

# Eastern Echoes

By Gail Roberson



I recently read of an instance of neighbors helping neighbors. There was a mudhole 15 feet wide, smack in the middle of a gate path leading to a neighbor's wheat field. A man was sitting in front of it on his brand new combine, revving the engine. Then suddenly, he entered through the gate, with mud flying in every direction. The headers of his new combine barely missed the thick hedge posts. Behind him came two other combines, slipping and sliding. These men would probably never have made it through the mud or even tried such a valiant charge if the field had been their own. But it was not. It was a neighbor's. And so they revved the engines and steered their way firmly beyond.

The impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor. We do not so much need the help of our friends as the confidence of their help in a time of need. All across the country, neighbors are helping neighbors. Here, in this state, baled hay is gathered on large trucks to be driven to those in adjoining states that are suffering from the drought. Last year, many of those farmers hauled it here to some of us. This time, we're returning the favor to our now needy neighbors across the way.

There can be hope for a society which acts as one big family, and not as many separate ones. As Lyndon Johnson once said: "As man increases his knowledge of the heavens, why should he fear the unknown on earth? As man draws nearer to the stars, why should he not draw nearer to his neighbor?" After all, the salvation of mankind lies only in making everything the concern of all. We would do well to remember that the entire population of the universe, with one trifling exception, is composed of others.

Much has been said about neighbors through the years. Some people believe it is easier to love humanity than to love one's neighbors. I think it is wise to love our neighbor, but not pull down our hedge. The best kind of neighbor is the one who smiles at you over the back fence, but doesn't climb over it. While he doesn't make himself a nuisance, you know he's there if you need him. Like all good neighbors are.

You may fool a lot of people, but you cannot fool your neighbors. As George Ade once remarked: "Every man is the architect of his own fortune, but the neighbors superintend the construction."

Once, while I was being interviewed, the journalist asked, "what kind of person do you think you are? How would you describe yourself?" I thought for a moment, and then replied . . . "Ask the neighbors. They'll capture the real me."

My own safety is at stake when my neighbor's house is in flames. Prosperity is full of friends, but real friendship is shown in times of trouble. You may not see them for a while, but when it's necessary . . . they are there.

Neighbors helping neighbors. It's a good way of life. Let's be there when they need us. Let's offer what we can. But let's keep the hedges up too. It makes the best neighbor of them all.

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on a first-and-10 play, Rick Gorman's extra-point attempt was good and New Bern led 7-0.

West Craven took the kickoff and appeared stymied, but on third-and-10, Keven Holzworth connected with Kip Bryan on a 34-yard pass to the Bear's 39. But the Eagles were unable to convert a fourth-and-seven situation when Becton was stopped short.

After the half, New Bern continued to dominate West Craven's offense and frustrate the Eagle defense as Henderson scored on runs of seven and 15 yards to put the game out of the Eagles' reach.

After the Eagles took the second-half kickoff and punted, New Bern marched 47 yards in seven plays for its second score and 42 yards in the opening minutes of the fourth period for its final score.

The Eagles threatened late in the last quarter, but a halfback pass from Colvin Sanders just missed the outstretched hands of fullback Chuck Bandy at the New Bern 20.

New Bern fumbled away another chance to score when Henderson coughed up the football at the Eagle 14 and West Craven recovered.

Eagle head coach Clay Jordan, sporting a bandage over his left eye—injured when a sprayscan of paint exploded as he was lining the field earlier Friday—said he was disappointed in the "poorest

effort" of an Eagle team in many years. "We didn't block, we didn't tackle."

"They ran three basic plays and we couldn't stop them," said Jordan.

The Eagles face "an intense week of football practice" next week and Jordan wants to find out how much desire to improve his squad has. Jordan said he is not worried about next week's opponent Pamlico County. "We're going to have to work on West Craven," he said.

Jordan said he entered the game planning to run his fullback and other tailback more than he did in the first two games of the season. Jordan said his offensive line was unable to open holes for Becton and that Becton had trouble himself when he had the ball.

"We thought our defense did a super job," said New Bern Coach Ted Perry.

Perry said he had four players keying on Becton. "He's going to be great, but not tonight," said Perry.

"We wanted to be where he was. It worked," said the Bears' coach.

Perry said the dominance of his offensive line over the West Craven defense and the running of Brown were keys to the Bears' win. He was pleased with "the 100-degree turnaround" of his squad.



## Symbol Of Freedom?

This American bald eagle has long been thought of as a symbol of freedom. But this eagle is anything but free at the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News, Va. Of course, it may have more chance of surviving in captivity than in the wild.

Bald eagles have been killed and maimed by so-called "sportsmen." Federal law prohibits harming them, but many die each year.

(Ric Carter photo)

## Movie Engrish, Make That English, Shows Great Disdain For Languages

By MIKE HUGHES  
Americans, by and large, have enough trouble with English (a fact the readers of this column discerned long ago) so we're not too tolerant of other languages.

We like to assume everyone else in the world, from the dawn of time through 1988, has spoken our tongue.

This explains the origin of Germish, the language of World War II Nazi movie generals:

GEN. VON SHULTZ (using a pointer to instruct the men): "Achtung! Schnell! Ve must stop beat Americans from crossink ze bridge at Weinerschnitzel, unt den ve vill attack zem viss tanks unt planes at Cheeseburg unt zen ve vill drink schnapps unt eat bratwurst unt dans oompas viss our vimmen, yah?"

NAZI SOLDIERS (looking at one another, dumfounded): "Vat?"

Thank God only the generals spoke Germish because if the soldiers had been able to understand their commands, the Allies might have lost the war.

And then there is Spanglish,

which was made famous on TV by the Cisco Kid's blithering Latin sidekick, Pancho, who often uttered such authentic Castilian philosophical tidbits as:

"Ju know what, Cisco? I was theenking de oter day wan we was riding over doze potholes—I chure weesh I had a saddle for dees horse."

To which the Cisco Kid would reply: "Ah, Pancho!"

To which Pancho would reply: "Ah, Ceesco."

To which the viewer would reply: "Ah wonder what's on channel 13."

In Frenglish, on the other hand, the speaker purses his mouth like he's just tasted an expensive wine or swallowed an insect and utters silly-sounding phrases, like "Helleau, mon pous pous, how air yee?"

Frenglish can make even the most macho conversation sound like something in a baby's diaper.

According to movies, English has been spoken since the first caveman, though he, of course,

had limitations:  
THOG: "Had rough day. Me and Dag fell in big hole with tiger."  
MRS. THOG: "You mean Dag and I."

THOG: "You no there. Was me and Dag. What for dinner?"  
MRS. THOG: "Chipped dinosaur on toast. And stop talking like an idiot."

THOG: "Had that yesterday. Me want something new."  
MRS. THOG: "Something new, he says. So spear me a cow and we'll have pot roast."

Prehistoric women were notorious naggers.

Movie Indians used a form of Grogish but augmented it with key Indian phrases, such as "many moons," "stinking paleface" and "firestick."

Movie Japanese, of course, spoke Engrish.

Even creatures from outer space have always had an Americanized language, called Alienglish, which is basically plain old English spoken in monotone. This language also is a favorite of preachers, especially on hot Sunday mornings.

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## Lady Eagles Fall To Aurora Spikers

AURORA — Tonya Jordan propelled the Class 1-A Aurora High School volleyball team to a 9-15, 15-3, 15-4 win over Class 3-A opponent West Craven last Wednesday.

She scored 11 of her 13 points in the second and third games to steady Aurora, which had encountered early service problems.

"In the first game, we had 10 bad serves," said June Zurface, the Aurora coach. However, Jordan's serve buoyed the Lady Trojans. With the service problems ironed out, Aurora cruised by Class 2-A opponent Pamlico 15-6, 15-8 to emerge from the tri-meet with a 4-2 worksheet.

Leading the Lady Trojans were Viva Jordan, who finished with 19 points and seven aces and 22 sets for spikes; Micki Zurface, who finished with 10 points, six aces, 10 spikes, six kills and two blocks; Lee Montgomery, who notched 13 points with three aces and Jeannie Carrow, who notched 11 points with five aces and added 13 spikes and five kills.

## Harris

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A.M.E. Zion Church of Cove City honored Mrs. Harris on Aug. 7 by designating that Sunday as Doris H. Harris Day. Mrs. Jacqueline Walston presented Mrs. Harris 12 long-stemmed carnations and Mrs. Frances H. Boomer presented an engraved plaque on behalf of the church. Both women congratulated Mrs. Harris for her years of service to public education and Christian education. She also received the honor of being named Bryant Chapel's Teacher of the Year. She is the first member of the church to retire from teaching with 32 consecutive years, but still young enough to accept a position in industry.

Rev. J.C. Franks, pastor, called the honoree an outstanding leader and a "dedicated Christian lady."

Mrs. Harris is a native of Cove City and a graduate of the former Newbold High School at Fort Barnwell. She received a B.S. degree from Livingstone College and an M.A. degree from North Carolina Central University. She has done advanced studies at East Carolina University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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She is married to Edward "Joe" Harris and they reside in Fort Barnwell.

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