

VISITIN' THE NEIGHBORS

By
"CHES"
MATTHEWS

The day was a fugitive from a poem. Adequate description of the long familiar place we went would read like a story of the promised land.

For it's over Pigeon way we've been this trip and from whichever entrance you traverse that Valley the drive is a beautiful adventure. We came out from Canton—amazed at the growth of the Highland Park section of town and at the prevalence of new homes outside the city limits. If you haven't come that longer-way-round lately we earnestly urge that you try it—to refresh your recollection—and yourself!

Warm, rich and mellow is the air—helping to make this a land "flowing with milk and honey."

For the great elliptical plain of Pigeon Valley we've always had a warm spot in our hearts because there we first came to know Western North Carolina.

From where we boarded it was fascinating to watch the snow "paint" little cabins into pictures—tiny homes we'd never suspected were there until white blankets covered their roofs. We were shown one, high on the mountain side, where an old crippled woman lived alone, hoeing in her crop without help and walking with the aid of a cane and crutch, more than two miles down a rocky trail to have her corn ground.

The sharp contrast between such farming and the deep tractor plowing which is the order of the day for the up-to-the-minute agriculturists of the bottom land; between that steep trail and the concrete highway, gave us a graphic picture of the Carolina that was and is—and a vivid idea of what it may become.

As Spring came we used to walk to the turn from which we had an unobstructed view across the Osborne farm and the fields beyond and it seemed as if The Master Weaver took a "special pride in the green "broadloom" carpet He unrolled across the level "floor."

The pleasant and prosperous Pigeon Valley-ites enjoy many advantages. For instance that's the one spot around these parts all watermelons! We're going to angle for a very personal invitation to visit the Weaver Cathey place come melon time again. When a man has so many melons he feeds 'em to his hogs it surely wouldn't be too pig-ish of us to hint for our fill. Think so?

Down all the by-roads along the river are splendidly improved farms and homes that are new have the same quiet dignity as those that have sheltered many generations of the same family. In fact quiet dignity seems the pervading spirit of the locality.

Of the more venerable homesteads none is more interesting to us than the Terrell place, with its big brick house and store building facing each other across the road along which wagon trains once hauled all imports and exports of the Valley folk and their hillside neighbors.

We hadn't time nor strength to

go up to Beech Gap or on up the left fork to Pisgah—we'll do that soon—but to come back across the new section of highway that points as the crow flies—reveling in the misty mauve shadows of the hills beyond and the rugged grimness of Plott Balsam as we topped the rise—that just "sorta" lifts a fellow right out of himself.

When we got to the spring the club women, some years ago, made into such a delightful spot for hesitating or for picnicing—but which is now sadly neglected—we had to stop and "drink deeply" of the water and of the beauty which fills to the brim the huge bowl before us—the round, sheltered cove that holds the acres of apple trees that add such sweetness to any season.

We didn't even mind the narrow little curlicues and question marks of the tired-out old section of the road as it winds through the orchards!

The new stretch at this end seemed all the nicer and there is interest and a different-ness all along its miles. Truck farms; plant specialists; dense evergreen growth.

Near where we boarded in that back-time was a man with a car who taxied us sight-seeing occasionally. Who, by the way, would invariably inquire "Where is it you're from? Kentucky? Ain't that close to the State of Washington?" Well, when through the deep cut of the newly located highway we got the first view of home again, we recalled (and echoed!) that man's oft repeated remark: "You jest ain't seed a purty place 'till you let me drive you up to Waynesville."

Ratcliff Cove News

Miss Maggie Underwood, of Black Mountain, has been visiting her brothers here.

Jack Liner, of Jackson, Miss., has been visiting his family while on maneuvers.

Miss Sara Jane Stone, of Inman, S. C., has been visiting relatives here.

Elizabeth Chapel is glad to have with them their new pastor, Rev. L. C. Stevens and family. His next sermon will be Sunday night. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Bob Williams who is ill, is some better.

Kay Fowler who has been sick, is better.

Miss Dot Johnson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Underwood and family.

Rev. Howard Hall, new pastor of Ratcliff Cove Baptist church, preached Sunday.

Miss Frankie Noland has returned home from Biltmore hospital much improved.

Union With Christ

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON 11-15

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for Nov. 16 is John 14:20; 15:1-10; 17:1-23; Rom. 8:9, 10; I Cor. 6:15-20; II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:20-22; 3:17-19; 4:15, 16; 5:29, 30; Phil. 3:9; 4:13; Col. 2:6, 7, the Golden Text being John 15:4, "Abide in me, and I in you.")

WHEN JESUS talked to his disciples or the people who crowded around to hear him, He did not use large words or talk to them of things with which they were unfamiliar. He never talked "over their heads" as far as His use of words or descriptions went. Always He used stories and illustrations of things that they could easily understand.

For instance, in His talk to His disciples on the Thursday evening of Passion week, in Jerusalem, when He told them: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman."

The grape vine was very common in Palestine, and using it as an illustration of their union with Him and His Father was a simple and perfectly understandable illustration of what He was trying to tell them. He was the vine, His disciples were the branches which should bear fruit. If they were part and parcel of Him, His life would be flowing through them, and He was not complete without them, and they could not live without Him.

God the Father is the keeper of the vine. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, He taketh it away; and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth (or cleaneth) it, that it may bring forth more fruit." Still further: "He that abideth in Me and I in Him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing."

True Today
That is as true of each follower of Jesus today as it was when the Master uttered those words to His disciples, probably in an upper room in a house in Jerusalem. If we accept Jesus and try earnestly to follow Him and live the life we know so well He would have us live, we cannot live without Him. We must read of His life on earth, of what He did, what He said, how He handled situations. If we do He will gradually grow to be a part of us, of every act of our life, he will influence every word we utter, and we shall truly

be easy for any of
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CHURCHES

ALLEN'S CREEK CHURCH
Rev. W. L. Sorrells, Pastor.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
B. T. U. 7:00 p. m.
Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday 7:00 p. m.
Every one is cordially invited.

HAZELWOOD METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. E. M. Carver, Pastor.
Sunday school 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening worship 7:30 and Junior and Epworth League at 6:30.
Prayer services each Tuesday evening and Thursday evening in various homes at 7:00 o'clock.

WAYNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Pastor.
William Chambers, Jr., superintendent of Sunday school.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 11:00 o'clock.
Sermon subject: "CIVIL DEFENSE—AGAINST WHAT?"
Young people's meeting at 6:30.
Union Thanksgiving service on next Thursday at 8 o'clock in the morning. All churches participating with the sermon to be preached by the Rev. R. E. MacBlain, rector of the Episcopal church.

HAZELWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
S. R. Crockett, Pastor.
Everybody Welcome.
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11:00 and evening worship at 7:30.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, Nov. 16, at the First Methodist church has been set aside as Children's Home Sunday. Sharing with motherless and fatherless boys and girls is always a good way to express the Thanksgiving spirit. At the 11:00 o'clock hour the pastor will speak on the subject, "Thanksgiving and Responsibility." The subject of the message in the evening service at 7:30 will be, "Life's Extras." Church school with classes for all ages meets at 9:45.

LONG'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH
Lake Junaluska.
Rev. Miles A. McLean, Pastor.
Church school 9:45.
Morning worship 11:00.
Subject, "Putting First Things First."
Young people's league 6:00 p. m.
Evening service of worship 7:00.
Subject, "How Peter's Life Was Influenced by Christ."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON—SERMON
"Mortals and Immortals" will be

us, man, woman or child. We shall have many disappointing moments when we will realize that we have said and done things that are anything but Christlike. But if we do not allow ourselves to be discouraged; if we try harder and harder, seeking help, we shall grow more and more in His likeness.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love."

"If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love."

In writing his second letter to the Corinthians Paul says: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

You remember the story of St. Paul's conversion; his persecution of the Christians until He was thrown from His horse by a light shining on him, and a voice saying, "Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

Paul's Life Changed
From that moment Paul's life changed unpeppably. He was no longer the proud, self-righteous man, whose active brain directed the tortuous and imprisonment of men who had seen the light of Jesus and followed it, but he became a leader in the very religion he had sought to destroy. He, too, suffered the persecutions he once meted out to others, was imprisoned, and, in the end, killed for his faith.

Truly, Paul was "a new creature," after his conversion, and so should we all be, for "old things pass away, and all things are become new."

So close was the union with Christ of which Paul was aware, that he says, in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

Another figure of speech which is familiar and which expresses the relation of Christians to Jesus is the reference to Him in Ephesians 2:20, as the "Chief cornerstone, in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord."

Our religion is founded upon Jesus, His life teachings and death. We have different talents, but each of us fits into the building as one of its stones, to make it strong and enduring.

the subject of the lesson-sermon on Sunday morning in the assembly rooms in the Masonic Temple. The Golden Text will be taken from I Corinthians 15:58, "As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the Heavenly, such are they also that are Heavenly."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
H. G. Hammett, Pastor.

Homecoming and Loyalty Day will be observed at the First Baptist church Sunday morning. At this time all pledges will be brought in and dedicated to God at the same time. The pastor will preach at this morning worship on "Dedication to Christian Stewardship." In spiritual co-operation we look to Christ for physical, mental and spiritual health and material prosperity under His divine conditions.

At the evening worship at 7:30 the pastor will preach on the theme, "The Security of Jesus."

REMEMBER!!!
There are so many good reasons for attending church that it is a shame that any should hunt excuses for not going.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
Waynesville, every Sunday 11:00 a. m.
Bryson City, every 1st Sunday 8:00 a. m.
Franklin, every 2nd and 5th Sunday 8:00 a. m.
Cherokee, every 3rd Sunday 8:00 a. m.
Murphy, every 4th Sunday 8:00 a. m.

G. A.'S TO MEET TUESDAY
The G. A.'s of the Hazelwood Baptist church will meet with Pollyanna Gibbs Tuesday evening, Nov. 18th, at 7:30.

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Bethel Seniors Elect Class Superlatives

The following list of superlatives of the senior class of the Bethel school have been announced: most energetic, Mary Reece; most handsome, Martin Rogers; most beautiful, Geneva Cook; most popular, Frances West and Halmond Hardin.

Most athletic, Lois Farmer and Martin Rogers; best all round, Blanche Henson and Joe Hyatt; cutest seniors, Frances West and John West; most likely to succeed, Mary Reece and Joe Hyatt.

Laizest senior, William Henson; most studious, Sue Kelley and Joe Hyatt; most mischievous, Eloise West; class pet, Sue Kelley; class baby, Sue Kelley; most dependable, Blanche Henson and Harmon Erwin; neatest, Lois Morgan and Max Burnette.

Most dignified, Lois Mease and Joe Hyatt; most independent, Eloise West and Joe Hyatt; most dependent, Mary Wright and F. M. Queen; most agreeable, Frances Calhoun and Ray Cooke; quietest girl, Nora Belle Henson; most bashful, Ruth Wells and Howard Burnette; class flirts, Frances Wells and Halmond Hardin.

Class poet, Halmond Hardin; class historian, Joe Hyatt; best dressed, Geneva Cook and William Henson; most talented, Joe Hyatt; wittiest senior, Halmond Hardin; friendliest, Mary Wright and Hillary Gibson.

Allen's Creek News

It was announced last Sunday in Sunday school that a canvass would be taken in our church territory. The purpose of the canvass is to find out how many want to give and what to the orphanage for Thanksgiving. Trucks will stop and pick up all contributions a few days before Thanksgiving. Anything in the way of canned goods, potatoes in fact anything in the way of food. They are asking especially for corn.

The Rev. Frank Leatherwood, our Baptist county missionary, preached at our church last Sunday morning.

The women met at the church last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Hammett and organized their Missionary Union. The officers elected were as follows: Mrs. Blanche Franklin, president; Mrs. R. O. Allen, vice president; Mrs. Tom Mull, secretary; Mrs. George White, treasurer; Mrs. Ray Mills, program chairman; Mrs. Dave Wiggins, stewardship chairman; Mrs. R. H. Taylor, personal service chairman; Mrs. Lowe Allen, missionary study chairman. The organization has 22 charter members.

We have noticed that the past few cold days have been taken advantage of by several people who have been waiting for just such an opportunity to kill hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor, who have been residing on Allens Creek, have moved to the Hyatt apartments on the Plott Creek road.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grasty spent last Friday night in High Point visiting relatives. On Saturday morning before returning home they motored out to Thomasville and visited out Baptist orphanage.

Federal board cuts estimate of the cotton crop 107,000 bales.

Bethel School News Of The Past Week

The FFA boys of the Bethel high school were hosts during the week of a party honoring the girls of the home economics department, with Mr. McLain and Miss Reeves as chaperones.

The guests enjoyed a weiner roast on the school grounds at seven o'clock and following this various games were played in the school gymnasium.

Officers serving the girls' glee club this year are: president, Helen Owen; secretary, Edith Wells; sponsors, Mrs. Mary Lou Soesbee and Mrs. Ruth Tucker.

There are thirty members active in the group this year. Plans are now being made for the club to take part in the county music festival to be held in the spring.

The seventh grade boys gave a Hallowe'en chapel program in the new auditorium during the week. The numbers were a history of Hallowe'en by Billy Wells; readings "Little Orphan Annie," by Jack Henry; a play, "Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn," by several members; musical selections by a band in ghost costumes.

J. D. Moore, a member of the Bethel high school faculty, visited the seventh grades on Tuesday and told them of his travels in South America. The talk proved both enjoyable and profitable as the students are now studying the continent of South America.

Hazelwood Girls Staged A Tacky Party Tuesday

Girls of the G. A. of the Hazelwood Baptist church enjoyed a tacky party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. R. M. Waddell, their counselor. Prizes were awarded to the two tackiest dressed. First prize was won by Pollyanna Gibbs, and second by Mary Alice Crawford.

A large crowd was present and games were enjoyed throughout the evening.

Mrs. Waddell was assisted by Mrs. Clarence Scruggs in serving refreshments.

Lovett says Louisiana games will see planes finest in world.

Hazelwood P.T. Heard Rev. M. J. Williamson Tue

Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson spoke on "Growth and Responsibility" at the meeting of the Hazelwood Parent Teacher Association Tuesday night.

Mrs. Sam Knight, membership chairman, announced that the membership drive which started the second week of school, had been successful with 127 paid members. Mrs. Louise Queen's room won the holiday which was to be given to the room getting the most members.

Mrs. Carl Ratcliff's room also had members present.

The treasurer reported in the treasury.

The boys' glee club sang selections accompanied by Sara Jane Walker.

Schedule For Signing 1941 Farm Applications

A schedule has been worked out in the county farm agency to save the farmers of the county time and expense in making their applications for their payments.

Meetings will be held at certain points in each township the farmers in that area to sign up applications, and than have to come into the county agent's office.

The three following meetings will be held next week, with other meetings in the near future: erdam township at the Chamber of Commerce, from 9 to 4 today; Clyde township, at Clyde school from 1 to 4:30 tomorrow afternoon (the Fines Creek township, at Creek school tomorrow from 12 to 12 o'clock.

The county farm agency is urging that the farmers cooperate with the schedule as planned that they may receive their payments at an early date.

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