

# The Bandon Notebook

By MAGGIE B.  
Each day as we go our daily rounds, we find so many reasons for thanksgiving - so many things to inspire quiet reverence. Look around you. See the little bird in the apple tree singing his glad doxology; the beautiful rose with head held high; the fragrance of the mint by the back doorsteps; the calm, serene waters of the Chowan River; the laughter of your grandchild at play lends enchantment to this beautiful day. A kind and loving husband at your side to enjoy the beauties of God's creation - a neighbor calls, a friend drops by. Friends are one of God's greatest blessings. Share with me this exquisite poem, author unknown, and remember what a Friend we have in Jesus:

Friendship is a chain of Gold  
Shaped in God's all perfect mold  
Each link a smile, a laugh, a tear  
A grip of the hand, a word of cheer  
Steadfast as the ages roll  
Binding closer soul to soul  
No matter how far or heavy the load  
Sweet is the journey on Friendship's Road.

Those assembled for Sunday School on this beautiful Lord's Day were warmly welcomed by Supt. H.T. Bunting. He reported that Mrs. Dot Gacki's brother suffered a fatal heart attack this morning. Mrs. Gacki received the call as she was ready to leave for Sunday School so the full impact of the news didn't hit her until she arrived at Bandon. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her and her family.

Bible Study will be Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall with Dr. Bill leading the discussion. Everyone is invited to join us in this delightful hour. Choir practice follows.

BCWG exercise class begins at 10:30 A.M. Thursday, followed by regular meeting from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Join us - it'll be fun. Bring your favorite project and a sandwich - coffee is furnished.

Prayer List: Roy Housden did not have surgery Monday as scheduled due to breakdown of equipment vital to the operation. Please pray that a miracle will be worked in his life and if it's God's will, the surgery will not be necessary; pray that God will give Kitty

Housden the strength she needs; Mrs. Laura Evans entered Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City Tuesday for surgery; Mrs. Virginia Hobbs, mother-in-law of Janice Hobbs, is confined to Chowan Hospital in the Intensive Care Unit; Mrs. Myrtle Mathews, sister of Mrs. Margaret Smithson, underwent surgery Friday for removal of blood clots in her arm. She's in the Intensive Care Unit, St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Va. 23229; continue to pray for the physical restoration of our missionary David Smith; George Bunch, Jr.; "Duck" Reid; Rod Driscoll; Shelton Butler; Peggy Baker; Tipton Patry and Robert Lepley. Also include our home missionary, Nita Pride and much loved pastor, Dr. W.J.B. Livingston.

Our Juniors, taught by Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Beach, had as their subject "Accepting Others' Success", Gen. 37:1-36. Aim was that the student may learn to accept the happiness and privileges of others.

"Speaking with Wisdom", James 3: 6-18, was the topic for our adults, taught by Wm. F. (Butch) Smith. Aim was that adult Christians use their tongues to bring peace rather than disorder.

At the organ, Mrs. Margaret Bunting accompanied Mrs. Bobbie Jean Holt in her rendition of "I Asked The Lord". Her gorgeous voice rang out loud and clear, enunciating perfectly the inspirational words of this holy music, bringing tears to the eyes of many.

Dr. W.J.B. Livingston welcomed all to our Worship Service, especially our first-timers, Mrs. Lilly Beach of Williamston, mother of Elbert Beach and Mrs. Virginia McClinton of Chowan Beach, adding that he hoped they would enjoy our service and come back soon.

He announced that Rev. Fritz Stegeman would fill

the pulpit next Sunday, 22nd. Rev. Stegeman preached his first sermon at Bandon Chapel after being ordained as a minister. He is now pastor of the Open Door Chapel, Virginia Beach, Va. They are sponsoring the New Creation Crusade at the Norfolk SCOPE June 6 through June 8, featuring Anita Bryant, Dale Evans, Nicky Cruz, Chico Holiday and others who will share their experiences in living the Christian life. Everyone is invited to come to the Crusade and to support it with your prayers.

When Dr. Bill visited Roy Housden last Wednesday, Roy gave him a sealed envelope addressed to him on which was written "Please read Sunday, May 15th, 1977". Dr. Bill opened the letter and read: "Dear Dr. Livingston and friends of Bandon Chapel: I really feel that when they do the operation on my lung and remove whatever it is in there that I will recover and be able to come home for good. Please pray for me that all this can be so. I'll be praying that I can return a better person to my God, a better man to my wife, neighbors and friends. I pray that I'll be able to do more for Dr. Livingston and the Chapel. I am sorry I waited so long in life to get on the right road and I guess if it wasn't for my loving wife's constant urging us to change our ways, I would still be on that wrong road. If God's willing and I do return I would like to help people in the best way I can. I would like to let them know about those two roads I mentioned .... Friends of Bandon Chapel, you are the ones I'll be coming home to see. Love, Roy". Needless to say, there wasn't a dry eye in that congregation.

Dr. Bill's message was "The Unbalanced Life", Romans 7: 15-25, with emphasis on vs. 19 "For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." Jesus lived a most unbalanced life. The good in Him was always predominant. Why isn't that possible with us? We were born with two natures. Part of us wants to do right, the other wants to do wrong. Within my earthly temple there's a crowd. There's one that's humble, one that's proud; there's one that's broken-hearted for His sins and one that, unrepentant, sits and grins. There's one that loves his neighbor as himself, and one that cares for naught but fame and wealth. "O, wretched man", cried Paul, "who shall save me from this raging battle between my good self and my evil twin?" Evil is all about us. Paul said he found the solution. He threw himself on the Holy Spirit and it gave him power to do what was right. Jesus gave him a margin. He lived with a balance toward the good. Recognize it, face it. Take Paul's way - thank God there is victory through Christ our Lord, we cannot in our own power go it alone. Jesus gives us victory over the evil nature within us. We need Sunday School, Church, the Bible, Prayer, Witnessing and Hymns. Pray that Christ will help us get rid of the things that are not pleasing to God and we will become dependable, have a reserve and have freedom. You can do it - it's the only way to go.

Kenneth Lee Owens and

Harry Lee Gainey were baptised by Dr. Livingston Sunday afternoon at 2 P.M. in the waters of the beautiful Chowan. It was a moving experience. As they came toward shore, everyone sang the Doxology. Then we gathered them into our Circle of Love and sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds". After the benediction, everyone congratulated and embraced them. Halleluiah!

Covered Dish Supper Friday at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall! Come out, bring your favorite dish or dishes and join in the good food, fun and fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Gil Holt will be your Hosts this month. See you there.

IMPORTANT DATES: Saturday, June 4th at 7:30 P.M. Reception for our home missionary, Nita Pride. Nita will show slides of her activities this past year and bring us up to date on future plans. She will also be with us for services on the 5th.

Sunday, June 5th. Mr. and Mrs. William (Bill) Smith will hold "Open House" from 2-4 P.M. Everyone invited.

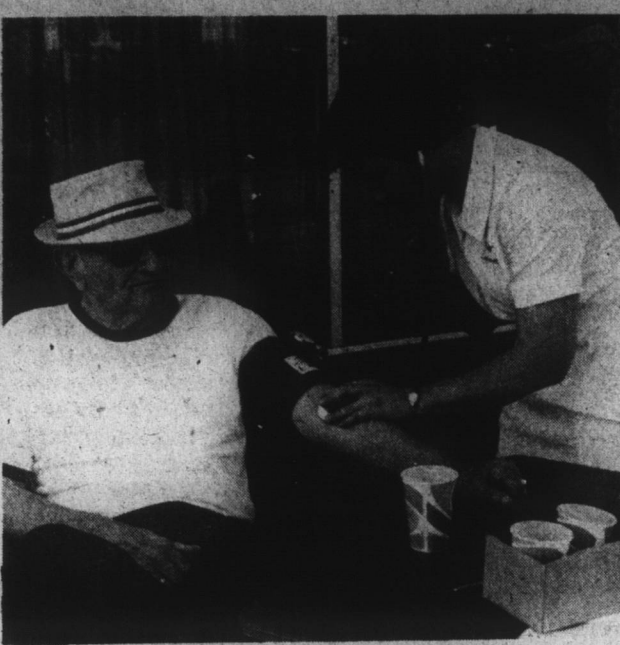
Saturday, May 21st Country Ham Dinner, \$3.00, served from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. Sponsored by Edenton Chapter 302, Order of the Eastern Star. You may come to the Temple to eat or take it home with you. Orders will be delivered to those that are shut-ins or who cannot make it to the Temple. Plan to have lunch or dinner out - no dishes to wash!

The month of May has been proclaimed nationally as Senior Citizens Month. The week of May 22-28 is being proclaimed as Senior Citizens' Week in Chowan County.

The Edenton-Chowan members of the N.C. Association of Senior Citizens, District 1-B, have designated Monday for observance of their Second Annual Senior Citizens Special Events from 4 P.M.

to 7 P.M., at the Colonial Park in the Edenton Municipal Building area. All senior citizens are asked to come. Those who wish may participate in the talent events: singing, reciting, art and crafts or other ways. You are asked to bring a cover dish of food. The events are open to seniors and those who accompany them. Friends are asked to assist in the transportation and caring of seniors who may need help.

Senior Citizens in Edenton and Chowan County will be in the limelight next week as Mayor Roy L. Harrell, left, and C.A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, have signed proclamations to honor them. Monday afternoon at 4 P.M. a special event will begin in Colonial Park.



FREE CLINIC—One of the special activities of National Hospital Week, last week, was a free bloodpressure clinic sponsored by Chowan Hospital, Inc. and held at the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad Building, downtown. Above, Linda Hudgins, RN, checks the bloodpressure of a passerby.

## Desegregation Meeting Slated At Myrtle Beach

The United States Office of Education, Region IV, in cooperation with the General Assistance Centers and the respective State Education Agencies of North and South Carolina are sponsoring a Desegregation Conference May 15-18 at Myrtle Beach. Wilbur Pierce, director of ESAA projects, and John Dunn, superintendent, are representing Edenton-Chowan Schools along with John Santana, Holmes ESAA guidance counselor, Ginny Summers, White Oak ESAA guidance counselor, Rita Carver, Walker ESAA reading lab teacher, and Jo Ann Wheeler, White Oak ESAA math lab teacher.

The focus of the conference is on providing strategies for resolving problems related to school desegregation and elimination of sex discrimination in education. The conference is designed to provide information on successful strategies, activities, and positive impact of the Civil Rights Act, The Emergency School Aid Act (ESAA), and Sex Discrimination programs.

Project HOPE (Health Opportunity for People Everywhere) is the principal activity of The People-to-People Health Foundation, Inc., of Washington, D.C., an independent, non-profit corporation, dedicated to improving health in developing areas of the world.

## Letter To The Chowan Herald Editor

(Editor's Note: Recently Durwood Laughinghouse, staff attorney with the State Department of Agriculture and Commissioner Jim Graham's representative on the Coastal Resources Advisory Council, was quoted in the press as appearing at a legislative committee hearing "opposition" to the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) and also expressed equal concern over our appearing before legislators and people who were in "opposition" to CAMA. I am also concerned that we had to appear before legislators who were listening to those in "opposition" to CAMA. As I understand the situation, this was the third in a series of meetings held by coastal legislators. One meeting was to listen to people who were in favor of CAMA, another was for those who were opposed to CAMA, and I do not know the mood or topic of the other meeting. Unfortunately, we were unaware of the two previous meetings as we were not invited to express our views concerning land-use planning, not just CAMA. Since the meeting I have learned that others in favor of land-use planning and specifically in favor of CAMA were invited to the meeting and were not in attendance. It just so happened we were the only ones in attendance without a position relating to CAMA, but recognized with the others in the group.

It is unfortunate that we have been labeled as part of the opposition to the CAMA. In fact, we have never stated a position concerning whether or not we support all of the aspects contained in the CAMA. We have felt and continue to feel that CAMA is not the institution in question, but rather land-use planning is the issue development stages and continuing through its implementation. CAMA is a total concept only part of which we question.

We now must take a statewide view of land-use planning and disregard whether land-use planning is done in the coastal, the piedmont, the sandhills, or mountain areas. Therefore, we look upon CAMA as a tool to implement land-use planning rather than taking a position for or against CAMA as the topic of discussion. In this regard CAMA was needed and has been useful. The only opportunity we had to explain our position on land-use planning was at the meeting held for those opposed to the CAMA, and I think our policy was stated as succinctly as it could be under the circumstances.

I have read Peggy Payne's article in the "Virginia-Pilot"; and from what Durwood told me, Ms. Payne quoted the facts and mood of the meeting quite accurately. I had hoped when Durwood indicated "we have a little different view" that people would read this to mean that we have a little different view with regard to land-use planning. I am sorry that you did not get that impression and instead got the impression that we are against CAMA. We have spoken for land-use planning many times, with the first public statement at the annual meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Wilmington this past January.

I believe that during the Coastal Resources Commission meeting in Raleigh just after the Soil and Water Conservation meeting, Durwood supplied a copy of my speech to all the members of the Coastal Resources Commission, the Advisory Council, and anyone who desired a copy. In that speech I indicated what I was for and what I was against with regard to land-use planning. I believe you will find that I was for a lot of the principles which you and the coastal people who are concerned about the haphazard development of Eastern North Carolina can also uphold.

I must disagree with your statement that the implementation phase of CAMA is nothing more than a "house keeping chore". The implementation is dependent to a large extent upon the people involved in the program. However, there are aspects of the law that disturb me such as another level of permits. This is not to say that I do not endorse permit coordination, but permit coordination is a somewhat different approach than combining permit authorities or adding additional criteria on that which already exists. There is a definite need for coordinating all the processes and having it so that an individual need not apply at 30 different locations to receive thirty different permits. That process is a "house keeping chore" that can be handled in state government if all of state government is willing to cooperate and be dedicated to this idea. We can coordinate our processes to where an individual can be placed in different locations in the State to help individual developers fill out permit applications and transmit the permit application to the appropriate agency in order to obtain a response. This would not require the individual to apply at the different locations personally. This is quite different from the situation where one individual applies for a permit at one location and has additional requirements which have to be met in order to obtain the permit from the coordinator. There are still others who would call permit coordination as removing regulatory authorities from different State agencies and placing them in the hands of one commission or authority over a given land area. The inconsistencies would be too numerous to mention.

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We in the state that have state programs to protect

specific aspects of the environment and health of the public statewide must look at those aspects and try to coordinate with other state agencies. I agree that there should be some mechanism which provides better coordination and with less overlapping, but I do not think the state is dedicated to this on a statewide basis yet. This is a statewide problem which needs total dedication from the legislature.

With regard to the areas of environmental concern, I have always felt that there are existing programs which take into account these areas and are designed to protect certain aspects of the environment. If these programs are not functioning, then we should take a closer look at these programs instead of placing a greater burden on the person who is trying to develop a piece of property. We feel that local communities which tend to guide their investments away from these areas, away from agricultural areas, and put their investments in marginal land will more than protect these areas from development both now and in the future.

I hope that I have somewhat explained our position with respect not to CAMA, but to land-use planning which is an issue that is coming up in this General Assembly and one which we have to address not only in the coastal area but state-wide. Thank you again for transmitting your concerns to me at this time; and let me repeat that I feel it unfortunate that we had to appear at such a forum in order to express our concern to this group. But let me assure you that we will continue our support for local land-use planning and our very strong support for local control by local governments in the development of land-use plans and whatever implementation these local governments choose for land-use planning.

With all good wishes,  
Cordially,  
James A. Graham  
Commissioner

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