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Yesterday was when no other teacher at Central School could whack the palm of your hand with a ruler as adeptly as Miss Ruth Berry. The first thing a misbehaving pupil discovered in her third grade was how bad pain can be.

It wasn't like that in Miss Lizzie Hancock's second grade. She sent you out for a switch from some nearby tree, and smarted your legs with it. Both of these ladies were more saintly than sadistic. They simply demanded discipline and respect, and got it.

Later, in the basement of the Moses Griffin building, here Vance Swift taught chemistry to High school students, he used a different approach. Anyone caught chewing gum had to roll the stuff in epsom salts, and resume chomping.

Yesterday was when the Boy Scouts of New Bern's Troop 8 were invited to attend Dr. R. A. Tory's revival in the Banner Warehouse, line up on the front row, and say sentence prayers.

Although one of the members, Harry Goldman, was Jewish, he was eager to attend with the rest of the boys. The other kids prayed short prayers, like "Thank you, God, for our mothers and fathers," but Harry didn't go for that.

He expressed gratitude for everything imaginable, and such eloquence you've never heard. Unfortunately, the revival's choir director was named Mr. Woolslagel, and when Harry closed with a fervent flourish he said, "Thank you, God, for Dr. Tory and Mr. Bootlegger."

Yesterday was when another evangelist, Dr. Mordecai Ham, who later converted Billy Graham, came to town and pitched his sprawling tent on East Front Street, where the Holiday Inn now stands.

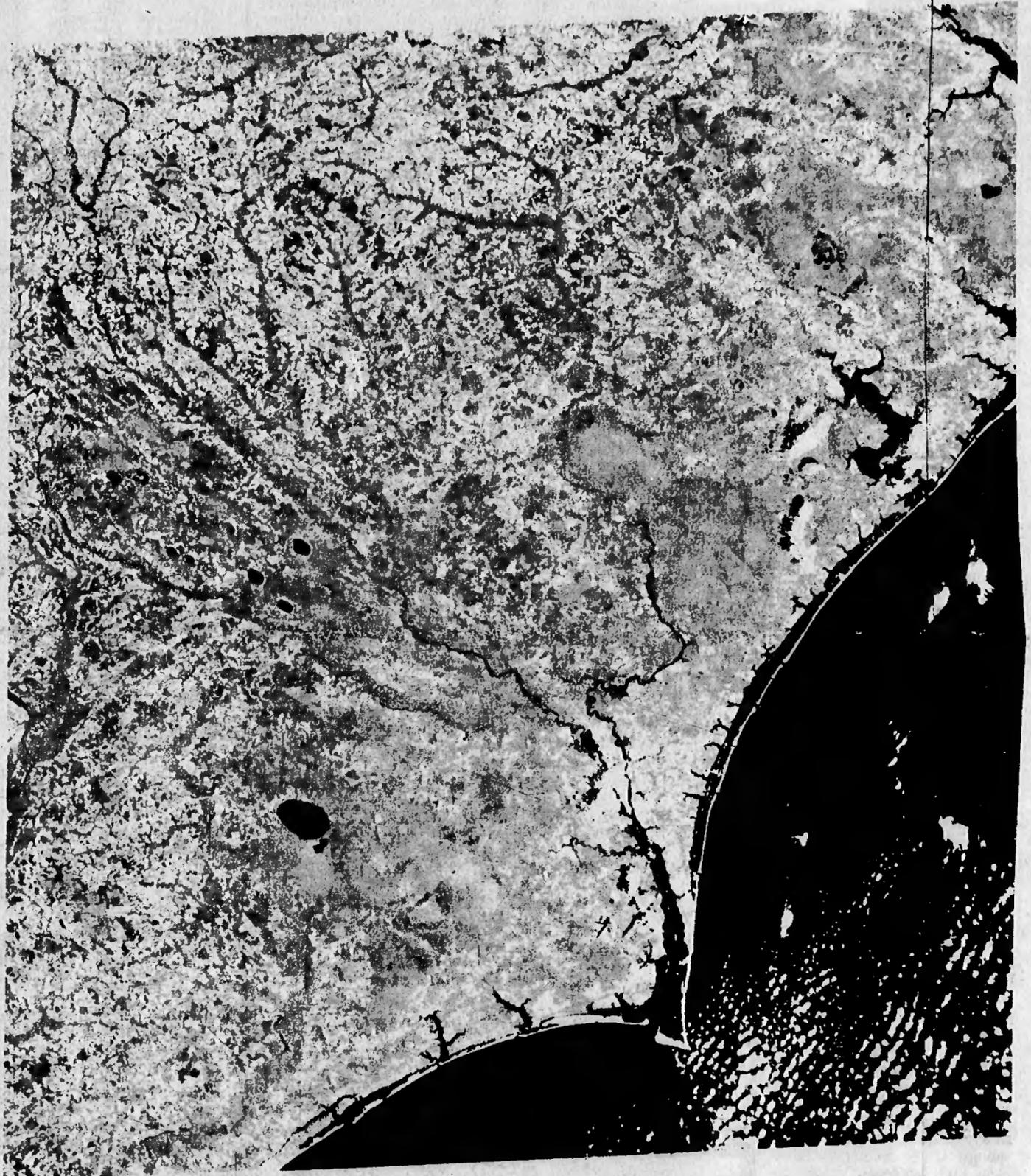
Dr. Ham never knew it, but right in the midst of his fiery sermon a little boy and little girl, seated across the aisle from each other, exchanged expressions of affection by indicating the numbers of hymns in the song book.

Each would hold up fingers to inform the party of the second part what page to turn to. With hymns like I Need Thee Every Hour, Almost Persuaded, Why Do You Wait, Dear Brother, and Love Lifted Me it worked very well.

Yesterday was when the lawn you pay several dollars to have mowed now, if you can find someone to do it, was mowed for 25 cents or less. That included clipping around the edges with scissors, and raking.

Yesterday was when the town was full of roosters. Used to, walking home after our dates, some of us boys would crow just once, and set off a chain reaction that got every rooster downtown and in Ghent and Riverside started. You could do the same thing with dogs by barking.

Yesterday was when the fire whistle we had at the Water Works could be heard for many miles around. Farmers toiling in the field easily heard it give



SECOND TIME AROUND—Our apologies to those of you who suffered eye strain, or felt stupid a week ago, because you couldn't locate New Bern on the satellite photo we're reprinting today. You couldn't find the junction of the Neuse and Trent, as we said you would, since the extreme right portion of the picture got left out in reproducing it for publication. This is the kind of mishap that gives an editor ulcers and keeps him awake all night. Take another look. The extreme upper right corner of the photo, snapped by Earth Resource Satellite-1 (ERTS-1) from an altitude of 568 miles, clearly reveals the Neuse and Trent rivers joining at Union Point. New Bern and Bridgeton are seen as light areas, as are other populated portions of the picture. The black spot immediately below is Catfish Lake. Below

that, and also left out last week, is White Oak river. The much larger stream, further down on the right, is New river. At the bottom is the Cape Fear and Wilmington. The photo was taken at 11 a. m., on Oct. 11, 1972, by three cameras aboard the unmanned satellite, and transmitted to earth. Three colors, green, red and infrared were recorded, and combined for this composite photo at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Those dots near the center of the picture, as we stated last week, are elliptical "bays" or depressions. Once thought to be impact craters, they are now thought to be the result of marine erosion. Some are filled with water, to form lakes. We are grateful to NASA for releasing the photo to The Mirror.