

NO PENALTY—As Bill Shakespeare gazes forlornly over his forearm, Tom Bauman happily returns "overdue" library materials to Cynthia Creekmore behind the desk. Shakespeare is unhappy because he knows he'll soon be returned to the racks; Bauman is elated because he knows he can return the books, records and films with no questions asked and no overdue fines levied. Donald Lee, chairman of Library Services at College of The Albemarle, has declared the week of February 23 through March 1 as Amnesty Week at the college's two libraries. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to return past due materials during the week with no penalty.—(COA Photo).

Attendance At State Parks Increases

Attendance at North Carolina state parks jumped nearly 17 per cent in 1975, according to Ron Johnson, director of the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation. In 1975, approximately 2.9-million persons visited 20 state parks compared to 2.5-million at 18 parks in 1974. Total visitors at the two new parks where attendance was kept accounted for 12,000 of the increase.

"We're pleased more people are discovering the variety of outdoor

recreation opportunities available within the state park system," Johnson said. "Good weather, better facilities and more people staying closer to home for recreation were major factors in the increase."

Attendance was up at all state parks, except one—Boone's Cave south of Winston-Salem. The highest rate on increase was at Pilot Mountain in Surry County, which had 27,512 persons in 1974 and 146,000 in 1975. The park had closed except for limited use in 1974.

Another large increase was at Hammock's Beach in Onslow County. An expansion of ferry service to the island helped increase the attendance nearly 60 per cent.

Ft. Macon State Park and Recreation Area near Atlantic Beach was the most popular park with nearly 780,000 visitors.

Picnicking continued as the most popular activity at the parks. Over 640,000 persons used those types of facilities last year. There were large increases in the number of hikers, fishermen and campers.

Because of a major flood, Kerr Reservoir Recreation Area near Henderson experienced a drop in attendance in 1975 to 1.3 million from 1.4 million in 1974. The 2.9 million state park total does not include the Kerr Reservoir figures.

The following are 1975 attendance figures with 1974 totals: Boone's Cave

1,727 (7,751); Carolina Beach 186,616 (152,807); Cliffs of Neuse 141,725 (137,130); Crowders Mountain 2,520; Duke Power 82,242 (73,242); Fort Macon (705,901); Goose Creek 9,515; Hammock's Beach 21,509 (13,489); Hanging Rock 287,498 (206,532); Jones Lake 51,698 (43,693); Kerr Reservoir 1,316,112 (1,445,649); Morrow Mountain 326,040 (322,327); Mount Jefferson 52,629 (40,014); And, Mount Mitchell 251,310 (224,970); Pettigrew 44,593 (42,402); Pilot Mountain 146,345 (27,512); Raven Rock 54,067 (42,708); Singletary Lake 14,192 (10,178); Stone Mountain 60,641 (46,264); Weymouth Woods-SNP 8,098 (4,987); Wm. B. Umstead 415,801 (414,780).

Caution Advised For New Investors

Thinking of investing in the stock market? The New York Stock Exchange has these suggestions for investors:

- Don't pay attention to tips without investigating thoroughly. If a tipster is convinced he knows of a stock that will go up 10 points in 10 days, let him lose his own money.
- Don't approach the market with the mistaken idea that you can buy at the bottom and sell at the top. This is extremely rare. Invest for growth or income.
- Take your time. Investigate before you invest.
- Deal only with established financial institutions—member firms of the registered stock exchanges or through your local bank.

Antiques Event Slated In Raleigh

The Greater Raleigh Spring Antique Show and Sale sponsored by the Woman's Club of Raleigh will be held in the Governor W. Kerr Scott Building at the N. C. State Fairground, March 2-4.

The show will open on Tuesday, at 10:30 A.M. It will run from 10:30 A.M. to 10 P.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday and from 10:30 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Thursday.

Fifty-nine dealers from throughout North Carolina and other eastern states from New York to Florida will exhibit at the three-day event. Many new dealers will be exhibiting at the show for the first time.

Local dealers attending the show will be representatives from Queen's Quest and Edenton Antiques.

Buffet luncheon and dinner will be available during the show. Advance tickets are available from club members at \$1.50 each. Admission at the door will be \$2.

Mrs. A. C. Broughton is show chairman and Mrs. Henry Brown is co-chairman.

The public is invited to attend this annual civic project. Free parking is available.

Credit Course To Be Offered

GREENVILLE—A 10-week college credit course, SPED 355G, Education and Retardation, will be offered in Edenton beginning March 4, by the Division of Continuing Education of East Carolina University.

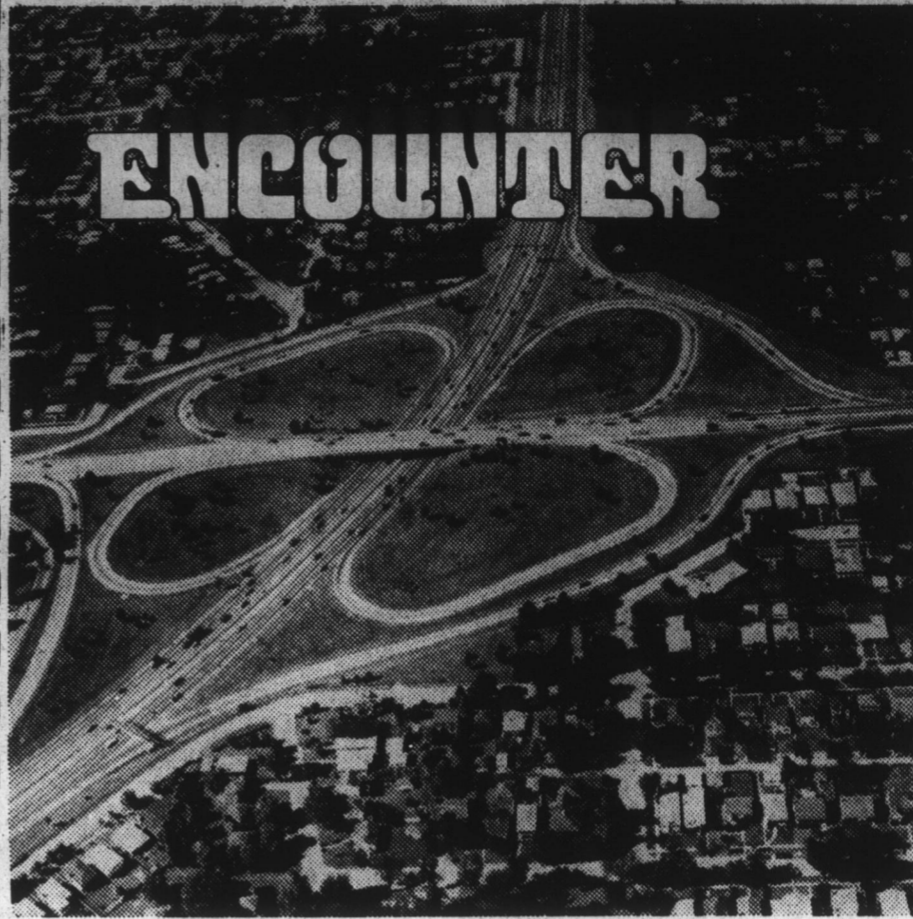
It will be taught in three-hour sessions at John A. Holmes High School, Room 103, each Thursday evening through May 13. Each session will meet from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M.

Jeff Raynor will be the instructor for the course.

Pre-registration for the course is not necessary. Students may register at 7 P.M. on the night of the first class meeting.

SPED 355G carries three quarter hours of college credit which may be used toward teacher certificate renewal or for degree credit if the course fits into the student's degree program.

For further information you may contact the Division of Continuing Education, East Carolina University, Greenville, N. C. 27834, or telephone Greenville, 758-6109.



Many a village began at the crossroads. Most towns grew up around the intersection of two important thoroughfares. And the vast cities which now fight the penetration of traffic with beltways, thruways, and by-passes were themselves spawned by the very highways they would now escape.

Our civilization is largely the product of men's encounter with men at the crossroads of geography, sociology, history and science.

Never lose sight of the vital Crossroads . . . Religion.

That is the encounter of men with God! It has constantly offered positive, constructive approaches to the problems that surround the other intersections in time and experience.

When you hear the church bells next Sunday, remember. It is good to live at the Crossroads where Christ touches all human relationships with His power and love.

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Scriptures selected by The American Bible Society

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ephesians 1:1-14	1 Peter 2:1-10	1 John 3:1-10	Luke 4:14-21	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 10:35-45	1 Corinthians 9:19-27

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DEMANDS OF FORGIVENESS

International Sunday School Lesson for February 29, 1976
Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35
By Mrs. Jesse Waller

Always, when I read this passage of scripture, I remember my childhood days. Our mother taught her children a great lesson on forgiveness. She would always say, "Never let the sun go down upon your wrath." That word, "wrath" sounded so evil, and always I knew when I had hurt someone in the family, or wronged them. I remember watching the sun, and would not let it go down behind the hill before running off to ask forgiveness, or right any wrong I had done.

All of us expect and want forgiveness, but it is sometimes hard to give. Our lives are so woven into an intricate web of relationships with others that we need constantly to seek God's help.

When Peter asked Jesus about forgiveness, Peter must have been stunned by His answer. The Pharisees and laws had affected Peter's idea of forgiveness. Under the old law, a person was required to forgive 3 times. Peter thought he was being generous by increasing it to 7 times. But in Jesus' reply, He gave such a large number, that his disciples could only construe that the number should be limitless. It was ridiculous, as well as selfish to think one could reduce a spiritual principle to a numerical formula. We are to forgive as often as we are offended.

When we stop to think of it, how many times does Christ forgive us during the day? "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9). We must forgive as Christ forgives us. The spirit of unforgiveness spoils our own Christian joy and takes away our testimony for Christ. If we try, always to be gentle and forgiving, we will find a joy and peace that comes no other way.

Once I was involved in an accident. I was on a main street, and struck the rear end of a car that whizzed across a side street. There were no stop signs on any corner there. The man was going through a residential area, taking a short cut home from work, going too fast. We were both counseled in the police car, and the policeman charged me with the accident, and I was to appear in court and pay a fine. We had a Christian neighbor, who was a lawyer. He found out about the situation and went in person to set the record straight. My court order was canceled and there was no fine. He quietly brought justice from an unfair situation. But the wonderful part was that all was forgiven. I held no grudges, and soon there was a stop sign where it should have been before.

Closing prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for blotting out our transgressions. May we know the joy of the forgiving spirit, and the peace which follows. Amen.
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