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## GOOD NEWS TRAVELS

Bad news travels fast, but The Mirror has learned of late that good news is not without wings.

Ever since a magazine—Christian Life—reprinted a portion of an editorial we did on the Christian Business Men's Crusade held here last August our mail box has been filled to overflowing.

People in all walks of life, and in all sections of the country, have written letters commenting on the series of meetings here. Most of them ask for more information, and express a desire to have a similar spiritual experience in their own community.

A paper in Los Angeles has now reprinted The Mirror editorial referred to. Apparently it was picked up from the magazine in which it appeared, and as a result, still more letters are coming to us.

In addition, a woman who lives over Elizabeth City way called us long distance the other night. She, it developed, had read the aforementioned editorial in the Los Angeles paper.

So interested was this caller that she and a group of other folks drove from Elizabeth City a couple of afternoons later, to learn firsthand about the Crusade.

The man for her to see, of course, was Ernest Smith, a local businessman who visualized the series of meetings here and, with the help of others, had the zeal and faith to make the vision a reality.

Unfortunately, or so it seemed, Smith would not be available. He had been in Lakeland, Fla., for some time, where a similar Crusade was under way. However, a call from our office to his home produced a pleasant surprise.

Just as the phone rang, Ernest was walking up the steps. He arrived by plane just in time to receive the call. The woman and her friends were certain that their prayers had been answered, and in a few minutes they were in Smith's home for a prayerful and meaningful visit.

Out of that visit will probably come still another Crusade, all because a group of New Bern businessmen brought about a spiritual awakening for many people in all walks of life here. Some of the enthusiasm generated last August may have subsided, but much of it still remains.

It is significant, to say the least, that Smith and other New Bernians journeyed to Florida for the Lakeland meetings, and that they have likewise taken the time and trouble to visit Philadelphia and elsewhere in recent months for religious reasons.

To the cynical, this may appear to be behavior bordering on the fanatical. However, in a world where most of us are fanatics about one thing or another, The Mirror is in no mood to criticize any man, woman or child who is determined to give God priority.

New Bern is known for many things—its historical background happens to be one of them. To some strangers who find themselves in our midst we appear to be cold, inhospitable and narrow. Others view the community with affection in a very short while, and say we are a friendly lot.

Like most towns, ours isn't all good nor all bad. But what we are and what we do, for better or worse, eventually seeps out and goes a long, long way. Who would have thought, six months ago, that this city would achieve national fame, and get in newspapers and magazines all over, because somebody decided it would help New Bern if we had a revival with laymen bringing the messages.

More important than the fame is the fact that the torch lighted here has been used to kindle other torches. Certainly this nation, having stamped "In God We Trust" on billions of coins for years on end, can stand a lot more religion before a surplus is created that Uncle Sam can't dispose of.

The Mirror has no quarrel with any New Bernian, or anyone else for that matter, when it comes to faith, and a creed to live and die with. What you believe is something for you and your conscience to decide.

We do, however, want to go on record as being glad to live in a town that has earned a coast-to-coast reputation as a place that is concerned about God.

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## Historical Gleanings

—By—

FRANCES B. CLAYPOOLE  
and  
ELIZABETH MOORE

### ABSTRACTS OF LAND TRANSFERS; BEAUFORT COUNTY, N. C.

1703, April 6. THOMAS LEPPER sells and assigns over unto WILLIAM POWELL "all my rights and title to an entry of land in NEUSE RIVER made by me 26 November 1702." Levi Truewhitt. B1.

1706, January 7. FURNIFOLD GREEN and wife, HANNAH, sell CHRISTOPHER DAWSON land on NEUSE RIVER, the same being called RICH NECK, bounded by the river and a creek called CUC-COOWINK. B1.

1708, September 21. EDMUND PEARCE'S Patent for 550 acres on NEUSE RIVER, beginning on the North side of Pearce's Creek at the mouth. B1.

1708, October 8. FARNIFOLD GREEN sells JOHN PUTNALL 250 acres on North side of NEUSE RIVER. Christopher Dawson. B1.

1708/9, January 4. Patent to CHRISTOPHER DAWSON for 320 acres on Farnifold Green's Creek, in NEUSE RIVER. B1.

1708-9, January 4. CHRISTOPHER DAWSON assigns over title to the above to "my son FRANCIS GREEN". Levi Truewhitt and Enon Ward. B1.

1708-9, January 6. WILLIAM POWELL "for divers causes and considerations" sells to JOSEPH WOODARD 250 acres on a creek on North side of NEUSE RIVER. B1.

1708, December 31. ELIZABETH WALKER, widow of JAMES WALKER, sells to LEWIS JOHNSON 250 acres in NEUSE RIVER, North side of POWELL'S CREEK. William Hancock and John Respass. B1.

1709, June 30. JOHNSON sells the above to BRYANT LEE.

1720, July 5. MAURICE MOORE sells to FRANCIS LYNFIELD (Hyde Precinct) 140 acres on the North side of BAY RIVER, patented by said Moore 22 January 1713. B1.

1720, September 13. MAURICE MOORE sells FRANCIS LYNFIELD 310 acres on N. side of BEAR RIVER, formerly surveyed for GEORGE BELL and by him lapsed, then patented by said Moore 10 August 1720, from Honorable CHARLES EDEN. B1.

1726, October 20. JAMES BRIGHT sells to OLIVER SMITH 140 acres

on the South side of BEAR RIVER, patented by said BRIGHT 2 August 1726. Samuel Sinclair and Patrick Maule. B1. (Beginning at the head of Tillman's Creek.)

1729, September 27. JOHN CHESTER sells to THOMAS SIMMONS and DANIEL SIMMONS 300 acres on upper fork of BEAR RIVER, patented by CORNELIUS BELL 6 December 1720. William Whitford. B2.

1730, December 13. JOHN MARTIN of BAY RIVER sells BENJAMIN RICE 235 acres on South side of BAY RIVER on the West side of TRENT CREEK, patented by said MARTIN March 1, 1722. John Carruthers, John Witherington and Francis Delamare. B2.

1732, May 23. JAMES RICE sells to SAMUEL HARVEY tract of 410 acres on the N. side of NEUSE RIVER, at the Lower Broad Creek. Richard Harey. B2.

1733, August 4. JOHN CARRUTHERS of NEUSE RIVER sells to JOHN LOVEKIN of BEAR RIVER, tract of 100 acres on South side of BEAR RIVER and West side of TRENT CREEK, patented by JOHN MARTIN 1 March 1722. Robert Harfort, John Witherington, Darby Conner.

1733, May 16. JOHN TULY, Hyde Precinct, sells to JOHN LYNFIELD a tract of land between 300 and 400 acres on BEAR RIVER in BEAUFORT Precinct, on S. side of said River, joining JOHN MOORE'S land, patented by William Bell. Roger Mason and John Mason. B2.

1733, May 29. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS sells to SOLOMON WITHERINGTON a tract of land 150 acres on South side of BAY RIVER, being a part of 1,220 acres granted to NEAL O'NEALE, and he dying, the same was taken by DANIEL SHINE by an escheat patent dated the 14 November 1730. John Brooks, Joseph Plegler and Benjamin Rice. B2.

1731, July 16. DANIEL SHINE sells to WILLIAM CARRUTHERS a tract of 306 acres on South side of BAY RIVER, over against

THOMAS SIMMONS, being part of the 1,220 acres patented by Neal O'Neale. Francis Delamar, John Witherington. B2.

1731, July 6. DANIEL SHINE sells to FRANCIS DELAMAR a tract of 306 acres on the South side of BAY RIVER, being part of the land patented by Neal O'NEALE. William Carruthers, John Martin and John Witherington. B2.

1736, July 19. DANIEL SHINE sells to FRANCIS LINKFIELD a tract of 306 acres on the South side of BAY RIVER, part of 1,220 acres granted to Neale O'Neale. John West and John Carruthers. B2.

(To Be Continued)

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