

Reflections On Tragedy From Bandon Notebook

By Maggie B.

HI, NEIGHBORS! When tragedy strikes, mere words seem so inadequate to express one's true feelings to the victim's loved ones. Last week I learned of a family near by who had lost a child two years ago; approx. three weeks ago, they lost another -- both were run over by a car! On June 27th,

"I'll lend you for a little time a child of Mine," God said, "for you to love the while it lives, and mourn for when it's dead. It may be three or four years or twenty-two or three, but will you, till I call it back, take care of it for Me? It'll bring its charms to gladden you, and should its stay be brief, you'll have its lovely memories as solace for your grief. I cannot promise it will stay, since all from earth return, but there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn. I've looked this wide world over in my search for teachers true, and from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have selected you. Now, will you give it all your love, nor think the labor vain, nor hate Me when I come to call to take it back again?"

The parents fancied they heard themselves say, "Dear Lord; Thy will be done. For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run, we'll shelter it with tenderness, we'll love it while we may - and for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay. But should the angels call for it much sooner than we've planned, we'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand."

'Twas a fine group of God's children assembled for Sunday School at Bandon Chapel on this beautiful Lord's Day! Supt. Meta Mason joyfully welcomed each one present. She announced that the BCWG will hold its regular meeting Tuesday at 10:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. All members are urged to mark July 21st on their calendars NOW - on this date the 10th Anniversary of the BCWG will be celebrated by having dinner at Tuck's in Elizabeth City.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study will be Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. conducted by Pastor Bob. Everyone is invited. Choir practice follows at 8:15 P.M.

Michael White, only 16 years old, was accidentally drowned. During the 4th of July holiday, many died on our highways, including small children; and others were accidentally killed in various ways. To the parents of these children, I would like to share this "conversation with God", printed long ago in "Grit" magazine:

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Prayer List: Miracles DO happen when God's people pray together! Please add our friends to your prayer list. I'll share a miracle with you. Last Tuesday, we went to Norfolk General Hospital to see my brother, Dan Darden, who had a heart attack last Sunday, following open heart surgery a short time ago. My husband asked at the Desk if he was in his room or in Cardiac Care. We were told that he had been discharged from the hospital!! We then went to Dan's home. I rang the bell. Dan opened the door, looking "fit as a fiddle"! After a big hug, "come on in", he said, "I've just made a fresh pot of coffee -

best I've had since I left home". We went in - Dan poured the coffee - said he was feeling fine. Soon his wife, Sally, came in. "Did Dan tell you?", she asked. "What?", I questioned. She began to talk. I listened - couldn't say a word, cold shivers ran up & down my spine, my eyes watered. Here's the story.

On Monday Dan was too weak to talk to Sally and asked that she stay home because he wanted to sleep. He slept all day - didn't wake until 10:30 P.M., then went back to sleep.

Linda Mason, Dan's daughter, and her husband sing at times on the 700 Club. Early on that same Monday morning, Linda called Pat Robertson and asked that he and everyone pray for her daddy's healing. This they did. About 11:30 A.M. Monday Linda called her mother and told her not to worry, that her daddy had been healed. Sally was dubious.

Tuesday morning Linda called Sally and asked her to turn the TV on to the 700 Club. She did. Pat Robertson told the audience that Linda Mason had asked that everyone pray for her dad's healing. Pat read Psalm 103, then prayed for Dan's healing and for others that had requested prayer.

When the program ended, Sally cut off the TV. The phone rang. It was Dan asking Sally to come get him! The doctor's couldn't believe Dan's condition but it was so satisfactory they released him from the hospital. Praise the Lord! My thanks are extended to all of you for your prayers.

Walter Taylor, brother of Bucky and Medford Taylor, underwent surgery on Tuesday at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. Pray that it will be successful; Trudy Lapham, wife of Deacon Dave Lapham entered Portsmouth General Hospital Wednesday for surgery and needs your prayers; David Ziemba, son of Joyce Ziemba and band director of Hertford High School was injured in an auto accident. He has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at home but still needs prayer; Margaret Smithson has been suffering with eye trouble and needs prayer; Robin Adcock has been released from the hospital for 3 weeks after which time, another surgical procedure will be performed. Continue to pray for her healing; please remember Suzi Arden, Bessie Wilkins, Lois Valentine, Bill Perry, Mary Gardner, our beloved Guardian Angel, Hilda Wisner, Len Koraska, Helen Headen, Jeanne Church, our nation, its leaders and its

people, our missionaries, and our Pastor, Rev. Robert S. Harrell and his family.

"Ten Commandments", Deut. 5:6-8, 11-21, was the subject for our adults, powerfully taught by Deacon Wm. F. (Butch) Smith. In the Ten Commandments God has laid down the basic guidelines for human conduct.

Our resident artist, Mary (Flagg) Campbell, has an

Art Exhibit in the Shepard-Pruden Library for the month of July. It may be viewed any time during regular Library hours.

At our worship service the Shepherd of Bandon's Flock, Pastor Robert S. Harrell, went down into the congregation to personally welcome our week-enders, visitors and family of our members down for the Holiday weekend. His inspired message was "Give

Me A Mountain", based on Joshua 14, portions of Gen. 13. Holy Communion was served, after which the congregation sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds".

Bandon's Board of Deacons will meet Saturday at 9:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall.

The POA Board will hold its regular meeting Saturday at 1 P.M. in the Arrowhead Beach Clubhouse. All property owners are invited to attend, share your ideas with the Board and watch your Board in action.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Citizens of Edenton and Chowan County, I want to express my delight over the Fourth of July celebration held in your city and especially for the fireworks display. I was in town for the festivities and want to congratulate all the hard workers for a job well done. The fireworks display was one of the most enjoyable I

have ever witnessed. "Travelhost" is a national publication distributed in-room in the finest hotels and motels in America. We at "Travelhost" of Norfolk are very proud of our neighbors -- the corner of America known as Chowan County, North Carolina.

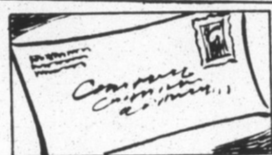
Sincerely,
Cheryl Bunting
Associate Publisher



When buying potatoes, avoid those with a green color. This is known as "sunburn" and can be caused by too much exposure to either sun or store lights.



A CLASH OF STEEL — Capt. Simon Fernando (John Gullucci of Pawtucket, RI), left, and Capt. Ananias Dare (Marlon Hecht of Jacksonville, Fla.) have it out in a bit of sword play in the 1981 Joe Layton production of Paul Green's "The Lost Colony." America's oldest (41st season) outdoor drama plays nightly except Sundays through August 29 at Waterside Theater, Manteo, on the Outer Banks. The drama is the story of the first English attempts to colonize the New World



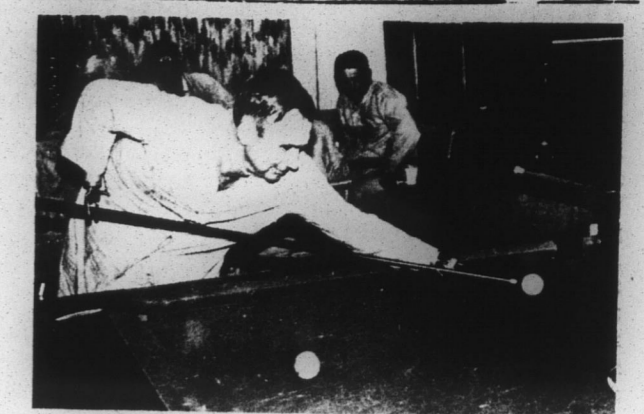
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Weekly Health Tip
Mike Brewer

Nitrosamines
If your diet contains bologna, frankfurters, salami, and other cold-cut type meats containing nitrite preservatives, vitamin C can prevent the nitrite additives from forming cancer-causing nitrosamines in your stomach, reports Dr. S. Mirvish of the U. of Nebraska. Some meat processors are adding vitamin C to nitrite-containing meats, however you may protect yourself by taking vitamin C supplements along with any meals that contain nitrite.

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Perry Abbiotti, who lost both forearms when a land mine exploded in Germany during World War II, plays poker and wins pool tournaments at the Kansas City, Mo., VA Medical Center. Although he also has a glass eye, a 50 percent hearing loss, a major heart condition, and discolorations on his face and body, Abbiotti takes time at the VA Medical Center cheering up fellow veterans and assisting them in engaging in some leisure time activity.

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