

A Tribute To Ezzelle L. Ward

BY HIS WIFE

Ezzelle L. Ward, who died recently at fifty-seven years of age following several years of failing health, was, in the strictest sense of the word, a Master Farmer, and this is being written as a tribute to his accomplishments. Although not living the Biblical span of years, three score and ten, his achievements were many—all in the field of farming or related activities. He lived on the farm all his life and loved farming so much that some thought he would have farmed even had it been necessary to make his living at something else. This fortunately was not the case because he was successful at farming.

I realize that the farm practices Zelle began twenty or thirty years ago are in common usage now by good farmers, but many of them were innovations then.

After marrying in 1924, he bought the homeplace, Greenhall, about three miles from Edenton and began his own way of farming. Tractor farming was in its infancy then and there were many who thought mules would do a much better job. However, Zelle bought his first Farmall tractor about then and used it to good advantage. He was a pioneer in V-shaped ditches which he could clear out with his small road machine pulled by tractor and thus eliminated a good deal of man labor. He made his own two-row stock pea harvester, building it on the tractor and casing it in with metal. This was much like the one-row mule drawn harvester then in use. This tractor machine proved very successful.

Greenhall Farm was more suited to stock raising than to cotton and peanuts. Some of his earliest hog pens were built in the shape of a wagon wheel. The hub was a small lot including feed barn and water supply. The individual pens were just outside the so-called hub, with a separate small pasture for each sow and her pigs. Before Zelle had running water to the various pens, he had a large tank mounted on wheels which he filled at the windmill pump and pulled to the feed lot.

When the pigs reached weaning age, they were moved from the individual pens, put on pasture and fed a balanced ration. Zelle had his own feed mill and mixed and ground his own feed, adding minerals and protein supplement. Often the pigs ate corn from the field, along with other supplement, thus eliminating the labor and expense of housing the corn. As he bought more land, he increased the number of brood sows and averaged saving nine or ten pigs to the litter. Often more, which was good fortune. When these hogs reached marketable size, Zelle carried them to Kingham's in Richmond, taking along a note from the then County Agent, the late N. K. Rowell, attesting to their scientific feeding. That sounds strange now but that is the way it was done then.

When he decided on building up a herd of cattle, there was a choice to be made: that of selling the one cow and going on a vacation with the proceeds or keeping her and beginning the herd. Needless to say, it was a number of years before we went on a vacation. He built up a large herd of polled Herefords, keeping them on pasture, eight or nine months a year and feeding hay and grain the other months. Each year he plowed up and reseeded a part of the pastures and limed and fertilized the other acres. He was awarded a certificate for raising one hundred bushels of corn an acre. This was right many years ago.

Zelle bought and put up a saw mill to saw his own timber for repair work on the farm and also did some custom work. He kept his timber land thinned out, taking out old and diseased trees and thus reduced the danger of fire. The trees were left the correct distance apart, thus making for better and faster growth.

At a late date he bought more land close to Edenton which was more suited to cotton and peanuts and thus made for more diversified farming. Then it was that his men worked these acres in season and then looked after the stock at other times. He was among the first in the county to buy his own irrigation system for tobacco and truck crops and to have farm ponds dug. When his cotton grew too tall, he mounted blades on a tractor and topped the cotton to make for more branching out. This was his own invention.

Later, seeing the need of one, he developed his first peanut digger which shook out the vines and nuts after they were dug. Then he invented a hole digger, mounted on a tractor and connected to the pulley which dug holes for the peanut poles. This was a great improvement over the old method of digging holes by hand. With his permission, this was copied exactly and is now being manufactured and sold in a nearby town.

Zelle built his own compost spreader, built on a Model T chassis. He always maintained a fully equipped farm shop at Greenhall, where he and the men could make repairs on the machinery. This was powered by a Delco motor at first and later a main power line was run to the farm.

In later years Zelle was a charter member of Enterprise Agriculture Club, which was organized for and devoted to the study of better farming practices and the solution of farm problems. This was a community club of farmers meeting in the homes of various members. At the second meeting, he offered the use of a cabin on his farm as a meeting place. From that time, the club meetings were held there. Often members had gatherings with their families when they would have picnics, oyster roasts and the like.

Zelle always delighted in helping his neighbors with men or machinery. He was a most versatile man. In addition to being a farmer of real ability, he would repair almost any motor, pump or machine that needed fixing. This was before the heart attacks that kept him from doing so many of the things he loved to do. Although his years were fewer than many, he managed to accomplish more things than a lot of others do in a much longer span of life.

PROMOTED IN GERMANY

Haywood T. Hollowell, Jr., whose parents live on Route 2, Tyner, recently was promoted to specialist five in Germany, where he is a member of the 8th Infantry Division.

Specialist Hollowell, a clerk in the division's 8th Administrative Company in Bad Kreuznach, entered the Army in January, 1958, and arrived overseas the following July. He received his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Before entering the Army, Hollowell was employed by Atlantic Produce Company in Norfolk, Va.

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Lunch Room Menu

Menus at the John A. Holmes High School lunch room for the week of October 20-30 will be as follows:

Monday: Fish sticks, cole slaw, cookies, milk, corn bread, green string beans and butter. Tuesday: Meat loaf with creamed potatoes and gravy, green lima beans, biscuits, sliced peaches, pickle relish, butter and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken vegetable soup pimento cheese and peanut butter sandwiches, block chocolate cake, crackers, milk and butter.

Thursday: Oven-brown lunch meat, blackeyed peas, bread, cookies, cole slaw, carrot strips, butter and milk.

Friday: Roast turkey with dressing and gravy, candied yams, rolls, cookies, string beans, cranberry sauce, butter and milk.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

How spiritual understanding of God, good, brings unlimited strength and progress will be brought out at Christian Science Services Sunday. Highlighting the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Probation After Death" is the Golden Text from Psalms (37:27): "Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore."

The opening selection to be read from "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy states (215:12): "Whatever is governed by God, is never for an instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence and Life."

From Proverbs the following verse will be read (4:23, 26): "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life... Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established."

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Make Church - Going a Habit

Sunday School Lesson

UNDAUNTED WITNESS International Sunday School Lesson for October 25, 1959.

Memory Selection: "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." —(Acts 4:19-20).

Lesson Text: Acts 4:1-31.

The aim of this lesson is to help adults realize that they must witness fearlessly to their Christian faith even when it means defying the generally accepted patterns of thought and conduct.

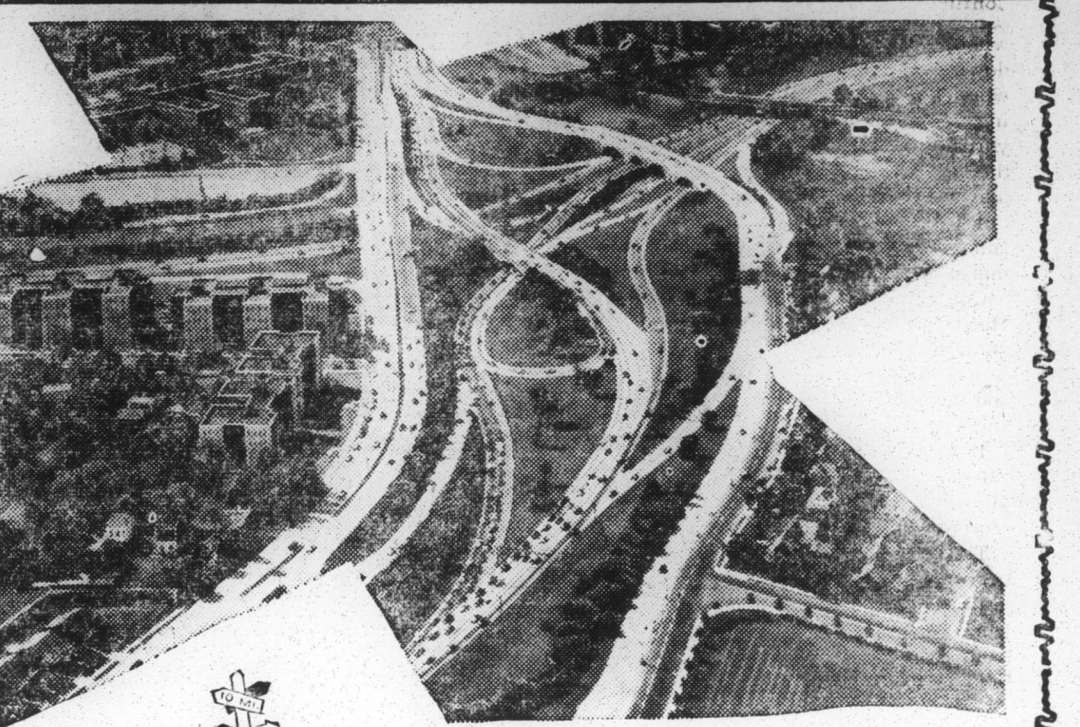
Our lesson text today is concerned with Peter and John confronting the leaders of the temple and asserting their faith in face of criticism. With the crippled man, now cured, at their side, their critics were soon silenced. The authorities had taken only casual notice of Peter and his friends. They had bidden them be quiet. But as long as it was just talk about this resurrected carpenter, they worried little. More than talk is needed to arouse opposition. Trouble comes when talk ceases and action starts. Action talks more persuasively than words. And here, before them, was real action. A man had been healed in the name of this crucified Jesus!

History records in every age the fact that new ideas make enemies. Science has had a rough road to travel through the centuries as new discoveries of truth have come into being and have been shunned by reactionary persons who wanted only the preservation of the status quo—which meant their own interpretation of facts traditionally accepted. Any idea that threatens the status quo in which people have found an element of security may well cause its adherents the kind of trouble which official Judaism in Jerusalem inflicted on Peter and his friends.

Official religion today sometimes faces this threat of preserving the status quo at the expense of truth. It may have property to protect, or endowments to secure. Prerogatives and privileges need guarding. One cannot risk offending allies in such an instance. Those who regard the church as custodian of tradition may rebel at the idea of any new revelation of God's truth along the way. (concluded on page 5—Section 2)

Chowan County Churches

- EDENTON BAPTIST: REV. R. N. CARROLL, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Morning worship service, 11 A. M. Training Union at 6:15 P. M. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.
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FIRST CHRISTIAN: REV. E. C. ALEXANDER, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 6:30 P. M. Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday evening service at 7:30 o'clock.
ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC: FATHER C. F. HILL, Pastor. Sunday Masses 8:00 and 11 A. M. Confessions Saturday 7-8 P. M. Information Class, Wednesday 8 P. M. Novena Devotions: Wednesday, 7:45 P. M. Phone 2617.
CENTER HILL BAPTIST: REV. HENRY V. NAPIER, Pastor. Morning worship at 11 o'clock first and third Sundays. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Evening worship at 8 o'clock second and fourth Sundays. Prayer service Thursday at 8 P. M.
EDENTON METHODIST: REV. RALPH FOWLKES, Pastor. Church School Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. Preaching service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
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SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL: REV. GEORGE S. HOLMES, Rector. 8:00 A. M. Holy Communion. 9:30 A. M. Church School. 10:00 A. M. Adult Bible Class. 11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. 7:30 P. M. Young Churchmen. Wednesday, 10:30 A. M. Holy Communion.
BALLARD'S BRIDGE BAPTIST: REV. LAMAR SENTELL, Pastor. Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.
CHURCH OF GOD: REV. JOHN MARTIN, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching service at 11 A. M. WFE Sunday at 7 P. M. o'clock. Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock.
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: R. P. LONG, Congregation Servant. Bible study at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Kingdom Hall. Bible study Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Service meeting and ministry school Friday nights at 8 o'clock.
ASSEMBLY OF GOD: REV. AND MRS. OTTIS DENTON, Pastors. Gems of Devotion Broadcast Sunday at 9 A. M. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Children's Church at 6:30 P. M. C. A. service at 6:30 P. M. Evangelistic service at 7:30 P. M. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30 P. M.
YEOPIM BAPTIST: Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching services every first and third Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
EVANS METHODIST: REV. FRANK PORTESQUE, Pastor. Preaching services every first and third Sundays at 9:30 A. M.
CENTER HILL METHODIST: REV. FRANK PORTESQUE, Pastor. Preaching services every first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
COLORED CHURCH: PROVIDENCE BAPTIST: REV. F. H. LAGUARDE. Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Young people's and senior choir practice Friday nights at 8 o'clock. Men's Bible Class meets Monday night at 8 o'clock.
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST: REV. CLYDE BRATT, Minister. First Sunday at 11 A. M., Holy Communion and sermon. Second Sunday at 9 A. M., Holy Communion. Third Sunday at 9 A. M., Holy Communion. Fourth Sunday at 11 A. M., morning prayer and sermon. Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST: ELDER J. A. SAWYER, Pastor. Every second and fourth Sunday. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Every first and third Sunday, Church Day. Sunday School at 11 A. M. to 1 P. M. Prayer and Bible Band Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Wednesday night choir practice at 7:30 o'clock. Thursday night choir practice at 7:30 o'clock. Friday night Pastor's Aid Society at 8 o'clock. Saturday night young people's Bible quiz and recreation.
WARREN GROVE BAPTIST: REV. J. E. TILLET, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching service at 11:30 A. M. every second and fourth Sunday. Women's Educational and Mission Union meets every fourth Sunday after the morning service.
WELCH'S CHAPEL BAPTIST: REV. W. H. DAVIS, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching service first Sunday at 11:30 A. M.
ST. JOHN BAPTIST: REV. F. E. MORGAN, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Services every first and third Sundays at 12 o'clock noon.
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KADESH A. M. E. ZION: REV. EDMUND H. WHITLEY, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.
PLEASANT GROVE A. M. E. Z.: REV. G. L. SCOTT, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Morning worship service at 11 o'clock. Choir rehearsal Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.
CANAAN TEMPLE A. M. E. Z.: REV. W. H. SESSOM, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:15. Morning worship at 11:30 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 2 P. M. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Tuesday night first Senior Choir practice at 8 o'clock. Wednesday night second Senior Choir practice at 8 o'clock.
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CROSSROADS

Here's what happens when four super-highways meet—a far cry from that simple "plus mark" we used to call an intersection! Life is becoming more complex, isn't it? No longer is it simply a matter of finding the right road. Today you can't even get on the right road until you find the right approach. And you had better be mighty sure of the direction you want to go, or you'll find yourself speeding away from your destination on a turnpike that permits no U-turn.

As life has become more complex, the value of a deep and abiding religious conviction has become more evident. Against a background of confusion and uncertainty the confident assurance of Christian faith is sharply silhouetted.

And the millions who have turned to the Church for truth and guidance have made a thrilling discovery. The Way of Christ is still just as clear, direct, and inspiring as it was to those who heard it first by the Galilean road.

Table with 2 columns: Day and Book. Rows include Sunday (Proverbs 15:19), Monday (Deuteronomy 19:5-10), Tuesday (Psalms 67:1-2), Wednesday (Psalms 119:5-6), Thursday (1 Timothy 1:8-9), Friday (Hebrews 10:22-23), Saturday (Mark 1:16-18).

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