



The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

I am one of those who are approaching that "aging" deadline, the Rubicon of the "ineffentials"—the "has-beens"—the "put away on the shelf" citizens; the retired. I refuse to be told when I reach a certain age I automatically become incapable of useful and productive work, for I am now embarking upon a period of my life that is more ambitious and holds more promise than at any other time in previous years. I KNOW I am capable of doing what I could not have done 20 years ago, or even 10 or 5. A man is no older than his thinking and a strong interest in something that is a challenge he can't ignore.

Let's stop treating our "retired" citizens as living dead men; a man doesn't become suddenly inefficient and senile at some man-made and arbitrary point in time.

Now science tells us that snow is not white, but has a bluish or greenish tinge . . . well, we learn something new almost every day.

The Constitution plainly asserts that in the carrying out of justice no man shall be subjected to cruel and unusual punishment. If 11 and a half years in a death cell, and eight times placed under the shadow of execution, is not cruel and unusual—what is?

Caryl Chessman's alleged crimes for which he was convicted and his guilt or innocence, is beside the point here. Capital punishment is a hang-over from the Dark Ages; for no crime justifies the cold-blooded and impersonal taking of a man's life by law which we justify and dignify by meaningless ambiguities. Call it "execution" if you will, but you still KILL a man.

If Caryl Chessman dies in the gas chamber at San Quentin, some part of my faith in my fellowmen, in mercy and in justice will die with him.

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made available to the State Department of Public Instruction's certification office or to local superintendents of schools. The committee studying teacher preparation is interested in getting a broad sampling of experienced teachers' test performance, and has taken every precaution to assure that teachers taking the examinations get the benefits of their scores without fear of administrative action. Teachers not planning on graduate study may use the test results to evaluate their own strengths and weaknesses and to guide their professional reading and study.

National Teacher Examinations Scheduled To Be Held April 9

Chowan teachers will have an opportunity to find out how they compare with teachers in other parts of the country. W. J. Taylor, Superintendent of County Schools, has announced. Local teachers currently upgrading or changing their certification will take the National Teacher Examinations on April 9. Mr. Taylor explained. The tests yield scores on professional knowledge, various aspects of general education, and subject-matter preparation.

A resolution passed by the 1959 General Assembly requires certain Chowan teachers to take the tests at State expense, says Mr. Taylor. He explained that the examinations are required for two groups of school employees: (1) persons applying for a higher class of certificate during the period beginning June 20, 1959, and ending February 19, 1961, and (2) persons applying for certification in a new field or capacity during the same period. All college seniors or college graduates who apply for the first time for a North Carolina teaching certificate during this 20-month period are also required to take examinations. In addition, all professional public school employees certified prior to June 20, 1959, may voluntarily take the examinations at State expense.

Chowan teachers planning to take the examinations can most

conveniently do so at Elizabeth City High School, old building cafeteria. However, there are 20 testing centers in the State, and the tests can be taken at any center. Applications to take the tests and bulletins describing them can be obtained from Mr. Taylor or from Miss Ruth Hoyle, supervisor of instruction, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Application for the April 9 examinations should be made as soon as possible. They will not be accepted after March 18. Persons unable to take the examinations on April 9 will have a chance to take different forms of the tests on October 8.

Mr. Taylor expressed that school people in some parts of the state were incorrectly informed about the research purpose of the April 9 examinations. The tests are being given for the committee of the State Board set up to do research on the quality of teacher preparation, he said. The teacher preparation committee is headed by Dr. Roland R. Morgan, superintendent of the Mooresville City School, and its study director is Dr. W. J. Scott, a high school principal until he took over his new duties last December.

Mr. Taylor emphasized that teachers who take the examinations on April 9 will receive their scores directly from Educational Testing Service without paying any fee. The service, located in Princeton, New Jersey, is the non-profit agency which is conducting the testing phase of statewide research into teacher preparation for the State Board of Education. Scores will go only to the teachers themselves and to the study director of the State Board's committee concerned with teacher preparation. Teachers may also have their scores sent to North Carolina colleges at which they plan to do graduate study.

Taking the examinations will have absolutely no effect on a teacher's certificate or employment. Scores obtained in this research project will not be

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The Darf Corporation, manufacturers of farm machinery at Greenfield, has employed George M. Hunsucker as their new plant manager. Darf Corporation feels the company is fortunate in securing the services of a man as well qualified as Mr. Hunsucker. He, or "Pete" as his friends call him, comes to Edenton from Greensboro, where he was employed as shop foreman at the Truitt Manufacturing Company, one of the largest steel fabricating concerns in North Carolina. Mr. Hunsucker is a veteran of World War II, having served with the Air Force for three years, 18 months of the time in the Pacific Theatre. He is married to the former Miss Dorothy Lee of Summerfield, N. C. The Hunsuckers have three children, Linda, age 13, a seventh grade pupil; George, age 10, a fourth grade pupil, and Donald, age 3. They are making their home at 404 North Broad Street.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

This is the second in a series of columns on The Revelation 4:9-11; The Church's Song of Praise.

What does this passage of Scripture tell us about man in heaven? It tells us first of all that man will reach his highest dignity in heaven—he shall receive crowns. This earth has nothing higher to offer a man than a crown. Men have risked their lives and the lives of others, and waded through seas of blood, in order to obtain a crown.

The Bible speaks, first of all, of a Crown of Righteousness.

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They are also spoken of as crowns of life. The crown awarded to the winner of the Olympic games in ancient Greece was made of living flowers—it soon withered and died. So do all earthly crowns—they last but for a time. And even if the crown would last, the wearer doesn't. Each proud king must someday lay his crown aside and go the way of

all flesh. Not so with our heavenly crowns—they are crowns of life.

The Bible also makes mention of the Incorruptible Crown. Earthly crowns are insecure—as the old saying goes, "Uneasy rests the head that wears a crown." Not so our heavenly crowns—they are incorruptible. But someone objects—"If you Christians are working for crowns, you serve the Lord for a selfish motive." Not so, for the Word of God tells us in this

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passage that we shall cast our crowns before the throne, saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power . . ." Recognizing our own unworthiness, we accept His and ascribe all glory, honor and power to Him whom they rightly belong.

When Napoleon was about to be crowned Emperor by the pope, he seized the crown from his hands and placed it upon his head himself, not willing that any should be able to claim he made him emperor. But when we receive our crowns from our Lord Jesus Christ we shall cast them at His feet, in loving willingness to ascribe all glory to Him.

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Next week, God willing, I shall begin a study of the events

surrounding the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WITNESSES' ASSEMBLY

Local Jehovah's Witnesses are planning to attend the semi-annual circuit Bible Assembly which will be held at Roanoke Rapids High School tonight (Thursday) through Sunday.

The principal feature of the meeting will be a Bible lecture by David J. Thomas, a representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York.

A joke's a very serious thing.—Churchill.

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