

News From Merry Hill

By Mrs. Ethel Winborne

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward and son Billy of Winton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker visited Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Keeter of Edenton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Baker of Chesapeake spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Smithwick and children of Yorktown spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Layton. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ambrose of Hampton were also their guests for Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Williford were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Smith and boys of Norfolk Sunday.

Mrs. Lilla Evans is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Small of Edenton. Mrs. Small has suffered a broken arm.

Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Alcox spent Saturday at Kinston.

Mrs. Martin White of Rocky Mount spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Chesley White. Mr. White spent Sunday afternoon.

Edmund Pruden, Jr., was admitted to the Bertie Hospital at Windsor Saturday and underwent an appendix operation.

J. L. Williford was admitted to Windsor Hospital Sunday and is still a patient there.

Mrs. Maggie Swann and daughter Rita of Virginia Beach and Mrs. Idell Loney of Portsmouth were the Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Holder.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Doney of Norfolk spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob House and daughter Lynn of Harrellsville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smithwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White and children, Lisa and Susan of Hampton spent last week with Mrs. J. W. White. Mrs. Gene White and children of Plymouth spent Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. David White of Newport News spent the weekend with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Barfield and children, Marilyn, Marsha and Randy made a trip to Chapel Hill Saturday to bring Mr. and Mrs. Noah Small to La Grange from the hospital, where he had been a patient for some time. They attended a family reunion of the Barfields on Sunday at Cliffs State Park.

E. J. Pruden, Jr., spent Wednesday in Virginia and visited Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bowen at Toano, Mrs. Ethel Bowen and Dan Phelps at Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Smithwick and children of Yorktown spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Layton, also Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ambrose of Hampton were also their guests Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Davidson and children of Harrellsville, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Byrum of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor White and daughter of Windsor, Mrs. Carroll Miller and children of Merry Hill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe White.

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H. B. Williford Jr.

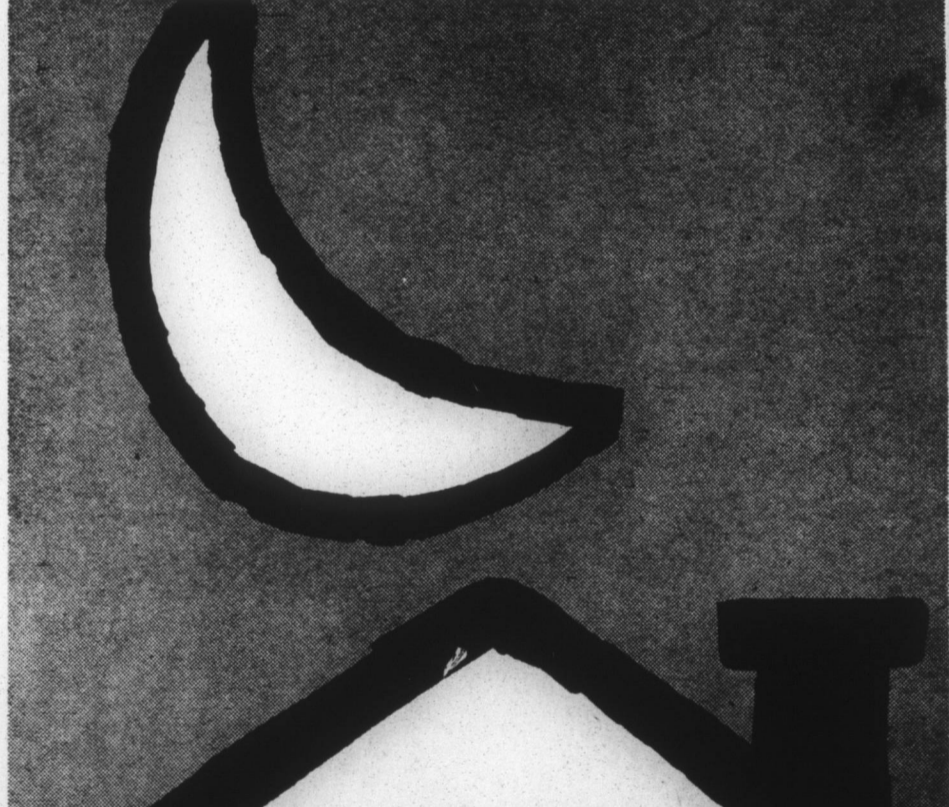
Physicians Plan Annual Meeting

RALEIGH — Consideration of the most recent advances in the field of medicine is the underlying theme of the 115th annual meeting of the State Medical Society to be held in Pinehurst May 17-21.

The Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst will house the principal events with formal registration beginning Saturday for the 3,800-member society.



Dr. Richard Hardin of Edenton is delegate from the Chowan - Perquimans County Medical Society and Dr. William Bindeman is an alternate.

Approximately 1,000 physicians from across the state are expected to attend the scientific portion of the annual meeting.



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KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

International Sunday School Lesson for May 18

Memory Selection: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."—John 5:39.

Lesson Text: John 5:37-47; 16:12-15; Acts 8:26-35; 17:10-12; James 1:22-25.

Any of us who are making our living in the world of industry (especially an industry whose concern is in the realm of marketing) will recognize the old saying: "There's a difference between a salesman and an 'order-taker'." The difference is equally applicable to a student of the Bible and a mere "reader." A student will study and learn and question—and try to understand; while a reader will merely turn a passage at random and quickly scan it—gaining nothing much from it, but merely satisfying a sense of "duty"—and acquiring a sense of smug self-satisfaction.

And just as the alive, vibrant salesman, believing in his product, accumulates the orders and assures himself of a good living, so will the ardent student of things theological assure himself of riches beyond mere material standards, whereas the reader (the "order-taker") merely meets the needs of the moment—and those not too adequately. For the reading of the Bible ought to be an oasis of the soul—whereby one renews spiritual strength; courage, and confidence with which to meet the challenges of temporal life; whereby, in all humility, one can keep a sense of perspective, and grow as a person—one who is worthy of the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Jesus led and taught the disciples—always making allowances for their humanity. He knew that it would take time for the full meaning of His ministry to make itself felt. He knew that, by careful teaching methods and planning, they would finally come to fully understand the portent of His life. As they grew in grace, so would they grow in their knowledge of His redemptive purpose regarding mankind. This same spiritual principle applies to the Christian's understanding of the Bible. As a child, born into the Christian faith, we accept and believe; later, we believe—and reason. For our understanding of the Scriptures is truly a pilgrimage in the deepest sense of the word; just as we reach levels of tolerance and pain, so we reach levels of understanding.

A lack of understanding of the Scriptures robs us of the spiritual help that is available to us, just as the inability to grasp the importance of the method of study robs the college student of the ability to understand and appreciate the fountain of knowledge that has been made available.

Perhaps the purport of this lesson is contained in a nutshell—in James I, verses 22 through 25. They are both an exhortation and a warning. It is so easy to hear—and dismiss; it is so much harder (and so much more challenging) to hear and heed.



Luke 24:13-27
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Luke 24:28-35
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Luke 24:36-49
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John 20:1-10
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John 20:11-18
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John 20:19-23
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John 20:24-30

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

He marvels at the majesty of the clouds and the vastness of the sky. He thrills at the reflections cast upon the water by the rainbow palette of the setting sun. He is awed, humbled—yet, at the same time, fiercely proud.

His feelings contradict each other. For he knows he is a small creature dwarfed by the overpowering glory of nature, yet, at the same time, a man—a man created in the image of God.



Of course, we all need to be humble, but we also need to be proud. In one sense we are insignificant, and in another we are all-important. The problem lies in finding the proper balance between the two.

To understand the whole man—the all of you, you must turn to His Church where God is forever revealing the mysteries of His universe. Here we are taught truths that have endured throughout the ages. Here we must come if we are to find the proper balance in life.

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