

Owl Hoots and Screeches . . .

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HOOTS
SATISFYING WEEK—This has been a week full of satisfactory occurrences for me both at work and at home. I certainly never mentioned in my hearing before was that, like so many Scots, our family took no part in the Revolutionary War but had Loyalist sympathies. I laughed when Rev. Robert Holt remarked to the Washington County Historical Society that his family was on the "wrong" side in both wars—I didn't know I had the same skeleton in my closet regarding the Revolution.

SCREECHES
FRUSTRATING WEEK—For every satisfaction, there was an almost equal frustration this week. We had happened that Mrs. Darby could arrive in Edenton during August and she made a valiant effort to hurry things along. I'm sure. Unhappily, there were hitches in her house-hunting activities and complications in arranging for the moving of her belongings from Columbus, Ohio, and from Lexington, Ky., where she's been attending Liberty School. It might take a miracle for her to make it by September 1.

Another gratifying experience was a visit from a member of my family—my first since coming to Plymouth. My sister, Evelyn Koudal, her husband Niels and daughter Karen spent several days with me and I was very proud to show them "my" libraries and "my" part of the country. They accompanied me on my weekly trip to Edenton (where they took in the sights while I worked) and to Columbia where we were guests of the librarian, Esther Daventport, for a swim and a cook-out. The ladies golf luncheon on Tuesday gave me an opportunity to show my sister the golf course where I spend so many happy hours and a chance to let her meet some of my friends.

Since it was necessary for me to be on hand to train our new assistant, I was unable to take any of my vacation time while my sister was here. Fortunately, my daughter Cyndy was home most of the week and she, with her friend Andy Preston from Chapel Hill, served as guide and chauffeur. The Outer Banks were thoroughly covered from the Wright Memorial at Kitty Hawk to the top of the Hatteras lighthouse, including a performance of The Lost Colony.

It was a source of great satisfaction to welcome a new member of the Regional Library staff. Mrs. Sheila Furlough began work last week as bookkeeper and clerical assistant for the region. Her sunny smile and quiet helpfulness are a boon to all of us. The mail brought me a monumental satisfaction this week, the culmination of years of work by my mother and other relatives. I received my copy of the history of my family clan, the McNeills, plus biography of my father, a native of this state. There were many surprising facts included. One that was

The most frustrating thing about receiving the family history is the reminder of lost opportunities. As children, we were too impatient to pay attention to Daddy's stories about his family. By interest was finally kindled when I moved to North Carolina in June, 1966, and began working in the North Carolina Room in Pack Library in Asheville. But before I had a chance to ask any questions, my father died, two months after I started searching census records. Genealogy can be a fascinating study but few young people have the patience or the interest necessary. Not everyone will appreciate the amount of work my mother did or even realize the difficulty, but I do and I hope she knows how grateful we are, even if she did spell my grandson's name wrong.

Balloons May Deflate Booster Rocket Costs
 The cost of going up may be coming down for the nation's Space Shuttle. The idea is to recover and re-use rocket boosters that get space vehicles into orbit. Huge, costly rockets currently have only one life, plunging into the sea after performing their mission. But engineers at Goodyear Aerospace Corporation believe hot air balloons could be put on board to gently lower the rockets to the surface for recovery. Detailed plans for such a system are being proposed by Goodyear Aerospace to a number of firms working with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to develop an operational Space Shuttle by 1980.



SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY—Rene Hunnicutt spends a lazy August afternoon scrutinizing a tennis match. (Photo by Flynn Surratt).

FBI Seeking Qualified Young Peoples For Work

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