

County News

By MRS. ROLAND EVANS

Rocky Hock Baptist Church baptismal service will be held Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock at R. T. Harrell's cottage. Sunday School will be held soon after this service. A right-hand of fellowship and ladies' supper will also be observed.

Back to college and school students will be recognized at Rocky Hock Church on Sunday night. Those to be recognized include: Barbara Allred, Wingate College; Gan Cuas, Wingate College; David Allred, Wake Forest College; Zackie Harrell, State College; Gerald Harrell, East Carolina College; Jerry White, University of North Carolina; Kathryn Tynch, East Carolina College; Faye Ober, East Carolina College; Betty Bunch, East Carolina College; Emily Leary, Campbell College; Betty Ann Harrell, Baptist Hospital.

Rocky Hock Brotherhood will meet tonight at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Lillie Saunders of Rocky Hock is on the sick list.

Melvin Bunch is a patient in Chowan Hospital.

The Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church revival begins next week. The Rev. Frank Cale will be the visiting evangelist.

Mrs. Effie Evans and family were recognized Thursday night at family night services held at the revival. This family had the most present for the service.

Mrs. E. N. Elliott is visiting in Tarboro.

Those visiting Mrs. Roland Evans and mother during the week were Mrs. Merritt Hooper, Jr., of Elizabeth City; Stanford Perry, Suffolk; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Keeter, Chris and Jeff; Mrs. Claude Sawyer, Scottie and Claudia of Elizabeth City; Annie Hollowell Circle of Ballard's Bridge Church met at the home of Mrs. T. O. Asbell Tuesday night.

Miss Sandra Harrell of Rocky Hock spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Britton Byrum and Al in Morris Circle.

Sam Sutton is a patient in Chowan Hospital.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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those years, Russia was our friend and ally, for whom we poured out billions in money and material, and for whom many a ship and crew went down in the icy grey waters of the North Atlantic. Today, consider how the roles are reversed! How on earth can we reconcile the apparent contradiction and meaningless confusion of events in our own generation alone, with a belief in God's ever-present care and wisdom?

There are no easy and trite answers to these problems. But such answers as we can bring, support the mind with reason and the heart with hope. And before we consider finding a reasonable and acceptable answer a lost cause, we should pause long enough to consider the alternative to belief in divine providence. If there is no rational purpose for our existence, no redemptive pattern in history, no Sovereign God, then the impersonal forces of nature will have the last word with us. Yes, if at times we find it difficult to believe in divine providence, we should look squarely at what remains if we abandon it.

It is reasonable to assume that eras of chaos and contradiction are only provisional. It is rea-

sonable, also, to assume that of ten what appears to be utterly meaningless may be attributed to our lack of perspective. For a casual visitor, unacquainted with modern building techniques, the activity on a building site would seem quite without purpose; a jumble of ditches, holes, cables, pipes, stacks of materials, and a host of workmen busy at what are apparently unrelated tasks. But if the layman had the perspective of the superintendent of construction, he would see that everything fits into a master plan, and will finally contribute to the construction of a handsome and functional building. So, even what appears to us as meaningless or perhaps perverse, in contemporary experience, may, in reality, be a necessary part of what in the end will show itself wise and beneficial.

A belief in divine providence is supported by knowledge that no man or nation can oppose God with impunity. Either may strut for a time and flourish mightily, as the Hitlers and Mussolinis of the world. But before long they and all their works are brought to naught. They do not break the laws of God; they merely illustrate them. Life works only one way—God's way. We are free to disobey, but our disobedience brings us to ruin.

God's role may be likened to that of a good parent. To make possible our growth toward maturity, He must not take the stones from our path. He is required to permit freedom, in which we may stumble and harm ourselves, and others. But when we must suffer, He is present in our need, sharing our pain and helping us to bring good out of evil.

Yes, belief in divine providence brings many benefits; it gives tenacity of purpose in the service of spiritual values, regardless of the opposition of error and evil. It makes us quiet and free. Belief in divine providence gives perspective that delivers us from tension and panic under the pressures of the moment. And it makes for courage in the midst of adversity and disaster. We could not survive without it!

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Club Calendar

"Window Hardware" will be the demonstration given by Miss Pauline Calloway, home economics agent, for September Home Demonstration Club meetings.

Items of business for September will include report of nominating committee, County and State Fair, leader reports, husbands' supper, Achievement Day and Christmas Festival.

Following is the schedule of meetings:

Thursday, September 1, 8 P. H.—Enterprise Club at home

of Mrs. Carroll Privott.

Tuesday, September 6 at 3 P. M.—Ryland Club at home of Mrs. Eugene Jordan.

Tuesday, September 6, at 8 P. M.—Oak Grove Club at Oak Grove Community Building, Mrs. Arlon Parks and Mrs. Robert Lane, hostesses.

Wednesday, September 7, at 8 P. M.—Gum Pond Club at home of Mrs. Cary Evans.

Thursday, September 8, at 2:30 P. M.—Advance Club at home of Mrs. C. P. Harrell.

Monday, September 12, at 3 P. M.—Chowan Club at Chowan Community Building, Mrs. A. S. Bush, hostess.

Monday, September 12, at 8 P. M.—Yeopim Club at home of Mrs. Johnny Speight.

Tuesday, September 13, at 8 P. M.—Beech Fork Club at home of Mrs. Cora Harrell.

Wednesday, September 14, at 3 P. M.—Wards Club at Wards Community Building.

Tuesday, September 20, at 8 P. M.—Center Hill Club at home of Mrs. H. T. Hollowell.

Wednesday, September 21, at 3 P. M.—Byrd Club at home of Mrs. D. M. Reeves.

Thursday, September 22, at 3:30 P. M.—Colonial Club at Coffee Shop, Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Tuesday, September 27, at 8 P. M.—Rocky Hock Club at home of Mrs. Henry Bunch.

CHOWAN COURT HOUSE SPEAKS

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gaged in a duel. No one appeared and it is said that Allen remained at home, evidently believing that "discretion is the better part of valor."

Buncombe's regiment formed the spear-head of the attack against the British troops at Germantown, Penna., which is considered to be one of the important turning points in the revolution. He was wounded and never recovered fully from

injuries.

The present Court House was erected in 1767 by an act of the Colonial Legislature, which specified that it was to serve the Edenton District, comprising the counties of Tyrrell, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Perquimans and Chowan. Five commissioners for this purpose were appointed by the General Assembly, Joseph Hewes being named chairman. The present jail was also included in the act. Gilbert Lee was the architect.

The walls are 14 inches thick, the brick being brought over from England. The lower floor is built of limestone from Georgia. The woodwork came from the local forests. The structure is considered a gem of early American architecture.

The first Court House was erected in 1719. It is said that some lawyers from Williamsburg, Va., were attending court in Edenton in 1766. Upon their return home, they reported to the newspaper that the building was a frame structure, which had "no floor except sand; that the front door remained open at night and all manner of livestock, including sheep, goats, etc., slept in it at night," and "it had more the appearance of a common tobacco barn, rather than a Court House."

This criticism aroused the ire of the folks in Edenton and contiguous counties, whereupon the General Assembly enacted the provisions for the present structure, which dwarfed the small Court House in Williamsburg. The old records date back to the year 1669 and constitute the oldest and largest collection of court papers in North Carolina, including those of the "General Court of the Province" and other inferior courts.

Many prominent jurists served as judges of the Superior Court, including James Iredell, who was later appointed by Washington as a justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1790. The last two such judges to

serve were the present Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, J. Wallace Wimborne, and the late Richard Dillard Dixon, both of Edenton.

The large assembly room on the upper floor contains the largest collection of colonial panelwork in America, which are still in their original position. In the olden days it was used for staging operas, dances, etc. It is said that General Lafayette, while visiting Edenton, participated in one of these dances.

The seat of government was permanently established in Edenton in the year 1722, where the Royal Governor lived. Prior to that time the Colonial Legislature held meetings in private homes, the first being in Pasquotank County, or precinct as was known in those days. Subsequent sessions were likewise held in homes of prominent men in Perquimans County.

The Court House at Edenton, built in 1719, served as the first house for the Council Chamber and was followed by the present structure, which served as the capitol.

Minutes Of County Board Of Education

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held August 1, 1960, at 10 A. M. with the following members present: Eugene Jordan, Marvin Evans and G. B. Potter, chairman.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes

as read were adopted by a motion made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mrs. Ward and duly carried.

The local school fund treasurer's reports for Chowan and White Oak School for July were presented and adopted by a motion by Mr. Asbell and seconded by Mr. Jordan and duly carried. Bills paid in July were read for the following amounts: Veterans program, \$26.20; Chowan High School teacherage, \$22.80; lunch room reimbursements, \$546.35; current expense items, \$3,336.60; total, \$3,931.95.

A motion was made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Asbell, that the bills paid be approved and duly carried.

The superintendent presented the election report of the District Committee in the election of two teachers since the previous meeting. The committee reported that it had elected Mrs. Betty H. Busey for the seventh and eighth grade departmental work, and W. E. Bateman for math and English. Motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the election of these teachers, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Ward and duly carried.

The resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Woodruff, fifth grade teacher in the White Oak School, was presented and a motion was made and duly adopted to accept the resignation. At that time no teacher had been selected to fill the vacancy.

The superintendent discussed the repair work in the schools, and stated the work should be completed by the opening of schools pending the weather conditions in the meantime.

The superintendent reported that he and the secretary would be attending the State Superintendent's annual conference at Mrs. Hill August 8-13, and the week of August 14 they would be on vacation.

A resolution of the State Board of Education with respect to "Protection of School Time for a Quality Curriculum" was read by the superintendent to the

board. No action on the resolution was taken, but it will be considered at the next regular meeting. The superintendent was requested to report his findings on the subject and report to the board at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the board adjourned.
G. B. POTTER, Chairman.
W. J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

Dr. Archie D. Walker, Jr.

announces

the opening of his office in the
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NOTICE OF MEETING OF CHOWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

At the request of a member of the Board of Commissioners, a meeting of the Chowan County Commissioners is called for 10 o'clock A. M., on Friday, September 2nd, 1960, at the Court House in Edenton, N. C.

There will be no meeting on Monday, September 5, due to the observance of Labor Day.

This August 25, 1960.

W. E. BOND
CHAIRMAN
Chowan County Commissioners

Notice To Delinquent TAXPAYERS

1959 taxes are past due. If any taxpayer cannot pay his or her taxes in one payment, they can make partial payments until paid.

PLEASE SEE ME TODAY AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PAY YOUR 1959 TAXES.

EARL GOODWIN

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EDENTON, N. C.

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