

# Obituaries

## STEPHEN D. CHALK

Stephen Decatur Chalk, 69, a retired farmer of Route 1, Belvidere, died suddenly Saturday morning in the Albemarle Hospital.

A Perquimans County native, he was the son of the late Eliab and Mrs. Elizabeth Chalk. He attended the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Annie Smith Chalk; a son, Ronald Chalk of Route 1, Belvidere; three daughters, Mrs. Eula Wood of Elizabeth City, Mrs. June Layden and Miss Mary Belle Chalk of Rt. 1, Belvidere; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Lily and Mrs. Laura Trueblood of Elizabeth City; and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Kenneth Spivey and the Rev. Clifton Chalk.

"If We Never Meet Again" and "Zion's Hill" were sung by Mrs. Preston Stevenson accompanied by Mrs. Preston Morgan, organist.

The casket pall was made of red carnations, white chrysanthemums and gladioli, baby's breath and fern.

Pallbearers were Oscar Ray Wilder, Jimmy Turner, Jimmy Chalk, Edgar Chappell, Leslie Jordan and Gailey Chappell.

Burial was in the Family Cemetery, Rt. 1, Belvidere.

## "Sweet Hour of Prayer" during the service.

The casket pall was made of red roses, white chrysanthemums, baby's breath, snapdragons and fern.

Pallbearers were Carlton Layden, Clifford Winslow, Lester Baker, Lloyd Eason, Emmett Burnham and George Riddick.

Burial was in the Upriver Cemetery with Swindell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## MRS. LILLIAN B. COPELAND

Mrs. Lillian Borroughs Copeland, 42, of 12 Ramble Wood Drive, Raynham, Mass. died Wednesday, March 20 in a Boston, Mass. Hospital.

A native of Boston, she was the wife of Arthur Minnis Copeland, formerly of Hertford.

She was employed by the Fernandes Super Market in Brockton, Mass.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. David Borroughs of



By MARION SWINDELL

They say there is a sun dial in Covington, England, which bears this inscription: "I mark time, dost thou?" It is a constant reminder to the people that time is important, and is passing away.

We often hear the expression: "There just aren't enough hours in the day." This statement is made by the happiest of people. They are using time—and could find the use of more.

I believe it was Einstein who said: "Time is relevant." Relative to how it is being used. Fast and rapid on some occasions, while slow and dragging in other situations. Young lovers witness the fleeting moments of time. A prisoner awaiting release spends hours that seem eternal.

The person who lives the long, rich life says in his 80's: "Life has been so short." It was full, rich and enjoyable. All people can be that way simply by marking time like the sun dial. Using the moments to their fullest.

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# Sunday's Church Lesson

## ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE A RISK? (ACTS 6:8-11; 7:54-60)

A young soldier was ordered by his sergeant to report for duty at the canteen one morning. This duty would have involved selling alcoholic beverages to the other soldiers. The young soldier refused to do so and the sergeant threatened to report him to the officer of the day. The soldier still refused. He was reported to the major and was called to stand before him. The soldier went with trembling knees but a steady heart, for he knew he was right.

Bridgewater, Mass.; two daughters, Miss Mary A. Copeland and Miss Amy J. Copeland of the home; two sons, Arthur D. Copeland of Randolph, Mass. and Paul D. Copeland of the home; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Guarneri of New Hampshire.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3:00 in the Burgess Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Hertford, by the Rev. Noah Toler.

"In The Garden" was played during the service by Miss Terri Copeland, organist.

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

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery. Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

When the major demanded an explanation as to why he had disobeyed an order, the young soldier replied, "Simply because I do not believe it is right to do what I was asked to do. I enlisted to be a soldier and not a bartender."

The major arose quickly, extended his hand, and said, "young man, you are the kind of man we want. I am glad to see a fellow who has the courage of his convictions. You are not obliged to report at the canteen."

Stephen was such a man. He had convictions which were founded upon the Word of God. He stood true to those convictions.

## The Spirit of Stephen, Acts 6:8-11

Stephen was one of the seven selected by the church to serve tables. The church had selected him to aid in the distribution of food to the needy that the apostles might not be hampered in their praying and preaching. But "serving tables" was not to be the end of Stephen.

What was there about this layman that the religious leaders were so soundly defeated? The Bible tells us that he was a man of good report, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom. The Bible also tells us that he was full of faith and full of grace and power. He did great miracles among the people.

He had evidently overcome the narrow prejudices of Judaism which made it possible for him to see the

universal character of Christianity.

Stephen evidenced such wisdom and spirit that those of the synagogue were completely helpless before him. Their only recourse was to bribe men to twist his words and statements into a charge of blasphemy.

## The Standing of the Son, Acts 7:54-56

Stephen made his defense before his accusers. As a hammer drives a nail, every point he made was a truth which cut them to the quick. When they could take no more, they gnashed on him with their teeth.

Knowing that death was upon him, he looked beyond the enraged crowd and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. It has often been pointed out that this is the only time we find Jesus standing at the right hand of God. In other references He is seated at God's right hand. Did Jesus stand to welcome His faithful servant home?

Stephen saw heaven opened. He saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

## The Stoning of Stephen, Acts 7:57-60

The crowd now cried with a loud voice, stopped up their ears, and rushed upon him. They cast him out of the city and stoned him.

It is here that we first meet a young man by the name of Saul. It was at his feet and coat of the witnesses were laid.

They proceeded to stone Stephen who has now knelt and is praying. His prayer is described as a calling upon God: as committing of his spirit to Jesus; a plea that this sin will not be charged against those who are stoning him.

With this prayer on his lips, forgiveness and God's peace in his heart, he simply falls asleep. His persecutors have succeeded in silencing another who would be so bold as to claim to know God through Jesus.

Or have they succeeded? Is it true that the blood of the martyr becomes the seed of the church? Is it true that if Stephen had not so prayed and so died that Paul might not have preached?

His speech still stands as a testimony to the cutting edge of knowledge and conviction. God is not limited to any land or nation. His Gospel is for all. His challenge is to all men to stand as Stephen stood — faithful even unto death.

**BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
When did the Pharisees and Sadducees come into existence? We find them in the New Testament but not in the Old Testament.

**ANSWER:**  
Sometime during the Maccabean Period, probably between 161 and 143 B.C. The historian Josephus mentions Pharisees in connection with Jonathan, one of the Maccabees of this date.

# People In The News

**HERE FOR WEEK-END**  
Roy Vickers of Virginia Beach, Va. was a week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. Royce Vickers.

**FROM IPINEH URST**  
Miss Helen Cole of Pinehurst spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggers.

**VISIT AT HENDERSON**  
Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Tucker are guests of their sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker and Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Tucker, Jr. at Henderson.

**SUNDAY AT CHAPELHILL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haskett were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haskett at Chapel Hill on Sunday.

**FROM FLA.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Skinner of Sanford, Fla. were guests of relatives here for several days last week.

**VA. GUESTS**  
Angela and Anthony Carver of Chesapeake, Va. spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Julian White.

**FROM CHARLOTTE**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Christensen of Charlotte spent the week-end here.

**CHARLOTTE GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitt, Jr. of Charlotte were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pitt, Sr.

**WILMINGTON GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Burton Myers and Mrs. Bill Emmart of Wilmington were week-end guests of

Mrs. W. T. Smith at Hertford and Ellsberry Lane at Belvidere.

**GREENVILLE GUESTS**  
Dr. and Mrs. Jack Brinn, Jr. and family of Greenville were week-end guests of Mrs. Brinn, Sr.

**HERE FOR WEEK-END**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chalk of Wilson spent the week-end with Miss Louise Chalk and Miss Hulda Wood.

**VISITS IN FLA.**  
Mrs. J. H. Bagley is a guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pickhardt, at New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

**FROM RICHMOND**  
Miss Suzanne Towe of Richmond, Va. spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Towe.

**E. CITY GUESTS**  
Mrs. Sam Smith and daughters, Allison and Lisa, of Elizabeth City were guests of Mrs. W. T. Smith on Saturday.

**BELHAVEN GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Jr. and family of Belhaven were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Sr. and T. L. Keel.

**MEETING**  
The Perquimans County Historical Society's meeting has been postponed to Monday night, April 1st, at 8 p.m. at the County Library. Mrs. Corbin Dozier will present the program. The public is invited to attend.

## Treasure Haven

"Treasures of America", a newly-published Reader's Digest volume, describes more than 5,000 man-made treasures throughout the nation.

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