

Wayside Pulpit Merry Hill News

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Text: "That thy way may be known."—Psalm 67:2.

New people are moving into Edenton. What do we have to offer? We have a newspaper that is friendly to the churches, to the schools, the hospitals, to the causes of the court, and to the moral atmosphere. This is not due to a strained effort but a natural output by good people.

The local hospital is staffed by men who are dedicated to the proposition that people are more than bodies and that a closer conscience is an aid to health. The local pastors are welcome visitors and are often called to help administer to the patients. They are invited to share everything but the fees.

Every church in Edenton has enough gospel preached every Sunday to save every sinner who is a candidate for redemption.

By Mrs. Ethel Winborne

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Barfield, Mrs. Virgie Baker and Bernard Smithwick were the Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Allcox in Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Ethel Winborne visited Mrs. Bessie Spruill in Cherry and Mrs. Fay Boyce of Roper Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William White were guests on Sunday of her father, Graham Fairless of Harrellsville.

Mrs. J. W. White spent Tuesday in Ahoskie on business.

John Holmes Highlights

Library Club

The Library Club met on Thursday, September 21. Newly elected officers are: Kel Elmore, president; Connie Norris, vice president; Audrey Worrell, secretary, and Velda Stallings, treasurer. The members of this organization work closely with the library and try to promote student interest in its various functions. The club plans to attend their district convention in Manteo in the near future and are proud of the fact that two of their members are district officers: Ralph Nixon serving as president and Jerry Castelle as parliamentarian. The sponsor of the group is Mrs. Marjorie Stutzman, school librarian.

School Store Opens

A school store organized by the Student Council, is scheduled to open this week. It is being set up to cater to the needs of the students by furnishing school supplies for sale during study halls and the break.

Mrs. Grizell Pruden returned home from the Chowan Hospital at Edenton Saturday. Mrs. Ethel Winborne spent Thursday and Friday in day afternoon.

Windsor with her brother, A. E. Bowen, Sr.

Mrs. Cliff Keeter of Edenton has moved into the Joe Keeter home here which is owned now by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Keeter of Hampton, Va. Scott Keeter, who is attending East Carolina University, Greenville, spent the weekend with his mother here, also Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Keeter of Raleigh spent the weekend with Mrs. Keeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bailey and Stacey of Newport News, Va., Mrs. Bob House and Lynn of Harrellsville were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smithwick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smithwick, Donnie Smithwick, B. L. Smithwick and Mrs. Virgie Baker spent Saturday at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. James Holder and Mrs. Sophie White were the Friday guests of Mrs. Ella Keeter of Edenton.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Pruden of Wilson were the recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pruden, Jr. and family.

MAKE CHURCH - GOING . . . A HABIT

The Battle For Men's Minds

International Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 1

Lesson Text: "Ephesians 4:11-16; 25-32; Philipians 4:8-9; II Timothy 4:1-5; James 3:1-12.

Throughout the ages man and his intellect have sought ways and means of progressive communication, one with another. In this twentieth century, with sophisticated electronics, it would seem he has reached the apex of this desire.

As with all things, however, these prestigious developments have their good and bad sides, and one must act with discernment if the bad is to be eliminated and the good kept whole. This lesson, therefore, is intended as an aid in recognition of these opposing traits, so that the individual may reach the right decision regarding attitudes and conduct in the light of the Bible's teaching.

At the beginning of Christianity, its tenets were spread by word of mouth. As time progressed, because the early Christians were alert to the immense value of the written word, the Books of the Bible came into being—and how fortunate we are to reap the benefits arising from the foresight of these early scholars. How amazed these early Christians would be were they to be confronted with the marvels of the electronic age in which we live. How avidly their zealous natures would seize upon the opportunity to spread the Gospel to millions of people in even one short half-hour. And how alert they would be to the danger that accompanies this blessing. For, with the same ease and facility that the true Gospel can be spread through the channels of television and radio, erroneous thinking can penetrate, also, into our homes and therefore into our daily lives.

God provided a variety of leaders for the people in the teaching of Christian tenets—apostles, prophets, evangelists, elders and pastors. Church laity faithfully follow their calling today, and gladly use the mass media communication facilities to "spread the Word." Unfortunately, too, the same media sometimes attracts charlatans whose false doctrines, cleverly disguised, attract the weak and unstable among the public—the Adams and Eves who let themselves be wooed and won with misrepresentation.

How are we to sort the wheat from the chaff amongst the many "cults" and "isms" which apparently have become so popular today? Perhaps a serious study of the Biblical verses which form the nucleus of our lesson today will clear our minds and set our feet on the right path.

Throughout the Bible the importance of preaching is stressed. For Paul, in particular, it was imperative.

Seemingly aware of his impending demise, Paul wrote his most impassioned letters of encouragement and belief to his young friend, Timothy. "Exhort," he said—"reprove"—"rebuke." And Timothy, to the best of his ability, hid that which his dear friend hated.

Today, we need to exhort—reprove—rebuke. And today, we have powerful weapons to help us achieve these goals. Any housewife and mother can attest to the powers of the family TV set on her household budget—and on the minds of her children. How alert we guardians of the young must be when it comes to properly molding the minds of our offspring! And these days reading and movies must be watched with extra care. There are good books and good films—but nowadays they seem few and far between. Lowliness "sells" and many take advantage of this, in the never-ending chase after the almighty dollar. As sincere Christians and discriminating parents, how do we combat this trend?

The purity of English, the purity of thought, the purity of motivation as exemplified in the teachings of the Bible should be our greatest ally.

Responsibility in speaking and in hearing—these should be our goals in the molding of future Christian lives. Let us resolve, therefore, to turn the great strides that man has made into the paths approved by Christ.

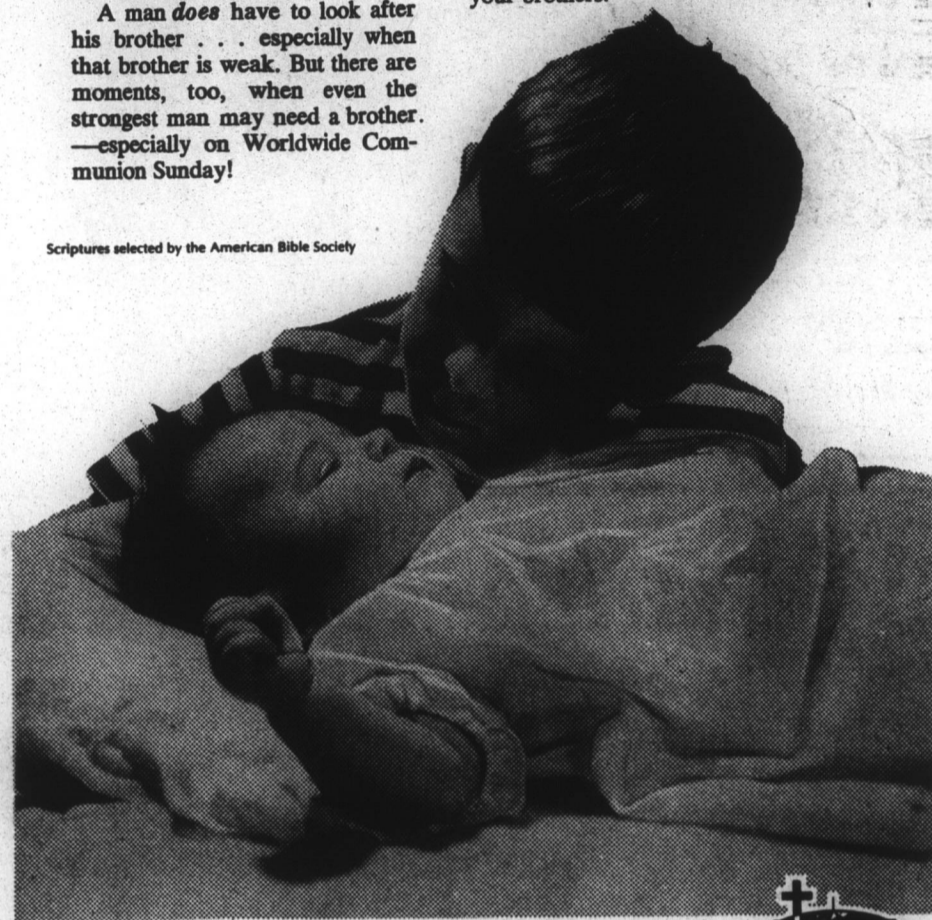
When a man has a brother

A man's got to look after his brother. That's what Timmy said the other day, as he stood beside our baby. And I told him he was right. "You are so much stronger than this tiny, little creature," I said. "From now on, you've got a real responsibility!"

A man *does* have to look after his brother . . . especially when that brother is weak. But there are moments, too, when even the strongest man may need a brother.—especially on Worldwide Communion Sunday!

In the eyes of the Church, all men are brothers, just as all men are equally beloved. As long as there is a church near you, you are not alone. You have only to open the door and walk in and you will be at one with your fellow man . . . and at home with your brothers.

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Sunday Isaiah 1:16-20 Monday Psalms 133:1-3 Tuesday Romans 16:24-27 Wednesday II Corinthians 2:14-17 Thursday Ephesians 1:2-10 Friday Ephesians 3:14-21 Saturday Colossians 3:15-17

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JUNIOR FIRE MARSHALS' FIRE QUIZ
OF COURSE YOU WANT TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND HOME FROM FIRE—DO YOU...?
CHECK YOUR ATTIC, CELLAR, GARAGE REGULARLY FOR ACCUMULATED FIRE KINDLING MATERIAL? YES NO
STORE FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS IN SAFETY-APPROVED METAL CONTAINERS WHICH CARRY THE U. L. LABEL? YES NO
HANG OIL RAGS IN A SAFE, WELL VENTILATED PLACE? YES NO
KEEP OILY RAGS IN METAL CONTAINERS OR THROW THEM OUT? YES NO
KNOW HOW TO TURN IN A FIRE ALARM? YES NO
KNOW THAT OTHERS IN YOUR FAMILY OLD ENOUGH TO DO SO KNOW HOW? YES NO
IF YOU'VE ANSWERED YES TO ALL QUESTIONS, YOU'VE HELPED MAKE YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE!
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