

Dare Author's Work Published

Mrs. Nell Wise Wechter, mer searching her grand-award-winning author and mother's plantation for gold public school teacher now said to have been buried from required in her native Dare County, will have her third book, "Swamp Girl," published this week by John F. Blair, Publisher, of Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Wechter won the AAUW Award for the best children's book by a North Carolinian with "Taffy of Torpedo Junction," published in 1957. This was the story of a young girl who lived on Hatteras Island in World War II, during the dangerous period when German submarines lurked off the coast. Her next book was "Betsy Dowdy's Ride," based on the story of a legendary Outer Banks heroine of the American Revolution, which was published in 1960 and was a selection of the Catholic Children's Book Club for the following year.



MRS. NELL WECHTER

Like these earlier books, which were also published by Blair, "Swamp Girl" is set on the North Carolina coast, in a Dare County community much like Mrs. Wechter's native Stumpy Point. Central character is a 10-year-old girl who spends much of her sum-

mer searching her grandmother's plantation for gold said to have been buried from Yankee soldiers a century before. Local history and legend are woven into the story throughout the book, which was illustrated with pen and ink drawings by Patsy Faires of Winston-Salem.

Before she retired in 1964, Mrs. Wechter taught for 13 years in the public schools of Greensboro, where she won the Freedom Foundation's National Teachers Medal and the Franklin McNutt Award for superior teaching of the American way of life. She also taught in schools at Hatteras, Stumpy Point, Lumberton, and in Pitt and Northampton Counties.

Mrs. Wechter began her writing career with features for The Coastland Times at Manteo at the age of 19. She has edited a weekly newspaper and has written articles for a number of magazines. Her husband, Robert W. Wechter, is also retired and living at Stumpy Point. They have a daughter, Mrs. Michael Dunlap, and two young grandsons in Atlanta, Ga.

The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. EARNHARDT

Text: "The common people heard Him gladly." Mk. 12:37.

The average people have no high position to lose and have few important people to consult. They call each other Jack, Red, Bill and Bob. They make lemonade in the same barrel and drink from the same gourd. The farmers and the merchants are conscious of each other's needs. When one of them dies the pallbearers are chosen without regard to wealth or station.

But why not have it so? Why should the soul of mortal be proud? The street sweeper and the farmer and the doctor and the preacher all rejoice when their sons come to honor and grieve alike when their children are disgraced. They lay their complaints before the same court of justice and make their prayer before the same throne on high.

The most puffed up creature is the potato bug. That is because his ancestors came over on a bag of potatoes on the Mayflower.

W. T. Nixon, 71, Taken In Death

Willie Thompson Nixon died at Chowan Hospital Friday following a long illness. He was a resident of Route 1, Edenton, and 71 years old.

He was a retired fisherman and a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

He was the son of the late Ada Bunch and Thomas Lee Nixon.

Mr. Nixon is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie Byrum Nixon; a son, Edward Nixon of Chesapeake, Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Byrum of Edenton; four brothers: Ellie E., Sam and Elbert Nixon, all of Edenton, and Vandy Nixon of Tyner; three sisters: Mrs. Mary Lee Nixon, Mrs. Erie Byrum, and Mrs. Inez Gosser, all of Edenton, and nine grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted at Rocky Hock Baptist Church Sunday at 5 P. M., with Rev. Larry McClure and Dr. John Carlton officiating. Burial followed in Nixon Family Cemetery.

Williford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Make Going To Church A Habit

SET FREE TO SERVE

International Sunday School Lesson
For Sunday, July 4, 1971

MEMORY SELECTION: "You were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another." —Gal. 5:13.

LESSON TEXT: Mark 10:43-45; John 8:31-42; I Corinthians 6:12; 9:19-23; Galatians 5:13-26.

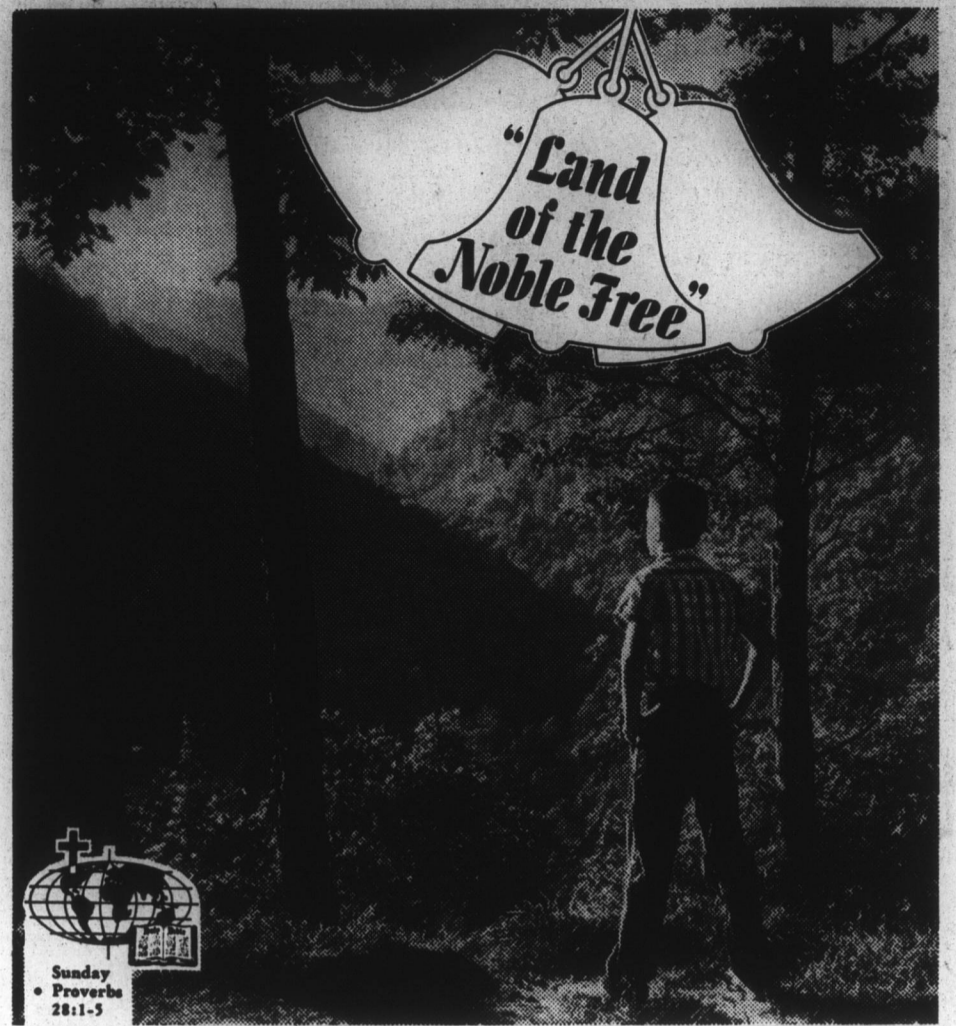
Today we, devoting our time and our efforts to the Book of Galatians, enter into a new series, analyzing the responsibilities of a true Christian.

The Bible speaks to everyone regarding Christian responsibilities. It speaks of freedom without license, and that freedom must acknowledge the rights of others, and the restraints that must necessarily be imposed on the true Christian, to enable him to effectively operate within the framework of God's universal plan.

A study of our background material for this lesson will reveal conflicting opinions on the matter of freedom. Certain Jews, opposing Christ, held that they were never, in fact, in bondage. Note, specifically, Christ's reply to this contention . . . by their determination to kill Him, they were, indeed, in bondage — to evil. The pertinent fact was then (and still is today) that only through God, and dedicated service in His name, could they know the true meaning of freedom.

Paul, himself, continually sought to establish that salvation would be by FAITH, and not LAW . . . this at a time when certain Jewish elements were trying to enforce the concepts of the Mosaic law on converts. Certainly Paul was in a position to expound upon his belief, for, in studying his life and his writings, we find that he had known both bondage and freedom. While he rejoiced in the latter, however, he drew a sharp and uncompromising line of distinction between what he COULD do and what he SHOULD do.

The battle between liberty and license is often a daily one for most people; the flesh constantly wages war with the spiritual side of man. Being human, we will never be free of the temptations of the flesh, but our battles will be made more bearable if we will acknowledge the presence of God in our lives and heed the restraining force imbued by our spiritual concepts. Galatians 5, verses 19-21 lists the "sins of the body" to which men are heir; enmity, strife, jealousy, anger . . . these and the related emotions of envy and selfishness should be exercised. The same Book, however, goes on to relate the opposite and admirable tributes which should rule our lives; these "fruits of the spirit" are love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith, humility and temperance in all things. And it will only be through the practice of the positive aspects of our faith, in our dealings with our fellow men, that we will experience the meaning of true Christian freedom. In Christ we have liberty — to grow and serve.



- Sunday
- Proverbs 28:1-5
- Monday
- Isaiah 6:9-12
- Tuesday
- Isaiah 28:9-13
- Wednesday
- Jeremiah 9:12-16
- Thursday
- Hosea 14:1-9
- Friday
- Daniel 12:5-13
- Saturday
- Matthew 15:10-20

It's easy to become enamored of the "woods and templed hills" . . . to fall in love with the "rocks and rills" . . . to hear freedom ringing "from every mountain-side."

But look at the boy in our picture. See him not only silhouetted against a valley in the Great Smokies . . . see him in a Kansas cornfield . . . on a Brooklyn street.

The day has long passed when America could believe that her mountains and prairies were fitting evidence of her greatness.

Even the pride of the historic Pilgrims has little impact on this atomic age.

MEN — they make a nation great!

And this boy is one of them . . . young . . . eager . . . ready for destiny.

He's one of the free—yes!

But one of the NOBLE free?

That depends—on the truths we teach him . . . on the Faith we share with him . . . on the part that God, the Author of Liberty, is to have in his life.

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

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BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTORS — Rev. and Mrs. Bill Bernstein and Bernie will be featured at Daily Vacation Bible School to be held July 5-9 at Immanuel Baptist Church. The church school will operate from 9:30 A. M. to 11:30 A. M. Free transportation will be provided. Further information can be received from Rev. Russell Rice by calling 482-3567.

Williford FUNERAL HOME
EDENTON, N. C.

Dear friends,
Because there is occasional doubt, the courts have determined that the "next of kin" to the deceased, in the order of authority, is as follows:

1. Surviving spouse (husband or wife)
2. Adult children
3. Father or mother
4. Brothers and sisters
5. Uncles and aunts
6. Nephews and nieces
7. Others in blood-line
8. Administrator or executor

Respectfully,
H. B. Williford

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