



Owl Hoots and Screeches . . .

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children as well as the stories and the recordings provided for them.

All the reports aren't in for Chowan County, but the story hours at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library are well attended.

SCREECHES

TAKEN FOR GRANTED— There is always the danger that a privilege is not appreciated until too late, such as when it is lost; so it is a good idea to stop occasionally and count one's blessings. In the case of libraries, public relations and especially publicity are a vital need. According to stories I hear at meetings of librarians, in many areas in the state, the libraries have difficulty in getting their stories into the media. This is NOT TRUE here. Not only do the local papers cooperate fully by regularly publishing my column and the weekly new books lists, but they have never refused any special material we have asked to have published. For this, we are truly grateful.

The radio stations have also been most cooperative. This was brought to my attention when I was asked to respond to a questionnaire by station WPNC to be submitted to the FCC. It was a great pleasure to be able to compliment this station highly for their public service to libraries. And the same can be said for station WCDJ in Edenton. We appreciate their announcements for us and hope that you will listen for the bookmobile schedule, book reviews and special announcements.

Baptist Church Services Sunday

The sermon topic of Dr. William C. Butts, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, will be "Talking With a Friend" at the 11 A. M. worship service this Sunday.

Women's Day will be observed on Sunday, September 13, at the morning service. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Vera M. Slade, president of the Women's State Baptist Convention North Carolina, Incorporated.

We are about to come around to the view that there is something to this air conditioning.

HOOTS

SUMMER FUN—At the beginning of the summer we promised the children in the three counties of the Pettigrew Regional Library that our program would be a "whole, great, big, fun thing." And I believe we've made good on that promise. The libraries have been swarming with children in all kinds of programs—all having a great time. At the Washington County Library in Plymouth four separate groups have been meeting during the summer under the general supervision of the energetic "Miss Gretchen" as the children call the young librarian, Gretchen Holzhauser. The high point of the season was reached last Friday when the oldest group put on a puppet show for the three younger groups. The performance of the Cinderella story was well received and enthusiastically applauded by the children and the few adults (such as yours truly) who were lucky enough to sneak a peek.

We owe a great debt of thanks to the two story-tellers who have been so faithful for almost two years—Mrs. Ada Lee Correll and Mrs. Lynn Wheeler. Other commitments have made it necessary for them to discontinue their regular Friday appearances at the Washington County Library but two able replacements have been found so the story hours for preschoolers will continue throughout the year. Mrs. Margaret Moore, who met with the eight and nine-year olds this summer for a most successful program of stories, songs and games, will be the story-teller for the morning group this fall. Mrs. Millie Womble will be doing the honors on Friday afternoons, with all 3-6 year olds invited to attend the session of their choice.

A most successful program was carried out in the Tyrrell County Public Library in Columbia with almost 30 children receiving certificates of achievement in the summer reading program. Mrs. Esther Davenport, the librarian, reported that films were very popular with the



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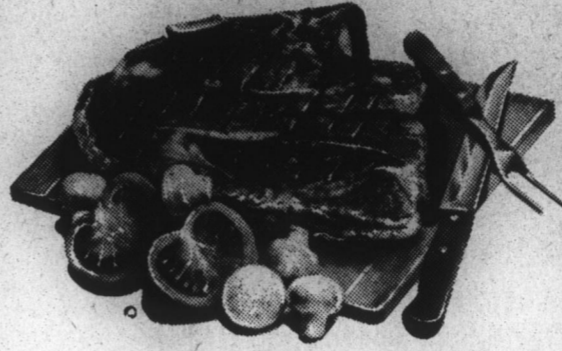
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A Thought to Remember

By MARVIN BARRAM



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There are still people in the world who consider people's feelings. These are the truly great—the ones who make life a joy for all around them. And people who are considerate of the feelings of others are the true salt of the earth.

OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: Think often of others—you'll find new joy and contentment.

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