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Whatever your religious faith may be — whatever your church denomination — you owe it to yourself to hear Dr. A. Purnell Bailey during his six-day stay in New Bern.

Countless millions the world over have listened to his devotional broadcast — "Daily Bread" — a program that originated on the Armed Forces Network in Tokyo. Other millions gain spiritual strength from his daily newspaper column — "Bread Of Life" — published here and abroad.

A Virginia minister, currently serving as the District Superintendent of the Richmond District of the Methodist Church, he was an Army chaplain in the Pacific during World War II. He spent considerable time on Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines, entered Japan the first day of its occupation, and was there for 15 months before his return to the United States.

Dr. Bailey will be presented twice daily in a series of services at New Bern's Centenary Methodist church, starting Sunday. Seldom in the history of this 252 year old first State Capital has so learned a theologian been in our midst. In the vernacular of our modern world, he is in the truest sense a celebrity.

Despite his background as a scholar with many college degrees, his notable success in pulpit and press has resulted from the simplicity of his messages. He doesn't resort to dramatics nor spell-binding oratorical extravagance to get his reasoning implanted in the minds and hearts of others.

In Richmond, the citizens there of all faiths — and those who have little or no faith — will tell you that Dr. Bailey practices what he preaches. Despite his terrific schedule, he is active in community affairs. He has served as president of the alumni of the Duke Divinity School, and is a trustee of Randolph-Macon College and the Southern Seminary.

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There were 22 drunken driving cases on the calendar in Craven Superior Court this week. Meanwhile, North Carolina's traffic deaths for 1962 show grim signs of passing well beyond the thousand mark before remaining Tar Heels get around to placing a tinseled and lighted tree in their living rooms.

Have you ever pictured a thousand coffins lined up end to end, or a thousand hearses in a single, ghastly procession? Or, to put it another way, have you ever paused to figure that the persons killed on highways and streets in the Old North State during the past 15 years could populate a city the size of New Bern?

How befuddled is the average drunken driver? Suppose we cite an actual example, revealed and undenied in Craven Superior Court last Monday. A driver pleaded guilty, and then sat silently as Highway Patrolman Pat Herring testified on the stand under oath.

"I saw him leaning over the steering wheel," said Herring, "as he started across the Neuse river bridge at the corner of Broad and East Front streets. I followed him, and his car weaved from side to side. When he got across the bridge, he continued down the road leading into Pamlico county."

The patrolman halted the swerving vehicle, and asked the driver to step out of his car. "He was staggering badly," testified Herring, "and had the strong odor of intoxicants on his breath. I asked him where he was going, and he said he was headed for New Bern."

Obviously, the drunk had passed through New Bern a few minutes before, without even being aware

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THEY'LL BE YELLING—Undaunted by the 24-7 clobbering handed the Bears by Morehead City, New Bern High school's varsity cheerleaders will exercise their lungs again at Washington Friday night. Left to right: Cathy Turner, Kay Vereen, Teresa LaMar, Linda Regan, Carol Gentry,

Patsy Ward. Second row: Eleanor Dixon, Carol Ragan, Connie Toler, Peggy Pate, Sally King, Jane Cox and Sharon Smith. Jenny Hollister is head cheerleader.—Photo by John R. Baxter.



SELDOM SILENT—New Bern High school's junior varsity cheerleaders sound off at every opportunity, and take their job quite seriously. Left to right: Tony Safford, Helen Heath, Leslie Geiter, Peggy O'Neal, Rosali Henderson, Sandy Kelso, head cheerleader; Cheryl Cobb, Betsy Turn-

er, Penny Rice, Ann McCutcheon and Dandy Bryan. Like the varsity cheerleaders, their efforts add color and excitement to gridiron battles here.—Photo by John R. Baxter.