

ANSWER TO MOSCOW

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Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles written by John D. McCreedy, head of the English Department at Chowan College. Mr. McCreedy for 18 years was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Morganton and served as army chaplain in World War II and was state chaplain for the American Legion. Since connected with Chowan College, Mr. McCreedy has preached at many churches in this area.

Little Mollie, her grandfather's pride and joy, was spending the summer with him on the plantation; and a wonderful time she was having. But among all the things that absorbed her interest, her chief delight was in two young chickens.

Her grandfather, Mr. Winston, had given her these soon after they were hatched. One was black, and she had named him Jack; the other, which was white, she had named Jill. These two became as devoted to her as she was to them. They would follow her around the yard, and come whenever she called their names.

One day a Negro appeared at the plantation applying for work as a harvest hand. After asking him a few questions, Mr. Winston hired him, and showed him the servants' quarters. Just before leaving him, he asked his name—first name especially. The reply of the new hand was surprising.

"My name," he said, "is Love."
"Love?" said Mr. Winston in astonishment. "Well, you don't think I'm going to call you Love, do you? I'll just give you some other name. Let's see . . . I'll just call you 'Jack'."

"Yes sir, Boss—that's all right. You jes' call me 'Jack' and I'll be Jack," and the new worker went to join the other Negroes at their supper.

The next morning Mr. Winston rose early to start the farm-hands at their tasks. He walked to the edge of the back porch and looked toward the Negroes' cabins.

"Jack, Jack—oh Jack!" he called through the fresh morning air. "Yes, sir, comin' right now," replied his new hand, as he walked briskly toward the house, happy at the thought of his new job.

But what was this—something else coming at the same time, at an equally rapid rate? The two

arrived at the same moment—the Negro and a young black chicken.

"What's this?" asked the new hand, looking down at the small fowl, which appeared to regard him as in some way a competitor.

"Oh that," answered Mr. Winston, "is one of my granddaughter's pet chickens." The new employee thought no more of the incident and was soon busy about his work.

But the next day the same thing happened again; and the Negro, when he mentioned the matter to some of his fellow workers, found the explanation. One morning soon afterwards he brought up the subject, as he and the dapper pet chicken stood before the man for whom he was working.

"Mr. Winston," he said with some hesitancy, "when you call me—when you come out here and call 'Jack, oh Jack!' and I come, that chicken comes too—and that makes me feel sort o' ridiculous. We's both named Jack, Mr. Winston, couldn't you get some other name for me 'stead o' Jack?"

The plantation owner was a kindly man, and blest with a keen sense of humor. He saw that his new hand had a case, and he agreed to find him still another name which he could be called without embarrassment. From that moment the name "Jack" was the sole possession of the little black chicken.

In the years that followed, the tiny owner of the two pets, Jack and Jill, found many objects for her loving care. Her grandfather himself was one of these, as she tenderly cherished him and made happy his sunset years; and there were many others. For any whose pathways crossed hers she had an instinctive concern. And this loving spirit, reflected in a face of rare beauty, awakened in all a love toward her.

At this Valentine's Day season, the words that express the feelings of many toward those who have blest their lives, apply to the little girl of other days on the old plantation.

"But to see her was to love her—Love but once, and love for ever," work and educate together.

But such emphasis on the spoken word does not lessen the need for all that must go along with preaching, constant education, missionary work, conversion and building. Behind the great sermon there must be hard work and immeasurable effort, if the Christian faith is to move ahead and grow greater and stronger.

In this connection, not only every preacher, but every church member, has the obligation to preach the word of God, in his own way. In other words, it is not enough to listen to the preacher, to sit through his sermons. There comes a time in ev-



LUCKY, LUCKY ME—Service station operator Raul Enlow smiles and wipes his brow amid the wreckage of his station after it was hit by a section of an Air Force C-118 Skymaster transport in Los Angeles. Not so lucky were the 48 persons killed when the four-engined military transport collided with a Navy Neptune bomber. All 41 aboard the Skymaster and six of the eight on the Neptune died. One civilian, a housewife in Norwalk, Calif., was killed when wreckage from the collision struck her home.

eryone's life when he must decide what he believes and what he stands for. And when he decides this, he must be willing to say what it is, and stand up for his principles in his dealings with his fellow men.

Many of us can play our part in this field by actively participating in Sunday School work, in Bible training courses and in the field of education. We can contribute to today's youth our faith, our Christian concepts and our philosophy of life, as it has been built on our own experiences and training.

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Norfolk Preparing For Azalea Week

Distribution of new four-color brochures on Azalea Week in Norfolk and the city's Municipal Gardens was begun last week by the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

Azalea Week opens here April 14. Highlight of the week-long program, the International Azalea Court, is scheduled for the afternoon of April 19 in the Municipal Gardens.

Coronation of Queen Azalea V—this year's Queen of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries—will be held alongside a new "International Lagoon," according to the folders. Sides of the one-acre lagoon will be planted with azaleas in all colors and sizes.

While the identity of Queen Azalea is a closely-guarded secret until the time of her coronation draws near, the folder betrays at least part of the secret.

The Chamber is returning this

year to the traditional plan of drawing the queen from the United States rather than one of the other 14 nations who participate in the festival.

Last year, Lady Carey Coke of Norfolk, England, was chosen Queen Azalea IV in keeping with the spirit of Virginia's 350th birthday celebration and the Jamestown Festival.

Outlined in the folder is the entire program for the 1953 Azalea Week, which promises to be the largest ever staged. A concert by the Glee Club of Virginia Military Institute and participation by Midshipmen from the U. S. Naval Academy, both new this year, will highlight the program. The Chamber, sponsor of the annual Azalea Week observance and the International Azalea Court, is mailing 200,000 of the two brochures to points throughout the country.

ON USS RUSHMORE

John O. Cullipher, boatswain's mate first class, USN, son of Walter E. Cullipher of Edenton and husband of the former Miss Millie J. Rawls of Windsor, is aboard the deck landing ship USS Rushmore, taking part in amphibious training exercises on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico.

The Rushmore left Little Creek, Va., January 27, and stopped at Morehead City to load Marines and their equipment.

Upon completion of the training and a week-end visit to San Juan, Puerto Rico, the ship is expected to return to Little Creek, February 14.

Conversationalist

She—"Why do you call your boy friend a small-talk expert?"
Her—"If there's nothing to say, he'll say it."

Beautification Clubs' Theme

A farmstead and home ground beautification demonstration was presented by the home agent and county agent at Advance and Gum Pond community meetings last week. These meetings are being held in connection with the Home Demonstration Club members and their families.

These two are the first of ten such meetings to be held in as many communities in Chowan County. The demonstration depicts an unimproved farmstead. Based on the suggestions of the audience, the farmstead plan is gradually worked out and the finished picture results on the flannel board.

Improving the farmstead and home grounds does not necessarily have to be an expensive project. Certainly a family can clean up and place up things around the farmstead. Painting of the buildings is important and the planting does cost some money but the family members can be the painters. Sprouts and cuttings of shrubbery can often be obtained from neighbors who will be delighted to cooperate. While it takes a little more time to root a cutting and get a shrub growing, it doesn't cost any money.

"Before improving the lawn to a great extent," says the agents, "it is important to establish the drives and walks, then prepare the lawn and then set the shrubbery." The agents hope that families in the various communities will take advantage of their opportunity and come to these meetings to learn more about ways and means to improve their farmstead and the home grounds.

Chowan Student On Honor Roll

According to a recent announcement from the office of J. Irving Brooks, Chowan College Dean of Instruction, two groups of students have received official recognition from the college because of their academic achievement during the fall semester of the present school year.

One Chowan County student was among the 31 names released. He is the Rev. Frank Fortesque of Tyner, who was on the honor roll.

H. T. Hollowell, Jr. At Fort Jackson

Fort Jackson, S. C. — Private Haywood T. Hollowell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hollowell, Route 2, Tyner, has been assigned to B Co. 5th Bn. 1st Regt., at Fort Jackson for his basic infantry training.

Upon his arrival at Fort Jackson, he was initially assigned to the U. S. Army Personnel Center where he was issued his clothing, given a complete physical examination and a comprehensive battery of aptitude tests to determine the Army duty assignment for which he will be best fitted.

During his basic training he will be taught to fire the M-1 rifle. Also included in his training will be instruction in such subjects as military courtesy, first aid and personal hygiene.

Upon completion of his basic training, he will receive further advanced infantry training or will be assigned to an Army school. Fort Jackson offers schooling in several specialties associated with an Army division.

Fort Jackson is one of the country's largest Infantry Training Centers and also conducts a program of training for men under the provisions of the Reserve Forces Act of 1955.



STOOPING STONE — Bent with age, a granite tombstone sags against a wall after it was replaced at the St. Dominic cemetery in Breesee, Ill. Workers at the cemetery said that condition, which is very rare, came about because one side of the monument was exposed to sunshine while the other remained in constant shade.

YOU MAY HAVE HIDDEN PSYCHIC POWERS

Duke University researcher reveals results of his findings in telepathy, clairvoyance and extrasensory perception. Read his amazing findings in mind over matter in YOUR HIDDEN PSYCHIC POWERS, illuminating feature in February 16th issue of

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CORAPEAKE NEWS

Mr. L. B. Harrell and family moved from near Sunbury to Corapeake last week.

Mrs. B. L. Byrum and son of Richmond spent last week helping her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell, to move.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barrier of Edenton were guests of Mrs. Barrier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Taylor and children of Sunbury visited Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell, Sunday.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brown of Tarboro announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Joyce Marie Brown, to Robert S. Fellows of Edenton, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fellows of Dayton, Ohio. The wedding is scheduled to take place Sunday, June 15.

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will awaken him to the great issues which must be faced by every human being, sooner or later.

So, it is not necessarily in a spirit of condemnation that we mention the changing style of preaching in America. It is more in the spirit of marking progress, as it was achieved and as the nation grew in its understanding and faith in the way of life of Jesus, that we note the transition.

In Protestant churches the spoken word is still, and always will be, one of the foundations of faith. That spoken word is free, as it was in the time of Jesus. This interpretation of religion, and faith, allows individuals to think and reason for themselves and to

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