

Bandon Notebook

HI, NEIGHBORS! Today is mine - my birthday! Isn't it great just to be alive? My Dad's youngest brother, Paul, wasn't too many years my senior so we had a great time together. He was a good Christian who enjoyed singing, laughing and just living but he always said "Heaven's my home, I'm just here on a visit". If you think about it, that's true. We are all just "visiting" but while we are here, we have to make that visit worthwhile - we must do something to insure that "Heaven" will indeed be "our home".

"Life without purpose is barren indeed - There can't be a harvest unless you plant seed, There can't be attainment unless there's a goal And man's but a robot unless there's a soul... If we send no ships out, no ships will come in, And unless there's a contest, nobody can win... For games can't be won unless they are played, And prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed... So whatever is wrong with your life today, You'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray Not just for pleasure, enjoyment and health, Not just for honors and prestige and wealth... But pray for a purpose to make life worth living, And pray for the joy of unselfish giving. For great is your gladness and rich your reward When you make your life's purpose the choice of the Lord."

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On this Lord's Day, the sun broke through the shadows of night in a blaze of glory causing the waters of the mighty Chowan to sparkle and dance; birds were busy building nest yet lifted their voices in song to greet the new day, while tiny squirrels chased each other across the yard. As one filled the lungs with clean, fresh air and the soul with the beauty of nature, a sense of thanksgiving filled one's being. 'Twas a perfect day to enter the church of your choice to thank our Creator for His countless blessings.

The fine folk assembled at Bandon Chapel for Sunday School were treated to an enlightening explanation as to why the Book of Revelation was written and the importance of studying this last Book of the Bible. This was done by Deacon Wm. F. Smith as he skillfully and lovingly taught the adult lesson, "Assurance in Times of Stress", based on Rev. 1:1-11.

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Prayer List: In my opinion, prayer is the most powerful force in this world today. Please add our friends to your prayer list. Mrs. Mattie Nixon is still confined to Leigh Memorial Hospital, Norfolk, Va.; Audrey Kline's foot surgery last week was successful; Mrs. Verna Jordan, mother-in-law of Joyce Jordan, needs your support as she continues her radium treatments. Her address is: 312 W. Bute St., Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Sue Britt, mother of Bobbie Hitt, was transferred to Chowan Hospital last week; Louise Dilday has been ill and needs prayer. Her address is: P.O. Box 1044, Edenton; Larry Chandler would welcome your prayers; Dr. W. J. B. Livingston (our beloved Dr. Bill) is in need of your prayers; please remember J. W. Swindell and his wife, Caroline; Jessie Baines; Bill and Joan O'Neil; Willie Darden; pray for our Nation, its leaders, especially the peace making efforts of Sec. Haig, and its people; our missionaries; and our Pastor, Rev. Robert S. Harrell and his family.

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Progressive Luncheon Fantastic!! Last Thursday, 20 members of the BCWG embarked on a most enjoyable adventure. At 10:30 A.M., they gathered at the home of Pres. Helen Ellinwood. All were welcomed, Grace was said, and appetizers were served. A good start! About an hour later, the group visited the home of Trudy Lapham where a Salad Bar was set up, rivaling any I've seen anywhere in its variety and freshness. Dressing of your choice, crackers and plenty of coffee or tea were available. It was delightful. The ladies left Trudy's home at 1:15 P.M., proceeding to the home of Hilda Strickland for the main course, consisting of Goulash, tiny peas, hot rolls, variety of homemade pickles, coffee or tea. Delicious! Then, on to the home of Olga Taylor for dessert and meeting. After a brief business session, pictures of the group were taken by Olga's husband, Bucky, for our Photo Album. Then, dessert

Foodtown Offers A Symphony Deal

In these days of rapid inflation, it is no secret that everyone is looking for a chance to get more for their money. The Chowan County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony and Edenton's Food Town have combined efforts to offer YOU a chance to do exactly that! On May 3, 4, and 5, by simply doing your grocery



EAT YOUR HEART OUT FOR THE SYMPHONY — At Food Town on May 3, 4, and 5. Tim Melvin right, Edenton Food Town Manager, shows Mary Rhea Gardner, left, president of Chowan County's Symphony Chapter, how simple it is to check out a basket full of groceries and earn money for the local chapter's effort to provide more student concerts for next year.

shopping at Food Town, you can help bring the symphony back to Chowan County.

The rules are simple as follows: 1) Each member of the Chowan County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony may turn in up to two (2) register tapes dated May 3, 4, or 5 to symphony representatives, who will be available at Food Town on those days. Anyone who purchased a ticket for the January 28 concert automatically became a

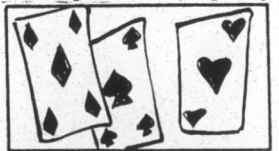
member. This means that if, for example, several family members bought tickets, each is eligible to participate. This rule becomes important because - 2) Each member may invite one (1) friend or neighbor to participate by shopping up to two (2) times during the three day period and signing both their name and that of their member - friend to the register tape and turning it in. 3) At the end of the three

day period, all register tapes turned in will be tallied and Food Town will donate 5 per cent of the total receipts to the Chowan County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony!

What could be simpler? Obviously, the more groceries bought the larger the symphony contribution will be, so this will be a good time to stock up on canning and freezing supplies for the summer, non-perishables, and Mother's Day groceries. But every ticket will help so don't hesitate to turn in your ticket just because it is a small one.

This effort is particularly important because after receiving numerous requests from the community that ALL school children in the county be able to participate in the symphony experience, the local Chapter is now committed to providing an additional student concert during the next school year. This brings the total number of local performances to three, and substantially increases the amount of money needed to provide the services.

Please support this effort to bring the wonderful experience of our symphony to Edenton. If you have any questions, call Mae Wadsworth at 482-2773 or Mary Rhea Gardner at 482-4436. Now go mark your calendar so you won't forget to go to Food Town May 3, 4, and 5 and Shop for the Symphony!



Playing cards were used as money by early Canadian colonists. The back of each card was signed by the French colonial governor.

FHA Continuance Is Urged

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A Senate subcommittee on agricultural credit has been urged to continue and if possible expand the lending authority of the Farmers Home Administration.

Testifying for the National Cotton Council, William H. Houston, III, said reauthorization of the FmHA is imperative because the American farmer's financial condition is "strained almost to the breaking point."

Houston, a cotton grower of Tunica, Miss., said most cotton farmers are in extremely difficult financial situations as the result of circumstances beyond their control. He noted that many have suffered two disastrous seasons in a row, and some three.

"Many of them have little equity left to secure production loans for a 1982 crop," Houston said, "and on top of that, high interest rates add to their already heavy cost burdens."

While in the past farmers who owned their land could offset some of these problems with additional equity generated by rapidly increasing land prices, he pointed out that this added source of borrowing power is no longer available to them because this year's high interest rates are holding down land values. Even more significant, Houston added, is the fact that some 60 per cent of the cotton crop is grown on rented land which affords the farmer operator no loan security at all.

The council representative warned against "quick-fix" farm program remedies that might temporarily help but would

damage farm income in the long run. For this reason, he said the cotton organization was encouraged by the FmHA policy changes announced by Agriculture Secretary John Block to help keep farmers in

business during these difficult times.

Houston told the committee legislation is needed to correct the inequity that has resulted from a 1978 law that placed a \$100,000 ceiling on FmHA operating loans.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for students living in the White Oak School district will be held April 29 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the gymnasium at White Oak School.

All children who will be five years old on or before October 16, will be eligible to attend kindergarten when school opens next fall.

Parents are required to present a copy of the child's birth certificate, which may be kept by the school. Parents are also required to present the child's immunization records. These

can usually be obtained from the Health Department or private physician.

Unless parents so desire, it is not necessary to bring the potential kindergarten child to registration. However, a play area supervised by volunteers will be available while parents complete the registration process.

To ensure a smooth registration, trained volunteers and Health Department nurses will be at several stations to help parents during registration.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS A BIG DAY — 5 year old Ginger Marie DeYoung (center, accompanied by her mother, was the first of ninety-four young students who re-registered earlier at D. F. Walker School in preparation for the beginning of her academic career next fall.

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