



**LICENSED TO PREACH**—On Sunday, March 26, the Edenton Baptist Church licensed David McCall and Gordon West to preach the Gospel. McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle McCall, Route 3, is currently a student at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. West, 12 Albania Street, is studying at East Carolina University, Greenville. At right is Dr. Robert Gray, pastor at the church.

### Thoughts Of My Mind

In the depths of my heart and the secrecy of my mind, I wish there was something I could have done when they crucified my Lord. If I could have only been there to comfort Mary, and to show her and my Savior how much I cared, how hard and how heavy my heart pounds with love with hurt, how awful it must have been to see and hear those terrible accusations about my Lord, to watch him being tormented and humiliated in front of all, and knowing that so many hearts were crying for Him, not being able to help or to even know if he could feel the comfort from their weeping. Could I have stood there and watch the one I love so much bearing the pain for me? Would my shoulders have been so narrow that I couldn't have carried some of the burden for Him. Could I not get my Savior a cool drink of water, knowing how parched and dry his tender lips must have been. And as the day suddenly darkened and I stood there frightened of not knowing what would happen next, I heard my Savior ask his Father "Why hast thou forsaken me? Had I not done the same? Wasn't there something I could have done? No, not me. I'm no one important, if I had spoken up what might they have done for me? The fear in my heart would probably have torn me to pieces. But there they took my Savior away, they would not tell me where they had hidden him. Oh Mary how desperate in need of your son you were, the need to know where they had hidden Him, and not knowing where to find Him. If only I could have helped, and then on Easter morning Her Son - our Savior came back to us, we didn't lose Him, He did hear our weeping. He felt the pain in our hearts - Our crying out to Him for His love, Yes he did come back for us, and for no other reason only to show us how much he loved and cared. I wasn't there but I do love him for the many hours of pain he endured for me, my heart still hurts deeply when I recall all those terrible happenings. Lord I wasn't there then, but I am here now, I offer myself to you, use me, help me to help others, let me repay you for the many things I have to be grateful for, please take my hand, my heart, walk with me and talk with me. Let me give to you my love. Thank You for loving me.

D.C.D.

### Letter To The Herald Editor

To The Editor:  
We read in the Bible in the book of Acts these words: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh..." This indicates that while wickedness is on the increase, at the same time, many today are turning to God for their personal salvation. Faith in God is the only answer to the problems we face today. In order to be saved, admit that you are a sinner and be willing to turn from your sins (repent). Believe that Jesus died for you (on the cross) and rose from the dead. Then just call upon Him. "For whomsoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved." Remember that God loves you and wants you to spend eternity with Him.

After you are saved, read your Bible daily, pray and witness for God. If you die without accepting Christ, as your personal savior-all is lost. Do not delay this decision. "Behold now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." We read in Rev. 3:10 in reference to the coming rapture of the church, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Today many of our world leaders seem incapable of rational thinking. Closer at

home, one can readily see from the content of programs on TV and the headlines of our newspapers that we are very near this hour of temptation. Be sure you are saved today. Bobby Simpson Newton Grove

### Homemakers Hear Talk About Foods

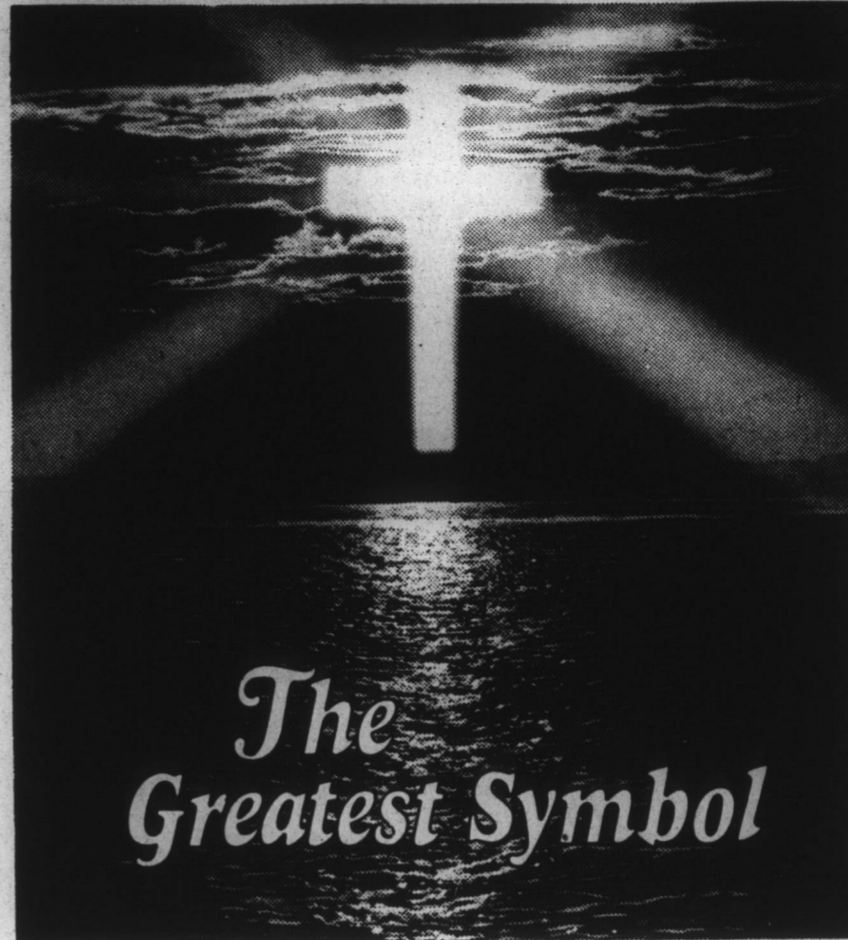
Mrs. B.P. Monds was hostess to the Center Hill Extension Homemakers club which met on Tuesday night at the Center Hill Community Building at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. H.T. Hollowell, club president, called the meeting to order with an Easter devotion and a prayer of thanks for the goodness of the Lord. The roll was called and minutes of the previous meeting read by Acting Secretary Mr. E.L. Belch. Mrs. B.P. Monds gave the Treasury report. Mrs. Hollowell made announcement of up-coming events and thank you notes were read. The date was set for the annual senior citizens dinner. Mrs. Joe Wiggins, foods leader, was present to bring the lesson on "Fats, Foods, and Diet." We were told to cut down on saturated fats-to use poly-unsaturated fats, etc., for those on low cholesterol diets and for those wishing to avoid cholesterol. Mrs. Wiggins gave a very interesting talk and handed out recipe booklets which would be helpful in preparing these diets. The meeting was adjourned with the club collect and Mrs. Monds served refreshments during the social hour.

### Local Native Is Promoted

Durward Harrell, a native of Chowan County, has recently been named senior vice president—personal labor relations for Jordan Marsh, the Miami-based department store. Harrell, the brother of Mrs. Cornelia H. White, 208 West Queen Street, went to Miami 21 years ago to open the first Jordan Marsh store in Florida. Now the firm has 11 stores on the Florida east coast.



## time out for GOD



### The Greatest Symbol

Since the first Easter, the Cross has remained the one great and enduring symbol of Christianity because it best expresses the meaning of faith. Like a precious jewel, the Cross shines with many facets of truth. The Cross signifies the hope of faith. It reveals God's love for us in the sacrifice of His Son. It is our assurance of His promise of salvation. The Cross signifies the challenge of

faith. It reveals God's love for all men which we must share. It is the motivation of Christian action. The Cross signifies the victory of faith. It is the pledge of God's loving purpose in saving the world. It is the source of peace. What does the Cross mean to you? On Easter — this greatest festival of our faith, will you come to Church and discover its message?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hebrews 12:1-13	Jude 17-25	Revelation 2:1-11	Psalms 19:7-14	Psalms 119:1-16	Psalms 119:33-48	Psalms 119:129-144

## Sunday School Lesson

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE STYLE  
International Sunday School Lesson for April 9  
Scripture: Colossians 3:1-14, 18; 20  
By Mrs. Jesse Waller

Beginning with this lesson, there will be a series of six lessons on Christian approach to family problems, or concerns. Many concerns are not problems, if they are kept in the Christian light. This is one phase of our life where we can find much help in the Bible, but so few look there. We are prone to look everywhere else, and to everyone else for help, before we realize our help is in the risen power of Christ.

Many would declare the Bible irrelevant in 1978. Nothing is to be gained, and all is to be lost, if we pass up the teachings of Jesus as being unworkable in our day. Christ never changes, Christian love is dependable, so here is our starting point and secret.

The root of our problems is the sin nature within us. Paul says the old nature must die, before we can live in Christ, we have some steps to take.

In the Christian family, we are exhorted to "seek the things that are above." Colossians 3:1. This includes personal righteousness and spiritual values, in contrast to the life style of the world and the flesh. We live in the flesh, and we can't escape it, but we can, with God's help be in command, by setting our minds on things above. This is an intellectual discipline. In the family, it is very important to set heavenly values above earthly values. The true test comes on Sunday morning.

While I was attending Scarritt College, in Nashville, Tenn., I met a student from China, the daughter of a minister in China. Some years later, I ran across a book that was a biography of her mother. The book was entitled "Meet Mrs. Yu." She became a Christian, before she spoke English, and she had no Bible in her language. She took her Chinese dictionary, with the English Bible, and studied diligently, beginning at Genesis. Always, she had a baby in her arms, as she studied, because they were a large family. When she came to Deuteronomy 6:6, and read, "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up."

She rushed home and showed it to her husband, and said "we are not doing these things," and they started regularly gathering the children together to teach them about God's love, which brought them closer together.

The saying that "a family that prays together stays together" is trite, but there is truth in the sentiment. If a husband loves his wife, she knows of his love, beyond the physical expression. If a wife respects her husband, she is not going to embarrass him before his friends. If parents love their children, they will expect obedience, and reward their efforts. The children will know they are loved, which is the greatest security.

Closing thought: The invisible cord of love binds the family together. Home becomes a "Haven" and a shelter. (Based on copyrighted Outlines produced by the Committee on the Uniform Series and used by permission.)

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