

# BRUSH-ARBOR INCIDENT

By JOHN D. McCREADY

Ever speak in public? If so, you know the thrill that comes from an audience.

But public speakers little realize what may be going on in the mind of some one who sits listening.

A handsome young cadet from the Citadel in Charleston was visiting at his home in North Carolina. His father had recently moved from one community to another, and in the new one his son was not well acquainted. On Sunday they attended church and the son was introduced to the pastor.

A few days later a note of appreciation came to the minister. The cadet had made no comment at the church door, as he wished to see how much of the sermon would remain with him afterward.

He stated in the letter that he had formed a habit of never allowing himself to be swayed momentarily by the magnetism of a speaker. He disapproved intensely of emotionalism, and was determined never to be influenced by it.

His reaction stemmed from an incident in a neighboring state.

An evangelist, holding revival services in a brush-arbor, began his sermon one night with the story of a dog, a much-loved animal which his family had owned in his boyhood days.

He told feelingly of the many endearing traits of the household pet, illustrating each with a touching story. He began with the puppyhood of Rover and continued through his mature years and old age. Then the dog's death was graphically described and the scene at his burial portrayed in detail. The crowd in the brush-arbor saw in imagination all the family standing roundabout the flower-strewn grave, weeping inconsolably for their departed friend.

By this time the emotions of the speaker visibly swayed his hearers. Many gave way to their sympathy and grief and wept aloud unashamed.

Then quickly the evangelist gave the invitation, and a number responded, coming forward confessing their faith.

The revulsion of the young Tar Heel cadet against this travesty on religion can be understood. He disliked intensely for maudlin sentimentality to masquerade as Christianity.

That does not mean for a moment that true emotion has no place in religion.

The great evangelists, from Moody to Graham, have addressed their appeals largely to the minds and consciences of their hearers, and above all to their wills, and have always laid their foundation for their invitations in Christ and the Bible. But they have recognized that men are seldom moved to life-changing decisions except as their emotions are stirred; and they have not hesitated to use the human heart as an avenue to the will.

The late Sir George Adam Smith, noted Scottish scholar, once met a young man who had made a decision which greatly impressed Sir George. He was preparing to go as a missionary to a neglected region in Africa,

where the climate was so terrible that no white man could hope to survive more than a very few years.

"Do you realize," the Scotsman asked, "that in that land your life will last, at most, only five or six years?"

The young missionary nodded. "What then is the explanation of your going out there, to die before your time?"

Quietly came the reply—"The Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

Can any one doubt that a profound emotional experience lay back of that decision—that deep called unto deep, and the deep responded?

## 105 Receive Old Age Assistance In June

According to the monthly report of Mrs. J. H. McMullan, welfare superintendent, 105 persons in Chowan County received old age assistance during June with 3,586 being distributed. Sixteen aid to dependent children cases received \$889, while 30 cases of permanently and totally disabled persons received \$1,233 and 12 aid to blind cases received \$462.

Three emergency assistance cases received \$30.99 and other financial assistance included eight cases hospitalized in the county costing \$786.18, of which the county's part was \$749.93 and three cases hospitalized outside the county costing \$66.20, of which the county's part was \$37.20.

Service cases included two adult parolees under supervision, five medical and health care cases, service to 31 individual children, two cases of non-support of children and nine children to adoptive homes.

## Story Hour Popular At Negro Library

Story Hour was held at Brown-Carver Library July 3, from 5 to 6 P. M., with stories read by Miss Doris Leary. Books used were "Child Craft Vol. 3", "Fold and Fairy Tales", "Mighty Mouse" by Felix Sutton, "Puff 'n Toot" by Elsie Darien. The stories read were delightful and enjoyed by all.

Children attending Story Hour were Glennie Commander, Diana Jones, Donald Horton, Pauline Thomas, Gail Jones, Deborah Jordan, Barbara Jerkins, Francine Sutton and Sirvester Sutton. Ice cream was enjoyed by all. This week, July 11, stories will be told by Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd from 5 to 6 P. M.

Circulation of the library for June was adults 297, and juniors 650. Total circulation, 947. Reference questions answered numbered 96.

New books at the library are "The Golden Stallion and The Wolf Dog" by Montgomery and "Bachelors Baby" by Gwen Daventport.

### Florida Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Tudor of Clearwater, Florida, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes a few days last week, while on their way to Virginia Beach, Va., to visit their son.



**BOY WONDER**—Jonathan Orovitz, 12-year-old Queens, N.Y., boy, studies rocket plans in his home. The seventh grader sent Defense Department scientists plans for a rocket called "The Oracle," which could send a monkey into space aboard a satellite bigger than anything the Russians have sent up. Later versions, he said, could carry a man. The Defense Department said the boy's plans were logical but present severe engineering problems.

## KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

P. E. Bettendorf, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in Citizens Bank Building.

Question: I'm over 65 but I can't afford to stop farming and live on my social security benefit payments. That's why I have not gone to the social security office and filed a claim for old age payments. What worries me is what would happen to my wife if I should die?

Answer: If that should happen, and your wife is 62 or over at the time, she will be entitled to widow's benefits as your survivor. The fact that you have not filed a claim for retirement benefits would make no difference.

Question: I'm a young farmer, just 35. Don't see any use paying the tax all this time. I think I'd rather take my chances and join up with social security later, when I'm near 65. Can I do that?

Answer: No. Farmers are covered by social security as of January 1, 1955. You are required to report your net earnings from farm self-employment and pay the social security tax yearly.

Question: I'm a young farmer and it will be a long time before I can get social security retirement benefits. My neighbor reached 65 this winter. He has retired and is getting old-age benefits after paying social security taxes for just two years. This doesn't seem fair to us younger people who must go on paying social security taxes for many years.

Answer: Every retirement system—private or public—has to start somewhere. It is no fault of your neighbor that he did not have the opportunity to participate in the program earlier. Just as private industry has often done in pension plans, Congress decided that a worker should have a reasonable retirement income, even though the social security program was set up too late for him to pay for a substantial part of it. While it is true that he is receiving a lot more in old-age benefits than he paid in social security taxes, he has suffered the same kind of income loss, from retirement, that may be you after a full lifetime of farming under the old-age survivors, and disability insurance program. Also, your family has survivors insurance protection. In case of your death, they stand to get monthly benefit payments for many years. In addition, you have disability protection. This provision in the law protects your right to later benefits if you become too disabled for further gainful work and provides monthly disability payments to you when you reach age 50.

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## Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

Recently the Northern Presbyterian machine sent a letter to each of its 9,462 churches. Much of the letter was the same old stuff one has come to expect in such letters, but one passage was surprisingly prophetic:

"We must discern the Word of God . . . God's wrath falls upon nations whose rulers wilfully and openly deny Him, but He may use them to execute His purpose and chastise His own people. Against Israel, He used the imperial power of Assyria as the rod of His anger, and staff of His fury. He may in our time use communist or other godless powers to chastise privileged, nominally Christian nations who forget God and ignore their indebtedness to Him. Our nation, favored by God, stands in the same jeopardy as ancient Israel. Are we subtly yet surely dethroning God and ceasing to serve Him? Are we trying to fit the Almighty into our own little schemes, instead of fitting ourselves into His own great plan for the world?"

A nation as well as an individual can lose its soul. We Americans are in danger of rejecting the heritage that made us what we are. With penitence let us confess that we as a people are becoming less interested in righteousness than in national security and international superiority. Relations between us and other peoples are no longer determined by moral principles or by consideration of human need. The ancient words, justice and righteousness, emptied of their true content, are used as weapons in international politics. Self-interest is becoming the great absolute. Even baptizing self-interest with the adjective 'enlightened' does not make it Christian.

The world is no better than it is because we Christians are no better than we are, and for the same reason the Church is no better than it is. We have not abandoned ourselves to God's will. The measure of our obedience is the measure of our power. The Church must demonstrate by the consistency of its life the validity of its claims.

Christian truth is personal truth. It centers in a Person, Jesus Christ. It expresses itself in the lives of persons who become Christ's followers, whose lives bear His likeness, and who live under His leadership in church and society. The Lordship of Christ in the Church, and in the world, begins in individual persons.

Boiled down, the letter, which is based on the teachings of the Bible, says this: Nations that forget God are doomed to destruction. America is forgetting God. Only a revival can save us. Revivals begin in individuals. You and I are individuals.

Necessity knows no law except to conquer.

## Council Concerned About Edenton Base

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police car with the Albemarle Motor Company being the low bidder at a price of \$2,100, including the old police car.

The Councilmen also adopted the proposed budget for the year 1958-59, which calls for a \$1.00 tax rate, the same as last year.

A report was presented relative to annexing property adjoining Albemarle Court, but with the Albemarle Peanut Company being unwilling to sign to take in a larger area, the Councilmen agreed to include that portion of land recently purchased by George Twiddy.

In compliance with a report of an engineer relative to the sidewalk recently constructed on Carter Street, the Councilmen adopted the sidewalk assessment. Opposition to paying the assessment was previously registered, but the engineer reported that the sidewalk has been properly constructed for future street paving.

Action on a street to be considered back of the stores on the east side of Broad Street and the extension of Eden Street was deferred pending a decision by the County Commissioners as to whether they will give the town 10 feet of their property.

A petition was presented by property owners on Gale Street which requested curb and gutter, storm sewer, sidewalks and street paving on East Gale Street between Broad and Oakum Streets. The petition was signed by 12 property owners. No action was taken, but Town Clerk Ernest Ward, Jr., was instructed to notify those concerned that a rough estimate placed the cost at somewhere round \$6.57 per front foot for the property owners. It was felt that the property owners should be informed about how much the improvements will cost them and that the work could not be done until the Town had the money to do it.

Before adjourning Mayor Ernest Kehayes informed the Councilmen that he had a request for a definite answer relative to the Town and County taking over the Edenton base when it is inactivated. The Councilmen were rather hesitant to make any commitment but were of the opinion that Town Clerk Ernest Ward, Jr., write a letter requesting under what conditions the base would be turned over to the town. It was pointed out that the base site would be quite an incentive to attract industry provided there were no strings attached, and at the same time that neither the town nor county would be able to be responsible for the upkeep of the base. As the matter now stands, word is awaited from the Navy relative to what terms the base would be turned over to the town and county.

Love taught him shame; and shame, with love at strife, soon taught the sweet civilities of life. —Dryden.

## Winners Are Named For Sixth Week Of Local Fishing Contest

A four pound, six ounce rockfish caught in Albemarle Sound off the railroad bridge by L. S. Byrum, Edenton, took last week's award in the Chamber of Commerce weekly fishing contest. Chairman Scott Harrell of the tourist and recreation committee, said the fish measured twenty-two inches and was caught on a pet spoon. He said rockfish were averaging about one and a half pounds with good catches reported.

Sgt. John L. Bates of NAAS, Edenton, entered a two pound, one ounce largemouth bass to win the award in this class. He fished with worms in Pembroke Creek, brought in two weighing exactly the same. Bates also won two weeks ago with a six pound, eleven ounce bass.

A nice fifteen ounce bream caught by J. W. Thompson of Bur-

lington, N. C., was the largest bream entered in the Chamber's sixth weekly contest. He caught it in Pembroke Creek on flies. Rocky Hock Creek also had good catches of bream averaging a half pound.

Harrell said white perch seem to have gone on a holiday over the Fourth with few catches reported. However, Madison Phillips of Edenton entered a fifteen ounce fish to win in this class. It was caught on shrimp in Albemarle Sound.

Some sportsmen are catching fish larger than some of the weekly winners. Harrell invited entries in the contest, pointing out that a grand prize for the largest fish caught in each of five classes will be awarded at the close of the contest in September.

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