



NEW MEMBERS—Five new members were inducted into College of The Albemarle's Phi Theta Kappa national honor fraternity recently during a candlelight ceremony at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church in Elizabeth City. The latest additions to the Nu Nu Chapter of PTK include, from left, Gregory Peters, Terry Marsh, Mamie Johnson, Jeff Guard and Teresa Bateman. Membership to the organization is based on academic standing, citizenship and participation in campus activities. (COA Photo).

Bank's Year 'Exceeds Expectations'

ROCKY MOUNT—Peoples Bank Chairman and President, William H. Stanley, has reported that 1975 was the most profitable year in the bank's 44 year history. Stanley made the announcement during the bank's Annual Shareholders' Meeting held here on February 25.

"Our two primary goals in 1975, to meet our customers' demand for credit and improve the profitability of

our bank were not only met, but were exceeded beyond our expectations", Stanley reported. "Our loan demand during the year remained strong and our adequate liquidity position enabled us to continue to meet our customers credit demands. In addition, our bank's earnings were the highest in history", he added.

In his report to shareholders, Stanley reported that income before

securities transactions for 1975 was \$2,470,141, an 8.3 per cent increase over the 1974 figure of \$2,280,784. Per share results were \$3.74 compared to \$3.45 reported last year. Net income after securities transactions rose to \$2,485,938 per share in 1975 compared to last year's figure of \$2,235,704 or \$3.38 per share, an increase of 11.2 per cent.

According to Stanley, "Our 1974 profits were the highest in the history of the bank, and the 11.2 per cent increase in profits experienced by our bank in 1975 is particularly significant and is a direct reflection on the continuing efforts of our employees to profitably manage our resources."

Stanley also reported that deposits at year-end reached \$223,374,308 compared to 1974's total of \$205,314,723, an 8.8 per cent increase. Total loans experienced a healthy 11.3 increase rising from \$123,163,198 in 1974 to \$137,058,353 in 1975. Total resources at year-end were \$254,245,039, compared to \$236,127,747 in 1974, an increase of 7.7 per cent. Additionally, the Board of Directors increased the dividends paid during 1975 by 8.5 per cent. Total dividends paid per share in 1975 were \$1.02 compared to 94 cents paid during the same period last year.

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Democratic Dinner Event March 13

RALEIGH—With a record field of candidates pursuing the Democratic nominations for President and Governor, interest is high and the traditional Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner scheduled for March 13 at Raleigh's Royal Villa Motel promises to be "one of the biggest and best ever" according to State Democratic Chairman James R. Sugg.

Retiring State Treasurer Edwin Gill will serve as dinner chairman this year, rounding out 48 years of faithful service to the party. Another "old timer", veteran Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham, will preside.

Bill Hodge, newly installed as the party's executive director, reports that invitations to attend this year's "J-J" celebration have gone out to all the candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination, and at least two have already indicated that they will attend.

In addition, all of the candidates for statewide office are expected to establish a major presence at the Dinner as they solicit votes and support from among the Party leaders who form the bulk of the attendance.

The \$50-per-plate fundraising affair, first held in 1930, is one of four such events held annually to raise funds in support of Party operations.

Theme for the event this year is "Unity for Victory in '76", a continuing party slogan as Democrats go all out to heal the splits and correct the mistakes that produced Republican victories for the Presidency and the Governor's office in 1972.

Keynote speaker for this year's "J-J" celebration will be Louisiana Atty. Gen. William J. Guste, Jr. A former Louisiana legislator who was overwhelmingly elected to a second term as attorney general, Guste is considered typical of the new leadership which is rising to prominence in national Party affairs.

Centralized Lunch Menus

Centralized menus in cafeterias of Edenton-Chowan Schools for the next week include:

Friday—Fish fillet, french fries, ketchup, cole slaw, cranberry dessert, bread and milk.

Monday—Hamburger with bun, ketchup and mustard, pickle chips, french fries, prunes and milk.

Tuesday—Fish fillet, buttered corn, broccoli, apple pie with cheese, bread and milk.

Wednesday—Chili con carne with beans, cole slaw, rolls, apple sauce and milk.

Thursday—Sliced ham, glazed sweet potatoes, buttered greens, pickled beets, cranberry dessert, rolls and milk.

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II Corinthians
5:11-21

Monday
Philippians
2:1-16

Tuesday
II Timothy
3:14-4:8

Wednesday
Deuteronomy
8:11-20

Thursday
Deuteronomy
31:1-8

Friday
Psalms
25:1-14

Saturday
Psalms
28:1-9



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Scriptures selected by The American Bible Society

Do you gain any real comfort from that old cliché about dark clouds having silver linings? Who can peel a cloud to find its happy lining?

But frustration has been a blessing to many men. It has driven self-centered souls to seek a new fulcrum for life. It has brought men to God . . . acknowledging human failure . . . seeking divine strength.

And as they have found in the Church comfort and courage they have learned anew the spiritual meaning of defeat and victory.

The One that this world crucified is King of kings. Beyond a cross and a crown of thorns our greatest aspirations await us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE TOTAL COMMITMENT OF JESUS
International Sunday School Lesson for March 7, 1976
Scripture: Matthew 19:23-30; Matthew 19:1-2; 20:17-28
By Mrs. Jesse Waller

In answering the disciples questions, Jesus speaks to us in the here and now. How important it is that, as we study the scripture, we stop and hear what He has to say to us.

We live in such a competitive atmosphere, and often take the attitude that we must take care of ourselves, for no one else will fulfill our needs. Our "needs" seem to snowball, as our neighbors lawn looks greener, and they buy a boat, new car, or what have you. Commercial advertizing has caught on quickly, and picks up the song. If we are not using the right mouthwash or toothpaste, we will never get ahead! This is called pride of life, and in a subtle way, takes our eyes off of the total sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Jesus taught us that we don't live for what we can accumulate, but for the sole purpose of giving ourselves in service to others. When He set His face toward Jerusalem, He told His disciples what He must suffer, in giving His life. They were too blinded by their own positions and worth, to see His sacrifice, and to understand its far reaching benefits to all.

This lesson in Matthew helps us examine our own motives in life, and to look at them in the light of Jesus' complete commitment.

The secret of total giving of self is love. Jesus loved the individuals and crowds who came to Him for help. He realized that the crowd was fickle, and that His popularity was ironic at this point. The people were attracted by His miracles and the things He could do to help them. In spite of his knowledge about them, He loved them, and served them to the end. Even on the cross, He promised paradise with Him, to a thief.

Even en route to Jerusalem, Jesus again tells His disciples of the impending trial and crucifixion. In His patient explanation, for the third time, He used His total physical, emotional and mental agony. This was to be the terrible debt which canceled our sins. He didn't leave His disciples in despair, because He foretold His resurrection on the third day.

The disciples were a closely knit group, and when they heard that the mother of James and John had made the request that one sit on the left of Him, and the other on the right, they were indignant. They had missed the whole meaning of greatness. Jesus answer was simple. Be a servant, was His simple answer, if you want to be great. See how many you can serve. He didn't mean we have to be a doormat for society, and be walked on, but we must put the welfare of others ahead of our own ambitions. I have known many who understood this principle of Jesus, and have given up high positions and salaries to go and serve where they were most needed.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to make the necessary changes in our lives which will make us more useful in your kingdom. Amen.

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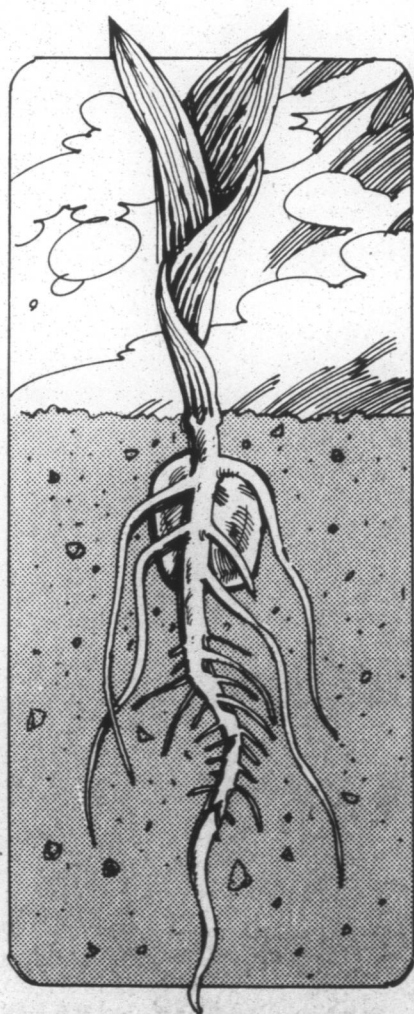
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