

# I'm Thankful For Christmas And Friends

Xmas means so much to me  
Cause Jesus was borned that special day  
It won't be for me, what it used to be  
For my mama is twenty miles away

But God will be very close to me  
And I will not be all alone  
I'm living now for Jesus you see  
Cause He blessed me to have a home.

There's so many people that I thank so much  
So many of them I care for a lot  
They warmed my soul with their touch  
And restored true love back into my heart

When I felt my life was a drag  
Important folks stepped in and said  
Essie, don't feel lost and look so sad  
God is here, you should be glad.

Now I'm learning day by day  
That there's people who really cares  
That there's sure to be another way  
Of getting by and paying fares.

To these people I ask one thing  
Practice what you preach and preach what you practice  
For a better day the holy bell will ring  
Since I learned this, I am happy.

To the EIC, the Sheriff Office, Extension Office and Dr. Slades' Office.

By Essie Lee Pullman



**RECEIVES HONOR**—It will be an especially Merry Christmas for Louise Ervin, who recently received notice that she has been approved for membership in "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges". Mrs. Ervin, a second-year Associate Degree Nursing student at College of The Albemarle, was one of nine students who were nominated for the distinguished honor on the basis of their scholastic and extra-curricular achievements while attending the college. She is the wife of James G. Ervin, Sr. and resides with her husband at 400 North Broad Street. (COA Photo).

## Letter To The Herald Editor

As I sit on the bank of the Albemarle Sound on today, July 4, 1976, the 200th Anniversary of our nation and look across the sound at Edenton, I am inspired by the part she has played in history.

In appreciation of the glory of her past and the hope of her future, I write the following poem:

Edenton! Fair Edenton!

Ancient in Thy regal splendor,  
Mother city of this land,  
Gateway to his land of freedom,  
In the brotherhood of man.  
Edenton! Fair Edenton,  
Emerald of the Albemarle.

Facing South upon blue waters,  
Queen of all which you survey,  
Elegant in they daylight splendor,  
Shimmering silver in the night.  
Edenton! Fair Edenton,  
Emerald of the Albemarle.

Cradle of aborning freedoms  
Tyrants enemy, Freedom's friend.  
Noble in original purpose  
True and faithful to the end.  
Edenton! Fair Edenton,  
Emerald of the Albemarle.

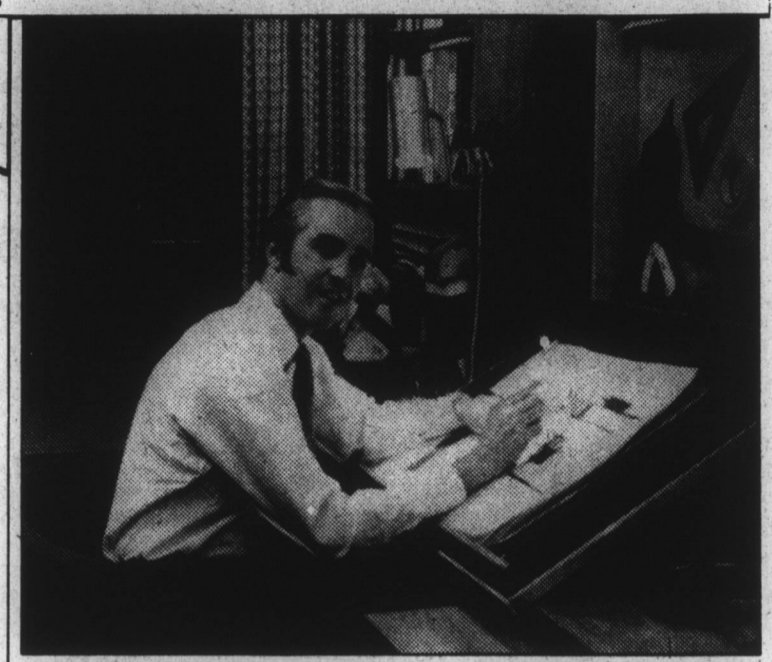
Scott Yorke Pharr, Jr.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Pharr, minister of Plymouth Presbyterian Church, has dedicated the poem to John A. Mitchener, Jr., and his family. "He has done more than any other man to make Edenton the charming place which it is," the pastor wrote.)



# time out for GOD

## MAKING PLANS



Do you like to build things . . . a bird house or a skyscraper? If you are such a person, you know that plans are involved, often difficult ones. Usually we use the drawing board before we start building.

Making plans may be called foresight or looking ahead—and we all know that this is necessary whether building an object or building your life.

As you make plans for the future, don't overlook one of the most effective and time-honored aids in building a strong character—your church! Like millions before you, you may find just what you need to make your plans succeed.

Achieve success? This is what we all want and what we plan for. Start your planning now by going to church next Sunday.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Job 38:3-7	Timothy 40:1-5	Timothy 3:2-5	James 1:19-21	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:19-22	Luke 17:7-10

### Little Stories about Great Hymns

#### Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.



Our own John C. Whittier gave us this gracious hymn. He grew up on a New England farm, where hard work left little time for study or writing. His family were Quakers, he learned to live simply, as Jesus did, and to love all mankind. He fought ardently against Slavery. "Love God and serve your fellow-men" was his ideal, which he lived and expressed in his quiet but forceful way.

### Williford Barham Funeral Home

## PROPERTY MUST BE LISTED IN JANUARY

### 1976 TAX LISTINGS JANUARY 3rd - FEBRUARY 3rd Notice Is Hereby Given

That the List Takers for Chowan County will sit at the following places at the times named, at which places and in which month all property owners and taxpayers are required to return to the List Takers for taxation for the year 1976 all Real Estate, Personal Property, etc., which each one shall own on the 1st day of January, 1977, or shall be required to give in. All property must be listed by the owner unless he is mentally or physically incapable of doing so. All property must be listed in the township in which it is located.

#### FIRST TOWNSHIP

1977 TAX LISTING JANUARY 3rd TO FEBRUARY 3rd

Arrowhead Beach Chowan Beach Cape Colony  
LISTERS: Pattie S. Byrum, Myrtle W. Hare, Gail M. Forehand,  
Jean B. Perry, Sadie H. Hoskins

Monday through Friday 8 to 5 o'clock  
Saturday 8 to 12 o'clock

Every day first floor County Office Building

#### SECOND TOWNSHIP

LISTER: Wayne Bunch

Monday and Thursday nights from 6 to 9 o'clock at  
January 4-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. M & R Service Center  
January 11-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. M & R Service Center  
January 18-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Archie Nixon's Store  
January 25-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. M & R Service Center  
February 3-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. A. T. Whiteman's Store  
W. E. Smith's Store

#### THIRD TOWNSHIP

LISTER: T. D. Berryman

January 6-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Ryland Store  
January 8-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. L. C. Briggs' Store  
January 13-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Byrum's Service Center  
January 15-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. L. C. Briggs' Store  
January 20-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Ryland Store  
January 22-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. L. C. Briggs' Store  
January 27-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Byrum's Service Center  
January 29-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. L. C. Briggs' Store  
February 3-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. At Home

#### FOURTH TOWNSHIP

LISTER: Ward Hoskins

January 4-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Brabble's Store  
January 8-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Brabble's Store  
January 11-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Brabble's Store  
January 15-8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Brabble's Store  
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Beginning January 3rd Through February 3rd, Without Penalty. After February 3rd a 10% Penalty For Failure to List.

### CHOWAN COUNTY TAX OFFICE

## Church Choir To Present Cantata

The combined choirs of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church will present a candlelight cantata, "I Believe He's The Son of God", by John F. Wilson, on Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The choir will be under the direction of Mrs. Brenda Winborne and the narration will be done by Kenny Dickerson.

Immediately following the service light refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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## Sunday School Lesson

ATTEMPTING SELF-SUFFICIENCY  
International Sunday School Lesson  
Scripture: Genesis 25:29-34  
By Mrs. Jesse Waller

Today we begin a unit, and continue the study all through the November lessons, entitled "God's Will: Our Acceptance of Servanthood."

The implications in the lesson today are so contemporary that it reads like the front page of our newspaper. The sins which confront so many youth, and adults, are all bound up with selfishness. Our sin nature, and human weakness gives us the false impression that we can go it alone. Some say they don't need God or anyone else telling them how to run their lives. The end result of that kind of attitude is that they end up leaving God out, and letting others set their pattern of behavior.

Jacob and Esau were really doing their thing, without any help from anyone else, in their contriving and selfish ways. When one is physically hungry it would be easy to succumb to a hot bowl of lentil soup. But how could Esau do this, knowing that he would lose his birthright, which was so important in his day? Jacob evidently knew his brother well, and realized that his stomach was his most vulnerable approach. Already there was selfishness and deceit in the family, because Esau was favored by his father, and Jacob was his mother's favorite twin. Out of this situation jealousy grew between the twins, Jacob and Esau.

Do you see a resemblance in your family which matches theirs? Self sufficiency is so short sighted. So many are willing to settle for the immediate gratification, which is momentary, and always is followed by regret.

The heart of this narrative is not Jacob's clever trading the bowl of soup for Esau's birthright. It is the blatant indifference of Esau. Then, naturally follows the consequences of such irresponsibility. Esau disinherited his children, left them wild men of the desert and rocks, instead of leaving them heirs of the promises that through his life would come the promised Messiah. He was not fit for such a promise.

Then we are familiar with the unfolding of the story of Jacob, who suffered for his deceitfulness. He was, in turn deceived by his Uncle Laban, to whom he had been sent by his parents to find a wife. He had no dowry, so had to work seven years for Rachel, whom he loved. Laban tricked him, and gave him Leah, the older daughter, after dark. It was morning before Jacob knew Laban had tricked him. Then Laban made him work an additional seven years for Rachel.

Self-sufficiency is especially deadly in the matter of marriages. Our customs are different today, and youth is permitted to find their own mates. Many feel that it is not necessary to wait for self gratification until marriage—they wreck several lives in their pursuit of security, and are not willing to wait for God's guidance and sanction. It was shocking and most indiscreet, recently, to have the wife of our President to express the view that is so popular today, on the CBS-TV "60 minute" program. She suggested that more sexual freedom might result in less divorce. On the other hand it has increased divorce and trial marriage, and wrecked countless lives.

Closing thought: Dear Father, all of us need to know what you require of us as individuals. Help us, especially, to teach our youth faith and obedience, to Thee. Amen. (Based on copyrighted Outlines produced by the Committee on the Uniform Series and used by permission.)

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