



UPCHURCH CANDIDATES -- These girls have been nominated to compete for the title of Upchurch Junior High School May Queen. The winner will be crowned at the May Prom Friday. Front row, L-R -- Dianne McLaurin, Carol Locklear, Amy Booker, Earline Cupps, and Darlene Cupps. Eighth Grade; and, rear -- Kelly Calloway, Tosha McLean, Sheri Bratcher, Novella McDougald, Felicia Cagle, and Teresa Ramsey. Seventh Grade. Two girls were chosen from each home room of their grades to compete. The queen will be chosen by majority vote in the student election. The two runnersup from each grade will be in the queen's May Court. [Staff photo.]



SCURLOCK WINNERS -- These children and five others absent when the picture was taken Friday are in Mrs. Virginia Smith's Second Grade class which won the South Hoke School "Save the Lighthouse" contest with the bulletin board they made and can be seen behind them. Every one of the 26 students in the class helped to make the display. Mrs. Smith said. The class was given sea shells collected from the beach near the lighthouse, the Cape Hatteras, on Hatteras Island. The school also was awarded a "Keeper of the Light" certificate, which can be seen on the wall to the right of the bulletin board, by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., and U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms. The class was allowed to show the certificate in its room for having won the school contest. The sea shells and the certificate were presented by Kay Thomas, chairman of the Hoke County "Save the Lighthouse" fundraising campaign, which is part of the statewide campaign. The money raised will pay for installations to prevent continuation of the beach erosion which is threatening the lighthouse. [Staff photo.]



STORY TELLER -- Hoke County Schools Supt. Raz Autry is shown here with Lena McNeill on his lap and three "mice" shortly after he finished telling one of the children's stories he told Friday morning in the McLaughlin School library in the National Library Week program. The "mice" are, L-R, William McGregor, Wayne Lloyd, and Tamika McGill. The children are in Miss Woodward's class. Mrs. Shuchard is the class's teacher's aide. [Staff photo.]

Sunday School

Background Scripture:
Revelation 4 through 5
Devotional Reading:
Psalm 136: 1-9

During the past ten to fifteen years there has been a movement to bring about renewal of worship. It was evident that what happens in most churches on Sunday mornings is often dull at best or depressing at worst. Although church going is a habit that has managed to survive in the nuclear age, it is also obvious that for many, many people, particularly our youth, the Sunday morning worship service is not answering a felt need.

As a result of these perceptions many changes have been instituted in worship, including more participation by the congregation, the use of contemporary language, music and art forms, to name just a few. Some Christians have been pleased by the changes and, predictably, some have not. In some congregations the movement produced some long-lasting changes in worship style, while in others the innovations proved to be no more than a passing fad.

If there was a failure in this movement, I think it was to realize that, although changes in form and style may have been necessary, these changes by themselves cannot possibly transform our experience of worship. If worship is to be a vital force what is required is, not so much changes in the form of worship, but in the inner consciousness of the individual.

For example, take the experience of the author of Revelation. He attempts to share with us his experience saying: "After this I looked, and lo, in heaven an open door! And the first voice, which I heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up hither, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the Spirit..." (Rev. 4:1, 2a). John responded to a call to "Come up hither" and as a result he was at once "in the Spirit."

John had an experience of revelation from God because he allowed his consciousness to "come up hither," to rise above the realm of reason and the sense world of materiality. He let go of his inner self and allowed it to be momentarily freed of his physical body and calculating mind. His was a mystical experience which cannot be adequately defined or explained but can be experienced by any who will allow themselves to be lost in the presence of God.

For a moment, John forgot John and concentrated on God in Christ: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" When John lost himself in the worthiness of God, he experienced true worship.



FIELD DAY CHAMPS -- The children of Mrs. Hiawatha Howard's class, shown with their teacher, won the Scurlock School Kindergarten Field Day championship last week. Mrs. Howard is holding the championship flag. [Staff photo.]

Sasser Named President

Rhone Sasser, president and chief executive officer of United Carolina Bank, Whiteville, has been elected to the additional office of president of the bank's parent, United Carolina Bancshares Corporation (UCB).

L.R. Bowers, chairman and chief executive officer of UCB, made the announcement following Thursday's board of directors' meeting.

At its annual stockholder's meeting held Thursday, UCB announced that income before securities transactions, restated for the acquisition of the Bank of Raeford accounted for by the

pooling of interest method, amounted to \$2,127,000 for the three months ended March 31, 1982, as compared to \$2,108,000 for the same period in 1981. On a per share basis, this amounted to \$.82 in 1982 as compared to \$.83 in 1981, a 1.27% decrease.

Bowers stated that "the first quarter results were adversely affected by additional costs incurred during the consolidation of our operations functions into the new building in Monroe. These costs will be eliminated as the consolidation of our operations functions is completed and efficiencies are recognized."

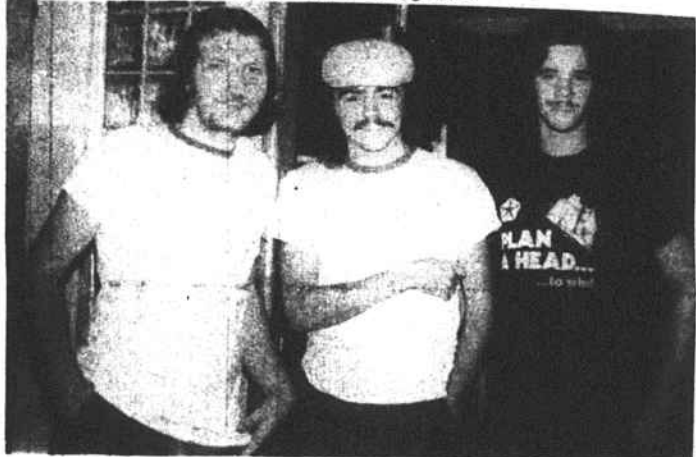
The Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$.27 per share to stockholders of record May 5, 1982, payable May 12, 1982.

Sasser, 45, has been president of United Carolina Bank and one of its predecessors since January, 1978. The bank currently is North Carolina's seventh largest banking organization with over \$775 million in assets and 88 offices in 48 North Carolina communities.

Sasser is a native of Hallsboro and a 1954 honors graduate of N.C. State University. He is also a graduate of The Executive Program of Professional Management Education, the Bank Administration Institute's Graduate Program, and The School of Banking of the South.

He serves as a member of the North Carolina Banking Commission and is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

He is currently a member of the executive board of the Cape Fear Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and was recently awarded the Silver Beaver, the Council's highest award for leadership in scouting.



AT CENTER -- These three men got together for this informal picture Thursday night at the Sandhills Youth Center. L-R -- Ronald Moody, Glenn Holbrook, and Larry Edwards. [Staff photo.]

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