

Troubles plagued John Bogue family

John Bogue was born in Perquimans County about 1770, a son of Duke and Sarah (Robinson) Bogue. He was reared in moderate circumstances in a family whose only books were two Bibles and a Testament, although Duke Bogue did have two servants.



His father was a bricklayer, but John Bogue became a merchant, perhaps under the influence of his mother's uncle Thomas Newby of Belvidere who was one of the foremost merchants in the county.

By July 1799 John had come into sole possession of his father's home farm. The 100-acre property was part of a grant made to his great-grandfather William Bogue in May 1694, and it lay on the northeast side of Perquimans River near Bagley Swamp. John later purchased an adjacent 64 acres.

As a faithful member of Wells' preparative meeting of Friends, John Bogue sought a wife among the Quakers of his neighborhood. In October 1797, he married Lydia White (Born February 1775), a daughter of John and Lydia (Winslow) White.

John and Lydia Bogue became the parents of seven children: John, born May 1799; Mary, born March 1801; Osmond, born December 1802, died in infancy; Martha, born August 1805; Elizabeth, born April 1808; Anna, born May 1810; and Lydia, born August 1813.

With a growing family and a promising mercantile career, John Bogue determined to build a new house on his ancestral land. In 1802, he erected a one-and-a-half-story, three-bay, gambrel-roofed frame structure. He built well, for the house is still standing with much of its original material intact.

By 1805, John Bogue had his own store. A few years later, he joined a cusion as partner in Josiah Jordan and Company. He and Josiah also owned a vessel "The Three Brothers" with their cusion Exum Newby and their friend Nathan Winslow.

With his own vessel, a merchant reduced his expenses importing goods and facilitated shipment of the wheat, corn, staves, and other products his customers offered for those goods. However, he also increased his risks, the sea being full of unavoidable sudden dangers.

The first decades of the nineteenth century posed other threats to merchant vessels as well. British impressment of American seamen, Napoleonic wars, and Mr. Jefferson's embargo kept many a shipowners in a constant state of worry.

"The Three Brothers" went out on a voyage and was captured by Spanish pirates. The loss of the vessel and its cargo was a severe blow to its owners, but especially to John Bogue. His finances became so desperate that he had to sell his home in July 1812 to Josiah Jordan.

Troubles outside the home were matched by tragedies within. In September 1813, John Bogue's wife Lydia, who had been chosen an overseer of Suttons Creek Monthly Meeting the previous April, died. In eight days she was followed to the grave by her five-week-old babe. (Part two next week.)

Celebrating freedom

While many will have celebrated July 4th earlier this week, today we should all take a few moments and realize what it really means to us to be Americans. We need to remember the struggles that brought us here, the many thousands before us who have given their lives that we might enjoy the freedoms we so often take for granted.

God's gift to each of us. In most services, complete order is the theme of the day, with the slightest cry from a child, cough, or movement in the congregation causing everyone to notice. You are supposed to be totally still and concentrate on the words of the speaker. When singing, even if you do feel uplifted by the music, you had better not show it. And you never, ever, show appreciation for special music or words by clapping your hands.

A worship service should be an enlightening experience, a chance to renew one's spirit, a moving of the body and mind in tune with the excitement of the miracles of God. In other words, it should be enjoyed.

In this particular service I attended, there were no sleepy faces, no looks of concern for the time gone by. The speaker involved the members in the service, encouraged their response. When the choir sang, though small in number, you could tell they were singing with their hearts. The lady at the piano got more out of it than I've ever seen a piano give. It all blended well, and even if you didn't know the words, you soon found yourself caught up in the joy of the song, and the words came easy.

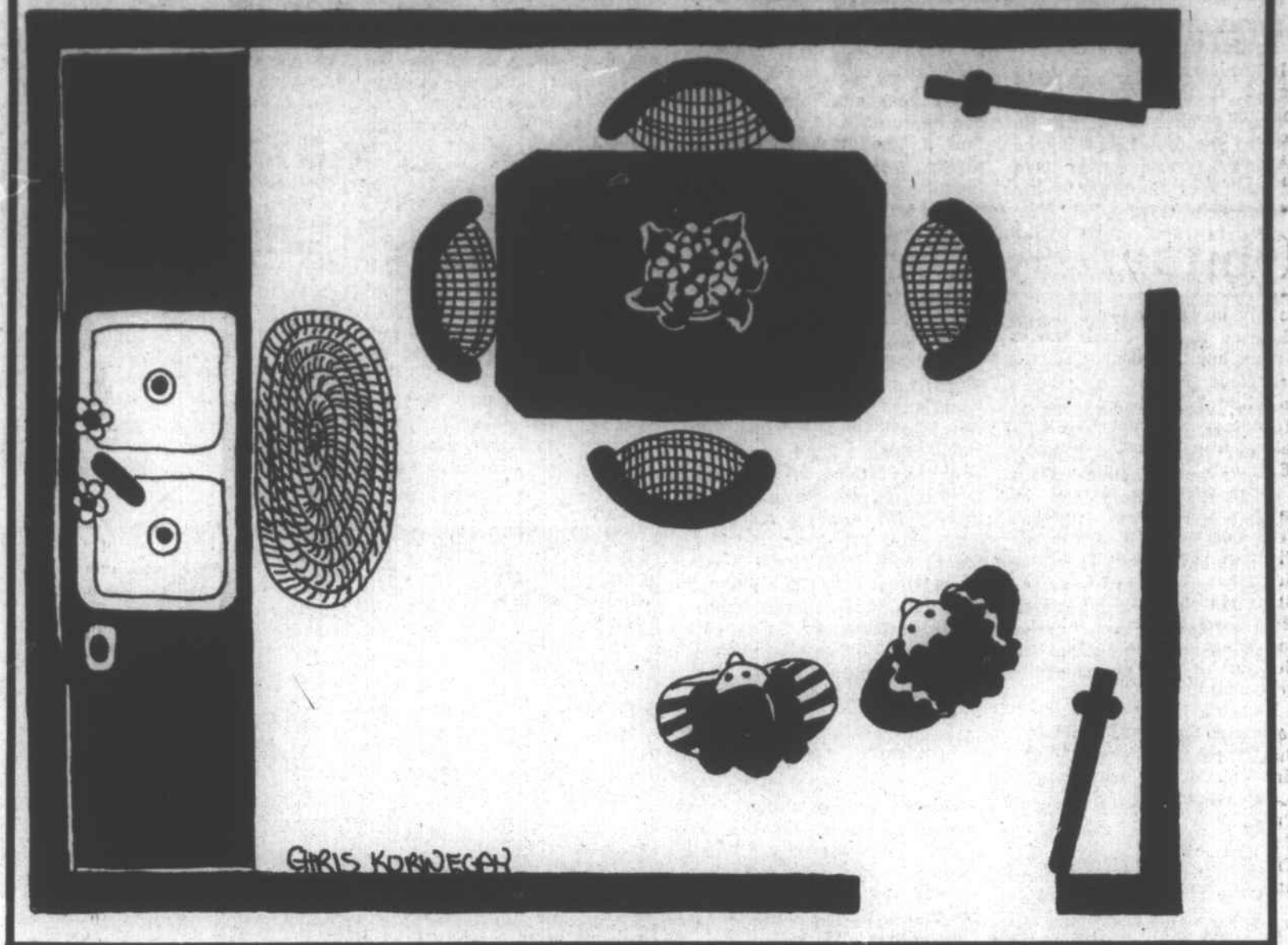
The freedom to worship as we please, in the manner we please, is probably one of the greatest freedoms we are allowed. It is a shame we don't all enjoy it as much as we could.

Here's a story many parents understand, especially at this time of the year.

The man had taken a picture to the art shop for framing. At the counter, he heard the woman in front of him tell the sales clerk she wanted a frame for a \$20,000 picture.

The clerk gasped and stammered that although the shop did not usually handle such expensive items, they would certainly do their best. The woman nodded and laid out the counter her son's college diploma.

MY DREAM KITCHEN - NO STOVE OR REFRIGERATOR



Battling the infamous yellow fly

Everywhere you look you'll see them. You can't find solace anywhere, because they're everywhere. There isn't anyplace left to hide.



July is here, and the yellow flies are back.

Walking outside at any given time of day can be hazardous to your health. There's nowhere you can go to get away from them, and no sure way to get rid of them.

My neighbor across the way has tried using an industrial sprayer with kerosene, fly spray, and other sorts of chemicals,

only to be attacked in mass by a swarm of yellow flies.

In years past, it is said, they were content to stay around the pine trees in the county. This year they're taking the pine trees with them so that they can saturate the county.

One quietly found its way into my bedroom the other night while I was peacefully sleeping, and from the size of the whelps that were left on my leg, I could probably have saddled him and road to work the next morning.

How such little varmints can have such an impact on civilized people is amazing. But day after day these little pests keep John Q. Public at bay inside his home, waiting for the relief that will only come after the first big rain in August.

The knowledgeable Mr. Webster, in his Second College Edition of the WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY, which has over 159,000 entries with

clear, precise definitions, was at a loss to explain the yellow fly phenomenon.

Words and definitions in that section include: yellow-bellied sapsucker, yellow-belly, yellow bird, yellow cake, yellow daisy, yellow-dog contract, yellow enzyme, yellow fever, yellow-green algae, yellow hammer, yellow jack, yellow jacket, yellow jasmine, yellow journalism, yellow knife, yellow legs, yellow ocher, Yellow Pages, yellow peril, yellow pine, yellow poplar, yellow race, Yellow River, Yellow Sea, yellow-shafted flicker, yellow spot, Yellowstone, yellow streak, yellowtail, yellow throat, yellow warbler, yellow weed, yellow wood, and yellowy.

No yellow-fly anywhere. The yellow-fly is so pesky that it isn't even listed under the fly section with the gnats and mosquitoes. Sprays don't seem to help,

they're not attracted to the good old bug lights, the only sure method if ridding yourself of yellow flies is the trusty old

When you're dealing with such a primitive being, you must resort to primitive measures.

Catching the yellow fly off guard is simple. All you have to do is provide them with a bare ankle and they'll flock like bees to honey. Once the little pest starts nibbling at the fare you've provided, whap him with the flyswatter and presto...he's gone. Sure the flyswatter stings, but it's better than being a gourmet dinner for a yellow fly.

Of course this method of extermination is very tiring, and you can't get much sleep when you're making a human target out of yourself, but I told you earlier I didn't know how to get rid of them.

Relief will come sooner or later, and as far as I'm concerned the sooner the better.

Point of View

by: BILL NIXON

One of those freedoms is the right to worship when and where we please, and in a manner that is suited for our individual needs. I had an opportunity recently to witness this right of expression first hand. It was a totally new and a most enjoyable experience for me.

While my plans didn't include joining the revival services in the small country church, on a hot and humid June evening, I found myself in the second pew. While this may not seem all that different, as I have attended summer revivals before, this time was. I was the only white person in the crowd.

As is often the case, especially when we don't really know what will happen, I was a big uncomfortable at first. Like most who don't know, I had always been led to believe that our black brothers didn't worship God in the same manner we do.

They were right. They don't. This group of people, of all ages, got into God. They enjoyed their worship, their singing, their fellowship. Any tensions I had were soon relieved. I found myself caught up in the excitement of the celebration, feeling a closeness to someone greater than man, a feeling I have seldom witnessed in other services I have attended.

I often feel as if we are too somber in our celebration of

Guest editorial

Governor proposes educational reforms

BY GOVERNOR JIM HUNT

I can always tell when summer has arrived in Raleigh. There are no parking near the mansion, and conversations along Jones Street and down the Fayetteville Street Mall seem to center around politics more than usual. The General Assembly is back in town.

During this summer's short session, North Carolina's lawmakers have the opportunity to enact some of the most crucial legislation in our state's history. They also have the chance to reward state workers for their sacrifice for the state's economy and to take a step toward protecting some of our most valuable natural resources. I plan to stay in close contact with members of the General Assembly on each of these issues during the coming weeks.

Few issues affect as many areas of our society as education, and that is why I am devoting the majority of my time during this short session to passage of a board-based package of educational reforms. Based on what I heard as chairman of the North Carolina Commission on Education for Economic Growth last year, I believe that there is a growing consensus throughout the state that improving education is one of the most important investments we can make in the lives of our children and in the future of our entire state.

My education package is designed to upgrade all levels of North Carolina's schools,

making them the best they can be. It is a first step toward ensuring that North Carolina's graduates will be ready for jobs in fields such as biotechnology and microelectronics. It is a first step toward ensuring that this state will continue its tradition of economic strength.

I believe we must provide competitive teacher salaries, the kind that will attract the best instructors in the country. That is why I am proposing a 10 percent across-the-board raise of 15 percent.

The education package before the General Assembly calls for a number of other changes, such as improved partnerships between education and business, a new Office of School Discipline to instill certain values into young people and free scholarships for students who want to become teachers.

The package also calls for increased funding in several areas to provide for expansion of dropout prevention programs as well as additional textbooks, computers and the strengthening of vocational programs and math and science laboratories.

There is no quick and easy fix for our schools. If passed, this package will make a dramatic first step in improving education, but if we are to guarantee excellence, we must put forth a continuing commitment.

For several years, North Carolina's state employees have committed themselves to helping the state economy. They have endured a freeze on merit pay, a

freeze that helped see the state through one of the worst recessions of the century. Now that we have endured that storm and achieved a healthy budget surplus, I am calling on the General Assembly to enact a 10 percent cost of living increase for all active and retired employees as well as reinstatement of the merit system beginning July 1, 1985. This plan also calls for more flexibility and funds for salary adjustments and the addition of a 10th step in the State Employees' Salary Increment Program for 1984-85.

I trust that lawmakers will also take a close look at several other pieces of legislation I am proposing this year, such as the Clean Water Budget designed to protect the state's rivers, streams and lakes against pollution and the extension of the workfare program that has

proved so effective in getting people off of welfare rolls and into paying jobs.

This summer's session of the General Assembly may be a short one, but members of the State House and Senate have a long list of work to do before it ends. I trust lawmakers will give careful consideration of each of these items I have outlined. I honestly believe that together, they will make a wise investment in the future of this great state.

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