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oad to Emmaus; all of these so narrowed down, so enlisted to what is small, so specific, let us in to see the real quality of Jesus.

A story is told of a man who had the contract for putting in the stained windows for a great cathedral. His apprentice kept asking him to let him design and arrange the glass for just one window. The material was very costly, but to encourage the helper he told him: "If you will furnish your own material you may try your hand on that window." To his surprise the man was gathering up the little bits of glass that he himself had cut off and thrown away. He set to work and succeeded in working out a design of rare beauty. His window won more applause than the Artist's windows.

In making quilts the tiny scraps of cloth that you can't use in your pattern, there are people who use them in beautiful "patch work" quilts. Don't throw away, there's someone who can use them.

Let us gather up the little bits of time and influence and money and opportunity, which we usually throw away, and make them into something useful. Time is very essential—wasted time can bring hunger and sorrow; wasted opportunity may bring defeat.

As a little girl, I was in and out of my Father's store all times of the day. I knew all the traveling salesmen who came to get orders for goods, and they knew me. This store was halfway from Vanceboro to Greenville; these men often ate lunch at our home. Father didn't charge them—as they were telling me good-bye, they usually gave me a quarter or fifty cents—"to buy candy". All of the money I received went into Father's big safe "with my money." These bits and pieces paid for the first furniture Ed and I ever bought—the same furniture I'm using today. Remember furniture was cheap in 1914, we bought it wholesale price.

Life is made up of little things. True greatness consists of being great in little things.

Thomas Reports

"The 1984 Short Session of the N.C. State Legislature faced many issues affecting our state and particularly my legislative district of Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties.

Probably the most important issue this short session was the establishment of a Hazardous Waste Treatment Commission. This legislation was the direct result of a study which I co-chaired during the interim at the direction of the governor and the General Assembly at the end of the 1983 assembly. The Commission recommended a bill that requires hazardous waste to be treated before it can be disposed of, directs the Commission on Health Services to develop location standards for new and existing hazardous waste treatment and storage facilities and creates a new state Treatment Commission to select sites for hazardous waste treatment facilities. This Commission, made up of representatives throughout the state, will insure that a waste treatment facility be placed in our state, hopefully through private industry.

Great strides were made in the field of education. North Carolina teachers are to receive 15% salary increase, and classroom sizes for grades 1-6 were reduced from 30 to 26 students per teacher.

Other salaries affected were much needed raises for magistrates and superior court clerks in our area. These salaries are based on years of service for magistrates and population for clerks. Also state workers received 10 percent across-the-board salary increases.

Under the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, a sum of \$100,000 was appropriated to expand the Natural Heritage Program. The program surveys counties, identifies unique natural areas and works with landowners to protect them.

A program has been funded for voluntary participation in the Nutrient Sensitive Watershed Project, whereby grants are made available to local governments for monitoring components related to nutrient sensitive waters.

Also, under the Department of Natural Resources, funding was made available for continuation of the Neuse River Basin Water Quality Study which I co-chaired during the interim of the 1983-84 sessions. This study will design an action plan to correct problems which exist in our area relating to the Neuse River Basin.

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Genealogically Speaking

By JANIS CANNON

Lancaster Family

1. David Lancaster, son of Jesse and Rachel Pollard Lancaster, married Fannie Giddens no record, believed to have gone to Jacksonville, Fla. a deed in 1840 is made to his mother.

2. St. Clair Lancaster, son of Jesse and Rachel, was born Dec. 3, 1807, died Dec. 8, 1887 married Polly Ann Free, born Apr. 24, 1808, died Apr. 28, 1881. Marriage bond was Jan. 25, 1831. 6 children.

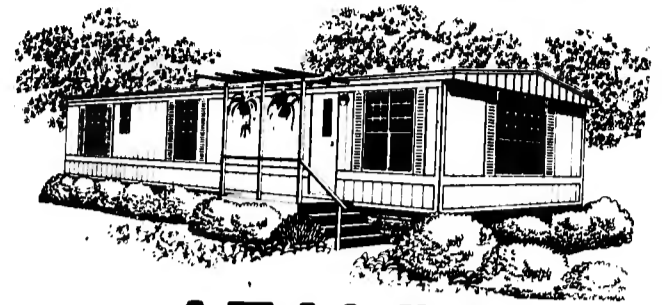
Benjamin (no record); Mary E. (1833-1914) who married John L. Hill and had Stephen, Mary Anna who died young, John St. Clair who married Pearl Bright;

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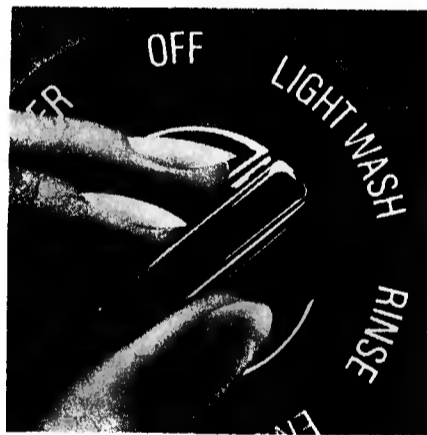
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