## Lumber Bridge News

## by Lib Sumner

Presbyterian Church

The twenty-third annual Home coming Service was observed Sunday at the Presbyterian Church This two hundred and ten years old church was filled with members. former members, friends, who look forward to this annual service each year. The Reverend Dr. P. Leslie Bullock, recently retired chairman of the Dept. of Religion and of Christianity and Culture Curricu-lum Program of Saint Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg delivered the sermon, "A Faithful Future.

Mrs. D.G. Malloy, Jr., Organist, gave the welcome and J. Worth Williford, a Ruling Elder in the Peace Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, gave the response. The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary were in loving memory of the late Deacon N. Hunter Forbis. Everyone enjoyed the Banquet served in the Stamps Fellowship Hall. Baptist Church

October 24th the Annual Homecoming Day at the Baptist Church. The guest speaker will be Reverend Frank Turner, a former pastor. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. at the Education Center. October 21-22, Annual meeting

of the Robeson Baptist Association, Thursday night at West Lumberton and Friday morning at Singletary Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Shaw of Cincinnati, Ohio spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Clifton, Jr. They attended the Presbyterian Church on Sun-

day. Mrs. Jon Evans, Alison and Susan of Raleigh were guests of Mrs. John Covington over the weekend. They were present for the service at the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Shook visited

relatives in Hendersonville and Stanley, N.C. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sumner and Selina of Fayetteville spent Sunday with Mrs. S.F. Sumner and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Lewis.

Mrs. Grace Thompson, Mrs. Maxine Ivey, Mrs. Betty Elliott and Michael Ivey attended the Home-coming Service at Mt. Calvary Church in Bladenboro last Sunday.

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Miss Ann Horton of Baltimore is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Horton.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry L. Foster spent last week in the mountains and visiting friends in Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Walker Stamps of

Hampton, Va., attended the Pres-byterian Homecoming Sunday.

Mrs. Edith Troutman from Statesville arrived on Saturday for the service at the Presbyterian Church and to spend several days with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ann Troutman

Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Beck spent Saturday night and Sunday in Keysville, Va. visiting relatives and attended the Homecoming Day at the Cool Spring Christian Church. Miss Julia McIver has been a patient in Southeastern Memorial Hospital for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Gilmer Forbis came home from Cape Fear Hospital last week. Mrs. Rob Schoch and son, Jeffrey of Vanceboro spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Hunter Forbis.

Miss Betsy Watson spent the weekend with her parents, Mayor and Mrs. Clarence Watson, Betsy is a student at N.C.S.U.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dunn and son, Strother returned home Sunday from a trip to Orlando, Fla. and to Disney World.

All the visitors mentioned in this news attended the Presbyterian Homecoming on Sunday. Also. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Marley and son, Jason of Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Marley, Jr. of Raleigh were visitors in Red Springs with their mother, Mrs. W.G. Marley.

Birthday party Jonathan Elliott celebrated his fourth birthday on Thursday evening, October 14, 1982.

Many of his relatives and friends were invited for cake and ice cream. Shorty King of Fayetteville was among the guests. The children played games and were given gum and candy as favors. Jonathan received many nice gifts and everyone enjoyed the party very much.



FOOD FOR NEEDY -- West Hoke school children brought a total of 462 FOOD FOR NEEDY -- West Hoke school children brought a total of 402 cans and other packages of nonperishable food last week to give to five needy families living in the school's attendance area. The occasion was World Hunger Week. Here representatives of West Hoke's grades. Kindergarten through Four, are shown with the donations. Standing, L-R -- David Johnson. Third Grade: Stacy Daniels. Second: Stephany Needham, Second: Debbie Willis, Third: Juanita Lowery, Third: Linda English Fourth: Ontario Flower, Fourth: and Shelia Shaw, Fourth Front. English. Fourth: Ontario Flower. Fourth: and Shelia Shaw, Fourth. Front. L-R -- Danita Kershaw. Kindergarten: Tammy Coxe. Third: Andrea Lupo. Third: Tasha Haynes. Second: Wenona Lowery. First: Jan Hughes. First: and John Hofferberth. first.

**Background Scripture:** Leviticus 25. Devotional Reading: Leviticus 26:3-5, 40-46

The Book of Leviticus is not one of the most popular of the Old Testament. You are not likely to hear many sermons preached from it, nor to have committed any of it to memorization. To many, it seems a book written for the ancient past and not for today.

Yet there are very important issues in Leviticus that are relevant to our own time. This is particularly true of the provision for sabbath years and the Year of Jubilee. In preparation for enter-taining the promised land, God commanded the people through Moses to practice a sabbath ecology in their use of the land he would give them: "...six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in its fruits; but in the

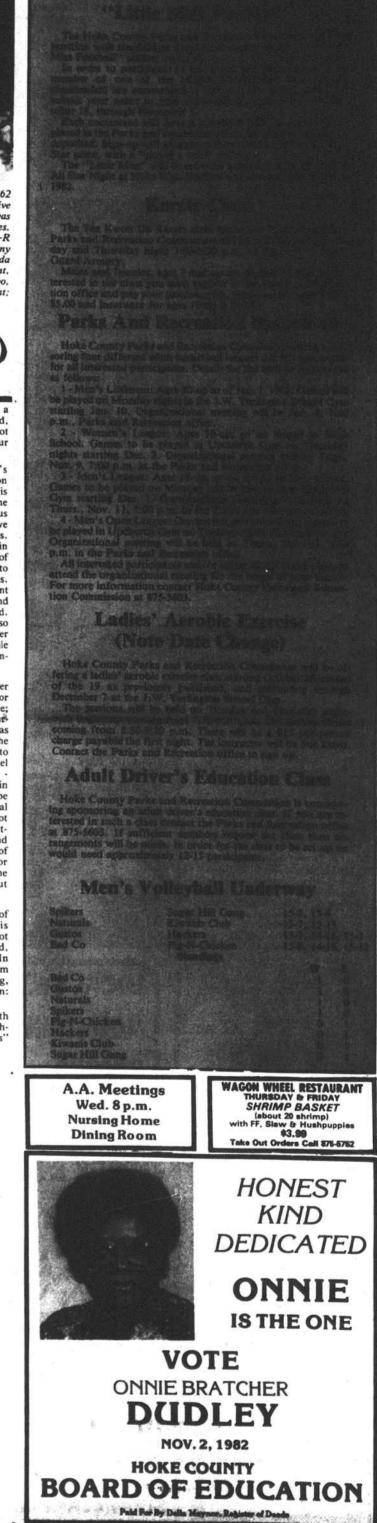
seventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to the Lord; you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard" (25:3, 4)

Too often we regard God's commandments as the imposition of arbitrary requirements, but this passage makes it clear that the sabbath is intended, not to make us "toe the mark." but to preserve hat God puts into our hands. There is a recognition that in nature there must be a cycle of work and rest if productivity is to be preserved for future generations. The sabbath idea is a restraint against unbridled exploitation and exhaustion of their natural world. How strange, then, that today so many avowed Christians are either indifferent or even violently hostile to stewardship and ecological concerns!

Leviticus also enunciates another truth that is often overlooked or ignored by us: "the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojour-ners with me" (25:23). Israel was indeed the promised land to the Hebrews, but Israel belongs to God, not Israel. The tribes of Israel are but temporary inhabitants -"sojourners." Their continuance in the land of Canaan was to be dependent upon their convenantal relationship with the Lord, not some natural or legal right. (Whatever the basis for the existance and perpetuity of the modern nation of Israel, it is not a Biblical basis, for the Bible makes it clear that the land belongs, not to any nation, but to God).

This brings us to the Year of Jubilee commandment. In this observance. God is concerned not only with the ecology of the land, but also the ecology of people. In this year the Jews shall refrain from sowing, reaping, and gathering, and it shall be a year of liberation:

"And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants' (25:10).





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