

Harper - Southerland Community News
Mrs. Willie R. Harper, Correspondent

The Revival at Harper-Southerland Church came to a close on Sunday night, Dec. 10th, with a good attendance each night. Rev. N. F. Farrior held services each night. The women of the Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Rodney Harper with nine responding to roll call. Mrs. Willie Harper presided and gave the program assisted by Mesdames Rodney Harper and Mary Lou Bishop. Mrs. Ashe Miller, district chairman of Beulaville was a guest. After the meeting the hostess served strawberry and lime jello topped with whipped cream, fruit cake and hot coffee, carrying out the Christmas motif.

Mr. and Mrs. James Southerland and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sutton and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Turner enjoyed an oyster roast at "Trails End" near Wrightsville Beach and came back by Wilmington and saw the world's largest Christmas tree Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Tyndall and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Barwick of Deep Run on Sunday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harper Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Powell and baby, Mrs. Pearl Jones of Deep Run and Miss Bertie Stroud of Holts Store.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Rouse recently were Mr. and Mrs. Billie Roberts of Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sutton visited their small son Lynn, who is a patient in Gastonia recently.

Mrs. Sadie Guy has gone to her daughter, Mrs. Harold Davis in Kinston to recuperate from a kidney ailment after undergoing treatment in a Kinston hospital.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brewer were Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and Nat Hill of Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill of Midway Park were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sutton. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Harper and Granny Lucy Sunday were Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. Oliver Smith and baby of Deep Run, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stroud of Seven Springs, Mr. and Mrs. William Gooding of Wallace and Mrs. A. B. Southerland of Kenansville.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Rose of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Myrick of Roanoke Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Kinston, Mr. and Mrs. William Gooding of Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Aldridge and Mr. Percy Stroud were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brewer Sunday. Mr. Brewer has been a patient at General Memorial Hospital in Kinston but is able to be back home. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Raeford Harper and Mr. and Mrs. Ressie Quinn spent the week end in Raleigh with Mrs. Mary Mewborn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Southerland has been visiting their daughter Mrs. Willie Harper for a few days.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as executor of the estate of D. B. Johnson, deceased, late of Duplin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Chinoquapin, N. C., or Grady Mercer, Beulaville, N. C. on or before the 14th day of November, 1951, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 14th day of December, 1950. George Frank Landen, Executor of D. B. Johnson.

NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of Julian M. Dobson, deceased, late of Duplin County,



Center of Life
Lesson for December 31, 1950

SCRIPTURE: John 15:1-10; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:13-18. DEVOTIONAL READING: John 15:1-12.

HOW does a Christian grow? During the past three months this has been our underlying question. Now at the year's end we come back to the point where we began: to Jesus Christ. When all is said and done, the best way to describe a Christian's life is not "religious" or "spiritual" or even "godly," much less "pious." The best way to describe it is to put the fullest possible meaning into the single word "CHRISTIAN."

"I Have Been Captured"

When you find a hymn by the author of the better-known "O Love that will not let me go," it begins with these lines:

"Make me a captive, Lord, And then I shall be free . . . That sounds upside-down. Captive and free are opposites, aren't they? Not when God is the captor! The American translation of Phil. 3:12 says, 'I have been captured by Jesus Christ.' Paul's word was a strong one; it was the Greek word used when police or soldiers take a man and tie him and lead him off.

People who have gone far in music would understand this. Take two young people, both of whom know something about music, maybe both of them in the same music school. One of them has been captured, so to speak, by music, the other has not. That is to say, in plainer language, music has "got hold" of one of them. There is an irresistible fascination about music for him, every day is too short for the study and practice he wants to do. The other one goes through his lessons, but his heart is not in it.

We need no prophet to tell us which of the two will make a good musician. So it is with the Christian faith. One who has never been captured by Christ may play around with the Christian faith, as the uncaptured music student may play around the music school; but his heart will not be in it.

Name any saint you like in the whole history of Christendom, whether famous like St. Francis or Ballington Booth, or known only to a few, like one of your own family perhaps; you always find that this person, whose Christianity was a living and powerful thing, called Christ Master, and meant it.

"Christ Lives in Me"

There is a more intimate way of putting this. It is true, the Christian has been "captured" by Christ. But this would still leave him on the outside. Christ lives in the Christian, as Paul said. For some people this may seem strange and mystical, but it can be understood by any one who wants to know what Christian living can mean.

Christ in the Christian means that in every situation, in every condition, at every turn of the road, in the everyday choices and conversations, the Christian will be as much like Christ as he possibly can. This is one point on which Christians of every name and church agree. Catholic or Protestant, conservative or liberal, our differences evaporate when our hearts are warm, when we try to think what the ideal Christian life is.

High-level Christians from all over Christendom would all come out with the same story that Paul put into classic words: I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.

"Abide"

"Abide in me and I in you," said Jesus. That is a command and a promise. But the command comes first. Whether we think of the Christian as "in" Christ or Christ as "in" the Christian, it should be a long story, not a short one. Is the sunshine in the flower or the flower in the sunshine? Well, both. Put the flower in the sunshine and keep it there, and the sunshine will get into the flower. The sun makes the flower, not the flower the sun. Yet unless the flower stays in the sunshine, the sun can do nothing for it.

Christ never yet battered his way into any one's life. To know him as an occasional visitor is doubtless better than never knowing him at all. But friendship is far better than acquaintance, and to know him best one must know him always.

But the welcoming heart has him always for a guest. What 1951 will bring no man can tell; but no friend of Christ will be afraid.

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Raleigh, N. C. — There seems to be no last minute change in the status of the 1951 House of Representatives speakership race between Frank Taylor of Wayne and Fred Royster of Vance.

Both sides still are claiming a majority, but both seem to be too optimistic. So-called political experts believe the fence-sitters — those boys who are waiting to see which way the wind blows before jumping — will decide the outcome. In other words, the speakership may go to the man promising the most in the way of committee assignments.

The holidays provided little in the way of news. Most departments were too busy getting their pleas ready for the General Assembly, putting year-round reports together, and worrying about what presents to buy to take time out for politics.

However, some Capitol Hill squatters were jawing about Utilities Commissioner McMahan being pushed for president of Lions International. The interesting part about the rumor going around is that some of the state's big power companies' bigwigs are the ones doing the most pushing for McMahan. They really are touting the Utilities Commissioner for the No. 1 Lions' job.

Meantime, McMahan is making a lot of speeches around the state — telling about operation of the Utilities Commission, of course, but apparently doing a little lion hand-shaking at the same time.

There's no public fanfare, but the Highway Department is pushing a safety campaign continuously. Carelessness costs money, a recent bulletin sent to all hands pointed out. As an example, the bulletin called attention to a recent avoidable accident. Seems the driver of a highway truck parked a mite too close to a railroad track. The result: a train came by, smacked the truck, and it cost the highway department \$250 worth of repairs.

Signs of the road-building times: On the Smithfield side of Clayton, this sign greets the motorist — "Slow to 20 miles per hour if you can't turn around."

The governor's press conferences recently have brought these remarks from the state's chief executive:

That Judge Luther Hamilton "asked me to ask him" to hold special terms of court after his total-disability retirement.

That the State's primary road system needs \$300,000,000 worth of bridge-fixing, re-paving, widening, and by-pass building to put it into shape.

That increased aid in any shape to cities and towns for their street building will call for new taxes.

That building — particularly of schools — should not be held back because of high cost during the emergency. Income will be high, please make immediate payment. This the 27th day of December, 1950.

Mrs. Marie Dobson Canady, Executrix of the estate of Julian M. Dobson. 2-2-6t. M. C.

and building should continue — if it is at all possible to get materials — so that there will not be a backlog of building needed when the emergency is over.

That Governor Scott will make some recommendation to the General Assembly on the question of separating the highway and prison departments. He did not say which way his recommendation would go.

Everette Doffermeyer, publicity-loving Dunn lawyer, found himself in much the same position of the man who sat on his own false teeth and got bit. Doffermeyer jumped into the fight about the Emmett Garner case, recently in the head-

lines of the fact that Jimmy's father was dead and his mother had remarried. The stepfather was not unkind to Jimmy, nor did he lack affection for him; he simply took up little time with him and never made it clear to the boy that he was an integral part of the family, that he was loved as a son should be loved by his father.

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She was advised to seek a more stable relationship with him. New Jimmy is back home, the official adoptive son of the stepfather. His mother has greater understanding of what his needs are, and his father, for one thing, is teaching him to play golf. The neighbors are looking at him more kindly, especially as he can no longer be considered a menace to their own children's behavior.

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Investigation of the family confirmed this indication. Jimmy's mother was highly emotional and unstable herself; at one moment she would lavish love and affection on the boy, but at the slightest hint of misbehavior on his part she flew into a rage and would punish him severely. An hour after, she might again lavish affection on him. Through her, Jimmy received no constructive guidance in changing his ways. Compounding the situa-

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and committee the Smith sentence. The governor did not interfere, and Garner went to the gas chamber for healing his wife to death.

Ardent Willis Smith-Supporter, Anti-Administration Doffermeyer charged that Garner died because "The Governor of North Carolina did not follow the advice and counsel of a person who is learned in the law."

The resulting publicity brought out a published story that Doffermeyer had served as attorney for a man he sentenced to jail while serving as Dunn Recorder's Court Judge, and helped get a parole for that man. Doffermeyer denied any improper procedure in the case, but was turned over to the State Bar Association for study. No disposition of the case has been made as yet by the Bar Association.

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Eight-year-old Larry Helms, minister of the Little Church of Dixie, C.M.U., conducts Sunday services for his congregation—all youngsters two to eight years old.

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NEW YORK — Communist domination of the Korean Bible School occurred during the city's liberation, reports received at the Bible Society headquarters in New York.

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