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They Still Believe

New Bern's Roman Catholics, the ones this Protestant editor has talked with, aren't about to lose faith in St. Christopher. In the future as in the past, he will be to them and millions around the world the patron saint of travelers.

Obviously, Pope Paul VI, who removed Christopher from the calendar of the Church because there are doubts such a man ever existed, didn't remove him from the hearts of countless devout Catholics.

Real or fictional, he has been the source of reassurance for a multitude of wayfarers, journeying near and far, since he was supposedly martyred somewhere around the year 250 A. D.

This unfaltering reliance on St. Christopher has been bolstered by the assertions of many that his protection spared them miraculously, in time of crisis, from almost certain death or serious injury.

According to legend, Christopher was a ferry and who regularly carried people across a bridgeless river on his broad shoulders. One day, as the story goes, his passenger was a small child who for some reason turned out to be a heavy burden.

Finally reaching shore, Christopher supposedly said he felt like he had been carrying the burden of the world. To which the Christ Child replied, "Thou hast borne upon thy back the world and Him who created it."

If this be a myth, what a beautiful myth it is. Not only beautiful but durable, as durable as St. Nicholas, who like St. Christopher fared less than well in the momentous ruling handed down from the Vatican.

St. George, who is credited with slaying a dragon, and St. Patrick, who reportedly drove the snakes out of Ireland, weren't downgraded like St. Christopher and St. Nocholas in the Vatican ruling. However, a considerable number of lesser known saints did tumble.

If indeed there never was an honest to goodness St. Christopher, we're inclined to believe there should have been. It seems to us, as a non-Catholic, that a patron saint for travelers is much more comforting than relying on the left hind extremity of a rabbit, or some other abolisher of evil that the rest of us tote around.

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Historical Gleanings

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Petition for division. All parties being duly summoned by the Sheriff to lay off and divide the lands lying below South River known by the name of GOLDEN GROVE, belonging to the estate of John Benners later of Craven County, deceased, estimated at 2230 acres, equally between Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, Thomas Patridge, William Jones and Elizabeth, his wife, agreeable to the last will and testament of John Benners, deceased, &c.

A division line between Mrs. Elizabeth Howard and Thomas Patridge, to begin at a stake on South River, a little below the mouth of a gut in the cleared land, &c, to Brown's Creek, a little below the mouth of a small gut, a division line between Thomas Patridge and William Jones and wife, to begin on South River &c, to William Jones' Landing, &c. to Simons' Gut, which line will equally divide 120 acres of land being all that part of said 2230 acres which lies between South River and Brown's Creek, being found by an actual survey to be 870 acres only. Signed by Thomas Jocelyn, Slocomb Forguson, Philip Neale, Jr. and John S. Nelson.

Small plot attached shows Wharton's Bay, Wharton's Point, Neuse River, Turnagan's Bay, Broad Creek, Brown's Creek, South River, plot of William Jones, Thomas Patridge, Mrs. Howard, Adam Forguson's land.

To the Sheriff of Craven County, Greeting: Whereas, Elizabeth Howard, William Jones, and Elizabeth his wife; Thomas Patridge by his next friend, Benners Vail and Lucas Benners, by his next friend, Lucas J. Benners, hath filed their petition on the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, held in Craven County praying Commissioners may be appointed to divide 2230 acres. Summons for Thomas Jocelyn, Joseph Wallace, Slocomb Forguson, Philip Neale and John Nelson, Commissioners, to divide land of John Benners, deceased, and make return to the next Court. Signed Samuel Chapman, Clerk of Court, New Bern, March 9, 1801. Petition of Richard D. Spaight and Ann G. Daly, widow of John Daly, William Hurst and Elizabeth, his wife, John Snead and Ann Granby, his wife: Dennis John Daly by his guardian, John Snead, Sidney Maria Daly by her guardian, John Sears, Mary Elizabeth Sears by John Sears, her father and natural guardian, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners Richard D. Spaight and John Daly, deceased, were tenants in common of two tracts of land lying and being in the County of Craven, on the South side of Trent River, containing 990 acres by patent as follows:

One tract containing 640 acres, lying on the North West end of the Long Lake, beginning at the Southwest corner of Richard Ellis' deed, and runs with his line N. 32 W. 484 poles, then S. 46 W. 278, poles to David Barron's tract on that Lake &c, to the beginning dated 14 Dec.

The other tract containing 350 acres lying between Ellis Lake and Northwest or Great Lake, beginning at a cypress, the beginning tree on the Northwest Lake of a tract of 640 acres by patent to Josiah Martin, now

Village Verses

SUGGESTED PATTERN

What is the best advice to give, At High school graduations; What word or thought can help to solve Those future situations. I wish I knew, for this old world Has so much grief and need; Perhaps the key to happiness Is banishing all greed. Folks completely selfish Are seldom ever gay, They miss out on the sunshine Hoarding for a rainy day. They covet what their neighbor has, Begrudging him his pleasure; Instead of sharing life with him, They lay up things to treasure. So to those soon graduating I have one thought to give, Strive to be unselfish Every moment that you live. _JGMcD.

John W. Stanly's, and runs with Robert Schaw's line, S. 82 E. 170 poles to land patented by James Biggleston, then with his line S. 220 poles to Ellis Lake, &c to the beginning.

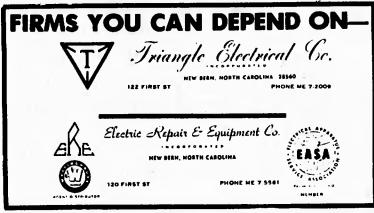
And the undivided half part of the said John Daly has descended to the said Elizabeth Ann, Dennis John, Sidney Maria, Mary Elizabeth Sears, heirs at law of the said John Daly, and your petitioners are desirous that same should be divided.

May it please your worships to appoint five commissioners to divide the said tracts between the said Richard D. Spaight and your petitioners, the heirs at

law of John Daly. Signed John Snead for William Hurst and wife. John Snead for Self and wife, John Snead for Guardian of Dennis John Daly, John Sears, Guardian of Sidney Maria Daly, John Sears, natural guardian to Mary Eiizabeth Sears.

Filed December Term 1801. Craven County.

Eating his fill—soda and all—the pig started swelling, and he kept on swelling for days. He got so puffed up that his eyes closed completely, and instead of grunting he sighed softly every now and then.





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