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It would be nice, this Easter Sunday, if no minister or priest on the face of the earth elected to repeat the threadbare wise-crack about "wishing you a merry Christmas, since I won't see some of you again until next Easter."

God forbid that any of us, preachers included, question the motive or church going habits of a fellow mortal who is conspicuous by his presence on the Day of the Resurrection. To poke fun at such individuals from the pulpit is hardly in keeping with the occasion.

Turning from preaching to politics, which is quite a turn, you've probably observed as we have that there's virtually no criticism of Governor Dan K. Moore among New Bern's citizens--at least not in public.

North Carolina's drawling Mountain Man may not go down in history as one of the State's great Chief Executives (although it could happen) but the chances appear good he will end up among the least disliked. Of course, treading on toes too forcibly might dim his popularity.

Human beings are invariably their rudest when they get behind the steering wheel of an automobile. No one, sad to say, expects courtesy on highways and streets, so the motorist who gives another driver a break is appreciated more than a cold drink of water on an August day.

New Bernians who may be planning to attend the 193rd consecutive Easter Sunrise Service of the Moravians in Winston-Salem should have this information. The service begins at 5:15 a. m. in front of the historic Home Moravian church on Salem Square, less than one mile from the downtown area of Winston-Salem.

Early in the morning, between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00, small groups from the large Moravian band assemble on street corners to awaken the city with their playing of Easter chorales and hymns. Thousands gather at the Square during the early morning hours to await the Service, which originated with the Moravian brethren in Europe in 1932.

Interesting features of the Service are the procession from Salem Square to the Moravian Graveyard, where the Service is concluded at sunrise, and the antiphonal playing of the Moravian Band of more than 500 instrumentalists.

Many visitors remain after the Service to view the beautiful Easter flowers which have been placed by Moravian families on the mounded graves with recumbent white gravestones. The Moravian Graveyard is affectionately called "God's Acre."

The old Salem Restoration WILL have its Reception Center and exhibit buildings open to the public on Easter Sunday, from 1:00 p. m. to 4:30 p. m. and on Easter Saturday and Easter Monday from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Go first to the Reception Center, located on the Old Salem Road, where you will be given information on the history and restoration of the Moravian town, founded in 1766, as well as directions for touring the area.

Five exhibit buildings are



OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM—Mirrored in the shining eyes of four-year-old Pennie Marea Barrington (daughter of the L. T. Barringtons of 910 Highland Avenue) is all the joy and hope of Easter. Christ, in His ministry on earth expressed His love for little children, and as He entered Jerusalem where the agony of the cross would be His lot, the children sang and expressed their adoration with palm branches. In a world

where hate and violence, doubt and fear desecrate the mission of the Prince of Peace, it is well to remember that there are lilies growing in the field, as in the time of Jesus, and childhood faith that hearkens back to the Sermon on the Mount. May you, like Pennie, rejoice in the glad tidings. "The Lord is risen" and the empty tomb proclaims the reality of life everlasting.—Photo by Wray Studio.

