

### 79 Morehead Pupils Visit Planetarium

Chapel Hill — Seventy-nine students of Morehead City schools toured the art and science galleries and saw Things That Fall from the Sky at the Morehead Planetarium here Friday April 25.

They were accompanied by Mrs. Gerald Wade, Mrs. Alfred Cooper, Mrs. J. D. Holt, Mrs. John Nelson, Mrs. Ann Piner, Mrs. Margaret Guthrie and Mrs. Carol Gillikin.

The children were Joe Griffin, Billy Piner, Charlotte Willis, Butch Henderson, George Thompson, Ben Guthrie, Charlotte Piner.

Ernest Lewis, Faye Lovick, Garth Cooper, Wanda Purifoy, Martha Matthews, Lydia Guthrie, Zelma Simpson.

Gurney Mizell, Jean Bordeaux, Jimmy Fox, Roger Conner, Pat Rogers, Alan Shelor, Doris Buck.

Scotty Warren, Norwood Frost, Ludvik Pospisil, Don Smith, Gordon Thomas, Bobby Willis.

Elizabeth Harrell, Beadie Balow, James Morton, Carolyn Jarvis, Patricia Harrelson, Fred Guthrie, Jerry Davis.

Susie Morton, Mac Mizell, William Jones, Leslie West, Clifford Smith, Claudia Saratowski, Hepsy Patrick, Victor Wickizer Jr.

Ruddy Smith, Jimmy Mitchell, Mary Beth Piner, Charles Edwards, Leroy Lewis, Johnny Gibbs, Harold Wheaton.

Joe Moore, Ronald Russell, Billy Yeager, Alfred Smith, Mary Ann Hall, Delores Willis, Joann Guthrie, Ruth Luckham, Gloria Nelson, Mary Sue Willis.

Rickie Wade, Margaret Smith, Barbara Holt, Jonibel Willis, Natalie Killmon, Vickie Bradbury, Glenda Morton.

Ruth Fussell, Libby Bell, Clara Gaskins, Lorraine Hatcher, Georgia Mizesko, Peggy Holt, Mattie Phillips.

Jimmy Thompson, Buddy Cooper, Chuckie Sledge, George Syron, Jerry Edwards, Jimmy Smithwick, Frankie Marino.

Swedish pioneers established settlements in New Jersey in 1838.

### Harlowe Community Leaders



John Ives, upper right, is temporary chairman of the Harlowe Community Club. Mrs. William Motes, seated right, is temporary secretary. Others in the picture are members of the nominating committee who will present nominees for office at the meeting at 7:30 next Tuesday night in the educational building of the Harlowe Methodist Church. They are, left to right, first row, Mrs. Earl Creech, Mrs. S. D. Wilkinson, Mrs. Vernon Tolson. Standing, left, is W. K. Williams and next to him, Luke Turner.



News from GLOUCESTER  
May 1—Mrs. W. L. MacIlminere and Mrs. W. B. Currie, Fayetteville, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Al Hubbard. Mrs. MacIlminere and her husband, who were recently winners on The Big Pay-Off, have just returned from their trip to Scotland.  
Mrs. Mariana Lionetti, Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Webb, Pine Bluff, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Piper.  
Mrs. Lloyd Pigott, Miss Eliza-

beth Pigott and Mr. Crawford Pigott visited Mrs. Elizabeth Ser-ven at Neuse Forest Rest Home Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Easker, Baltimore, Md., were recent house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hubbard.  
Mr. Bill Pigott, who is a patient at Veterans' Administration Hospital in Durham, will spend the weekend with Mrs. Pigott and children.  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Glass, Durham, visited Mrs. Glass's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Bunting, last week.  
Miss Betsy Williams, New Bern, spent the weekend at her home here.  
Mr. Allen Henderson and children, Lee, Bonnie and Peggy of

La Grange, Ill., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Henderson recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. Manley Fulcher and children, Atlantic, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Chadwick, over the weekend.  
Mr. Midgett, Port Arthur, Texas, is spending some time with his daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Gibat.  
Mrs. Borden Wade and son and Mrs. Kenneth Fischler and son, Morehead City, visited Mrs. Bill Pigott Tuesday.  
Mrs. Willie Guy Willis, Smyrna, is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Etta Pigott, who is ill.  
In Korea the word nurimbeng means "slow poke."

### Johnny Ring Played Part In Founding University

(Editor's Note: Mr. Salisbury was recently visited by Henry Emerson Wildes, professor of history at Temple University, who requested information on Johnny Ring, in preparation for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Temple's founding next year. How Johnny Ring influenced the university's founder is told here).

By F. C. SALISBURY

Visitors to Temple University in Philadelphia often ask about the history and significance of a stained glass window in one of the buildings of the University. The window is dedicated to the memory of a young soldier of the Civil War, named Johnny Ring.

The setting for the story took place in Carteret County during the time when Federal forces were encamped in a large area north of Newport. The camp was known as Newport Barracks.

Among the several regiments sent into Eastern Carolina at the time of the battle of New Bern and Fort Macon was that of the 2nd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. Captain of one of the companies was Russell H. Conwall, who had as his orderly an under-sized and under-developed youth from his home community, named Johnny Ring.

#### Sword Polished

Before the regiment left its home state for service on the field of battle, Captain Conwall was presented with a magnificent gilt sword. Johnny was proud of his captain's sword and spent much spare time polishing and keeping it bright. He not only kept the sword bright, but he kept his promise to his mother to read his Bible daily.

Captain Conwall, not being an active Christian, often criticized the youth for wasting so much time in Bible reading. Johnny's Bible reading, as well as his admiration for the beautiful gilt sword, stand out as significant factors in after-life in the memory of these two men, officer and orderly.

#### Influenced Captain

The elder, who in after years became a great leader in religious and educational activities, is memorialized in Temple University, which he founded, and the youth is remembered, not only for a heroic deed, but for the influence his Christian life had upon his superior officer.

The 2nd Massachusetts Artillery regiment took part in the battle of New Bern. Later several companies, with infantry, were assigned to outposts along the railroad leading from New Bern to Morehead City. They were to assist in repelling Confederate raiders, who from time to time tried to destroy the railroad.

As a protection for the railroad bridge crossing the south branch of Slocum Creek a few miles from the army camp at Newport, an outpost was established and a block house built. It was at this point that Captain Conwall and Johnny were stationed in the early part of 1864.

#### Station Raided

Captain Conwall, having been assigned to go to New Bern to secure the payroll for his company was absent when an overwhelming number of Confederates fell upon the Federal station, causing the small garrison to be forced back across the railroad bridge toward the Newport Barracks. To prevent pursuit of the enemy, the bridge was set on fire.

Johnny, who had been with the rear guard and was about to cross the bridge remembered that Captain Conwall did not wear his beautiful sword to New Bern. In the face of the enemy, he worked

his way back to the captain's quarters, secured the sword, rushed through a hail of bullets, reaching the bridge which by that time was a mass of flames.

With the sword strapped about his body, Johnny jumped down the bank of the creek and when he discovered he could not ford the creek, from under the bridge he worked his way from cross bars and stringers until he reached the other shore. In so doing he was severely burned.

#### Dies from Burns

His daring act so impressed the enemy that orders were given not to fire on Johnny as he heroically made his escape. The youth suffering from his severe burns was taken to the Federal Hospital at Beaufort where a month later he died.

His last words were "Give the Captain his sword." Johnny's body lies among the 1,300 unknown soldiers in the National Cemetery at New Bern.

Not long after, Captain Conwall himself was wounded and lay all night on the battlefield. In his agony he kept seeing the flaming body of his faithful friend, Johnny Ring, holding his sword. He vowed then, that if he survived he would live not only his own life, but the life of Johnny Ring as well.

Russell H. Conwall did survive. He went back to New England to become a lawyer, a lecturer, an editor, but none of these seemed to satisfy him. At 36, he decided to enter the ministry and was ordained. Here he found that he could live his life to the fullest and live the life of Johnny Ring as well.

#### 'Acres of Diamonds'

For Conwall became not only one of the most renowned ministers of his time, he became one of the world's most famous lecturers. His lecture, "Acres of Diamonds," remains a great inspirational classic. It was given probably more times and in more places than nearly any lecture in American history. It earned more than \$4,000,000 and he used this money to found Temple University.

He justified his own life—the life of Johnny Ring. It can truly be said that Johnny Ring did not die on that long-ago battlefield, but lives today in the continuing influence of Dr. Conwall's great ministry and the university he founded.

### Church Building Sets New High

Chicago (AP) — The American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel says new religious construction, including new buildings and remodeling old, reached an all-time high value of \$68 million dollars in 1957, an increase of 13 per cent over the previous year.

New hospital construction in 1957 was valued at \$65 million dollars, or 54 per cent above the previous year. Educational building, while at a high level of \$19 million dollars, was 3 per cent under the previous year.

The increased construction brings the total assets of gift-supported institutions in the United States to nearly 44 billion dollars.

### Tarver McKnight Graduates



Tarver E. McKnight, Camp Glenn, graduated from the Cherry Point Apprentice School last week as a draftsman. He received his diploma from Col. Guy M. Morrow, right, officer in charge of the Overhaul and Repair Department. Mr. McKnight received a superior accomplishment award for outstanding performance of assigned duties. His scholastic average was over 90 per cent.

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