

### Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

On a cold night in February, 1709, the picturesque little English village of Epworth was thrown into a panic. Bright flames lit up the sky as they eagerly consumed a straw-thatched roof. Frantic men ran up and down the narrow lanes calling for buckets, for ladders, even though it was obvious to all that the fire was already far beyond human control. As the country folk came tumbling from their beds to where the hungry flames beckoned, one would call to another, "I told you so. I knew this would happen sooner or later. I warned the parson to tone down his sermons. I knew they wouldn't stop at burning his flax and stabbing his cows. Now they've set fire to his house."

At the burning rectory, all was confusion. A few brave souls tried to dash in and rescue such articles of furniture as could be easily moved, but the building burned like tinder. In the street, the courageous little minister rushed to and fro to make certain every member of his large family had been brought to safety. Suddenly a cry arose from the crowd, "Look There in the window! It's little Jackie!"

In some way the little six-year-old boy had not been awakened in the mad rush to safety. Now, too late it seemed, he stood at his bedroom window, silhouetted against the flames, crying for help. In despair his father sank to his knees to commend the lad's passing soul to God. But even as he prayed two villagers dashed forward, and one raised the other atop his shoulders. The man at the top reached out his arms, and the little boy jumped into them. At the same moment the roof came crashing in.

None in that family ever forgot the miraculous rescue, the little boy least of all. For that little boy was John Wesley, and he grew up to become one of the greatest evangelists, and one of the greatest Christians, this world has even known. The secret of his success? John Wesley believed that God had a purpose in his life, and he dedicated himself completely to the fulfillment of that purpose. He always referred to himself as "a brand plucked from the burning," and felt that God had miraculously intervened and saved his young life because He had a special job for him to do. And in the light of subsequent history, who can doubt it?

One hundred years ago a young shoe salesman heard someone say, "The world has yet to see what God can do with and for and through and in a man who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him." The youth vowed, "I will be that man," and D. L. Moody went on to become the great soul-winner of the nineteenth century, and founder of famed Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Yes, God had a plan for Wesley's life, and He had a plan for Moody's life, and He has a plan for your life. How He longs to work it out, but will do so only in the measure that you yield control to Him. Still today this world needs desperately to see what God can do with and for and through and in men and women, boys and girls, who are wholly consecrated dedicated to Him. Your Sunday school class, your church, your place of business, your home, all would be blessed by the presence of a person

### RECENTLY MARRIED IN TEXAS



Colonel and Mrs. Richard B. Wheeler announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Margaret Wheeler, to Lieut.-Col. Harry M. Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Kemp of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania. The wedding took place in Houston, Texas, Saturday, January 17, in St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Kemp is a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wheeler of Edenton. The newlyweds will live in California until Col. Kemp sails for Japan.

### Progress Made On Advance Building

Advance community moves ahead with its community building. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lowe and Bristoe Perry met last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Francis, when plans were discussed to continue the construction on the community building and raising the necessary funds. The construction work is being done by the men of the community.

Center Hill Community Development Committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Boyce to review the community progress made during 1952. Although not complete, the two church grounds have been improved. Several roadsides have been improved. Some homes and other buildings have been improved. Plans for 1953 include the continuation of these projects, a corn growing contest and a community 4-H organization.

### COLORED SCHOOL NEWS

The Edenton High School tries to be guided by the basic philosophy and wishes to share with you a list of its eleven objectives, and an explanation of each in the articles of the future.

The objectives of the school's basic philosophy play an important role in our evaluation program as well as pupil progress and welfare.

The eleven objectives are as follows: 1. To create a climate of thinking which will afford pupils an opportunity to explore for themselves the

leadership and followership experiences through an organized activity program.

5. To provide instruments and opportunities to enable teachers to understand each pupils' mental growth at his level of development.

6. To use effectively audio-visual aids in instruction in keeping with the present physical facilities.

7. To provide a basic educational program on the part of pupils in such a way that pupils may grasp some of the fundamental skills—art of communication, survival process, vocational information and moral consciousness.

8. To provide opportunities for the development of sound physical health through the health and physical education classes, intra-mural and inter-scholastic activities.

9. To accept secondary school pupils as individuals with their own aptitudes, abilities, interests and aims.

10. To render more service to the community by spending more time considering maximum use of our community resources.

11. To foster education which obligates one to know the truth in itself and for its own sake.

The second series of plays in our annual play festival will be presented in the school's auditorium on Thursday night, January 29, and third and concluding series will be presented on Friday night, January 30.

Miss Dorothy Roberts, formerly of Edenton, now of New York City, was a visitor at the school during the week. Miss Roberts is a former student of Edenton High School.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Edenton High School faculty was held Thursday, January 22, in the library of the school, with its co-ordinator, A. Blaine, presiding. Reports from all committees were read and filed. Many recommendations for whole school improvement was presented.

The Edenton High School has been honored with a picture of George Washington sent to us by our repre-

sentative from the First District of North Carolina, the Honorable Herbert C. Bonner. He says, "If there ever was a time when the people of this country should review and refresh their memories with respect to the trying times of those who laid the foundation of our nation, it is today." Edenton High School is grateful to Mr. Bonner and his staff and appreciate his sending us this great picture.

A dew never falls on a stormy night, so the dews of His grace never come to the restless soul.  
—A. B. Stimpson.

**SOCIETY MEETS MONDAY**  
The Woman's Missionary Society of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet Monday afternoon, February 2, at 3:30 o'clock at the church. All members are urged to be present.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Lieutenant and Mrs. John Weaver White announce the birth of a 6-pound son, Paul Martin White, on Friday, January 16, at Chowan Hospital.

Poetry is the music of thought, conveyed to us in the music of language.  
—Paul Chatfield.

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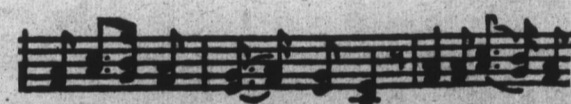
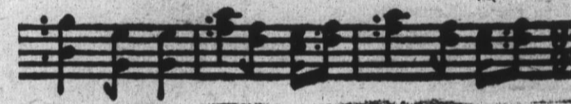
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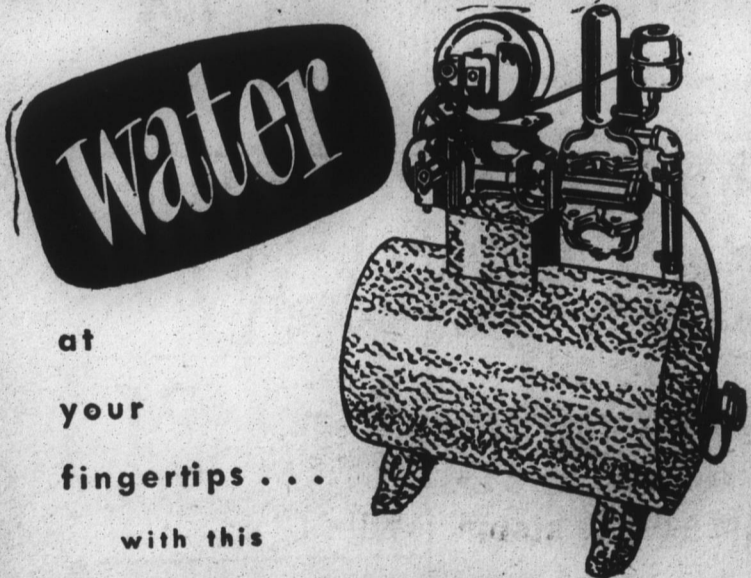
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