

## Negro Home Demonstration News

By MRS. ONNIE S. CHARLTON, Negro Home Demonstration Agent

Halloween is a time for fun among the oldsters as well as with the young. Tomorrow night the "spooks", "witches" and "goblins" will be entertained on the playground by the Junior Woman's Club. Did you ever know how this fun started? This explanation comes to us from "The Southern Farm and Home Quarterly".

"Most of the great religious holidays can be traced back to pagan beginnings; but to Halloween more than any other, ancient mystic beliefs and superstitions still cling. Witches mounted their broomsticks and he'd unholy revels. Many modern Halloween frolics hark back to the belief that elves and goblins are abroad this night.

Halloween did not find a place in the American calendar of holidays until after the Gaelic people began to arrive, on these shores.

These later colonists began the custom of holding gatherings at the farm houses on the night of October 31. Since this was the time when apples and nuts were ripe these two delicacies were an important feature of such parties. Halloween was often called "Snap Apple Night" or "Nut Crack Night" in pioneer days. The participants played the traditional games with nuts on the hearth, ducked for apples, threw apple peelings over their shoulders to determine the initials of their future bridegrooms, and indulged in other folk customs from the old country. They also discovered that the American pumpkins were excellent for making jack-o-lanterns, and these carved pumpkin faces became traditional for Halloween.

Halloween comes toward the end of the harvest season. Many of you are now harvesting sweet potatoes.

Horticulture Specialists tell us the time to dig is when we can get the highest possible yield of U. S. No. 1 grade or better, and by all means before the killing frost. The rule for grades are as follows: Potatoes cannot be less than 3 1/2 inches nor more than 9 inches long. They may vary from 1 1/4 to 3 1/4 inches in diameter. They should not weigh more than 1 1/2 pounds. Some say wait until they mature. We are told there is no such thing as maturity in sweet potatoes.

Sweet potatoes must be handled as carefully as eggs in order to get the best price. Remember that these potatoes are very tender and will skin very easily. When this top layer of skin is broken it makes it easy for the disease organisms to enter and cause them to rot.

After the potatoes have been plowed out lay them on top of the ridges, being careful not to scratch them. Let them stay there at least long enough for the soil to dry.

It is a good practice to do some field grading if you plan to market some. Place U. S. No. 1 grade in one set of baskets and the lower marketable grades in another set. Fill the baskets so that the potatoes are slightly arched across the top. When the lid is fastened, pressure will be exerted on

the entire top layer of the potatoes. A storage house made for that purpose is the most efficient means for curing and storing sweet potatoes. Individually owned and operated sweet potato storage house is more preferable than cooperative houses. But if you do not have a storage house of your own, put them in with some one else. A well constructed, tightly built tobacco barn may be used, especially those heated with oil and thermostatically controlled. Get in touch with your agricultural leader and he will furnish you with information on how to convert a tobacco barn into a sweet potato curing house.

### OAK GROVE CLUB MEETS

The Oak Grove Local 4-H Club held its monthly meeting at the community building on October 24. The meeting was called to order by Joe Nixon, vice president. Carolyn Evans, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll. Roll call was answered by the members telling their age, with 21 4-H'ers present.

Sandra Nixon, chairman of the program committee, turned the program over to Edith Jean Nixon, who gave a very inspiring devotional. Judy Evans played a piano solo and then Judy and Lewis Evans sang a song accompanied by Lewis and his uke.

Several items of business were discussed. The group voted to clean up the yards around the community building on Saturday morning, and the leaders report a very thorough job was done. A Christmas party was planned and the committee members were chosen for refreshments, decoration and recreation. Judy Evans, Leon Evans, Joe Nixon, Roy Nixon and Carolyn Evans volunteered to help the local leaders serve at the supper Thursday night. After the business meeting, recreation led by Judy Evans was enjoyed by the group.

Audience leaders attending included Mrs. Jesse Lane, Mrs. Percy Nixon and Mrs. Marvin Evans.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The ever-availability of divine, impartial mercy and justice will be explained at Christian Science services on Sunday.

One of the selections from the Bible in the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Everlasting Punishment" is this from Proverbs: "Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding" (9:6).

Passages to be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will include the following (6:18): "To suppose that God forgives or punishes sin according as His mercy is sought or unsought, is to misunderstand Love and to make prayer the safety-valve for wrong-doing."

The Golden Text is from Psalms (130:7): "Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption."

God is not separate from the wisdom He bestows. The talents He gives we must improve. —Mary Baker Eddy.

### CHOWAN 4-H MEETING

The seventh and eighth grades of Chowan High School held their 4-H Club meeting for October in the auditorium.

Sherry Baker gave a very good devotional, after which the group prayed The Lord's Prayer. The 4-H Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag were given in the opening exercise, with the boys and girls singing "America."

The assistant home agent, Miss Catherine Aman, presented a health demonstration on "Care of the Skin, Hair and Teeth." This was followed by a talk by R. S. Marsh, assistant county agent, in which he stressed the importance of keeping an accurate health project record.

If the power to do hard work is not a talent, it is the best possible substitute for it. —James A. Garfield.

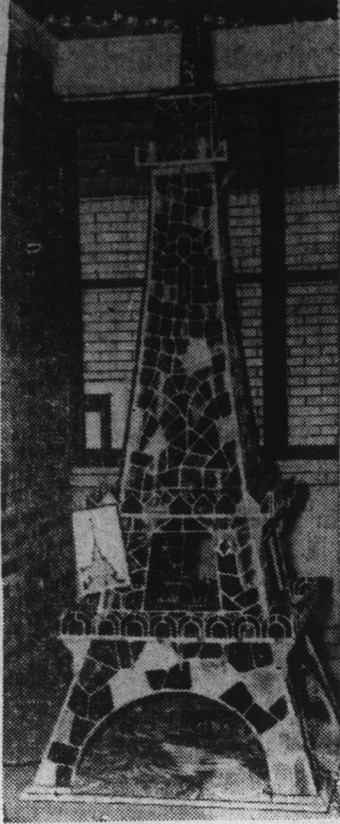
### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Jesus, then, was boldly launched on his task of bringing the Kingdom of God to mankind. He had chosen his disciples wisely, and with care—that much is obvious by the widely different qualities of character embodied in the four he chose, as related in the Book of Mark; Simon, the impulsive one; Andrew, a commonplace man indeed, but a man of great honesty; James, the silent man, a man of innate strength and patience; and John, the "man of temper." These four were completely different types, each with his own individual potentialities, as were the other eight out of the now famous twelve apostles. And, in his defining of the obligations of discipleship, Jesus dared to interpret the Scriptures in a new and different way.

The only asset Jesus had was the fact that at the time of his coming there was a feeling abroad that it was the propitious season. Prophets had foreseen his coming, and had created a climate of expectancy.

And, just as the farmer prepares his soil for the crop he plants, Jesus sowed the seeds of Christianity as we know it today in the fertile grounds at his disposal.



**TOWERING**—Made of stained glass, this reproduction of Paris' Eiffel Tower, standing seven feet high and containing 1,300 pieces of glass, was built by Anthony Virga of Clifton, N.J.

He did not anticipate that his Kingdom could be easily and quickly realized. He knew that its establishment depended upon the radical reconstruction of human hearts. The character of any kingdom is determined by the character of its members as a whole. Preparation for membership in God's kingdom is repentance. Thus the sinner is reconciled to God, and the groundwork is laid for the making of a Christ-like character which is pleasing to God. This was the task that lay before Jesus; this was the talk for which he recruited help from able and worthy men. This is still the task today which confronts us as Christians—modern day disciples testifying to the Kingdom of God as we go about our daily lives.

(These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission).

Who escapes a duty, avoids gain. —Theodore Parker

Talent, like beauty, to be pardoned, must be obscure and unostentatious. —Lady Blessington.

## Legal Notice

North Carolina In The Chowan County Superior Court NOTICE SERVING PROCESS BY PUBLICATION William Outlaw, Plaintiff

vs. Eliza H. Outlaw, Defendant. Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action.

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Absolute divorce on the grounds of separation for more than two years next preceding the commencement of this action.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than December 10, 1958, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This 25th day of October, 1958. E. W. SPIRES, Clerk of Superior Court oct30,nov6,13,20,JWG

**ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE** Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of James Arthur Brown, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 23rd day of October, 1958, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This October 23rd, 1958. MRS. FANNIE A. PARKER Administratrix of James Arthur Brown oct23,30,nov6,13,20,27c

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE** Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Beulah H. Boyce, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Tyner, North Carolina, on or before the 29th day of September, 1959, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate

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