

Eastern Echoes

By Gail Roberson



Who Would You Choose?

If you were suddenly given the power to bring one person back from the dead, who would it be — and why?

A random selection of people responded seriously with answers that both startled me, as well as fit my expectations. The answer was presented in two ways; first with thought to someone they had known, and second, with thought to someone from history. Here's a few of the answers.

Minister: "My baby. He died the same day he was born. If he had lived, he'd be a grown man now, and our only child. I've always wondered what he would have become and what kind of life he would have had."

Teacher: "My maternal grandmother. My children have been playing with dolls dressed in clothes she made for her own grandchildren (me) and their dolls, but the clothings bits the Cabbage Patch dolls today. She was a strong and versatile person, able to find employment both on the farm and in the factory. I've tried to tell my children about her, but I only wish they could know her in person."

Unidentified upon request: "The man that murdered my sister. He lived too long. He shouldn't have lived at all. I'd like to have a chance to kill him myself... with my bare hands."

Professional career woman: "Saint Paul, the apostle. I'd like to discuss his letters in the Bible. I want to know what his 'thorn in the flesh' was."

Teacher: "My husband's grandfather. I'd like to test him for Huntington's disease so that we would know which side of the family it came from."

Homemaker and businesswoman: "The Wright brothers. I've always been interested in flight technology, and I'd like for them to be able to see he remarkable changes that have come to pass since that first flight so many years ago."

Teacher: "The famous author of children's books, Albert Payson Terhune, who died in the 50s. He wrote a book after he died through his wife by automatic handwriting. When he died suddenly and left her with the estate and the collies they raised, she wondered how to sell the dogs so she wouldn't lose the farm, but she could not locate their papers. He 'spoke' to her and told her where they were. Once she found she could contact him, the book came through in his own handwriting. It was about his life after death. Sometimes he even brought to her the scent of flowers."

Agribusinessman: "Robert E. Lee. He had a task, but he did it admirably. He was a compassionate man who felt a loyalty to preserve the Union, but also believed in what he was fighting for. When it came to the end, he was by far the winner, and the greater man."

Mechanic: "Martin Luther King. Maybe if he had lived, people could get along a little better without stopping to look at the color of the skin first."

Secretary: "My mother-in-law. I let the woman boss me around and tell me what to do for over 20 years. She never had a kind word for anybody or thought anybody had any sense but her. I was afraid of her, afraid of causing a family scene, so I just let her get away with it. I'd like to bring her back just long enough to tell her what I really think of her."

Entertainment manager: "Jesus Christ. I would like to be able to walk and talk with Him, to have Him explain to me why he said what he did and what he meant by some of it. Many of his parables are written as men interpreted them to be. That's how so many different religions came about... through these different interpretations. But, I'd like to let Him explain it personally; so I'd know the real meaning."

If this was not a fantasy, but was truly real, tell me, who would you choose?

Women's Ministry Hears Devotion On Reunions

The Women's Ministry of the Vanceboro Pentecostal Holiness Church met July 27 in the church's fellowship building. The meeting was opened by Women's Ministry President Jeanette Boyd.

Villa Norton led the group in prayer.

Reba Mitchell gave the devotion on "Reunion Day." She brought out two points during the devotion. One point was the importance of having enough love for members of the family that are distant enough to cause few times of contact. She said that people can keep in contact with distant relatives with family reunions more than any other way.

Another thought brought out by Mrs. Mitchell was that all of mankind that has accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior will be in an even greater reunion in Heaven on "that great eternal dawn." Scriptures used were Genesis 2:20-24, 1st John 2:10, 3:17, 4:21; Genesis 43:29-30, 45:9; Romans 8:16-17 and 2nd Samuel 12:23.

The minutes were read by Brenda Manning, secretary. Committee reports were made and plans were made for future events. Pauline Waters dismissed the group with prayer. The Women's Ministry reminds area youth that the church's youth crusade continues this week and invites the public to attend.

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Some people have that misconception, he said. "We don't fool with them." In fact, all Hopkins does is buy the herbs that people want. Most of his supply comes from the Indiana Botanic Gardens in Hammond, Ind.

Hopkins got started in the buying business when a woman with cancer asked him to buy her herbs. "I told her she could get it at the health food store. I ended up going down to pick it up for her," he said. From then his

client list has grown over the years.

Hopkins said he really doesn't know why the herbs work when more traditional remedies sometimes fail. "I figure if nothing else works, what have you got to lose by trying the herbs?"

He uses what he sells and so does his wife.

Mrs. Hopkins said she recalled a woman who had two operations for cancer. The woman's

daughter was trying to find something to help her mother because doctors could do little. "I didn't think anything could help that lady," said Mrs. Hopkins.

The woman's daughter was using an herb for a problem and decided to try it on her mother after the "doctors sent her to her room to die."

The daughter began giving the herb to the woman. "In two weeks that lady was up cleaning out the Frigidare," said Mrs. Hopkins. "And she was not sure about taking herbs to begin with."

Hopkins told the story of a Washington man who developed a rash and could find no help from local doctors. A friend referred him to Hopkins. An herbal tea was suggested, the man took the advice and drank the tea and the rash disappeared.

Other clients come from New Bern, Greenville, Rocky Mount and as far away as Washington, D.C.

"There is one man from

Washington (D.C.) that comes down here. There are lots of places to buy herbs around there. He says he comes here because he knows me and this is home," said Hopkins.

Hopkins said he uses the herbs as part of his ministry, which he sees in part to help keep bodies healthy. He produced a book that promotes natural food. The book suggests that vegetables be eaten raw. Cooked vegetables lose nutrients and elements. The book has a salad recipe for every vegetable you have ever heard of — and some you haven't.

A New Bern Chamber of Commerce booklet says of Hopkins' buying service: "(it) is a service dedicated to correcting and maintaining a healthy body through the use of herbs."

"I don't really know why the herbs work when nothing else seems to. People really have nothing to lose by trying them. There are no promises and no magic, but it works for a lot of people," said Hopkins.



Samples of herbs and teas

Wanted: Correspondents To Cover Area Communities

In an effort to expand and improve coverage of the communities in the West Craven Highlights' coverage area, the newspaper is looking for correspondents to provide news from the communities.

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Area Student Finishes Her 5-Week Study

Chrishell Johnson, one of among several North Carolina students to attend the five-week Summer Ventures program in science and mathematics at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, has returned home from the summer program.

During her internship at UNC-W, Miss Johnson worked with a physician at a medical school, did research at an ecological field station, had hand-on experiences in the study of electrons, microbiology, digital electronics, microscopy and marine sciences.

She attended the summer program on a full scholarship. She is a rising senior at West Craven High School.

Mark Meltz and Pat Eatman, guidance counselors at West Craven, coordinated Miss Johnson's application to the program.



Antlers and horns are not the same. Horns grow throughout an animal's life. Antlers are shed every year.

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