

Bandon Notebook By Maggie B.

HI, NEIGHBORS! Remember the disastrous results of Kepone being dumped into the James River? And, the far reaching effects it had and still has on the people who came into contact with it, the deadly influence on seafood in the James and Chesapeake Bay and on all folk who depend on seafood in these waters for a living? Do you want this to happen to the Chowan River? Of course, NOT!

Mr. Bill Norvell, President, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, called me last Friday (21st) to bring me up to date on action taken by our "city fathers" regarding algae in the Chowan River. An excellent report was published in last week's Chowan Herald. As you saw from the reports, our local officials are doing what they can. However, it's up to us - YOU and ME - to get on the ball and PERSONALLY contact those who can insure that the waters of the Chowan are properly monitored so that industrial or municipal wastes ARE NOT added to the waters of the once pure and beautiful Chowan. In my opinion, whatever is causing dead fish to line our beaches and shores and causes itching and blisters on folk who go into the water must be poisonous. Further, with all of our modern technology there must be some way to eliminate the cause. You all have heard the old expression "it's the squeaking wheel that gets the grease" - well, let's start "squeaking"! I understand that "the buck stops" with Dr. David Adams, Asst. Sec., State Dept. of Natural Resources and Community Development, Raleigh, N.C. I suggest that we "deluge" Dr. Adams with letters, with copies going to the Governor and our State Representatives. We had a contract with N.C. State University to study water quality in the Chowan, headed by botany professor, Dr. Gus Witherspoon. This contract was terminated on May 31st, at which time the river was

said to be in the best condition since 1972 and only a "normal algae bloom" was expected. Three primary causes for "excessive algae bloom" were cited by the University report: (1) lack of rainfall; (2) low water-flow or water table; and (3) an excessive quantity of nutrients added to the water. The first two we can discount. We had plenty of rain and the water was high - unusually high, I would say. That leaves No. 3. With no one "watching", it was easy for an industry or industries along the river to dump waste into it. This should NOT be allowed. In addition to our "writing campaign", let us all pray that a solution to our problem will be found and that He will forgive us for not taking care of His creation which He entrusted to us.

On this beautiful Sunday morning, Deacon Thomas H. Dilday cheerfully welcomed all assembled at Bandon Chapel for Sunday School, especially our first timers. He introduced Rev. Preston Cayton and expressed our appreciation for his presence.

Deacon Dilday announced that Bible Study will be Wednesday at 7 P.M. in Fellowship Hall, led by B. Kent Rowley. Choir practice follows at 8 P.M.

On Thursday, the BCWG will hold its regular meeting starting at 11 A.M. All ladies in the community are invited to come out and share in the fun and fellowship.

Prayer List: Helen Steiner Rice tells us "No trials and tribulations are beyond what we can bear if we share them with Our Father as we talk to Him in prayer." Please add our friends to your prayer list. Mrs. Ada Barnes entered Chowan Hospital Monday with a kidney infection, Rm. 2005, Ext. 278; Mike Johnson suffered a severe heart attack Sunday and is hospitalized in Raleigh; Mrs. Elizabeth Dale has blood clots in her leg; please

remember Mr. Evelyn Wright; Mr. Len Koraska; Mr. Sam Wright; Mrs. Sarah Livingston; C.H. Riefel; Mrs. Helen Ellinwood; Al and Jeannie Church; Mike Kane; David Caddies, Mrs. Bonnie Sue Price; Mrs. Lola Strickland her children, especially Jack and Hilda; Mrs. Kitty Housden and the Housden family; Ronnie A. Bunch; Mrs. Sylvia Johnson; our missionaries, Nita Pride and David & Linda Smith and our beloved pastor.

"The Gospel Confronts Vested Interests", Acts 19:23-28, 35-39, was the topic for our adults, powerfully taught by Wm. F. (Butch) Smith. When God's Word challenges both their religious beliefs and their economic security, people will react with anger and even violence. Aim was that adult Christians speak prophetically to vested interests in their society.

At our morning worship service, Deacon Thomas H. Dilday welcomed the congregation and conducted the opening exercises. He then introduced Rev. P.E. Cayton, a retired Christian minister who will bring our morning message today as well as the next three Sundays while Dr. W.J.B. Livingston is on vacation. Rev. Cayton's subject was "Faithfulness - the Greatest Desire". "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev: 2-10. Faith is more than just believing. We must be faithful to the promises God has made to us; to the promptings of the conscience; to our friends, to our task; to our God and in carrying out the "great commission" We must "walk in faith" with God and trust Him always to guide us in the way He would like for us to go.

ATTENTION: Girl Scout Day Camp will be at the American Legion Hut in Edenton July 31st - Aug. 4th, from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. for

girls in the First through Eighth Grades. Admission will be \$8.00 for registered Scouts and \$9.00 for non-registered. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Carroll Tynch at 482-2686 or Mrs. Frances Tynch at 221-8193.

Covered Dish Supper Friday night absolutely delightful! Mr. and Mrs. Cherry were most gracious hosts. Be sure to mark the 3rd Friday in August on your calendars now so you won't miss out on the good food, fun and fellowship.

Many thanks to Mr. Raymond Taylor for hosting the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday. As usual, everything was delicious.

A hearty welcome is extended to our first timers this week. Mrs. Kate Wroten of Portsmouth, Va., guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Rowley and Mr. Mike Archer of Cuychoga Falls., Ohio, guest of Mr. Kenny Owens.

Banquet To Be Held For Senior Citizens

There will be a Senior Citizen banquet August 30, 1978 at the National Guard Armory. This will be a formal affair. All Senior Citizens who are interested in being on the program may call 482-4564. The deadline date will be August 21, 1978.

Talent Show To Be Held

There will be a Talent, Fashion, and Disco Show at the National Guard Armory from 9:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. All persons interested in participating in the talent or fashion show, please call 482-4564. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. The deadline date for the entries will be August 9, 1978.

District Court Held July 18

Oliver Lee Dillard, 47-year-old Negro, Route 1, Edenton, made his first appearance in Chowan County District Court on July 18, on a charge of possession of stolen property.

Judge John T. Chaffin is allowing court appointed counsel for the defendant.

Dillard was charged in a warrant obtained by Sheriff Troy Toppin with possessing a revolver owned by Ivey Johnson. The gun was valued at \$65.

In other cases called by Asst. Dist. Atty. Keith Teague and not previously reported, the following action was taken:

David Bryan Perry, traffic violation, not guilty. William Henry Hines, speeding, \$10 fine and costs.

William Earl Smithwick, non operator's license and larceny of auto, 12 months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs and placed on probation for three years.

James O. Monds, non-support of children, six months, suspended upon payment of costs and \$30 per week for support of his minor children.

Kevin Bryant Twine, traffic violation, \$25 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

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Depressing sight, isn't it? And what is it we say when something old, familiar, once-cherished, once-useful has succumbed to the ravages of time? It served its purpose!

Could all the churches in our town someday look like this? They could! Maybe they will . . . if they have served their purpose . . .

Even if you haven't been to church recently, I think you'll protest that we DO need our churches. We need the truth they teach—the faith they instill—the hope they inspire—the God-given strength with which they undergird our life. This is the very point: We ALL need our churches. And to bring ALL of us to realize and fulfill our need . . . That is their purpose!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13:1-13	6:1-10	3:13-24	2:21-32	14:16-27	15:28-16:15	1:1-14

Sunday School Lesson

THE PROBLEM OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

International Sunday School Lesson
Scripture: I Corinthians 6:9-20

By Mrs. Jesse Waller
Notice here that Paul lists the drunkards with some serious vices — adulterers, sexual pervers, thieves and robbers, and others. None of these he says will inherit the kingdom of God. He also makes it clear that our bodies are temples of His Holy Spirit. We have the breath of God within us. Now how can we defile our maker?

Paul continues by saying, "You are not your own: you were bought with a price." I Corinthians 6-19. I once heard the story of a little boy whose father helped him make a little red boat. He loved it, and sailed it so much that some of the paint was gone. One day it sailed beyond his reach. He was grieved over the loss of his precious toy. Some weeks later, he and his father were strolling downtown together. In a shop window they saw his battered boat. His father took him inside, and purchased the treasured toy. As they left the store, the little boy hugged the little red boat up to him, and said, "little boat, your twice mine. First I made you, and then I bought you."

God is saying this to us, as He loves us beyond our understanding. First He created us, and then He bought us with a great price, the blood of His only begotten Son.

This message is just as appropriate for our day as it was in Paul's lifetime. The news is full of incidents where people have thrown themselves away, and usually the cause for the deed can be traced to alcohol or drugs. I imagine the statistics are even higher than quoted. One can stand in line at the grocery store, and observe that there is alcohol and cigarettes in the majority of baskets.

Many excuse the young people by saying "they are just doing their own things." It not only affects them, but hurts those who love them.

In our lifetime, we have been enlightened so much about the harmful effects of alcohol and nicotine. We wonder how an intelligent person can willfully become a slave to either. We are told that every cigarette one smokes takes twelve minutes off his life. Alcohol not only attacks sensitive internal organs, including the brain, but destroys personality and respect.

The greatest hurt that is caused is that we hurt our maker, and destroy the temple of God's Spirit. Before the time of Christ, the people believe that God's dwelling place was in temples people made with their hands. A few, like Jeremiah knew he dwelt in the hearts of men. When Christ came, He taught that the kingdom of God is within you. This shows the value God places on our bodies.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to withstand the temptations which are harmful to ourselves and others. May we be a slave to none save Thee. Amen.

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Around The Chowan Farms

By R.M. Thompson
County Ext. Chairman

There are several things coming up during the next few weeks that will be concerning corn production. After the problems we had with some of the corn in the state, in 1977, we will be making field surveys on farms in most of the counties in the state. Mr. Charlie Overman will be doing the survey here in Chowan.

We are suggesting several things to prevent any problems coming up with the grain itself. We are first suggesting that you harvest this corn somewhere around 24 per cent moisture or above. We realize this is in contradiction to the energy conservation that we have been talking for two or three years. This means that you should check your corn for the moisture during the next thirty days and try to harvest it about the 24 per cent level or above.

Don't leave corn in your truck for any period of time if at all possible, because corn should be dried down rapidly after picking. We would suggest not over three or four hours in a truck at the most.

There will be more information on this sent to you but this is mainly for your general information.

We have notice some insects in peanuts and we certainly would suggest spraying when the moisture is real good as far as using an insecticide. You probably should discuss the kind of insecticide with your dealer or those of us in the County Extension Office. This is because of the possibility of a mite build up in August or September.

We have found two spotted spider mites in some patches here in Chowan even with all the rains that we have had, so we know that the possibility is present.

We also suggest that you

be careful about the fungicides for leafspot if the weather is dry. We suggest that you spray for leafspot every two weeks but maybe alternate the materials.

If you haven't gotten your southern corn rootworm materials out, it should be done by the end of the first week in August. Any questions you have, please contact us.

Mr. Parsons, 60 Taken In Death

Melvin Alonzo Parsons, 60, of Rt. 2, Box 60B, Edenton died Saturday morning in the Chowan Hospital.

A native of Huntley, Minn., he was the son of Mrs. Rose Engel Parsons of Winnobago, Minn. and the late Homer Parson, and husband of Mrs. Chong Suk Parsons. He was owner-operator of the "Five Mile Y", a Baptist and a 22 year veteran of the Navy, having retired as a Chief Gunners Mate in 1961.

Surviving besides his wife and mother are one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Judith Ann) Johnson of Virginia Beach; two sons, Richard Wayne Parsons of Virginia Beach and Navy Chief Robert M. Parsons of Grand Prairie, Texas; three sisters, Mrs. Avis Butler of Winnobago, Minn., Mrs. Beth Ballard of Mankato, Minn. and Mrs. Nellie Viegetti of North English, Iowa; one brother, Lloyd Parsons of Seattle, Wash.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11:00 A.M. in the Chapel of the the Swindell Funeral Home in Hertford. Rev. Stanley Nixon officiating. Burial was at 3:00 P.M. in the New Bern National Cemetery, New Bern, N.C., with full military honors.

Little Stories about GREAT HYMNS

"IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE"
—George Neumark

"If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the Rock that naught can move."

"George Neumark, the author of this chorale, lived in Hamburg, Germany, about 1658. Extreme poverty forced him to pawn all his earthly possessions including his cherished violin. Later receiving a position as Ambassador to Sweden, he was enabled to redeem his 'cello. Thankful for this favor, he wrote the words and music for this chorale"

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