

Students Enjoy Stone Soup Recipe

The aroma of the excellent lunch always prepared at White Oak School by Mrs. Helen Davis and her able staff was in competition recently with equally good smells coming from the second grade room of Mrs. Helen Mitchell.

The room bustled with activity as the children washed, peeled and prepared the vegetables.

The children had brought the ingredients and planned the activity after hearing a story about making stone soup. They also helped serve the soup to their classmates, and some staff members were invited to sample their fare.

The odor of onions and barley and beef was mingled with carrots and cabbage and potatoes. All

bubbled in a crock pot provided by the teacher. The children brought the ingredients for the stone soup as they enacted a favorite French tale about three soldiers. According to the story, the villagers do not trust the strange men who come to their town, so they hide all their provisions and feign their own hunger when asked for something to eat.

The soldiers see through the peasant's charade and say they will make stone soup and share with the village. A pot and water are fetched; the stone is added. The soldiers comment that a carrot and an onion would help the flavor. The peasants fall right into the trap and bring their hidden vegetables out, and the whole story ends in a feast and acceptance of the strangers.

The book, "Stone Soup," by Marcia Brown, was read to the children by their student teacher, Mrs. Doris Litchfield. The activity was a part of a study of peoples and places in which music, flags, art and stories from many countries were introduced.



PREPARE STONE SOUP — Shown preparing stone soup at White Oak Elementary School are Florence Elliott, Michelle Layden and Kelly Copeland. The adult touch was added by Mrs. Doris Litchfield, student teacher.

ASCS News

Lease and Transfer— Farmers that are leasing and transferring tobacco poundage should complete leases as soon as possible. There are quite a few leases pending in the office that can not be completed until all required signatures are obtained. Tobacco warehouse designation for the 1977 crop began March 8 and will go thru April 8. Lease and transfer agreements should be completed, if possible, prior to warehouse designation. April 1 last date to file Peanut Lease, Sale and Transfer Agreements. So far we have completed 83 lease, sale and transfer agreements. Growers have until April 1 to complete leases. I would encourage farmers to complete their leasing prior to depositing money for measurement services.

Measurement Service Available

The office is now ready to accept producer request for measurement service before reporting planted acreage of peanuts. The cost is \$1.00 per acre for all land uses plus \$4.00 service charge per farm with a \$11.50 minimum charge. Example: 5.5 acres allotment would be \$11.50 whereas, an allotment of 15.5 acres would be \$11.50 plus \$4.00 equals \$19.50.

Forestry Incentive Program

Cost-sharing assistance, at the rate of 60 per cent of cost, is available under the Forestry Incentive Program—for forest tree planting and improvement. Landowners desiring to receive assistance on these projects should contact the ASCS office for more information.

Agri. Conservation Program

Farmers planning to construct drainage ditches, install drainage tile, should contact the ASCS office concerning cost-share assistance available under the 1977 Agricultural Conservation Program for these practices. A request for cost-sharing must be filed before the practice is started. Request can be filed in person at the ASCS office. There are other approved practices in the county program in addition to those mentioned above.

Ownership and operator Changes

Changes in farm ownership and in farm operators should be reported to the county ASCS office. Accurate records in the ASCS office will enable the correct person to receive correspondence, farm allotment notices, and program information pertaining to the farm.

REMINDER: April 11 is the final date to release or request cotton acreage under the release and reapportionment program.

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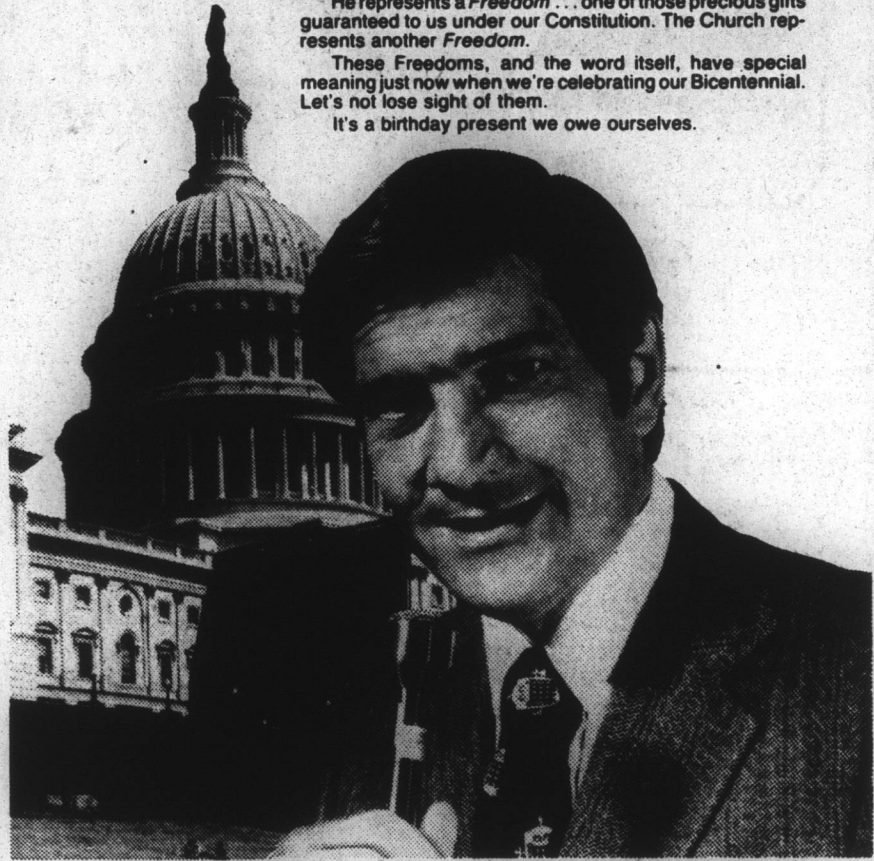


The scene from the Hill. It's up to him to inform the rest of us, and in these complicated times, that isn't easy. But his job is communication, to get the facts, to give them to us straight.

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

These Freedoms, 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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Scriptures selected by The American Bible Society

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

International Sunday School Lesson for March
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 its 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 trampled 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 Outline produced by the Committee on the Uniform Series and used by permission.)

NOTICE - TO - CHOWAN COUNTY TAXPAYERS

By order of the Chowan County Commissioners, I will on Thursday, April 7, 1977, advertise for sale tax liens on property for 1976 delinquent taxes. The sale will be held Monday, May 2, 1977 at 10 o'clock at the Court House door.

TAXES PAID PRIOR TO 5 P. M. APRIL 1 WILL SAVE YOU AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$4.40

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