

Bandon Notebook

By MAGGIE B
The "Reds" win over the "Vikings" 5 to 2! Baseball team whipped the football players in varied athletic events! Imagine my surprise Sunday afternoon when my little mama and I saw on TV (Channel 13 - ABC) events we had witnessed being filmed at the Hilton Hawaiian Village beach while we were in Hawaii! Go more into Hawaii trip next week.

The rains came Sunday morning but didn't dampen the spirits or number of those attending Sunday School at Bandon Chapel. Acting Supt. Thomas H. Dilday warmly greeted all present. Butch Smith offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the healthy drink Mother Earth was getting so that flowers could bloom and crops get started anew.

The men gained a few points in our Attendance Contest but the women are STILL leading.

Prayer List: Mrs. Mattie Nixon now out of hospital and at home of her brother; Mrs. Eva Jernigan in Sarasota, Fla. with her daughter; Roy Housden improving; Bill Matthews released from hospital; Duck Reed still improving; Mrs. Missouri Byrum still much in need of prayer; Mrs. Linda Munthe of Chesapeake, Va. improving following surgery; Norman (Billy) Munthe's jaw was broken in an auto accident so he has his jaws wired together (Linda and Billy are niece and grand-nephew of Mrs. Louise Waters); and Friend Eleanor Jackson. Please add our friends to your prayer list as well as our missionaries and beloved pastor.

Bible Study will be Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall with Dr. Bill leading the discussion. Everyone is invited.

The BCWG Meets on Thursday from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. If anyone is interested in losing weight accumulated during the winter, be at Fellowship Hall at 10:30 A.M. to join the Exercise Class starting this week prior to the 11 A.M. meeting of the Guild. Should be fun.

Don't forget our "Barrell of Plenty" in the vestibule. People are in need all the time and our stock was depleted Christmas. Whenever you think about it, please drop in some of your extra canned food or other non-perishable items.

Our fine Junior Class, taught by Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Beach, had as their subject "Turning to God", John 3: 1-16. Aim was that the student may know he is born into God's family through faith in Jesus.

"The Way of Authentic Prayer", Luke 18: 1-14, was the topic for our adults, forcefully taught by B. Kent Rowley. Aim was that adult Christians take time to pray, realizing that authentic prayer is marked

by both a persistent cry for justice and a humble request for mercy.

Prior to the morning message, a short Congregational Meeting was held and the purchase of cushions for our pews was approved. The cost is approx. \$50.00 each. Anyone desiring to donate a cushion pew, please make check payable to Bandon Chapel, noting thereon the purpose, and forward to Deacon Tom Dilday, "Doc" Gilliam or H.T. Bunting, Rt. 1, Edenton, N.C. 27932.

Mrs. Kathy King of Suffolk, Va. delighted the congregation by her rendition of "Until Then." Her beautiful voice made the rafters ring and goose bumps pop out on the individual. She was accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Bunting at the organ.

Dr. W.J.B. Livingston's powerful message made everyone stop and think. He titled it "How YOU Can Get the Power YOU Need", based on Acts 1:4-8; 19:1-8. All of us are aware of the energy crisis today. The United States is almost empty of fuel - fossil fuels will in time run out. Now, we are trying to tap the sun and utilize solar power for our physical needs. I believe there is a direct connection between our energy crisis and our relationship to God. But I have a feeling that God is more aware of another kind of power. He is more aware of eroded souls - those out of harmony with God.

God is tri-personal-the Father, Son and Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost. We are afraid of the Holy Spirit. The word "ghost" is a ghostly word and from child up we have feared ghosts. The devil knows this and uses it against us. He doesn't want us to tap the enormous power of the Holy Spirit. We are at least two spirits - the outer and inner - one controls the other. We are concerned that the inner man control the flesh. When our inner spirit controls us, we can push away things of the flesh that try to control us. This is impossible without the help of the Holy Spirit - but - when the Holy Spirit controls our inner self, we can thank God for everything that happens to us because He will take all these things and use them for us.

Do you want something more out of life than what you have? Jesus says "Those that hunger and thirst after righteousness will be filled". The only power that has control over the spiritual forces that control us is the power of the Holy Spirit. If you want the Holy Spirit to fill you, He will do it. Ask God to let you

be filled with the Holy Spirit. By His power you can control your temper, you can forgive others. When He comes upon you, He will change your life. He is the revealer of truth. He regenerates, sanctifies and comforts you. You may be given the gift of tongues - speak in a language you don't know. When you don't know how to pray, you pray in the Spirit. It will give you a softer tongue, the kind of tongue that turns away anger. If anyone you know speaks in a profound language, pray that God will give him a new tongue, language free of profanity. With a new tongue you praise instead of criticize; instead of disliking, you look for the good in everybody. You enjoy the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit. God will supply every need we have. We don't have to worry about fossil fuels anymore. We hold out our empty cup - God fills it until we are overflowing and we get the power we need to live in harmony with God.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nixon! (Mrs. Nixon was formerly Debbie Koraska of Arrowhead) Wednesday, March 9, 1977, Master Steven Ray Nixon was born at 9:43 P.M. in Chowan Hospital. He weighed in at 4 lbs. His mother, Debbie, took a tumble down the stairs a short time ago. It was nip and tuck for a while, but thank God, mother and son are both doing fine now. The baby will be in an incubator at the hospital for some time - unfortunately he only had six months with his mother before he was rudely jolted out into this ole world.

The Luncheon Buffet Sunday at the Arrowhead Club House was scrumptious - everything was delicious. Plates for children are only \$1.75. Also "Take Out" dinners are available. Just select what you want and take it home. Great!

Friday is The Day - Covered Dish Supper in Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30 P.M. This month Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Beach will be the Hosts. Come on out, bring your favorite dish and join in an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

Surprise Party! Mrs. Pauline Long was overwhelmed Sunday when her daughter, Mrs. Ramona Mizzell of Virginia Beach, drove up to her house and began to unload. She brought everything for a delicious Birthday Dinner, including ice cream and Birthday Cake to celebrate Polly's 73rd birthday. Her other children were in on the deal and joined the celebration. Congratulations, Polly, and many, many happy returns. It couldn't happen to a nicer person.

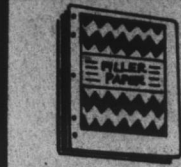
Local News From Merry Hill Area

Mrs. Garatha Phelps has been a patient in the Chowan Hospital at Edenton for the past two weeks, after an operation.

Mrs. Estelle Pierce and Mrs. Irene Williams spent last Monday at Greenville and Mrs. Williams was a patient to the doctor and the hospital there for the day.

Mrs. Lila Minton of Rosemead was the guest here last week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Keeter and granddaughter Kandra Lawrence, of Norfolk, were the guests of his aunt, Mrs. Ethel Winborne, and they spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harris, Mrs. Keeters brother and wife.



Chalk Dust

By Mary Rhea Gardner

Because some of us place a lot of stock in the power of positive thinking (and perhaps a little wishful thinking) and because we are avid fans of that trusty old book, "The Farmer's Almanac," we reveal in the fact that Spring's prophecy is only four days away!! If for some reason winter's doldrums aren't magically shooed away on that day, by continuing to exercise the old adage that "patience is a virtue", it will surely come to pass - so "they" say.

Encouraging signs of Spring, positive thinking, prophecy, and patience can usually be found around schools - through its students, teachers, administration, and personnel. In fact, all of these signs have been strongly evidenced at D.F. Walker and Ernest A. Swain School. For several weeks, these two schools have been madly spring cleaning in preparation for the visiting team of educators who arrived Wednesday to evaluate, minutely, these schools' physical plants, curriculums, cultural opportunities, relationships with the community, administrative and teaching staffs, and, in general, all strengths and weaknesses which combine forces to influence a student's learning process.

The outcome of these visitors' findings will bear directly on whether or not Walker and Swain schools will continue to keep their coveted accreditation status as members of the Southern

Association of Colleges and Schools. A voluntary effort signifying the willingness and desire of these schools to work to give students the best possible education, the year long process of self-purging has often been painful and frustrating, requiring much patience. However, principals at both schools feel that it has been a strengthening and growing experience for all involved, with students to be the educational benefactors.

Both the Walker and Swain school libraries have proud new additions, coincidentally, to brag about to their review team. With the money earned from their Book Fairs in the fall, Walker primary library has a new area rug for students to sit on during story time and educational media session. Swain library also has a new area carpet, contributed by its Student Council Association as its main project of the year. Heartfelt thanks are extended to parents and students who worked hard to earn money to make these attractive purchases for their schools.

At a luncheon on Wednesday, in honor of the visiting Southern Association review teams and to which county commissioners, school board members, school staffs, press, and support personnel were invited, the Swain School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Vendetta Sutton, gave a delightful, first public

performance.

Receptions at both schools following the luncheon gave teachers an opportunity to formally meet the educators, who will be spending all day Thursday scrutinizing in their schools. Extreme patience will have to be exercised until the final reports are received at a later date. Although a visit of this sort is only made every ten years, there are interim mini-visits to assure that accredited schools maintain their standards of excellence which gained them membership on to the Southern Association in the first place. Here's hoping that St. Patrick's Day shamrocks will show these schools like leaves kissing a blade of grass.

Spring is a time when everything seems to branch out - schools included. Whenever educational opportunities present themselves, teachers seize them to give students experiences which increase knowledge, poise, and build self-confidence. The American Legion provided such an occasion for all Chowan County students in grades 9-12 by sponsoring a public speaking contest on the Constitution.

In order to prepare their speeches on "My Duties and Obligations As A Citizen," participating students at Chowan and Holmes High have had to study and research the Constitution intensively. Their historical knowledge has been improved, their English, research, and public speaking skills augmented through preparation for this event. Not only will students present their speeches, they also will be called upon to extemporaneously answer any question on the Constitution asked by the panel of judges.

Run offs have been held at school, Karen Gray, a John A. Holmes junior, and Gail Felton, a Chowan High freshman, were winners in their schools. Tonight (Thursday) they will make their speeches at the American Legion Building and hope for the best. The county winner will receive a \$100 Savings Bond and each runner-up \$50. The county winner will move on to the district contest at a later date.

I'm sure that Nelia Amstutz, Winston Dail and Cathy Segraves, Chowan teachers and Sandra Boyce, Holmes teacher will slip a four leaf clover in their contestant's pocket, exercise their ESP positively, and just know that their school's winner

will go on to District competition.

Because there has been publicity for the past five weeks and another article in today's paper on the upcoming Eastern District of North Carolina Association of Student Council convention being sponsored in Edenton by all five school's student councils this weekend, I won't go into further details. However, because of the spirit of cooperation between all schools and community in patiently planning and performing the necessary preparations, there's no way the convention can be anything but successful.

A change of pace always helps in combating winter doldrums at school, or anywhere for that matter. This applies to Marvis Hendrix's accounting classes at Chowan as well. Last week these students' understanding of unit pricing, nutritional labeling and getting the most for their money was heightened as George Drawdy, Winn-Dixie manager, gave them a consumer education tour of the supermarket.

Mrs. Hendrix gained from this experience also. As one of only 35 students allowed in a Graduate Course in Consumer Education at East Carolina, she had to sign a contract to the effect that consumer education would be implemented in her Business classes at Chowan.

Some folks might think teachers have it made once they get their teaching certificate. On the contrary, many of them, like Mrs. Hendrix, are students themselves, and constantly take courses which will improve their teaching skills and knowledge to pass on to their students.

Those who work for public education are the first to realize how lucky we are to enjoy the support of the community to the extent we do. Student recognize this also, and whenever possible try to reciprocate. The Bloodmobile's visit to Edenton this week is a good example. Through Chowan's Beta Club efforts, approximately 20 students volunteered to give blood. An equal number of Holmes High student showed the same civic responsibility. Whether or not they were all accepted as donors I don't know, but at least they tried.

An open invitation is extended to everyone to visit exhibits of student work around town. We're not just trying to bribe you to visit the schools' administrative office and give us the op-

portunity to meet you, or encourage you to become more avid readers, but seriously would like to make you aware of students work. There is an interesting and varied display of Walker seventh and eighth grades students art on display in the "Superintendent's Choice" art display. Considering that they do not have the privilege of an art teacher, per se, their teachers are to be commended for encouraging their artistic ability as a related part of departmental studies.

Louise Darby, who is always seeking Friends of The Library, has certainly been a friend to the schools by providing and encouraging students to display their handwork. This month there is an art exhibit featuring batik, copper tooling, linoleum, applique, quilting, and acrylic painting of Chowan High Art students as well as a display of garments made by the seventh and ninth grade Home Economic students.

Added to this collection next weeks will be books written, illustrated, and bound by Mrs. Wilkins' 6th grade language arts students at Swain.

Students of Greek mythology will have to figure out what I mean when I say, "male Cassandra beat their chests; female 'Chalk Dust' writers beat erasers."

Merry Hill News

Richard Smithwick spent a week in Edenton Chowan Hospital recently. Better and at home now.

Ralph Bowen of Florida visited his aunt, Mrs. Ethel Winborne, Friday, before leaving for South Carolina and on to Florida Saturday morning.

Wright Williford spent several days last week with his daughter, Mrs. Janice Gray and daughters in Williams. They visited her husband Bob Gray at Greenville Hospital, where he has been a patient for the last six weeks, after a very bad accident on his job at work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bailey, Stacey and April of Newport News, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bailey and Mrs. W. R. Smithwick, for a weekend recently.

Charles Keeter of Hampton, Va. spent last week at his home here.

Student Councils To Arrive Here

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adviser. Delegates; Darlene Everson, Tommy Bass, Daryl Banks, Nan Stutzman, Dean Jernigan, Janet Harrell, and Naomi Obara. Major activities other than the business sessions and banquet will be a dance, featuring the Dynamics, on Saturday night. On Sunday, waterside Colonial Park will be the setting for devotionals. Guided tours of several historic buildings and a bus tour of Edenton's historic district are planned prior to the final business session on Sunday.

While in Edenton, convention participants will be residing in homes throughout the county.

As Executive Secretary for the association since 1962, Miss Bounds of Kanapolis, directs all NCASC activities. She is presently serving as an adult representative to the National Association of Student Councils Advisory

Committee, representing three of seven regions in the United States.

"Outstanding" in her long list of credits is Mrs. Bounds' 1976-77 appointment by the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals Board of Directors to serve as chairman of the NASC advisory committee, being the first woman and first non-administrator to be appointed to this position.

Hollowell, a Chowan County native, is presently serving as the 40th president of the N.C. Jaycees. Since his affiliation with the Jaycees 10 years ago, Hollowell has served as president and a member of the Board of Directors on the local level.

On the state level, Hollowell received awards as an Area Director, before being recognized as one of the top ten National Directors for Jaycees in the nation.

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If you have flowers or containers you would like to save, please remove them before this date.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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