

The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

FOTPOURRI — Procrastination can be a terrible thing. I have, in a lifetime of trying to write, discarded dozens of ideas, titles, notes, from my notebooks, because some other writer had beat me to it and written the same thing. Whether or not I could have done as well with the same idea as the other writer, is beside the point. The point is, I sat on my hands and did nothing, dawdled and doodled—in short, I procrastinated, and lost the opportunity to make use of some very good ideas. The ideas must have been basically sound, because the other writers used them, and they were published. Oh, well, you can't win 'em all.

PHIL OSOPHER SAYS: Misunderstanding, among nations or people, causes the greatest trouble in this world.

How you use words, or how you construct your sentences, may make a lot of difference in how the meaning comes out. Remember the old line, "Throw the cow over the fence some hay?" Most of us wouldn't get very far throwing cows, and most of us throw our

words around in just about the same manner. Recently, on a TV show, the master of ceremonies made this announcement, "And now we have a young girl, dancing with a young man, wearing an evening gown." Was the young man wearing the evening gown? I'll leave it up to you to figure it out.

Road Contracts At New High

RALEIGH — Total contract awards by the State Highway Commission in a single year reached a new all-time high on December 15 when the counters clicked over to register almost \$140-million.

The Highway Commission awarded some 400 contracts valued at \$138,371,101.76 during 1967. This is the second consecutive year in which a new total contract award record has been set by the current Highway Commission with this year's total outstripping last year's previous high of \$112,500,000 by some \$26,000,000.

Of the total amount let to contract during the year, approximately \$20-million was for the construction of some 88 miles of Interstate improvements, some \$74.5 million for improvements along 991 miles of the Primary System, some \$22-million for Secondary Road improvements involving 2,743 miles and approximately \$22-million for improvements along some 88 miles of the Urban Highway System. The total for the year involved, roughly \$138.3-million and 4,000 miles.

The Highway Commission's huge November-December letting alone totaled more than \$41 million, contained 92 projects and involved more than 1400 miles of road improvements.

Chowan High News

By WANDA MORRIS

Bulldogettes Down Red Devils For First Victory

Chowan Bulldogettes defeated the Jamesville Red Devils Tuesday, January 2, in the Chowan gymnasium by a score of 37-36. This is the first victory for the Bulldogettes.

Score at half-time was tied 15-15. The Bulldogettes nudged ahead in the third quarter with a score of 29-27 when the buzzer sounded. Final score was 37-36, with Wanda Ward netting 133 points for the girls. Pat Nixon dropped in 11 and Goodwin added eight for the Chowan girls.

Holliday led the scoring for Jamesville with 15 points.

The Bulldogs also hosted the Jamesville Red Devils after the girls' game. Jamesville downed the Bulldogs 82-53. High scorer for Chowan was Copeland with 14 points. White swished the net for a total of 13 and Lamb dropped in 11 points for the boys.

Martin netted 24 points for the Red Devils.



Let's Go To Church Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE FIRST OF JESUS' SIGNS

International Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 14

Memory Selection: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him.—John 2:11.

Lesson Text: John 1:33 to 2:12.

In this lesson we learn of the changing of the water into wine at the bridal feast by Jesus, and recognize that by this act, Jesus revealed himself to the assembled guests as the true Messiah, possessing the power of God and demonstrating His authority to provide cleansing of sins.

Jesus never performed these miracles heedlessly; in each one there was a reason. It was up to the beholders to read into it the motive behind it. In the feeding of the five thousand, for instance, He demonstrated the ability to provide for God's children; in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, He manifested Himself as the giver of life—not only to Israel, but to all mankind.

And it is true that—to truly understand these acts—our insight must be guided by the Holy Spirit.

If we follow the recordings of Jesus' life on earth carefully, we will see that He was always ready to join with the people in their everyday joys and celebrations. He never removed Himself from their customs, because of His lofty destiny; rather, He was one of them, loving life, and firmly believing that the world was His father's despite all the sin and tragedy that existed.

In this specific instance, the changing of the water into wine had a twofold reason to Jesus. He was not only providing the traditional drink for wedding guests, but He was also providing purification for their souls. For wine traditionally represents Jesus' blood in the Sacrament—purification from sins flowing from Jesus' body. In the parable of the young man being chided by the ruler of the feast for providing the inferior wine first, and keeping the good wine till last (pointing out that if the order had been reversed the guests, having already imbibed, would not have noticed the difference) Jesus was pointing out the superiority of His purification when compared with the old, established Jewish purification customs. For in His life, death and His sacrificial blood, Jesus has provided eternal forgiveness of sins and a permanent reconciliation with God.

By Jesus' "signs" as they were called, He was revealing outwardly His inner character. His Messiahship was being proclaimed, for He was exercising an authority over nature that had hitherto been only manifested by God.

But Jesus did not perform miracles for miracles' sake; through them He made it known that He demanded genuine commitment—not just the immediate awestruck responses.

For He and our Heavenly Father will provide

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Now here's a clock that beats them all... Big Ben, himself, watching the passing parade. Somehow, old Ben still manages to keep an eye on things while he's telling the time, and the stories he could tell might fill a book.

With today's atomic clocks, which mark the passage of time by atom vibrations, time now can be measured more accurately than ever before. Yes, we've come a long way since the first clock, which was simply the alternating periods of darkness and daylight.

Just as man has always relied on some satisfactory method of telling the time, so has he always been aware of a hunger within his heart for peace and meaning in life.

Discover this timeless source of unending strength... worship in church this Sunday.

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ALL FOR THE CHURCH
The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday Psalms 31:11-20	Monday Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	Tuesday Isaiah 49:8-13	Wednesday Matthew 16:1-12	Thursday John 6:35-51	Friday Galatians 4:1-11	Saturday 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
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Respectfully,

H. B. Willford, Jr.

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Town Of Edenton

W. B. GARDNER, Administrator

