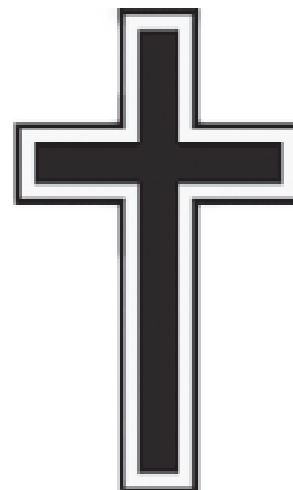
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