

Discouraged Minister's Influence Great

By JAMES MacKENZIE

Some two-hundred years ago an old English minister walked into his church yard and, sitting down on a tombstone, began to weep. He wept because he considered his life a failure. Attendance at his church had been dwindling for years, and his officers had finally taken it upon themselves to ask him to resign and let a younger man take his place.

As he sat there, disconsolate, a small boy came skipping down the highway, and stopped to pass the time of day with the elderly pastor. The old man told the young lad about the Bible, and led him to place his faith in Jesus. The boy—now a new boy in Christ—went merrily on his way. The broken-hearted preacher returned to his sorrow. Not many weeks later he passed on to be with his Lord.

The boy, William Carey, grew up to become one of the greatest Christians this world has ever known. He did more than any other man to interest the Protestant churches in missions; went himself, and endured untold hardships as a pioneer missionary to India; and founded his denomination's missionary movement. William Carey's influence is with us yet, and literally millions have turned to Christ because of his ministry. All because a broken-hearted old preacher—a failure in the eyes of his members—thought enough about a dirty-faced young boy to speak to him about his immortal soul.

There are scores of potential William Careys around yet, if we could but see them. Indeed, there are hundreds of boys and girls right here in our midst with the ability to be greatly used of God—but they must receive the proper training. "Train

Cpl. Jesse E. Copeland At Camp Rucker, Ala.

Corporal Jesse E. Copeland of Edenton has been assigned to the 47th "Viking" Infantry Division in training at Camp Rucker, Ala.

Prior to his present assignment to the 47th Infantry Division, he was serving with the 127th Airborne Engineer Battalion at Ft. Campbell, Ky. Son of W. K. Copeland, he entered the army in February of 1944. Copeland is the wearer of the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, Korean Service Ribbon and United Nations Ribbon. His wife, Mrs. Fannie F. Copeland, resides at 1206 1/2 3rd Ave., Dothan, Ala.

Francis E. White In Operation Main Brace

Recently participating in operation Main Brace aboard the large aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt was Francis E. White, aviation machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George White of 504 Office Street, Edenton.

In daily maneuvers the NATO naval forces conducted air and surface operations, fueled at sea and trained in communications designed to bridge language barriers and the differing techniques among the international forces.

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Mother: "Why, of course not, Willie."

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This Week's Poem

By WILBORNE HARRELL

ENIGMA

A shuttlecock between two eternities
Is all life.—Or a bridge divine to span
And link the Before and After of man,
But yet remains the greatest of all
mysteries.
All that cosmos offers man's
conscience flees
And fails to find rest in his futile
brain—
A bright lamp which fanned to
brilliance may gain,
In time, the secret of life and its keys.

A soul flares up in the stygian black
of eternity. A small flame, it lives
And gutters for a moment, and then
gives
Up its light to seek its darkened way
back
To the eternity that is the end
And the beginning of life's timeless
track.

85th Annual State Fair Opens Tuesday, Oct. 14

Mama has baked her prize-winning cake, papa has his exhibit, seed selected and junior has his calf groomed for the opening of the 85th annual N. C. State Fair—the biggest annual event in the State from a standpoint of attendance and participation. It will open in Raleigh next Tuesday, October 14, and continue through Saturday, October 18.

Robert W. Shoffner, assistant director of the State College Extension Service and aide to Dr. J. S. Dorton in the management of the Fair, says all indications point to the "finest exposition in history, with 500,000 persons expected to attend during the

five-day festival of education, inspiration and fun."

One reason we expect the best fair, and a record attendance, said Shoffner, is that there will be "more to see, more to enjoy and more to learn." He listed the following features: A greatly expanded exhibit area, including partial use of the big new coliseum officially named the "State-Fair Arena," plus new livestock, poultry, educational and commercial display buildings.

Also, new rabbit and pigeon shows, a new dual-purpose cattle department, new competition for Brahman beef cattle, and competition "open to the

world" in all four breeds of dairy cattle and the Hereford and Aberdeen-Angus breeds of beef cattle.

The entertainment features will also be largely new, the Fair official said, except for the return of former favorite attractions by the James E. Strates' Midway, the George Hamid grandstand revues, Jack Kochman's Hell Drivers, AAAA-sanctioned big car automobile races, harness horse races and nightly fireworks.

"We especially invite farm people to attend the Fair," Shoffner said, "because we consider the agricultural exhibits one of the best ways of exchanging information about better

crops, better livestock and poultry, and all the conveniences which bring more prosperity, dignity and contentment to country living."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES
Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander:

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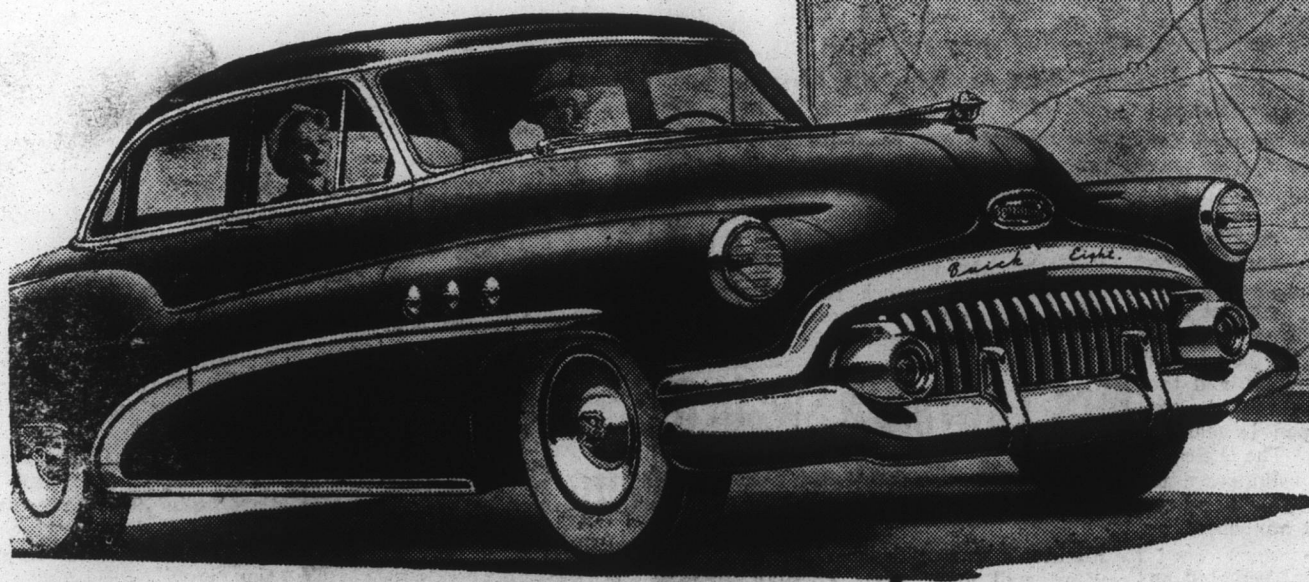
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