

**EXTENSION SCENE**

North Carolina



**AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE**



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Since Seaman Knapp began on-farm demonstrations in Texas at the turn of the century, this teaching technique has been utilized as one of the focal points of agricultural Extension work. By means of local on-farm tests, we are able to take information that has been developed through research or from other areas and test them for their applicability to our local farming situation. These on-farm demonstrations have proven their effectiveness over and over again by allowing local producers to see firsthand and to gain onsite knowledge of a new or innovative practice.

An example of a demonstration that is showing dra-

matic results is the one located at the intersection of highways 41 and 74 south of Lumberton. Everett Davis, our field crops agent, is conducting a fertility and tillage test on both corn and soybeans on the J.C. Britt farm at that location. The tillage part of the demonstration is simply to see if ripping or subsiding under the soybean row is a profitable practice in sandy land. This particular test shows such a dramatic difference in the growth rate and height of the soybeans on the ripped soil versus the conventionally tilled soil, it borders on the definition of unbelievable. Yet, during a recent tour of

that demonstration along with a tour of numerous other demonstrations that are under way throughout Robeson County, several of the farmers who were touring the plots stood in absolute amazement and awe at the difference between conventional tillage and ripping.

Recently, Clarence Stockton, our tobacco agent, completed another on-farm demonstration directly across the road from the Britt farm, whereby one could also observe major differences in growth rate and reaction of tobacco to fungicide treatments.

Even through tours have been conducted through each

of these demonstrations and numerous others across the county, there are still opportunities to visit these tests for a firsthand observation of the differences involved.

Since corn is a major commodity in this area, a corn variety test is located on the Vernie Hunt farm three miles west of Fairmont on the Old Rowland Road. Again there are dramatic differences in the growth rates and performance of the numerous varieties in the test plot.

While these plots that I have mentioned are only a few of the many on-farm research programs that are underway in Robeson County, information contained in these plots can be observed directly by a farmer, but will also be made available through numerous other means during the coming winter. Farmer education, newspaper articles, personal consultation, bulletins, and other means will be utilized to disseminate yield data and other information from these test plots. However, one of the best ways to gain the fullest advantage of the in-

formation in these plots is to stop by the demonstration plots for a personal observation.

**Youth for Hire!!**

**Planned**

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The New Hope Presbyterian Chapel announces the beginning of a new program to assist young people learn good job skills and earn money at the same time. With the co-operation of the Pembroke Community Workshop, the Chapel will recruit and train youngsters between the ages of 12 and 17 to do yard work, minor home maintenance, general housecleaning, and babysitting. Those who participate in program and successfully complete the training sessions will be registered with the Pembroke Workshop as available to area residents for hire as occasional labor.

The availability of the service will be promoted through local media including the Carolina Indian Voice. It is hoped that the first young people will be available by the first of October.

An organizational meeting for young people interested in participating will be held at the New Hope Presbyterian Chapel (formerly the Pembroke Presbyterian Church) on Jones Street in Pembroke on September 19 at 4:30 p.m. A hot dog supper will follow the meeting.

For further information and to pre register for participation (which is optional) call the Pembroke Community Workshop at 521-8661.

**Ever Green Church News**  
by Mrs. Leacie Brooks

Our lesson Sunday was the "Family at Worship." We had three important subjects.

**FAMILY WORSHIP**

The first part of our discussion on family worship was taken from the Old Testament example of Joshua. Near the end of his life Joshua, summoned the tribal leaders of Israel to gather at Shechem. There Joshua, the aged warrior and servant of God challenged the leaders to renew their commitment to the Lord. A lifetime of serving the Lord convinced Joshua that only the Lord was God. His mind was made up and his choice was clear. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The next part of our discussion on the family at worship came from the example of Paul and Silas. In Acts 16 we see how God turned the persecution and imprisonment of these missionaries into an opportunity to witness to a family that needed salvation.

We know that no one can be compelled to believe in Christ but this does not relieve Christian parents of their responsibility to use their authority and influence to lead their children to Christ. Although under Roman law the Philippian jailer's wife, children and servants would automatically be regarded as Christians once the jailer became a Christian, God's law was different. The jailer had to use his influence to lead his household to make personal decisions for Christ.

**PERSONAL DEVOTIONS**

The grace of God comes into our life in our personal devotions through the word of God and prayer. As we can see, the psalmist loved the law of God. The law was his meditation all the day-continuously, without end. He meditated on God's word.

Family members need to gather in family devotions around the word of God and an altar of prayer. They should learn to meditate upon the word together. They should also learn to meditate and to pray alone.

There are times and places to prayer-both public and private. Public prayer is intended to be heard by God and by fellow human beings; private prayer is intended to be heard only by God.

The only reward for the hypocrites who pray to be heard of man is the praise they receive from their hearers. God sees and hears private prayers and rewards us openly.

Public prayer and prayer shared in family devotions have their place in the life of faith. Mealtime prayer and prayer and prayer on special occasions are pleasing to God. It is good even to memorize some prayers and to develop the habit of praying them. But our most important and effective prayers are those prayed in private. We must remember that if we spend time alone in prayer, we will never be left alone, either in life, in death, or in eternity. God will be by our side.

An indication of the faithful worship habits of Joseph and Mary is seen in that they attended the Passover feasts at Jerusalem. At the particular feast we are considering Jesus was twelve years of age.

Jesus grew up in a home where the law of God was honored. The habit of family worship followed Him into His adult life. We read in the Gospels that it was "His custom" to attend the Synagogue on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16). He also attended the religious festivals in Jerusalem and was often found on those occasions teaching in the Temple.

Pray for all our sick loved ones.

Mrs. Macie Oxendine's class put on the program Sunday. The young people from Union Chapel Church did a great job singing and testifying. They are a wonderful group. Proud of all young people out working for the Lord. You young folks have a special invitation to our regular fifth Sunday night singing. All singers are welcome. We are expecting some great singers Sunday night beginning at 7 p.m.

Jonas Strickland paid his birthday offering to the church.

The Union will be held at Ever Green this Saturday, 28 and 29. Come if you can.

The Rev. Edmond Locklear spoke to us Sunday from the Book of Ephesians, 4th chapter, using for a subject "It is time to hear the prophets." We are proud of Rev. Locklear.

We had a great outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord through the revival.

You are welcome at any time to worship with us.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

Peace like a river flooding our souls. Peace like a river I'm forever made whole. Peace, yes, peace in my soul. If you have not this peace, dear reader, please find it. Please pray for us at Ever Green.

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