

**Wayside Pulpit**

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Text: "My grace is sufficient for you."—II Cor. 12:19.

The job for preachers and churches is to make bad men good and good men better. This is the call of Almighty God. For this purpose we preach and sing and invite sinners to repent.

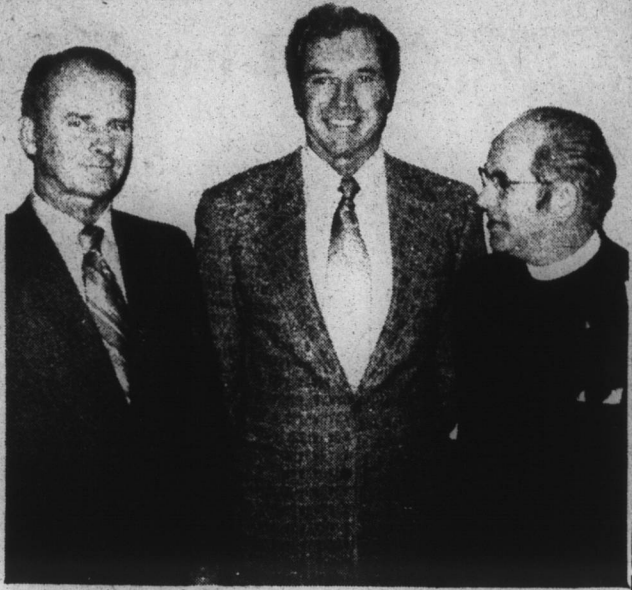
We cannot sit around and wait for better equipment. Sampson did not have anything but a jawbone from the boneyard. That is all some of us have, but it will cut a wide path if we swing it right. We jaw about the weather and the crops and the length of dresses and the beads of the boys.

One little Presbyterian girl in her early teens used her talent for poetry and wrote: "Just as I am without one plea" and now Billy Graham never gives an invitation without the use of that song. To that tune more sinners come to God than was ever seen before in all history. Mordecai F. Ham held a revival in Charlotte and gave an invitation with that song. Two of the young men who responded to that invitation were Billy Graham and George Beverly Shea.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Irvin R. Blanchard wishes to thank the doctors and nurses for the attention given him while he was in the hospital. Also for the many visits, cards, flowers, food, and most of all for the prayers during the death and funeral of our loved one.

WIFE AND CHILDREN.



**INSPECTS PERQUIMANS HOME** — Charles H. Rowell, exhibits specialist with the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C., was in the area recently to discuss restoration with Perquimans Historical Association leaders. He is shown at left with Joe Nowell of Winfall and Rev. Edwin Williams.

**Senior Citizens Attend State Fair**

There were 31 Perquimans County senior citizens to attend the 11th Senior Citizens Fun Festival at J. S. Dorton Arena, State Fairgrounds, last week, according to Mrs. M. B. Taylor, home economics extension agent. They were accompanied by Rev. Willie Vaughn, director of Perquimans Economic Resource Center, Mrs. R. B. Gibbs, president of Hertford Senior Citizens and Mrs. Taylor.

The program opened at 11 A. M. with Pat Patterson, radio station WKIX presiding over the program. Jim Graham, commissioner, N. C. Department of Agriculture, welcomed the group to the 105th

N. C. State Fair. He informed the group that the Senior Citizens Fun Festival has become an important part of the annual State Fair event.

The Senior Citizens were entertained by the Trinidad Steel Band, magician act by Mr. and Mrs. Berry Cooper, compliments of A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc., the junior executives banjo playing, Jack Wardlow and "Pete" Bourke.

Much time was spent by the senior citizens in observing the exhibit in the area of rural resource development by Belvidere community. The exhibit entitled "Beauty Takes Work" was planned and developed by the Negro citizens of Belvidere community. They were proud to see this exhibit with high rating at the State Fair.

The senior citizens attending from Perquimans County were as follows: Mrs. Alberta Eason, Mrs. Mary E. White, Mrs. Nannie White, Mrs. Eula Riddick, Mrs. Bertha Bonner, Mrs. Clarence Felton, Mrs. Maggie Brothers, Mrs. Erma Blanchard, Mrs. Georgianna Skinner, Mrs. Bertha Blanchard, Mrs. Neppie Cox, Mrs. Pearl Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lowe, Mrs. Geraldine Lowe, Mrs. Emma Lilly, Benjamin Ricks, Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam, Mrs. Margaret Felton, Mrs. Eula Manley, Mrs. Nancy Felton, Mrs. Mamie Hurdle, Mrs. Eliza S. Perry, Mrs. Rosia Felton, Mrs. Frances Wilson, Mrs. R. B. Gibbs, and Mrs. Willie Vaughn.

Mrs. Taylor would like to join Mrs. Gibbs and Mr. Vaughn in thanking the senior citizens and Mr. Walters, school superintendent, for the splendid cooperation in helping to make this trip possible.

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**MAKE CHURCH - GOING ... A HABIT**

**Freedom Under Authority**

International Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 29

Lesson Text: II Chronicles 10:1-16; Romans 13:1-7; I Peter 2:11-17.

Lately we have been devoting our studies to the issues of our times. Starting with this lesson, we commence our studies of "The Changing World of National and International Relations."

Specifically, this lesson deals with the government as it relates to the individual, and as the individual relates to government. Hopefully, it will delineate the responsibilities each individual owes in order to bring about a strong and orderly administration of national affairs, in line with Biblical teachings.

"Freedom" is, all too often, spelled "license"—in public relationships and in the very personal relationships of "self."

Just, exactly, what does it mean to be "free"? Does it give us license to indulge ourselves, sometimes to the detriment of others? If the answer is "Yes"—then we are in deep trouble—both as Christians, and as persons.

Freedom is a privilege, and it should be treated as such. It should be used wisely, with the good of the individual and the good of the community at heart. To misuse it, or abuse it, is a crime against man, against the nation, and against God. It requires a wise and tolerant stewardship—but not too tolerant. We must act responsibly, and not arbitrarily.

Freedom of worship (so dearly won) too often means freedom from worship; freedom of speech deteriorates too often to downright blasphemy; freedom of expression is, quite erroneously, translated into dirty novels, dirty pictures, etc.

True freedom is personified in Christ's suffering figure on the cross, for He died that we might be free from sin. By shedding His holy blood, He made it possible for every sinner to approach the Throne and receive absolution from guilt through genuine repentance. This is, indeed, the highest freedom accorded to man.

As men, we are inclined to sin; Christ, by His sacrificial death, offers us the opportunity to be free of this enslavement. All we have to do to enjoy this everlasting blessing is to believe, to repent; to stand up and proudly proclaim our faith.

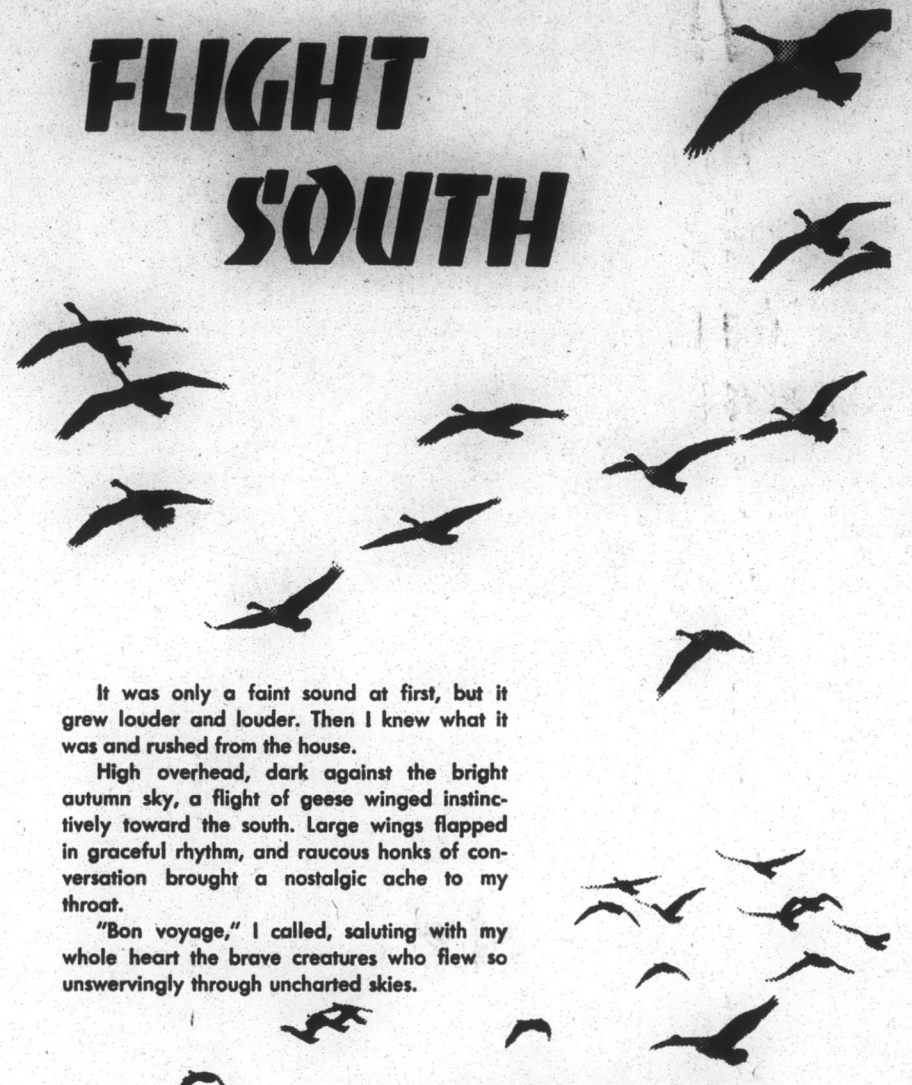
Freedom has its price—whether it be good stewardship of a nation's rights or a person's rights. There is an order to things—to the universe, to the government of a country, to an individual's life. And all must be supported wholeheartedly. The common good must prevail over personal interests. The soul must take precedence over the physical body.

We each of us have a duty not only to ourselves, but to our church, to our community, to our country and to our God. We are charged with stewardship of ourselves and of our fellowmen.

As professed Christians we have shared Christ's crucifixion; we, like Him, have died to sin. We have also died to self, and the Holy Spirit is free to work in us.

In abandoning ourselves to the authority of Christ, we will never mistake license for freedom, nor be unaware of our debts to God and to mankind. We will bear our freedoms nobly, and with love for one another.

**FLIGHT SOUTH**



It was only a faint sound at first, but it grew louder and louder. Then I knew what it was and rushed from the house.

High overhead, dark against the bright autumn sky, a flight of geese winged instinctively toward the south. Large wings flapped in graceful rhythm, and raucous honks of conversation brought a nostalgic ache to my throat.

"Bon voyage," I called, saluting with my whole heart the brave creatures who flew so unswervingly through uncharted skies.

And I wondered at us humans. How we doubt and fear and flail about, worrying about tomorrow and a dozen other somethings! Our course is not unknown. God promises abundant life if we but follow Him.

Your church is your guidebook to God. Worship there and find the security that comes from within, the result of understanding God and one's relationship to Him.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ephesians	Acts	Acts	I Corinthians	Galatians	Ephesians	Ephesians
4:1-6	15:1-12	15:13-31	14:10-17	6:1-10	2:14-19	4:20-32

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Sincerely,

*H. B. Willford*

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