

BIG HIT—The huge crowd pictured in this birds-eye view of Carowinds helped the new theme park to its seventh consecutive two-day attendance record in its seventh weekend of operation. More than 45,000 guests visited the park on May 12 and 13. The park begins daily operation on June 2. It is located on Interstate 77 midway between Charlotte and Rock Hill, S. C.

THOMAS DAVID CHAMBERS
Mr. and Mrs. Felix P. Chambers of Birmingham, Ala., announce the birth of a son, Thomas David, on April 30. Mrs. Chambers is the former Frances Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Elton Jordan of Tyner.

Joint Effort By Attractions

LINVILLE — Three major northwestern North Carolina travel attractions have combined in a first-time joint promotion called G.O.T. The program includes Tweetsie Railroad, The Land of Oz and Grandfather Mountain. It is designed, officials of the attractions report, to offer fulfilled, yet money-saving visits to the popular vacation region of Avery and Watauga Counties. Every family which pays

admission to any of the three attractions will receive one free child's pass to the two other attractions, starting in June. Other aspects of the new joint promotion are combined advertising programs in all media. G.O.T. spokesmen say additional promotions and programs of similar nature are planned. Tweetsie Railroad is an old-west park, complete with an authentic full-sized steam train. Grandfather Mountain, a nature lover's paradise, offers a mile-high swinging bridge, Mildred the Bear and her cubs, and incomparable scenic vistas. The Land of Oz is a themed outdoor adventure park literally at the pinnacle of the year-round Beech Mountain resort. It re-creates the Wizard of Oz fables, books and movie.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Archie D. Walker, Sr. wishes to express gratitude for the many kind expressions of sympathy in our recent sorrow.
Dr. Archie D. Walker, Jr.

Wayside Pulpit

D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "Bear ye one another's burdens."

This is better than "baring" each others faults. A burden barer is one who shares responsibility for his neighbor's weakness. I do not know but one man who has no weakness of his own but modestly forbids that I call his name.

In order to bear another man's burden we must be equipped with an understanding heart. Solomon prayed to the Lord that he might have that one gift.

One reported to his pastor that he had seen Mr. Philander presenting a box of cards to Mrs. Fonda Eatin. The pastor found that Mrs. Eatin was collecting gifts for the poor.

A near neighbor testified in court that he heard Mrs. Neighbor screaming for help and saw through the window while Mr. Neighbor was beating her with a broom. Mrs. Neighbor testified that she was holding the scatter rug while her husband was beating the dust out.

I heard a pastor preaching a hot sermon on the subject of "hell" and making the impression that certain people were going there, he hoped. He called on me to lead in prayer and I prayed the prayer of Alexander Pope who prayed "Teach me to feel another's woe. To hide the fault I see. That mercy I to others show. That mercy show to me".

EARN'S DEGREE

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Donald W. Horton of Edenton was one of two North Carolinians to graduate from the Georgetown University College of Arts and Sciences Sunday. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Horton.

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IS THE CHURCH PART OF YOUR LIFE?

CHRIST IS OUR HOPE

International Sunday School Lesson for May 27, 1973.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 1:6-11; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; 1 Peter 1:3-9; 1 John 3:1-3.

"CHRIST IS OUR HOPE!" How comforting those words are! Without hope, the world would be poor, indeed; without hope, man would never survive his lot!

This, the final Lesson in the series "Affirmations of Our Faith" is primarily concerned with the future expectations of all believers. For, for all those who believe, the future is bright with the promise of Christ's return. In the beginning, Christ came unto the world as the Suffering Servant. The advent of His return will be in the nature of a triumphant King. And the worthy face the joy of existing ever in His presence!

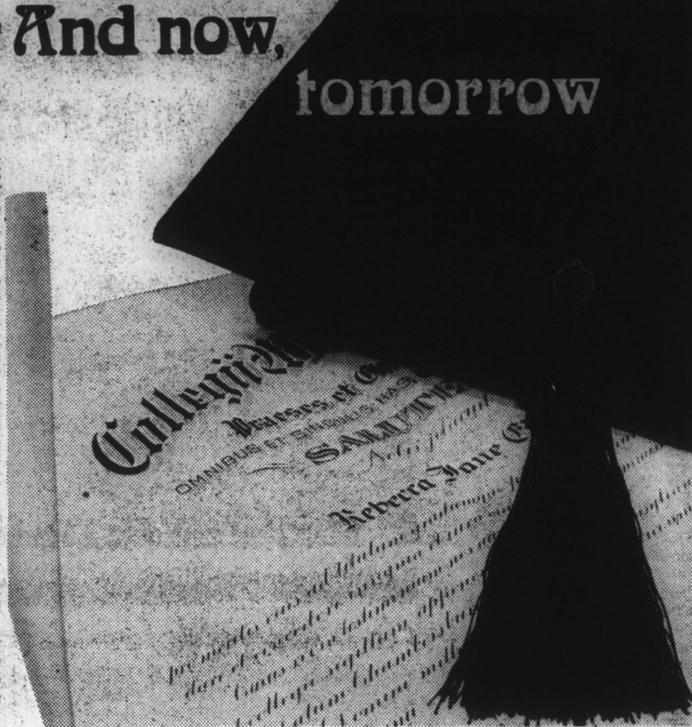
The second coming of Christ is required both by Old Testament prophecy and New Testament promise. There have been many differences between the outlook of these two Testaments, but on this one thing they are unanimous. The world has never been abandoned by God, nor by His Son. Rather, it has been provided with a "breathing space" in which to mature and grow, and improve.

The saved are similar in situation to the young son who will be heir to a vast family fortune. Until he has become a man, wise in years, all the promises and advantages his future holds for him are delegated to the care of a guardian; but when he "becomes of age"—whether it be in the purely legal sense of reaching his majority, or whether the responsibilities of his worldly wealth are withheld until he reaches the age of mental and emotional maturity, the future is there before him—bright and shining with promise. Because of his future expectations it is unlikely that he will suffer the hardships of hunger and poverty while he is maturing. And so it is with those who have accepted Christ into their lives. They are girded against temptations and travail by their unswerving faith in God, and in His Son. But it is not until Christ returns to claim His own that the full joy of their estate will be experienced or revealed to them!

The truly devout Christian, therefore, must always conduct himself in a way that he knows will be acceptable to the Almighty. He must constantly strive to be worthy of his inheritance. He must consciously emulate the Christlike life; be loving and forgiving in spirit, just in his judgments, and gentle of heart.

He must be acutely conscious of the difference of what is right and what is wrong, and he must have the courage to act accordingly. The true nature of man requires that he have faith in something beyond himself and his own capabilities. For hundreds of years that faith has rested in God. The ability to hope is also an essential part of his nature; in the Christian it nurtures itself on the promise of good things yet to come.

Christ came into the world that He might be known to mankind; He died for our sins, that we might be forgiven; He sustains and comforts us in our hours of temptation and trial; He will, if we will only let Him, lead us to the Promised Land that is the goal of every Christian. HE IS OUR HOPE!



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Who knows? There is no set answer to life, no single solution to all its problems. Nor can anyone live life alone. Whether your diploma is still crisp or has gotten dusty—whether your dreams are still bright or have become slightly tarnished—forget about personal ambition as the sole answer to everything. Think of your own immortal soul. Go to church, and talk to God about it, through prayer.

- Sunday John 14:1-3
- Monday 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Tuesday Revelation 4:1-11
- Wednesday Revelation 5:1-14
- Thursday Revelation 11:15-19
- Friday Revelation 14:1-3, 15:2-4
- Saturday Revelation 21:1-27

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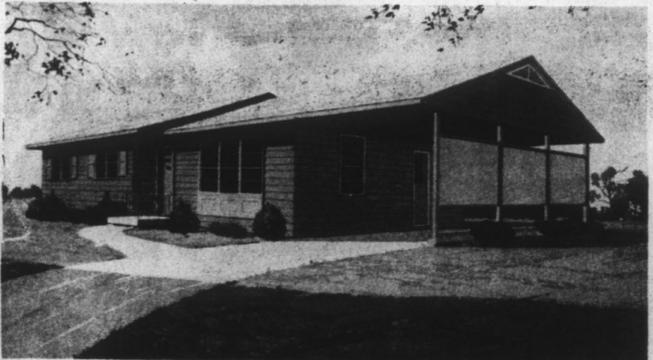
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