



NEW OFFICERS—The masons of John R. Page Lodge 13 recently installed a new slate of officers for the year. Shown above from left to right, first row: W. H. Collins, Treasurer; James Righton, Junior Warden; Marshall Jordan, Jr., Master; and Eugene Rascoe, Senior Warden. Second row: William A. Reeves, Chaplain; Roosevelt White, Junior Steward; Marshall Jordan, Sr., Recording Secretary; and Jerald Perry, Sr., Senior Deacon. Not present for the photo were Johnnie Bond, Senior Steward, George Jackson, Tyler, and Frank Bond, Jr., Junior Deacon.

Traffic Fatality Record Lauded

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to the State Highway Patrol, Edenton Police Department and Chowan County Sheriff's Department.)

Gentlemen:
From information supplied to me by the Traffic Record Section, State Division of Motor Vehicles, I noted that Chowan County was one of only two counties within the state which did not sustain a fatal traffic accident during calendar year 1975. This is, indeed, a noteworthy accomplishment!

Although my opinion may be somewhat biased because of my close association with your agencies, I believe that substantial credit for this no fatality year can be directly attributed to the diligence of the officers under your respective commands.

It seems that law officers are more often subject to criticism and abuse than to praise and commendation; however, as one citizen who travels the highways of Chowan County with some frequency, I will appreciate your expressing my heartiest congratulations to your men for a job well done in 1975.

With best personal regards to each of you, I am,
Yours very truly,
Thomas S. Watts
District Attorney

Ballard's Bridge Revival Services Begin March 21

Revival services will be conducted at Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church, March 21-26.

Rev. Ralph Harrell, Missionary to Africa, will be the guest evangelist. Services will begin at the 11 A.M. service Sunday and 7:30 P.M. for the evening services.

Music will be furnished by the church choirs. Also, the Young Peoples Choir from Providence Baptist Church in Shawboro will sing Sunday night and the Adult Choir from Center Hill Baptist Church on Thursday night.

The public has a cordial invitation to attend. A nursery will be provided each evening.

Peoples Bank Initiates Travel Club Plan

ROCKY MOUNT—Peoples Bank and Trust Company today announced the inauguration of the Peoples Bank Vacation Travel Club. The club officially opened for membership on March 8.

In making the announcement of the new bank service, Marketing Assistant Vice President, Sandy Barrett, said, "The Peoples Bank Vacation Travel Club is designed to encourage and promote interest in travel and more importantly, through our travel club, persons who genuinely enjoy travel can do so as a group". Barrett added, "Of course, the most appealing aspect to the Travel Club member is the reduced costs available to

travel and tour groups such as ours". According to Barrett, Travel Club members will receive monthly newsletters highlighting club activities, and the group will hold periodic meetings to discuss future travel plans and other items of interest to Club members.

The Peoples Bank Vacation Travel Club is available to anyone in the bank's market area which encompasses 23 North Carolina cities. To join, one must simply make a \$500 minimum deposit to a special Vacation Travel Club Savings Account or have \$25 automatically transferred to this account each month. Further details concerning the program are available at any Peoples Bank office or from any bank employee.

The initial tour for Travel Club members is a 16-day Bicentennial "Back to Britain" excursion featuring seven nights accommodations in London and motor tours of England, Scotland and Wales. In addition to visits to the Lake District, Exeter and Edinburgh, a medieval banquet at London's famous Beefeaters has been planned for club members. Also included in the "Back to Britain" package is a Tea Party with a member of English Aristocracy. Designated "freedays" are also included in the tour to allow club members to explore the countryside on their own.

Travel Club members will depart from Washington's Dulles Airport on Tuesday, May 18, via a Pan American 747 jetliner. The departure date form London's Heathrow Airport in Wednesday, June 2.

Spokesman Barrett adds that Travel Club members are under no obligation to participate in all club sponsored trips.

"Fair Trade" Laws Dropped From Books

On March 10, a new law went into effect that could benefit Tar Heel consumers. The new law got rid of "fair trade" laws, those price fixing schemes that until March 10 existed in 21 states, including North Carolina.

As a result Tar Heel shoppers may find lower pricetags on many items, including television sets, clubs, auto parts and accessories, toys, drugs, house furnishings, cosmetics and clothing.

In the past, fair-trade merchandise was not discounted and was rarely put on sale, explains Dr. Justine Rozier, extension family resource management specialist, North Carolina University. The pricetag was affixed by the manufacturer rather than by the store.

All that went out the window March 10 when the "fair trade" laws became a thing of the past.

Today

from Marvin Barham

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"IN GOD WE TRUST"

The scene from the Hill. It's up to him to inform the rest of us, and in these complicated times, that isn't easy. But his job is communication, to get the facts, to give them to us straight.

He represents a *Freedom* . . . one of those precious gifts guaranteed to us under our Constitution. The Church represents another *Freedom*.

These *Freedom*s, and the word itself, have special meaning just now when we're celebrating our Bicentennial. Let's not lose sight of them.

It's a birthday present we owe ourselves.

STRAIGHT TALK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts	Romans	II Timothy	Job	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms
20:17-35	12:1-8	2:1-15	23:1-10	37:1-11	37:18-31	63:1-11

Scriptures selected by The American Bible Society

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

AN INDICTMENT OF HYPOCRISY
International Sunday School Lesson for March 21, 1976
Scripture: Matthew 23:27-39
By Mrs. Jesse Waller

Anyone who has felt the touch of Christ abhors hypocrisy, because Christ Himself is truth. When Jesus lived here upon this earth, His words and deeds were one. He didn't preach one way, and live another. Not so, with the scribes and Pharisees. They performed outward acts of religion, but inwardly they were murderers and rotten at heart.

Jesus painted a very graphic indictment of their hypocrisy and iniquity. The conflict, during passion week had come to a head. He had little time left to point the way for those who would listen. Their strictness of keeping the law was only a show to hide what was in their hearts.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for you are like white-washed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness." Matthew 23:27. Jesus was not using fancy language here. During the passover week, when pilgrims flocked to the Holy City, Jerusalem, for the feast, these tombs all along the way were whitewashed. This was to prevent anyone from stumbling or brushing against a tomb, making them unclean for the feast. This would have caused them to be shut out of the feast. The tombs stood out in the sun, and seemed beautiful, although inside they were full of dead bones and decay.

Often as we visit in parishioner's homes, we hear how active they have been in the past, but sometimes there is no sign of the spiritual life and growth in the present. Recently we were visiting in a home where the couple was too feeble to attend church. However, there was a worn Bible on the table that gave silent evidence of it's use. It was worn and faded and held many precious markings and clippings. On top of it was an Upper Room devotional book opened to the current date. That Bible gave witness that their spiritual lives were alive and well.

Jesus persisted in His indictment of hypocrisy. He caused the Jews to look at the past, how they were charged with killing the prophets. They tried to act innocent. No one likes to be blamed for sins of the past, but here they were ready to kill another prophet, even Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus reminded them that from the time of Abel to the time of Zechariah they had killed the prophets. In the hardness of their hearts, they would not stop after Jesus' death, but the death of the martyrs followed. Today in many parts of the world, Christians are tracked down and put to death.

The only cure for hypocrisy is repentance. Jesus' last appeal then, and now is, His patience and love. He wept over Jerusalem, and said "how often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wing, and you would not." Matthew: 23:37.

Prayer: Jesus stand among us in thy risen power. Amen. (Based on copyrighted Outlines produced by the Committee on the Uniform Series and used by permission.)

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