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Singing And Sales At Church

Sunday, May 20th will be Memorial Day at Flint Hill Baptist Church. This will also be a special day to pay off the church indebtedness. On Sunday there will be a dinner in the fellowship building following the morning worship. In the afternoon of the 20th there will be a special singing. Special guests will be "The Gabriels" of New Bern, N.C. Also the "Carillon Hand Bell Choir" of Bethel Baptist Church in Shelby, N.C. The public is invited to come. Bring a well filled basket and also remain for the Singing. There will be no Sunday night services.

Sunday Night May 27th will be a special musical program by "The Young Musicians" and "The Music Makers". This will be a musical entitled "God's Please Turn To Page 4

On The Fly



Spring and trout fishermen - have come to the mountains, as this solitary flycasters tries his luck on a mountains stream.

Flint Hill DAR Hears Withrow On Nuclear Energy

The Flint Hills Chapter, NSDAR, held its April meeting on Tuesday evening at the Fellowship Hall of the Boiling Springs United Methodist Church. Mrs. Robert F. Sweezy, Regent, presided. The meeting was opened with the reading of the scripture and a prayer by Mrs. Joe Kendrick, Chaplain, followed by the singing of the National Anthem, reciting the Pledge to the Flag, American's Creed. Mrs. Sweezy read the President General's letter; Mrs. E.C. Willingham gave the National Defense Report, and Mrs. James L. Padgett reported for the nominating

committee and presented the following which were elected to serve for the coming year: Mrs. S. Arnold Ramey, Vice Regent; Mrs. Bertie Blalock, Historian; Mrs. A. Paris Weathers, Librarian.

Mrs. Arnold Ramey introduced the speaker, Mr. Bill Withrow, who spoke on "History During the Revolutionary War Period," and he brought it up to date with a discussion on nuclear energy.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Willingham, Mrs. Bobby Humphries, Mrs. Katherine Harris, Mrs. Otto Matheny.

State Senator Addresses School Personnel

At the April meeting of the Cleveland County Chapter, North Carolina Retired School Personnel at the Elks Lodge, April 3, Rev. M.L. Campbell gave the invocation prior to the luncheon. An announcement was made that Myers Hambricht, organization president, was in Cleveland Memorial Hospital. Mr. Campbell's devotional thoughts were on the subject "Purpose to Enhance Yourself in Our Organization." He mentioned Daniel in the Bible as one who enabled himself by having a program and a plan for his life, and he suggested we do the same through our organization. Minutes were read by the secretary, Charlotte Swift. Copies of the treasurer's report were furnished by Jeanette Surratte, Treasurer.

Guests were recognized as follows: Nan Lee Phillips and Gracie Willingham of Rutherford County, Mrs. McKnight of the Council on Aging, and Senator Helen Rhyne Marvin.

Mrs. McKnight made several announcements. She told of the upcoming Health Fair for health screening for senior citizens only to be held April 9 from 9 to 3 o'clock at Fiber Recreation Center, and to be held in Kings Mountain May 14. She announced the Miss Senior Citizen Contest to be at Malcolm Brown auditorium May 12. Lilian Gleaves will represent RSP. Mrs. Martha London was recognized for having recently received the award of "Miss Human Relations." Announcement was made that C.C. Padgett is in Coronary Care at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Era Bridges introduced the day's speaker, State Senator Helen Rhyne Marvin, who serves on three important Senate Committees: Human Resources, State Government, and Appropriations. Senator Marvin said a short session of the Legislature will be held in June for emergency items and

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Don't Rap That Toad

Toads have gotten a bad rap despite their virtues as one of the best natural insect eradicators for the outdoor garden.

A naturalist of the mid-1800s observed: "Few animals have ever suffered more undeserved persecution as victims of an absurd and ignorant prejudice than the toad."

Perhaps this is because toads are not thought of as pretty, or because in mythology they have been considered poisonous or associated with black magic, spells and charms. Shakespeare called the toad "ugly and venomous...(with) a precious jewel in his head."

Birds, on the other hand, are treasured. We think them beautiful, flying gracefully from tree to tree. And they give us a song, much more than the

toad's "ga-rump" in the spring.

But the toad, held in much less regard, is every bit as valuable for the number of insects it eats.

Specialists at the N.C. Botanical Garden at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill says birds are attracted to the garden by the foods naturally found in the trees and plantings there. Toads are similarly attracted, but they need an additional factor.

They will stay in your area as long as they are provided with some moist spots which they must have to keep their skins from drying out. A shallow pan of water, a pond, a hollow rock, a low moist spot of soil will keep them happy.

Toads can be brought into the garden from natural moist areas like drainage ditches or ponds and will stay if equivalent suitable wet spots are provided for them.

Adult toads will eat many thousands of insects in a season. Although their mortality rate can be high, depending on rain and other factors, they have been known to live and remain in an area for decades.

Given a good environment, they will give fine service by eating many, many insects, thereby sparing the gardener's vegetables and flowers.

The next time a toad is seen in your garden, tip your hat in tribute to one of the most effective - and non-contaminating - insect eradicators. That "precious jewel" in his head is truly valuable.