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James M. Dial- The Man **Before Transformation**

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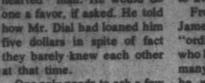
been in the "after."

this "feature," I inquired related that James never had

People who know James M. but tied that experience to the Dial before and after trans- present concurring the formation don't really mind "change" in his life. People describing their experience were asked about what good with him "before"; but al- things they could say about ways hasten to add how Mr. Dial "before," invaribly different that experience has their response was when he was not drinking he was "a In gathering information for fine man." One good friend.

specifically of people who foul language and was ready have known him the longest, to fight any man who used about Mr. Dial. Many respon- profanity in front of ladies. ses related about James' past Also, it was said that James

The Romans named the Mediterranean Sea. The name means middle of the earth.



One only needs to ask a few questions to get people talk-ing about James Dial. Almost everyone has their own story to tell about "the man" before transformation. I keep getting clear indications that while most of the stories were true, some were fabrications while others were exaggerations. Nevertheless, all such stories woven together form the fabric that tells the history

of James Dial, the man before the transformation. "I can remember the time

when if I saw James Dial coming, I'd cross the street to avoid meeting him." I've heard this comment made so often that it is now hard to know who first said it. I remember when Vivian Lock- rent description of Mr. Dial, and of his grandparents "Palear said if I asked her if it was because she was afraid of him, or what? Her summary response was that it was not so much fear as it was that James was so "unpredictable" and that he was so worrisome" when he was drinking. Elizabeth Locklear so maybe was James M. Dial.

James M. Dial has never bee "ordinary," says one person who has known James Dial for any years, "....I'd say that he was one of the world's

ost unordinary people." "I've always liked James," says another source, "but he made me nervous when he was around." The sourse explained that "...when thing could happen, and seems hope had run out; it usually did."

didn't pick fights, but these are some of the short suicide. descriptive terms used to vation. When these people love," "a man of compassion," "a man who tries hard area. to disipline himself while "As Paul was called into the ministry because of his shared also how. in the early called and placed in his next?" Others openly admit, years of knowing James Dial, particular assignment," said how, because of Dial's past,

has always been a "free-hearted" man. He would do one a favor, if asked. He told From what I determined, that it's hard to imagine a make it first as a Chris passive or placid type person surviving for long in a Balti-more ministry. "Maybe", he said, those characteristics. disciplined and governed, are just what God needed in Baltimore." In which case, the characteristics thought to

be negative, could actually be "attributes." James Dial himself says in James Dial was in your summary that his life had presence and drinking, any- become "a physical wreck,

seemed there was no hope." "Quick tempered, easily Moments in which he felt agitated, short response time, proud of himself were few and far between. He has shared wouldn't run from one"; that he even contemplated

Dial relates he rememberd explain Dial's behavior before how, as a young man he had October 1964 the time of his accepted Christ, but failed to dynamic change through sal- persue this as he should. He remembers the guidance of continue to relate their cur- his mother Mrs. Maggie Dial, they call him, "A man of pa Lisha and Momma Ester" Dial, all of the Red Springs

Mr. Dial recounts how his serving the needs of other." reputation had become so gross that upon hearing he had become a minister, his own particular characteristics, grandmother exclaimed, "What's that boy going to try

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ce that he would be able to make it first as a Chris cond as a minister. Still there are those, found in doing this material, who can't quite believe James Dial, as a transformed man.

In a very personal kind of way, a member of Dial's church admitted that one of the major things which constrained him to recommit his life to Christ was when he went to Church and saw James M. Dial in "the pulpit" as a minister. He recalled thinking, "My God, if you saved James Dial, the rest of the world has a chance."

Next Week "....A Silk Purse from a Sow's Ear." James M. Dial: The Man-After Transformation.



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no preparation.



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Rev. James M. Dial rhown Dial in his earlier ministry with his mother, Mrs. Maggie



Lindsay Locklear, fore- Center, Rev. Dial hold a ground, Johnny Thompson, planning session.



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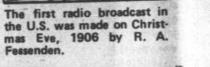
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were champions of the split regular season at Green Grove Community Softball Field. They were also regular



The first panel quiz show on radio was In-Please, aired May 17, formation

IN THE ARMED FORCES

RONNIE D. EVANS

Marine Pvt. Ronnie D. Evans, son of Robert L. Evens of Lumberton, NC has reported for duty at Marine Barracks, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

Rt. 1, Pembroke, N.C. has completed a unit and organization supply specialist course at the U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va.

supply system, unit and organization supply, fitting of clothing, packaging and storing of supplies, and organizational maintenance of small arms.

CHRISTOPHER E. ROBERTS

Coast Guard Cadet Christopher E. Roberts, son of Charles E. and Dorothy L. Roberts of Rt. 6, Lumberton, N.C. recently participated in a cadet Summer Training Patrol abourd the Coast Guard Cutter Bibb, homeported in New Bedford, Mass.

The purpose of the cruise was to train future Coast Guard officers in the various aspects of shipboard life. During the cruise, the cutter conducted a routine law

new of 144. It is armed with guns and

neth Hunt, Lugene Diue, Robert Lewis, Larry Hunt, Phillip Hunt, Andy Hunt, Terry Allen, and Jimmy Allen. Not pictured are Percell Scott and William Hunt.

season tournament champions.

The Blue Jays traveled to Mayodan, N.C. for the state ASA softball tournament during the Labor Day week-end.



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SANDY J. CHAVIS

Pvt. Sandy J. Chavis, son of Army 1st Sgt. Randall W. & Stella W. Chavis of

Students were trained in the Army

forcement patrol. The Bibb is 327 feet long and carries a



Mr. and Mrs. Daughtry Bell of Route 3, Maxton were onored on their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday with a dinner given by their nine children who were all press for the affair. The children are: Ms. Dorothy Chavis of Pembroke; Raeford Bell of Aberdeen; Ms. Jeanette Faulk of Greensboro; Paul Bell of Maxton; Ms. Mary F.

Locklear of Pembroke; Tom-

ghtry Bell, Jr. of Maxton; Edward Bell of Greensb Ms. Fay Locklear of Maxton. Also present were 21 grand children and two great-grand

The honorees received many lovely gifts. There were approximately 125 relatives and friends present.

The Bells were married September 4, 1932 in Dill SC. (Text and photo by El Huntl



The okapi, a relative of the giraffe, looks almost the same today as it did 30 million years ago.



The slide rule was invented by English mathematician William Outred in the 1600s.

