

Prophet's Column

"That Which Was Lost"

In the nineteenth chapter of Luke is one of the most beautiful stories in the Word of God. It's the story of the Lord saving a sinner, a tax collector by the name of Zacchaeus. Salvation is not a work of man. You cannot do one thing to save yourself. The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, saves the lost, only the lost. Zacchaeus was a man short in stature, that is why he ran ahead and climbed the sycamore tree in order to see Christ when He came by. It was a great surprise to him when the Lord stopped by that sycamore tree and CALLED him. "And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house." (Luke 19:5) The Lord gave him the Effectual Call which he could not resist and Zacchaeus obeyed and just he and the Lord went into his house and the Lord saved him. But the religious crowd murmured, "And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, that he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner." (Verse 7). When the Lord gets ready to save a sinner He does not consult with the religious world. The religious world never puts its stamp of approval on God's salvation. This de-religious crowd today will not have salvation by grace. You want to and are determined to get to Heaven your way. But you'll never enter the kingdom on your terms; you'll come God's way or go to Hell for your trouble. I make no apology for telling you that.



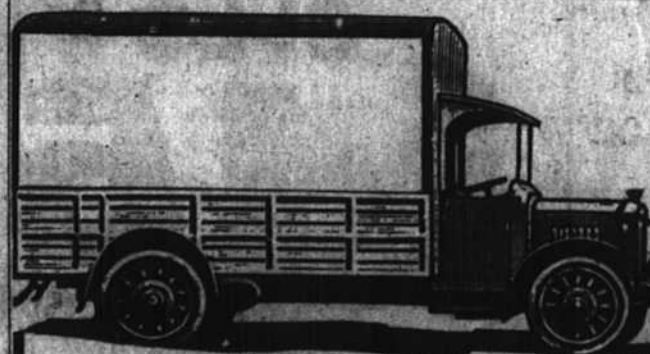
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ner, you'll be cut off from all the common mercies and grace of God. And your never dying soul will be in a place of torment where you'll never be able to enjoy the last of God's mercies. Now is the day of repentance, of salvation. What will you do? God has been good to you.

Will you go on sinning with a high hand against His goodness?

The Lord came to seek and to save that which was lost. Every sinner must be awakened to his lost condition before he can be saved. I know that truth is not being proclaimed in our churches today, but in just a few, I'll tell you on the authority of God's infallible Word: "If you cannot go back to the time you stood in eternity as a lost sinner, you are not saved!"

I don't care how many professions you have made. When God awakens a sinner to his lost condition, it is the most startling thing that ever happened to him. Do you know what I'm talking about? But it is the most gracious thing that ever happened to him. It's grace upon grace for the Lord to open your heart here in time and let you see your true lost condition. He



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Carowinds Announces New Attraction, Improvements

Carowinds is spending \$1 million to expand and enhance the 77-acre theme park in preparation for its 1985 season opening on March 23. The main focus of the expansion is a new motion illusion attraction called **BLACKBEARD'S REVENGE**. Other changes in the park include additional landscaping, new and improved food and merchandise facilities and expanded live shows. **BLACKBEARD'S REVENGE** is themed around a pirate ship ride with the Carolinas' infamous pirate Blackbeard. "It's not a ride or a show, but a combination of the two," said Carowinds Vice President and General Manager Vicki Sutton. **BLACKBEARD'S REVENGE** is a huge pivoted room which rotates to cre-

ate an illusory swinging effect on the guests who are securely seated on a stationary platform. At one point the room rolls over creating the feeling of being completely upside down. Set decor, sound and lighting help carry out the plane and illusion of being on a pirate ship at battle. According to Sutton, "Those who have experienced the sensation have actually placed objects on their benches to convince themselves that they are, in fact, stationary." "In addition to providing excitement," added Sutton, "BLACKBEARD'S REVENGE also provides the park with another air conditioned attraction that can be equally enjoyed by guests of all ages." Up to 1200 people an hour will be able to enjoy **BLACKBEARD'S REVENGE**. Manufactured by Arrow Huss, Inc. in Clearfield, Utah, the attraction made its debut in 1984 at the Louisiana World Exposition in New Orleans.

"It is the first of its kind to have been built," Sutton said, "and we are proud to be the first theme park to feature it." Carowinds will operate on spring weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) from March 23 through June 2. The park will also be open on Easter Monday, April 8, and on Memorial Day Monday, May 27. Beginning June 3, Carowinds will be open six days a week (Closed Fridays) through August 22. Carowinds will be closed on all Fridays during the summer season, except for Friday, July 5. In the fall, Carowinds will be open weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) from August 24 through October 6 when the park closes the season. Carowinds is located 10 miles south of Charlotte and 12 miles north of Rock Hill, S.C.

Cabbage Patch

No! "The Plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner" is not about a gang of thugs beating up on a poor, innocent bunch of designer-clothed dolls. It is the next show at the Children's Theatre of Charlotte and is a musical by English playwright David Wood. Set in another corner of the cabbage patch, it tells about a group of insects and their adventures in trying to save the cabbage patch from destruction. Shows are March 8 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., March 9 and 16 at 1 and 3 p.m. and March 10 and 17 at 1 and 3 p.m. Call the box office, 333-8983, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. weekdays for tickets at \$2.75 each.



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