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**Editorial**

**Fire Prevention**

With cold weather approaching, it is well to remind readers that fires — destroying homes and property — will soon be occurring more frequently.

Fire prevention week is October 8th through the 14th, and it is time to reflect on tragedies caused by fire. October 9th is the anniversary of the great Chicago fire of 1871. Other great fire tragedies include the Coconut Grove, a Boston night club, in 1942, and the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus fire at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1944.

The loss of life and property from fires in the United States is staggering. The average reader will be surprised to know that fire costs more than \$1.8 billion last year and claimed 12,100 lives. Of these one-third were children.

Many fires are started by cigarettes and if you are a smoker, keep this in mind. Another major cause of fires consists of faulty chimneys and heating systems.

A few dollars spent for competent inspection of heating systems and electrical wiring may save your home and maybe your life in 1967.

Most of the stars that can be easily seen on any clear night are brighter than the Sun.

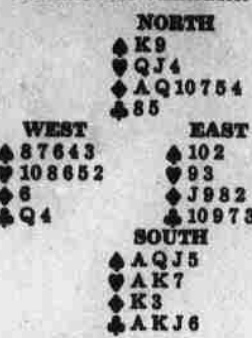
John Adams was the first U.S. president to reside in Washington, D.C.

**CONTRACT BRIDGE**

By B. Jay Becker

(Top Record-Holder in Masters' Individual Championship Play)

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.



The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 3 NT Pass 7 NT

Opening lead—eight of spades.

Most players find it difficult to count out a hand, but any-four spades and three hearts, one willing to undertake the East started with a doubleton difficulty is more imaginary in each of those suits (and si-

multaneously learning that West started with two five-card suits). After then cashing the ace of clubs, he plays the king and ace of diamonds, West showing out on the ace and proving that East started with four diamonds.

The count of the hand is now complete. East started with precisely two spades, two hearts, four diamonds, and hence five clubs (of which he has only one left). Doublechecking this, West started with five spades, five hearts, one diamond, and hence only two clubs.

This knowledge is important because South might otherwise be tempted now to take a club finesse for his thirteenth trick—a move that would be disastrous as well as at variance with the known facts.

After cashing the queen of diamonds and discarding a club, South leads a club towards his K-J and confidently plays the king, knowing full well that the king will catch the queen.

Mountain lion kittens are born spotted, but they change to solid tan when they grow up.

**-THE SEASON-**

is here again for us to remind those persons having delinquent kerosene and fuel oil accounts that the following rules will be carried out more closely than ever before, and they are as follows:

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**THERE IS TIME TO STRAIGHTEN THESE MATTERS BEFORE SEPT. 30th, AT WHICH TIME WE HOLD OUR CREDIT MEETING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF THESE RECORDS.**

To those loyal and considerate customers, we again say thank you, and assure you that you will receive the very best in service . . .

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**Boys 8 through 13**

**IT'S PUNT, PASS & KICK PRACTICE TIME!**

We're holding a free football clinic . . . come on out!

Here's a chance to really sharpen up on your football skills! It's a FREE Punt, Pass & Kick Competition clinic!

**THE PLACE** P.C.H.S. Football Field  
**THE DATE** Sunday, October 8th  
**THE TIME** 2:00 P.M.  
**SCHOOL NAME** Perquimans County High School

will give you handy tips, examples on how to punt, pass and place-kick.

Wear street shoes or sneakers — and get there early! This FREE clinic could help you win in our PP&K Competition.



ENTER OUR PUNT, PASS & KICK COMPETITION NOW! WE WILL AWARD 18 TROPHIES TO WINNERS . . . YOU COULD RECEIVE ONE OF THEM!  
Registration closes October 6! If you haven't already signed up do it today! You must be accompanied by mom or dad or legal guardian to register. The awards are great!

Get Set For The Fun! Register with one of your parents at our dealership today!

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**A SENSE OF SECURITY**



**THE CHURCH FOR ALL**

ALL FOR THE CHURCH  
The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Money in a savings account? Money in a checking account? Money in your pocket? These all add up to a fine sense of security. But as everybody knows, the security of money can disappear. The stock market drops, expenses chew up your savings.

There's another kind of security that is not based on the fleeting, material treasures of life. It is the security needed when sickness strikes, a son or daughter disappoints us, or death takes a loved one. This security chases out doubt and fear. It enables us to go right on living day by day, certain that we will not walk alone. In fact, God has said that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Discover for yourself this security! In your church you can find those eternal values if you trust in the security of Him who cannot fail.

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Sunday Exodus 33:12-23	Monday Leviticus 26:3-13	Tuesday Judges 2:11-19	Wednesday Extra 9:10-15	Thursday Psalms 9:7-12	Friday Haggai 1:1-11	Saturday Hebrews 13:1-6
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**AMOS: GOD'S SPOKESMAN FOR JUSTICE**

International Sunday School Lesson for October 8, 1967

Memory Selection: "The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" — (Amos 3:8)

Lesson Text: Amos 1:1;7

As has been pointed out in our previous Lesson, Amos was "the prophet of social righteousness". For, at the time of Amos, the matter of social justice held priority over all else in the lives of God's people.

Every prophet ordained by God will find it necessary to speak up against injustices and oppression where he finds such matters rampant in his day and time. And — in this day and time, with dictatorships rampant in this world of ours which daily grows smaller with the use of fast-flying airplanes and speedy cars — this can be an oppressive burden.

The man of God (and those who follow him) dare not be silent; they must face complicated issues of human dignity and right with boldness; their response must be Christian-activated.

Amos — whose life was led in solitude, apart from the city dwellers — saw much to concern him; for, while accepting God as their Divinity, the people of Israel (with very few exceptions) did not live by His Commandments.

How often, in the study of the Scriptures, have we seen God chose from the ranks of the comparatively unlettered

simple men to be elevated to the task of spreading the Word? Such as man was Amos. Perhaps God feels that — the lives and conditions of ALL people being His main concern, those who live among them are closest to the vast majority of working people; closest to them, and to the problems which confront them and daily add complications to their lives. If so, any one of us can be called to do God's work on earth! And what a challenge that is! And what a fertile field we have to work in, in His Name!

For God is the Lord of History. And surely history repeats itself, down through the centuries, forming a pattern. Mankind remains mankind, and — in doing so — perpetrates over and over again the same mistakes, the same human errors and fallacies. For man's slow to learn, to profit from the mistakes of others!

Mankind has much to learn from the comparatively brief Book of Amos; we can learn the danger of complacency in times of prosperity; the danger of "hardening of the arteries" of our national conscience, when it conflicts with our personal well-being.

And, from Amos himself, we can draw an example of courage to speak out and stand up for God, despite almost inevitable opposition from those with vested interests, bigoted minds, and self-centered hearts.

From Amos we can learn the value of a close relationship with God, and an inspiring lesson in dedication of a life to the will of God.

Certain it is, that — if we make an honest assessment of ourselves as God's prophets — we will see the areas wherein we are lacking. But merely seeing our weaknesses is not enough; if we fail to improve our potentials for doing God's work, then we see, but are blind . . . we hear, but are deaf.

The remedy lies within ourselves, and with us alone; no . . . we are not quite alone — we have God on our side, strengthening us when we see strength, bolstering us when we weaken. We CAN be an Amos in our time!

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