

Eastern Echoes

By Gail Roberson



Nobody Will Know, Nobody But Yourself

She reached into a large box and carefully removed an object wrapped securely in a bulky towel. Holding the item in her hand, she slowly uncurled the protective cloth and then held the base out to me with pride.

"I've been saving a long time for this," she said. There was a satisfied smile on her face as I reached out to touch its delicately hand painted flowers and exquisite detail. But, as she placed it on the mantle, my eyes were more drawn to the towel then piled in a heap on her sofa. Stamped on its corner was the name of a well known hotel chain.

Later, when I questioned her about it, she just smiled and answered, "Oh, that. Well, it's just one little towel. Nobody will miss just one. Besides, it makes a nice keepsake from our trip last year. You know I have to cut corners... especially to buy a vase like that."

This, my readers, from a woman with a masters degree... in religion. I shook my head all the way home. How can someone quote me the scriptures in one breath and justify outright thievery in another?

The other day I went into town for a few groceries. I noticed a woman feeding grapes to her child in the produce aisle. The grapes were part of a large bin of the same. First she gave him two white grapes, then about six red ones, and finally a handful of black grapes. Before she left the aisle, I saw that same woman take a healthy pinch off a peach and pop it in her own mouth, as well as two fat strawberries she slipped from under protective wrap.

I know this woman. Or at least know of her. She's both a school and Sunday school teacher, married to a church deacon, and actively motivated in many humanity projects. Yet, when her child asked, "Mommy, are we supposed to pay for that?" she answered by pressing a finger to his lips and murmuring in a low voice... "It's o.k. honey. It's just a little bite. Besides, nobody will know."

Let me tell you a story. It's about a fundamental principle of life that can be applied to everything from bad deeds to bad butter:

A woman from North Dakota always did her shopping in the local general store in town. On one occasion, she brought some butter into the store and explained, rather quietly and out of hearing range, that, as she was churning the butter, a mouse fell into the cream. She told the owner that she was certain the butter was all right, but she simply could not bring herself to use it. She then suggested to the owner that he exchange it for some butter from his cooler, then sell hers to someone who didn't know the difference. After all, she implied, what a customer didn't know, wouldn't hurt them.

The grocer promptly took the butter back to his cooler and spooned it into a different container. He then came out and handed the woman her own butter back. What a customer doesn't know... doesn't hurt her.

One grape DOES make a difference. If everybody takes one. Thievery is thievery, no matter how well disguised. Besides, some day you just may get your own container of butter back.

Obituaries

William Avery
VANCEBORO — William Avery, 78, died Monday in Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Wilkerson Funeral Home in Vanceboro with the Rev. John Moates officiating. Burial was in Wilson Cemetery at Ft. Barnwell.

Avery was a native of Craven County and lived in Ft. Barnwell before moving to Chocowinity five years ago. He was a retired carpenter.

Avery is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ora A. Avery; two daughters, Mrs. Faye A. Manning of Grimesland and Mrs. Patsy A. Doiel of Youngsville; three sons, William Avery Jr. and Billy M. Avery, both of Chocowinity and Louis Lee Avery of Calico Crossroads; four brothers, Johnny Avery of New Bern, Clayton Av-

ery of Swansboro, Richard Avery of Chocowinity and Norman Avery of Morehead City; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Willoughby of Swansboro; 25 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Nina G. Heath
Nina Gaskins Heath, 91, died June 22 at her home at 1520 Core Point Road, Ernul.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. June 24 in the Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel in Vanceboro with the Rev. Graham Lane officiating. Burial was in High Bridge Cemetery.

She is survived by a son, J. Earl Heath of Ernul; two sisters, Mrs. Naomi Cuthrell and Mrs. Verina Cayton, both of Ernul; one grandchild.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Ernul. She was a member of New Haven Free Will Baptist Church.

Legislative Lines

This Challenge More Than Any Other DARE

By REP. BEVERLY PERDUE

We were all hoping to go home last week, but it turns out we will have to spend part of this week in session. As you may know, each bill passed by the General Assembly must be read three times both in the House and in the Senate before it is voted on and ratified. Part of the reason it takes so long to finish up is that certain bills are required by law to receive each reading on separate days in each chamber. Both appropriation and tax bills are in the category requiring first, second and third readings on separate days, and that is why it takes a while to wind down, even if the decisions have been, for all practical purposes, made.

I want to tell you about a program that I am very excited about. The Legislature voted last week to expand a very successful drug prevention program aimed at fifth and sixth grade students and taught in local schools by law enforcement officers.

Legislators appropriated \$706,000 to continue the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), originally started as a pilot program in 15 North Carolina school systems, and to expand the program to include all 139 school systems by the end of the 1990 school year.

The DARE program was developed in Los Angeles in 1983 and is now used in schools in 35 states. Begun in North Carolina in 1987, DARE uses specially-trained, uniformed deputy sheriffs, SBI agents and police officers to teach pre-teens the skills necessary to resist drug experimentation.

DARE provides students with accurate information about alcohol and other drugs and teaches decision-making skills, self-esteem and ways to resist negative peer pressure. The program also offers alternatives to drug use.

Each officer trained to participate in the program spends at least one day per week at the school teaching the 17-week lesson plan. He also visits other classes in the school, conducts faculty workshops and presents programs to the school's PTA. Key to the success of the program is the rapport developed between officers and teachers.

The drug prevention program funded by the General Assembly is a joint project of the Department of Public Instruction (Alcohol and Drug Defense Division) and the Department of Justice (SBI).

Thank you for all of your phone calls and letters.



A Handful

David Stuart juggles three rings in the hot sun. Stuart, when hot juggling, is associated with The Lost Colony outdoor drama in Manteo. Stuart's juggling can also be seen during nightly performances at Manteo's Sunset Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. each day during the summer. Stuart also juggles balls, tennis rackets and just about anything else he gets his hands on. Stuart invites area residents to come spend a weekend or evening with him at Manteo and enjoy the festival and The Lost Colony.

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Down East Cooking

By REBA W. MITCHELL

Those were dangerous times that summer of 1776 as the Continental Congress debated whether or not to declare independence of the colonies from England. The British generals and their armies were closing in, with Gen. Howe nearing New York and Gen. Burboyne already victorious in Canada. Richard Henry Lee decided the time had come, and he introduced a resolution... that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states...

It's been 212 years and still we love to celebrate our independence. The Fourth of July is noted as picnic time. As we close our list of picnic treats, we can recapture the spirit of the red, white and blue with Stars and Stripes blueberry cake.

Golden Fried Chicken

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. paprika
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
3 cups buttermilk
3 cut up chickens
Combine flour, salt, pepper, paprika in a plastic or paper bag. Shake chicken in mixture to coat and set aside. Dissolve soda in buttermilk and set aside.

Dip coated chicken in buttermilk mixture. Return to bag and shake to coat well. Repeat procedure with remaining chicken. Heat cooking oil in large frying pan to 350 degrees and add several pieces of chicken and fry 25 minutes or until golden brown, turning once. Drain well on paper towels.

Corn On The Cob

12 ears of corn
6 to 6 1/2 qts. boiling water
2 lbs. salt
Add salt to water and add corn to water, return to boiling. Cover and cook 15 to 20 minutes. Drain well. Serve with butter, salt and pepper to taste.

Picnic Rolls

2 pkg. dry yeast
1 cup water about 110 degrees
1 cup milk
1/2 cup plus 1 tbs. sugar
1 tbs. salt
7 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup plus 2 tbs. shortening
1 egg, beaten
Dissolve yeast in warm water. Let stand 5 minutes or until bubbly, set aside.

Scald milk in small saucepan, add sugar and salt and let cool to lukewarm. Combine yeast and milk mixtures in a large bowl and mix well.

Add 3 cups of flour, beat until smooth. Add shortening (melted) and egg, beat well. Add enough of remaining flour to make a soft dough. Turn dough onto a lightly floured board and kneed 8 minutes or until smooth and elastic. Place dough into a well greased bowl, turning to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place, 85 degrees, for about 1 1/2 hours or until doubled in size.

Pouce dough down. Shape into 1 1/2 inch balls. Place in two lightly greased 9-in. square baking pans. Cover and repeat rising procedure for 45 minutes or until doubled in size. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until golden brown. Brush tops with melted butter.

Stars And Stripes Blueberry Cake

Prepare a packaged yellow cake mix in a 13-by-9 inch greased baking pan. Cool in pan for 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely. Spread cream cheese frosting on top and sides and decorate with cherries and blueberries.

Cream Cheese Frosting
1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
2 lbs. milk
1 16-oz. pkg. powdered sugar, sifted

Beat softened cream cheese until creamy and fluffy. Gradually add remaining ingredients and beat well.

Academic Awards

The following students received Honor Certificates at Vanceboro's Farm Life Elementary School:

Second grade — Michael Dawson, John Fornes, Janet Gaskins, Latisha Moore, Crystal Morris, Amy Phillips, Ashley Sontag, J.P. Whitford, April Williams, Alison Buck, Amanda Roach, Andy Giddens, Carrie Pepper, Crissy Dawson, Darryl Russell, Elisa Peterson, Jonathan Russell, Kamilla Ingram, Misty Garis, Mark Coulter, Dion Coward, Jennifer Jackson, Crystal Meadows, Lateisha Moye and Michael Parks.

Third grade — Chris Barber, Paula Fornes, S.L. Gaskins, Sandra Jolly, Alisha Mills, Tina Register, Benjamin Buck, Hunter Morris, Felicia Singleton and Kimberly Kirkman.

Fourth grade — Amy Pepper, Kristina Burcham, Rebecca Waterman, Iman Moore, Jeremy Mills, Amy Edmundson, Crystal Fornes, Lara Mantyla, Chasidy McGowan and Michele Smith.

Fifth grade — Chanetta Moore, Curtis Chapman, Shirley Campbell, Kimberly Flake, Timothy Peterson, Larry Walton, Jennifer Bowers, Kamilah Blount, Kelly Jo Kirkman, David Garris, Courtney Morris, Necia Tripp, Denton Carawan and Denise Johnston.

Elks Powers Team To Win In Tournament

Jean Elks, the former softball coach at Plymouth High School now coaching at Fuquay-Varina High School, earned Most Valuable Player honors in leading Washington's Bunch Trucking to its first softball tournament championship this weekend.

Bunch Trucking finished the United States Slo-Pitch Softball Association Class C Vanceboro Invitational Tournament with a 4-1 record to qualify for the Class C Mid-Atlantic Division Tournament at Lexington, S.C. Labor Day weekend.

Bunch Trucking defeated Farmville Oil 5-2 to capture the championship after falling 3-2 in the first game of the final.

Bunch defeated Bob Barbour Toyota of Havelock, 16-6 in the first game; defeated Farmville Oil 5-2 in the second and downed Beaufort County 13-3 in the third game.

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