

Bandon Chapel Notebook

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A hearty welcome is extended to our first timers this week: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chapman and Rev. Aubrey Yancy from Cape Colony; Ted Znerick, Cape Colony; Fran Jordan and son, Charles, Chowan Beach; Susan Blackwell; and Max and Ann Moore, Edenton. We hope you enjoyed our services and will return soon.

The BCWG will celebrate all November birthdays Thursday. The meeting starts at 10:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. All ladies in community are invited to attend. Bring a bag lunch - we furnish coffee. See you there.

Friday is the night - Covered Dish Supper! It will be at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Come out and bring your favorite dish or dishes and join in this evening of good food, fun and fellowship. Special entertainment is planned. Don't miss it!

Vicky Nelson and Lorraine Turbyll sang a duet entitled "It Is No Secret What God Has Done". Their voices blended well and the harmony gave added meaning to the beautiful words of this well loved hymn. They were accompanied by Janie Harrell at the piano. Thank you, Vicky and Lorraine - and, to you, Janie, our beloved Director.

A special Choir Rehearsal will be at 7 P.M. Thursday. It is requested that all choir members make a special effort to be present.



The average cat usually does best on two small meals than on one large one.



TEEN COTILLION—The Fannie A. Parker Woman's Club will present Teen Cotillion '82, Saturday evening, November 20, 1982 at the D.F. Walker School at 8:00 P.M. All the girls are excited in anticipation of being crowned queen of the Cotillion. They are working diligently on their talent and other features of the program in order to make it the best ever. The highlight of the affair will be the crowning of Miss Teen Cotillion '82. Entering the competition and pictured here from left to right: Kim Taylor, Donald Hines, Markeshia Drew, Linda Mizell and Alicia Granby. Not shown are: Jennie Hill, Michelle Vanterpool and Tonya Little.

Soil Samples Should Be Taken Soon

RALEIGH — Greenhouse tomato growers who have not tested soils for the 1983 growing season, please take notice. Soil samples should be submitted as soon as possible in order to evaluate the need for limestone and allow ample time for it to react before the crop year begins. Limestone very seldom gets due credit for the many benefits it contributes to the enhancement of plant growth and fruit production. The physical, chemical and biological aspects of the soil are affected by the addition of limestone. Lime enhances granulation of the soil which promotes better water and air movement through the soil, both of which are important to good plant growth. Limestone also stimulates microbial activity in the soil required to break down organic matter

and make vital chemical conversions of various fertilizer compounds. This involves reactions such as converting ammonium to nitrate - nitrogen, sulfur oxidation and atmospheric nitrogen fixation. The successful growth of most microorganisms so depends on lime that satisfactory biological activities cannot be achieved when the soil pH falls below a certain critical level. In addition to supplying calcium and magnesium, limestone neutralizes soil acidity and reduces the solubility of toxic elements such as aluminum and manganese. Lime also increases the availability of phosphates and molybdenum.

Even though the ultimate purpose of limestone is to reduce soil acidity as well as supply calcium and magnesium, the other beneficial factors are critically important in maintaining an optimum environment for plant growth. Since greenhouse tomatoes have a high calcium and magnesium requirement, the lime needs should be monitored very closely in the continuing effort to produce a quality crop. Soil samples should be taken now for crops to be grown in the spring in order that the full benefit of applied limestone can be realized.

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How To Make Farming More Profitable

By Dr. J.W. Pou Keep it in the family is David Hinnant's idea of how to handle farm work and make farming more profitable.

Although hired workers are required to help harvest tobacco, family members do most of the labor on the Hinnant farm in Wilson County, according to Woody Upchurch, agricultural communications specialist at N.C. State University.

There are six family members available to pitch in, including Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Hinnant, the parents of David and Ken. The other two are David's wife Vickie and Ken's wife Susan.

"We could probably handle the whole tobacco harvest within the family with a little more automation," said David. "As it is, we feel we're better off hiring four or five workers, who are mostly local teenagers. They are good workers and we don't have any trouble finding plenty who want to work."

Hinnant said he received more requests for employment this year than ever before, attributing it to the general economic situation that has made jobs hard to find for both school-age youth and adults put out of work by industry layoffs.

"The teenagers like tobacco harvest work because they can make more hours and more money than they can in typical in-town jobs," said Hinnant.

Employing them at harvest time is a kind of tradeoff for the Hinnant farming operation, which is a business partnership shared equally by the three families involved. The Hinnants grow over 500 acres of soybeans and grain, however, the 53 acres of tobacco generates two-thirds of the total farm income.

"We can either spend the money on harvest labor," explained David, "or spend it on an automatic harvester. Interest rates at the present time make the investment in labor much the better of the two."

He added, "The current interest on a loan required to purchase a tobacco

harvester and necessary equipment would be more than our labor costs."

"That is an indication of what the changes in the economy have done to farming in just a few years," pointed out Connie Jernigan, Wilson County Agricultural Extension Chairman who works closely with the Hinnants on tobacco production problems.

"We first turned to machinery to harvest tobacco because the availability and cost of hired labor were such problems," Jernigan noted. "Now, at least in some cases, there seems to be an abundance of available labor, and inflation and high interest rates have made the labor more economical to the farmer than the machinery."

A two-row tobacco harvester and all of the equipment that goes with it cost in the neighborhood of

\$50,000, David Hinnant estimated.

"Whether it's spending for labor or equipment," said the farmer, "we try to keep expenses to a minimum. And we have found that one of the best ways to do this is to do all of the work possible ourselves."

This kind of attitude of involvement is carried over to Hinnant's attention to those off-farm tasks that farmers are finding increasingly a part of farming, such as visits to Washington to help represent tobacco interests.

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Methodist Topic

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