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Three hundred and seven retired Methodist ministers, 283 widows and 50 dependent orphaned children of deceased ministers received checks totaling \$260,000 from the Duke Endowment this week.

In explaining the distribution of funds, Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt stated that the amount each beneficiary receives is based on the years of service by the retired or deceased minister. Dr. Nesbitt is Director of Rural Church Affairs for the Duke Endowment and has his office in Durham.

A minister with 48½ years of service received \$849.84 as the largest check. The total amount received by ministers amounted to \$164,207. Widows received \$92,428 and orphaned children, \$3,365.

Trustees of the Endowment appropriate funds each year to assist in the support of ministers who have retired from the North Carolina or Western North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church and of dependent families of those who were serving in one of these Conferences at the time of death. The appropriation is a part of the Endowment's philanthropy in the area of religion, which also includes assistance in building, maintaining, and operating rural United Methodist churches in North Carolina and a variety of special services to help make the programs of these churches more effective.

In addition to its Rural Church philanthropy, the Endowment provides financial assistance and services to nonprofit hospitals and child care institutions in the Carolinas and to four educational institutions — Duke, Furman, and Johnson C. Smith Universities and Davidson College.

DURHAM GUESTS
Dr. and Mrs. Bill Nixon and family of Durham were Holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Nixon and Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Hudson.

FROM PLYMOUTH
Mr. and Mrs. Deward Jones and family of Plymouth were guests of Mrs. Addie Keegan during the Holidays.

XMAS AT CAPE HATTERAS
Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Walters spent the Holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Oden, at Cape Hatteras.

GA. GUESTS
Mr. and Mrs. David Boyce and family of Folkston, Ga. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Byrum on Thursday.



TROOPER MILLER

Jesse Helms

WASHINGTON — Two weeks ago, when I prepared legislation to save millions of gallons of gasoline now being wasted in the forced busing of school children, our office was flooded with expressions of appreciation from citizens all over the country.

Enough, the major newspapers in my own state, the most part, ignored the legislation. The Charlotte Observer's Washington correspondent, for example, made it clear that he couldn't care less. Most of the other large daily papers in North Carolina similarly ignored the story. The news media in the rest of the country didn't. So it is clear that the American people outside of North Carolina are far better informed on the matter than were my own constituents.

CLEAR-CUT — My amendment presented a clear-cut issue: How much longer will federal judges and federal bureaucrats continue to impose arbitrary and arrogant power over the lives of little school children? And, in doing so, cause the waste of scarce and precious fuel?

My amendment, had it been enacted, would have cut out all unnecessary busing of school children. It provided that, during this fuel crisis, no child would be hauled away from his own neighborhood school just to satisfy the whim of some federal bureaucrat or judge.

I made a spot check of just four of North Carolina's 151 school districts, and I discovered that forced busing is responsible for the absolute waste of 1,118,908 gallons of gasoline per year — in those four school districts alone! Projected estimates indicate that at least 30 million gallons a year are being wasted in North Carolina. Multiply that by 50 states, and you get an incredible total.

SUPPORT — My amendment was supported by officials and citizens all over the country. Typical was a telegram from Governor George Wallace of Alabama, who sent his congratulations, saying that Alabama is already having difficulty obtaining enough gasoline to operate its school buses.

Governor Wallace added that "unless they are allowed to attend the school nearest their home, many school children in our state and other states face the probability of being denied the continuance of a public school education because of a lack of fuel to transport them. You are proposing a practical and workable approach which will be a material step in meeting the energy crisis and could avoid more drastic measures unnecessary."

DEFEATED — Sad to say, my amendment was killed in the Senate by the vote of Senators who, in several cases, told me privately that they were in favor of my amendment. They confided that there had been a meeting of the leaders of the Democratic Party in the Senate, and Senators were instructed to vote to table my amendment — to prevent it from even coming to a vote!

And that's pretty much what happened. A total of 35 Democratic Senators voted to table my amendment, along with 14 Republicans.

Democratic Senators who voted to table my amendment were: Abourezk (S. Dak.), Bayh (Ind.), Biden (Del.), Burdick (N. Dak.), Cannon (Nev.), Church (Idaho), Clark (Iowa), Cranston (Calif.), Eagleton (Mo.), Gravel (Alaska), Hart (Mich.), Hartke (Ind.), Haskell (Colo.), Hathaway (Maine), Hughes (Iowa), Humphrey (Minn.), Inouye (Hawaii), Jackson (Wash.), Magnuson (Wash.), Mansfield (Mont.), McGee (Wyo.), McGovern (S. Dak.), McIntyre (N.H.), Montoya (N. Mex.), Moss (Utah), Muskie (Maine), Pastore (R.I.), Pell (R.I.), Randolph (W. Va.), Ribicoff (Conn.), Stevenson (Ill.), Symington (Mo.), Tunney (Calif.), and Williams (N.J.).

Republican Senators who voted to table my amendment were: Bellmon (Okla.), Brooke (Mass.), Case (N.J.), Hatfield (Oreg.), Javits (N.Y.), Mathias (Md.), Packwood (Oreg.), Pearson (Kans.), Schweiker (Pa.), Scott (Pa.), Stafford (Vt.), Stevens (Alaska), Taft (Ohio), and Weicker (Conn.).

A Challenge

The new year presents a new challenge to Steve and Frances Roberts. They are the "teaching parents" who will live at the Elizabeth City Junior Woman's Club's Heritage House.

Their challenge is to teach and guide young delinquent girls from the ten county area to be useful, constructive citizens. It's a job that calls for all the love, skill, and luck a parent could ever hope for.

Let's all take this opportunity to wish them every success during their first year, and for many years to come.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Hettie Rogerson Lamb, 83, of 200 S. Church died Tuesday at 1:30 a.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tommie Ferrell in Huntsville, Ala. A native of Perquimans County, she was the daughter of the late John Rogerson and Florence Greene Rogerson and a member of Chappell's Hill Baptist Church.

Surviving besides Mrs. Ferrell are another daughter, Mrs. Blanche Lipscombe of Richmond, Va.; and a son, Wilbur Lamb of Hertford, nine grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2:00 in the Chapel of Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Norman Harris and Rev. Ralph Knight, Pastor of the Chappell's Hill Baptist Church. "Beyond the Sunset" and "Sunrise Tomorrow" were played by Mrs. Preston Morgan, the organist.

The pall was made of pink roses, pink carnations, white asters and fern.

The pallbearers were Josiah Proctor, Bill Cox, Ralph Miller, Charlie Thomas Rogerson, Cam Pierce, and Charles Barker.

Burial was in Cedarwood cemetery.

Someone has said that there are five foods which are essential in a person's growth. They are love, learning, beauty, service and suffering. Without these foods the soul does not grow.

Given hunger the soul grows in an experience of love. We are nourished when one hungers for learning, studies, seeks mastery of a subject. Beauty comes only when we strive to appreciate or create the beautiful.

Suffering as food may seem to us hard experiences, but have you not noticed that men intent upon spiritual achievement have grown more surely and rapidly when suffering was their lot, rather than when life moved along like a song.

OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: No high or higher stage in life is reached without devotion.



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Sunday School Lesson

BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY
(John 6:35-51)

Harry S. Truman once made this observation: "More than half the people of the world are living in conditions approaching misery... For the first time in history humanity possesses the knowledge and the skill to relieve the suffering of these people."

Someone has noted that even in our day, nearly 2000 years after Christ's coming into the world, two thirds of the world's population live in a permanent state of hunger.

Bread is essential to life. One cannot live without eating. But man is more than a physical being. Man is also a spiritual being and cannot live by bread alone. Jesus offers Himself to the world as the bread of life. To partake of this Bread there must be belief.

BELIEF,
John 6:35-40

must come to Jesus. This is another way of saying that man must believe. It is the one who believes on Jesus who will never thirst.

Verse 37 says, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." This is not to be understood to be teaching that God will only allow some to come to Jesus. There is evidently the responsibility of man to believe in Jesus and avail himself of the offer of Christ. The promise of Jesus is that anyone who comes to Him He will in no wise cast out.

Jesus came into the world to do His Father's will. It is God's will that none should perish but that all should repent and believe. It is God's will that every one would see Jesus through eyes of faith. All who thus see Him will have everlasting life and Jesus will raise them up at the end of the age.

But for those who should have come, there was a barrier.

BARRIER,
John 6:41-47

As the crowds thronged Jesus, He spoke to them these words, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." Here is the tremendous promise of Jesus to give Himself to man. Man could find bread for his spiritual hunger in Jesus Christ. In Jesus there is the water of life. That person who seeks his needs in Jesus will never be disappointed.

There is one requirement. Man must do one thing. He

results in eternal life and I am that bread."

How does one appropriate Jesus as the bread of life? The message of God's word is, "by the response of faith." God wants man to believe on Christ whom He has sent. Jesus alone is qualified to make such an offer to man. What do you purpose to do if you turn His offer down?

BIBLE QUESTION FOR THIS WEEK:
Who are the Gentiles?
ANSWER:
All people who are not Jews.

Poinsettia

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plants he saw growing wild there that he brought the first specimens to the United States and successfully grew them on his estate at Charleston, South Carolina.

Shown in Philadelphia

Poinsettias were given their first public showing at the exposition of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in 1829, the National Geographic Society says. They immediately aroused the interest of growers around the country.

American botanists named the plant after Poinsett in 1836. Actually, a German botanist, Karl Ludwig Willdenow, already had described and catalogued the plant as Euphorbia pulcherrima, "the very beautiful Euphorbia."

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