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**Hallowe'en**

Hallowe'en is thought to derive in part from a Christian observance on November 1st—All Saints Day—and originally from the ancient custom of the Druids centuries before the dawn of the Christian era.

The mystic meaning of the observance has long ago ended, except among the most simple-minded. In former centuries, however, people generally believed that on Hallowe'en witches and ghosts tended to move about at night. Even the Church believed in witches and in the 18th century established the death penalty as punishment for those having intercourse with witches. Victims were tortured to death and their bodies burned.

The Egyptians, Romans and American Indians all believed in witches. As late as 1786, John Wesley held that disbelief in witches was proof of atheism and in New England, and to some extent in Virginia, there were persecutions for witchcraft. Toward the end of that century there were a number of executions in Salem, Massachusetts, urged by Cotton Mather, for the practice of witchcraft.

By the turn of the 20th century Hallowe'en had come to mean, in America, tricks and pranks by youngsters and in more recent years the night has come to bebric or treat night, a night when the young dress as witches and goblins and collect candy and other goodies from house to house.

**New Classes In Woodcarving At COA**

To take care of the overflow of people who were not able to enroll in the Woodworking Class now in session at the Arts and Crafts Center on Road Street, College of The Albemarle is offering a new class beginning Thursday, October 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. Registration will be held at the first class meeting. The registration fee for this course is \$8.00.

The instructor for the Woodworking Class will be Mr. Russ Beall who is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Hartford in Connecticut. He has illustrated a number of children's books and spent a year in Gunzburg, Germany, studying woodcarving. In 1962 Mr. Beall carved a portrait of Carl Sandburg, which the poet purchased. His work is in the collections of Carlos Montoya and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, and has been exhibited in numerous museums and galleries.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis for this class which is conducted by the Adult Education Division of College of The Albemarle.

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**Senator Sam Irvin Says**

WASHINGTON—The Senate has passed S. 215, the Federal Constitutional Convention Procedures Act, a measure which I introduced and have fought for continuously over the last four years.

The bill is designed to implement Article V of the Constitution, which provides, among other things, that the Congress shall "on application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States call a convention for proposing amendments." From the foundation of the Republic to the present time, the States have submitted a total of 304 applications for a constitutional convention, but virtually no precedent exists to serve as a guide to the States and the Congress in the carrying out of this method of amending the Constitution.

In the summer of 1967, I became concerned about the prospect of a constitutional crisis with no guidelines of 34 States requested a national convention to modify the one-man, one-vote decision of the Supreme Court in the reapportionment cases. At that time,

**Jacob L. White, Sr. Dies After Long Illness**

Jacob Lycurgus White, Sr., 67, a farmer of Route 1, Hertford, died Monday at 4:30 P.M. in the Albemarle Hospital following a long illness.

A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late John Osmond and Mrs. Pasco Hobbs White and the husband of Mrs. Artemesia Towe White.

He was a member of the Hertford Baptist Church and the Woodmen of the World.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mary Pasco Overton of Edenton and Mrs. Peggy Dudley of Chesapeake, Va.; five sons, Jacob L. White, Jr. and Joe Towe White of Route 1, Charles E. White of Suffolk, Frank E. White of Chesapeake and J. Ralph White of Hampton; two sisters, Mrs. A.B. Keen of Norfolk and Mrs. A.G. Griffin of Melbourne, Fla.; two brothers, John O. White, Jr. of Route 1 and Julian A. White of Hertford; and 17 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Norman Harris, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church and the Rev. C.J. Andrews, pastor of the Hertford United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

**DURWOOD BARBER, SR.**

WINFALL—Durwood Leigh Barber, Sr., 70, died Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. at his home following illness of two months.

A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late James Henry and Mrs. Molly Perry Barber and husband of Mrs. Ruth Godwin Barber. He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church where he had served as Sunday School superintendent and on the administrative board many years. He worked for the Major-Loomis Co. for 30 years and was retired from the Hertford Hardware Co.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Durwood L. Barber, Jr. of Winfall, Lindsey Earl Barber of Elizabeth City, and Joseph K. Barber of Winfall, and two grandchildren.

The body was removed to Swindell Funeral Home pending completion of arrangements.

32 States had called for such a convention, and my study revealed that we needed legislation to provide the answers to the sensitive questions which would determine whether a convention should be called and how any convention, once called, should function procedurally.

Although hearings were held in October of 1967, the bill did not win Senate approval for at least two reasons. First, the bill had not been studied sufficiently by a majority of the Senate to reach a conclusion as to its merits; and, second, the bill was judged by many upon the basis of partisan feeling about the proposed reapportionment amendment.

Again, in the next Congress, I reintroduced the bill where it languished in Committee throughout that session. This year, the passage of time and concerns about particular proposed amendments and the effect of the bill upon them changed the feeling about S. 215. Actually, the Senate, by a vote of 84 to 0 agreed with what I have said all along, and that is that the bill is essentially neutral toward a proposed amendment to the Constitution, and seeks neither to facilitate nor to lay obstacles in the path of a convention.

Basically, the proposed Act requires: (1) That the State use the same procedure for adopting convention applications as they use for the passage of statutes, but without the necessity of approval by the Governor; (2) that an application by a State for the call of a convention be announced in the Congress and in other State legislatures; (3) that such applications remain in effect for seven years, subject to rescission by the State legislature unless two-thirds of the State legislatures have already submitted applications on the same subject or subjects, when such applications shall then remain in effect; (4) that when the requisite number of applications are filed with the Congress that Congress shall then pass a concurrent resolution calling for a convention.

It would also require that the

convention must be convened within one year after adoption by Congress of the concurrent resolution for its call, and provides that each congressional district shall have one delegate, and that two additional delegates shall be chosen at large from each State. Each delegate would have one vote at the convention, and a vote of two-thirds of the delegates would be needed to submit an amendment to the States.

I trust that the House will give prompt attention to this much needed legislation.



**MARION SWINDELL**

The story is told of a man walking down the street with a friend. They stopped to buy a newspaper from a very rude newsie. The purchaser of the paper was exceptionally nice and courteous to the newsie, but he didn't even acknowledge their presence.

"He is like that all the time," shrugged the man.

"Then why do you continue to be polite to him?" asked his friend.

"Why not?" he inquired. "Why should I let him decide how I'm going to act?"

How many of us react to people when we should act? We often let others dictate how we will be—"Get an impolite reception—offer an impolite reaction."

After all is said—the greatest people are those who do not let others decide how they are going to act.

A little kindness sometimes breaks down the barriers of indifference.

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**An Original**

One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and a leader in the Continental Congress was also a nearby Albemarle neighbor. Care to guess who?

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*Part of growing-up is learning what is fair and what is unfair. Part of growing-up, too, is learning to forgive someone who has been unfair to us.*

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Sunday Acts 7:1-10	Monday Acts 8:14-25	Tuesday Romans 8:14-18	Wednesday Hebrews 2:14-18	Thursday Psalms 100:1-5	Friday Colossians 3:8-15	Saturday Psalms 34:1-8
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**GOD JUDGES NATIONS**  
 International Sunday School Lesson for October 31, 1971  
 LESSON TEXT: Habakkuk 1-2; Acts 17:22-31

This Lesson emphasizes God's unique place in the history of the nations of the world, and clarifies His sovereign authority over all the lands. This is asserted throughout the Bible, and no ardent student would dispute this fact.

Habakkuk was a troubled prophet; he could not understand why God let wickedness go unrestrained in Judah, and nor, at first, did he understand God's ways in loosing the warlike nation of Babylon on His chosen people, for the Chaldeans were noted for their pride in their ruthlessness. It took some time for Habakkuk to realize that God was, indeed, sitting in judgment on Judah, whose sins had progressed throughout the reigns of Manasseh, Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim. The Chaldeans were His instruments in bringing Judah up short, and the conquerors, in turn, would be toppled from their prideful arrogance.

That God continues to judge nations and peoples on their acts and their way of life continues in the world as we know it today... as witness the events of World War II in our own time. Italy prospered under the dictatorship of Mussolini; Germany under Hitler — for a time. But the free nations of the world rose in revolt against such cruelties and aggressiveness, and the result is history. Germany, especially, is a divided country, learning to live peaceably with the rest of the world. Human vengeance has had no part in this — rather it is the working of a Divine justice.

The lesson should be clear. No nation should ever presume that it is immune from the judgment of the Almighty. They may be fully convinced that right is on their side — but they may be biased in their own favor. God may disagree! Ever on the side of righteousness, such a nation should be very sure they are on GOD'S side if it wants to live in peace and prosperity in the world as we know it today.

This fact is of particular significance to us today, as we look around us and see the turmoil and restlessness that is rampant in our own society. Perhaps, if we look deeply enough into our present situation, we will find that God is trying to tell us something. Are we listening? Will the lessons of the Bible and history regarding national destinies lead us to a solution of the problems with which we are beset... or will they be wasted, as the seed which fell on stony ground?

The skeptical will point to the fact that the unjust prosper while the meek continue to be downtrodden, and (like Habakkuk) stand appalled that such a situation should exist. Such people need to continue to study Biblical events, for therein lies their answer.

God has an overreaching purpose for mankind, and the events of mankind and of the world are shaped to this end. Within the freedom He allows us, we can choose our paths, and shape our own destinies. When we get out of hand, however, then — and only then — will God intervene. He will not be swayed from His purpose. We will be judged, and ultimately we will be rewarded or punished, within this everlasting framework.

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