

# Bandon Notebook: Thankful Spirit Is Fine Attribute Of Mankind

By Maggie B. HI, NEIGHBORS! A thankful spirit is one of the finest attributes of mankind! So many people today find fault with everything and everybody. They take their blessings for granted and would probably grumble with accommodations in Heaven - IF they ever get there. It's so different with those

who have a THANKFUL heart. They look at the bright side of things - love their family, friends and neighbors. They find beauty in the simple things of nature: the joyful singing of the birds; lapping of gentle waters against a bulkhead; the fragrance of a flower; the scent of pine trees in the rain; a lovely painting; an old picture frame; the

laughter of children; good music; and all kinds of beautiful musical instruments. They readily express their appreciation for ALL things and relish spreading joy and happiness.

"Gabby" Byrum is such a man. He and Ruebl, his wife of 41 years, own and operate "Gabby's Restaurant", located on Rt. 17N, a few miles out of Edenton - a place where you can enjoy the evening and not be afraid to take your children. Every Saturday night they have live music - gospel, country-western, and sometimes, rock and roll. It's all good! They serve home cooked meals at a reasonable price and when you've finished your meal, you can stay right there for the rest of the evening enjoying the music - and they keep your coffee cup or tea glass filled! No alcoholic beverages!!

A few weeks ago, my hubby and I, together with a group of friends, were having dinner there. "Gabby" sat with us for a while. He looked around at the capacity crowd, all obviously completely enjoying themselves. His face beamed. With a wide smile, he said: "I sure would love to thank everybody for

coming here. If it wasn't for my friends coming back, I couldn't stay in business. I'd like to thank each and every one that play music for me, too. Without them, all these nice people probably wouldn't come out to eat. And, I'd really like to thank my wife, Rubell. If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't be here."

He was so sincere and so filled with thanksgiving, I thought that all the fine folk

"Since it has been my lot to find at every parting of the road The helping hand of comrade kind to help me with my heavy load

And since I have no gold to give and love alone must make amends

My humble prayer is, while I live 'God make me worthy of my friends'."

On this glorious Lord's Day, the fine folk assembled for Sunday School at Bandon Chapel were joyfully welcomed by Supt. Meta Mason, especially our members who have been unable to be with us for a while and our visitors. After a report of those on our Prayer List, Supt. Mason announced that at the meeting of the BCWG on Tuesday at 10:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall, plans will be made for a Bazaar to be held for the POA. Everyone with any ideas on the subject was invited to be present.

Bible Study will be Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. conducted by Pastor Bob. Choir practice follows at 8:15 P.M.

Prayer List: Anything, no matter how small, which concerns us, concerns God. Please add our friends to your prayer list. Clara Mae Evans, wife of Marvin Evans, suffered a heart attack Thursday and is confined to Chowan Hospital; Harry Woodall will enter Chowan Hospital Monday and needs your prayers; Jessie Baines will enter Chowan Hospital Wednesday; Vance Hare is confined to Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City where he underwent throat

who enjoy their Saturday nights at "Gabby's" would like to know just how much your patronage is appreciated. Further, I'm sure that the fine musical groups that play each Saturday will be delighted that their talents are thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by "Gabby" as well as by the audience. This little verse, author unknown, expresses Gabby's feelings:

"Happy Birthday" was sung by all in honor of Helen Skinner and Judy Faye Nelson as they placed their contributions in our Birthday Bank.

At our Worship Service, the Shepherd of Bandon's flock, Rev. Robert S. Harrell, personally greeted our visitors and made them welcome. The subject of his inspiring message was "The Kingdom of God", Mark 4:26-29. Resume follows: There is nothing more fascinating than planting a seed and watching it grow but we do not know how or why. We plant the seed, then have to stand back and let God take over. The Kingdom of God is invisible because it has to do with the reign of God in our lives. It is the dominion of God - He is Lord over all. It is built on patience and confidence - Jesus declares it has the spontaneity of the seed. Let us stand back and let God do what God knows best - that is to work His spiritual way in the lives of all of us.

This is a parable of patience, great faith and absolute confidence. God doesn't force us - we have to plant the seed. There is nothing so unstoppable as the power of God provided we open our minds and lives, and let Him take over.

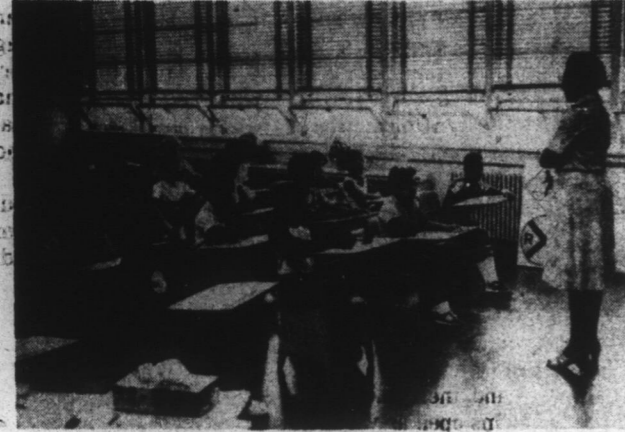
Breaking Bread Together in Fellowship Hall following our Worship Service was absolutely delightful. A spirit of brotherly love prevailed the atmosphere. There were approximately 30 people gathered to join in the fellowship. An abundance of good food and luscious desserts were available and as usual, we all ate too much - but it was SO good! Make plans now to attend the next one so you won't miss out on the good food, fellowship and fun.

"God is Faithful", Deut. 32:1-9, was the topic for our adults, taught by Deacon Wm. F. (Butch) Smith. The bible truth brought out was that the Lord is a majestic, reliable, uncorrupted, and yet, loving God.

The first fruit of a religious personality is an honest life.

## For And About Women

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IT'S SCHOOL TIME AGAIN! — Mrs. Mary Sawyer, a 3rd Grade teacher at D. F. Walker, introduces herself to her new class for the new school year. Area motorists are urged to be careful of school children on their way to and from school.

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