

The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL
The cold has swept the broad streets clean As people scurry to and fro And like a brush in giant hands It paints a wintry scene.

Believe me, we have had it cold enough to keep anybody off the streets. But that is all I am going to say about the weather; for, about the time this sees print, it will be warm again — that is, winter-warm.

Over-night, since writing the above, winter, full strength, descended upon us.

Snow lies heavily upon the breast of the earth, And still more snow and more snow flies; The howling winds, the

snow and the ice give birth To this promise—this, too, will pass—ahead another Spring lies.

Primitive conditions prevailed over most of the state this past week. With no electric power most of us reverted to oil lamps (those who still had them), and with water pipes frozen we "toted" water from wherever we could find it. Cooking was done on any kind of stove or fireplace available. I was lucky in one respect: I still have three kerosene oil lamps. I call them my "hurricane lamps"; and believe me they have alleviated the situation more than once. I "toted" water from The Herald office and cooked on a one-burner oil stove. All in all, although aggravating, conditions were

not too bad. I survived. Let us hope that winter has shot its biggest gun, but the weatherman says that winter has just started. Could it be its "opening gun"?

Merry Hill News

By Mrs. Ethel Winborne

Bobby Bunch of Jacksonville spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Bunch. Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Bowen and son Jimmie of Windsor visited Mrs. J. W. Winborne Friday.

Mrs. Virgie Baker and Mrs. Teneal Taylor spent Tuesday in Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Britt, Mrs. Sophie White and Mrs. Jim Britt were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Spruill and Mrs. Mary Benthall of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene White and son Chris are staying with his mother, Mrs. J. W. White, until he can get a home at Plymouth, where Mr. White is working now.

Mrs. Arthur Bowen of Windsor visited Mrs. Ethel Winborne Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin White spent Tuesday night and Wednesday at Raleigh. Marvin Cobb of New Bern spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Georgia Cobb.

Mass Schedule At St. Ann's

Father Joseph J. Lash, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church, announces the following schedule of masses:

Thursday, 7 A. M.; Friday, 7 A. M.; Saturday, 8 A. M.; Sunday, 8 A. M.; Monday, 7 A. M.; Tuesday, 7 P. M.

At All Souls' in Columbia: Sunday, 10 A. M.; Wednesday, 7 P. M.

School Boy Definition
Volcano: A high mountain that keeps interrupting.



Let's Go To Church Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

BECOMING A NEW PERSON

International Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 21

Memory Selection: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

Lesson Text: John 2:13 to 3:36.

The aim of the lesson we are studying today strives to bring home to each and every person the fact that he who accepts Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour becomes a born again—a new person—and assures himself of entrance into God's Kingdom and Eternal Life.

The background for our lesson is set in Jerusalem, where Jesus had journeyed for the observance of the Feast of the Passover. And as was His way, Jesus never let an opportunity go by without teaching and instructing the people—all kinds of people—whenever and wherever He could. He taught by parables and "signs." He was not always clearly understood, but He taught in such a way that his hearers had to use their reasoning powers to understand what He was saying, and—eventually—come to Him for further instruction and explanations. Thus it was that He gradually built around Him the nucleus of the little band that devoted itself to travelling and bringing the Gospel to foreign lands.

Such a man was Nicodemus. A member of the Sanhedrin, highly esteemed, Nicodemus took great risks when he came to Jesus by night for further instruction. Impressed by Jesus' cleansing of the Temple, which evidenced His authority over His Father's house, Nicodemus wanted to hear more from the lips of this man of such obvious authority—and became so convinced of the superiority of this new teaching, that he later became a disciple. He was born again!

This was, indeed, a radical change in the life of Nicodemus. He had believed—as did all Orthodox Jews of that time—that the Kingdom of God was theirs by right of physical birth, since they were God's chosen people. It took his encounter with Christ to open his eyes to the fact that the only key was a spiritual re-birth—one which embraced repentance and acceptance.

And so it was with the act of baptism: John the Baptist, as he was known, baptized with water, and participation in this rite signified the participant's willingness to accept the spiritual baptism he would receive at the hands of the coming Messiah. One was the beginning, the other the completion.

We are too prone, today, to be overly concerned with earthly things, and overlook the intangible things of the spirit. And yet—the workings of that unseen, untouchable "spirit" of ours are ever before us, in our words and deeds, for others to see and judge.

Certainly our understanding is much too limited for us to fully probe and understand this ethereal, living thing which dwells inside our flesh. Yet we cannot deny that it is there—that

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IN THE OLD DAYS

In Aunt Miranda's day there was no question about whether you went to church on Sunday. You didn't stay home because it was raining or snowing, or because you had a slight headache. You went—by horse-drawn wagons or carriages—a much harder trek than it is today.

Maybe because it was harder, people appreciated it more. Maybe in that era of pre-modern conveniences people had a better sense of values. They seemed to know, at any rate, what was really important.

Of course, the church is just as necessary today as it was in Aunt Miranda's day. Certainly the complexities of our present generation make life's problems seem increasingly abundant. Hadn't we better go to church next Sunday—and see for ourselves?

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Sunday Genesis 6:5-22	Monday Exodus 3:13-22	Tuesday Exodus 20:1-20	Wednesday Psalms 95:6-11	Thursday Jeremiah 16:10-20	Friday Colossians 1:24-29	Saturday James 3:13-18
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