



# FORESTRY NOTES

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Service Forester

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Periodic aerial surveys are conducted by the North Carolina Forest Service to determine insect infested areas in our woodland. A recently completed survey in the eight counties served by the Elizabeth City District office indicates a decrease in pine bark beetle activity.

After several years of buildup, the Southern Pine Beetle seems to be on the wane in our area. I understand that this is generally true over the entire state. There are several bark beetles that may kill pines. However, the Southern Pine Beetle is considered to be the most destructive. It attacks pines of all sizes and can kill apparently vigorous trees.

During the aerial surveys each county is systematically covered by flying north and south lines about two miles apart. Infested spots show up as dead or dying patches of trees. These spots are plotted on aerial photographs carried by the survey crew. A polaroid camera may be used to take color snapshots of the spot. These snapshots are often useful in locating the infested spot on the ground. They may be used to convince landowners of the seriousness of the infestation if that person cannot visit the woods with the Forest Service representative.

After the aerial survey the spots are ground checked to determine the pest responsible, severity and to offer suggestions for control if necessary.

Normally a salvage operation of the infested trees is all the control necessary in the forest. Occasionally spraying with benzene hexachloride (BHC) in No. 2 fuel oil or diesel oil is recommended if the trees cannot be salvaged.

## Wayside Pulpit

D. E. EARNHARDT

Text: "Sirs, we would see Jesus."—John 12:21.

The devil and his crowd tried to claim Abraham Lincoln as one of theirs. Here are the facts: Five preachers were appointed to visit President Lincoln and ask him about his religious beliefs. Mr. Lincoln explained to them that when he became President he was not a Christian, but when he went to Gettysburg and saw the graves of his soldiers his heart broke and he accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He explained that he was still looking for a church with the creed, "Love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself."

You cannot have a creed shorter than that one without leaving out a main essential. You cannot have a creed longer than that without adding a non essential. The two hundred and sixty-four denominations in the United States could become one church without losing anything but excess baggage.



W. HARRY CLARKE

## State Baptist Official In Pulpit

W. Harry Clarke, associated with the Sunday School Department, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, will be guest speaker at both the morning and evening worship services Sunday at Edenton Baptist Church.

Mr. Clarke's topics will be: "Jesus: How He Did His Outreach" at 11 A. M., and "Jesus: What He Called His Outreach Leaders" at the evening service.

A native of West Virginia, he is a graduate of Marshall University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Having held pastorates in Virginia as well as Mississippi, and served as U. S. Army chaplain, he joined the State Sunday School Department in April, 1970.

Monday evening through Wednesday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock, age group conferences will be conducted by Mr. Clarke and other workers from his department for the general officers, teachers, department officers and assistants of the church.

A nursery will be provided for both worship services and each Sunday School Conference for children ages birth to three years old.

## Vets' Corner

Editor's Note: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans' benefits may be obtained at any VA office or your local service organization representative.

Q. Does the VA's loan guaranty of \$12,500 or 60 per cent of the loan limit the price I may pay for a home?

A. No. The price you pay is limited only by the amount the lender agrees to lend. But as you suggest, VA will guarantee only 60 per cent of the loan not to exceed \$12,500.

# Make Going To Church A Habit

## GOD CREATES A COMMUNITY

International Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 10

Lesson Text: Exodus 19; I Peter 2:1-10.

The purpose of this lesson is to show that God's overarching aim was to create a people in His Name.

Today we live in a fluid society, but not necessarily more so than in Biblical times. As the Bible will substantiate, before, during and after the birth of Christ, the people of one land flowed into that of another, almost increasingly. Wars were fought, and the vanquished became the slaves of the victors, often transported en masse for labor within the conquering countries. Consequently there was a certain amount of inter-marrying, so therefore it can be safely said that the "mixed multitude" that went out of Egypt with the children of Israel, in search of the Promised Land was just that. Later, joined by the Midianites (into whose tribe Moses married) this varied community became a united nation in search of a common goal—a people who entered into a covenant relationship with God.

The importance of the Exodus cannot possibly be over-rated by Christians everywhere, in the light of what followed. Prophets and psalmists alike, in later years, were to make the Exodus the recurring theme of their messages to mankind, both in praise of God for His faithfulness and concern, and in condemnation of the sinning of the people, who were lulled by prosperity as opposed to their former trials and tribulations. The Exodus, in short, became a turning point in the history of mankind, and has been immortalized in the Feast of the Passover. The wedding of a nation was made possible for Israel by a divine act of deliverance. Membership in the Church, today, is made possible for us because God provided a way of salvation from sin and spiritual rebirth in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

The rescue of Israel, however, from the bonds of Egypt, was not for the glorification of Israel alone; it was to bring her (Israel) to a glorious communion with God, in an advancement of His plan for mankind. In short, God's own chosen people were to have access to Him through their prayers and their deeds, through the able leadership which He had provided them. Thus a "holy nation" was formed — separate from other nations, in relation to sin, and peculiar to God in relation to service. That Israel failed to honor this very personal covenant with God proved to be her undoing. She did, however, fulfill her appointed purpose, for, through her, a faith based both on revelation and experience was given to the Christian world as we know it today. For, disappointed in Israel's actions, God turned to a new vehicle to fulfill His purposes—the Church. Paul, even before the actual coming of Christ, foretold of the institution of believers that would be welded into the Church, and this is how we know it today.

It therefore follows that we, who profess to be Christians, should be diligent in our faith.

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## LIGHTED WINDOWS

It's after hours. Yet most of the windows are bright. Perhaps the cleaning crew is at work, or a few executives catching up on their mail.

Whatever the reason, the lighted windows glow with purpose. The dark windows are blank, austere and forbidding. What difference one flick of a light switch can make!

People are like the windows of this building. Some, radiant with the joy of living, find days full, happy and useful. They are fun to be around. Others, gloomy and sad, find life lonely and meaningless. Their company is tedious.

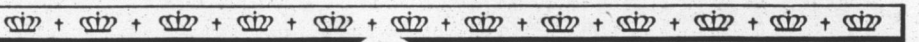
What makes the difference? Where can you turn if life seems troublesome? You can't flick a switch to change an attitude.

The secret is in your church. Worship and study there, and welcome the living presence of God into your heart and mind. Your whole life will be lighted and your days filled with new happiness.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Romans • II Chronicles	• Psalms	• Psalms	• Isaiah	• Matthew	• Mark	
15:1-6	29:30-33	51:1-13	88:1-12	58:3-12	17:22-27	7:1-13

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