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**THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT**

**LAZY CHRISTIANS:** I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.—Revelation 3:15,16.

**TRAFFIC REGULATIONS NEEDED**

The traffic situation in Hertford has certainly undergone a very great improvement in the last few months. By providing free parking space on the Town Lot and by enforcement of the regulation which prohibits left-hand parking on down-town Church Street, the situation is greatly relieved.

But other improvements are still necessary. There is one, at least, which should be made speedily. No U turn should be permitted at the intersection of Church and Market Streets, nor at the Church and Grubb intersection.

Church Street is too narrow, in the first place, for U turns. Furthermore, it is the main highway and should always be unobstructed. There is frequently heavy traffic, moving in both directions, on this street, and traffic will increase as time goes on.

If all automobile drivers used the discretion which many exercise, it would not be necessary to have an ordinance with respect to U turns, for no driver would make this turn when traffic is heavy. There are times when the traffic is light and when it would seem that there is no danger in making a U turn. But the careless and the thoughtless driver, who, incidentally, is the one who causes the trouble and who makes regulations necessary, makes the U turn, regardless of conditions and without regard to the convenience or to the danger to others.

The second improvement necessary in traffic regulations in Hertford, is a stop-light at the intersection of Edenton Road and Dobb Street. That is a dangerous intersection, both for the motorist and for the pedestrian. Many school children must walk past this intersection every day, and at an hour when the traffic is very heavy.

There ought to be a stop-light at this corner.

**Funeral Thursday For Miss Emma White**

Miss Emma L. White, 66, died Wednesday morning, October 6, at 3:45 o'clock at her home at Belvidere, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at the home at 2:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, with the Rev. John W. Trivette, pastor of the Piney Woods Friends Church, of which Miss White was a member, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mrs. Bertha Smith White, former pastor.

Miss White, who was a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Perquimans, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elihu A. White, took an active interest in church affairs, as well as in the community life.

A graduate of Guilford College, of the class of 1892, she taught for several years in the old Belvidere Academy, the Friends school which was for many years the leading school in the Albemarle. She also taught in the Atlantic Collegiate Institute in Elizabeth City.

She was a woman of unusually fine character and charm of manner, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her and loved by a host of friends.

Surviving are three sisters, Misses Clara M., Margaret B. and Lucy White, and by one brother, Dr. Eubert S. White, all of Belvidere.

**PENDER ROAD NEWS**

Mrs. Mamie Farmer is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stallings and son, William, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Corpew, on the Edenton Highway, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. G. T. Hawkins, of Hertford, spent a few days last week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. White.

J. B. Perry made a recent trip to Greenville and Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Umphlett, of Weaverville, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. C. M. Umphlett.

Mrs. R. A. Perry and son, J. B., visited in the homes of Murray Perry, Sidney Sutton and Glenn Hobbs, near Elizabeth City, Sunday.

**ACCORDING TO THE RECORD**

By Mattie Lister White

That Perquimans County is actually the birthplace of the colony, notwithstanding all that has been said about the Cradle, is indicated in a statement attributed to Mayor Silas M. Whedbee this week.

Mayor Whedbee's claim is based on historical fact.

Long before there is any record of a settlement anywhere in Carolina the colony was begun in Perquimans.

"The territory between Perquimans and Little Rivers was, as we think, the first land cleared and cultivated. It was fertile when Durant commenced his labors in 1660—it is fertile yet."

(Vol. 2, page 217, History of North Carolina by Francis L. Hawks, published in 1858.)

"Durant at once began his clearing, and as the location of any previous settlement has not been ascertained, Durants Neck is the oldest known clearing in Albemarle."

(Vol. 1, page 60, History of North Carolina by Samuel A. Ashe, published in 1908.)

Though historians frankly state that little is known of the administration of William Drummond, appointed governor in 1664, the first governor under the Lords Proprietors, and no mention is made in written history of where he lived after his appointment, this first governor of Carolina actually lived in Durants Neck, his house having been built near the shore on Little River Point, where the river flows into Albemarle Sound. All of the old residents of Durants Neck knew the location. The site had become inundated many years ago when Mrs. C. C. Winslow, of Hertford, a member of one of the oldest families of the county, was shown the spot by her mother when the river was at low tide, when the foundations of the house, the bricks from the chimney, the well and tree stumps were pointed out to her.

All that section was known at that early period as Little River, or Little River Point, as many old records indicate. There was a settlement there, including the office of the comptroller of customs, the pillory and stocks and, doubtless, a courthouse. The Great Seal of Albemarle was also there.

"Tim Biggs, of the County of Albemarle, alias Roanoke in ye province of Carolina, deposeseth . . . Given under my hand this 4th day of february, '79, at my office Little River Point."

(Vol. 1, page 316, Colonial Records.)

"At a court holden at ye gran court house for the precinct of Perquimans ye second tuesday in Oct. 1701, being ye 14th day." (Court Records)

"Given at Mr. George Durants house under the seal of the County of Albemarle the 6th day of Feb. Anno Dom. being the 20th year of our possession of Carolina. Witness Seth Sothel, Esq., one of the true and absolute lords proprietors of the province of Carolina, Governor and commander in chief of the said province, and our true and well beloved counsellors, who have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

SETH SOTHEL  
ANTHONY SLOCUM  
THOMAS HARVEY  
JAMES BLOUNT.

Examined and entered the 26th day of May 1688."

(Book A, page No. 36, Register of Deeds Office, Perquimans County.)

One of the oldest public documents in the State, according to Dr. Hawkes, found on the minutes of Berkley precinct court, preserved in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Perquimans County, bears date of December 3, 1679, being the

appointment of George Durant, Alexander Lillington, Ralph Fletcher, and Caleb Calloway, Esquires, as justices of the peace, the appointment being made by John Harvey, Esq., "governor, president of the council and commander-in-chief of the forces in Albemarle, in the province of Carolina."

In the year 1722 an act was passed by the Assembly entitled an Act for Settling the Precinct Courts and Courthouses, and the courthouse for Perquimans was ordered to be built on "Jonathan Phelps Point, at the narrows", now Hertford.

Hertford is not an old town. That is, it is only 179 years since the charter was granted, in 1758. Long before that time, however, the Perquimans Courthouse had been located at Phelps Point, there was a ferry across the river here and the colonists were traveling by land, whereas in the earliest days most of the travel was by water.

One by one, the old families who had lived in Durants Neck moved up to Hertford, the Whedbees, the Reeds and others, descendants of George Durant. Though it was not until after the Civil War and the slaves were gone that the last of the plantation owners left Little River in Durants Neck, which appears from the records to have been the beginning of the colony.

**SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES HERE MONDAY, NOV. 1**

Judge R. Hunt Parker Will Preside at Fall Term

Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, will preside at the Fall Term of Perquimans Superior Court, which will convene in Hertford on Monday, November 1.

This is a mixed term, for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, but indications are that it will be a short term, as only four criminal cases appear on the docket; and, while there are some 25 civil cases, it is highly probable that few will be for trial. The members of the bar are expected to meet shortly, probably the latter part of this week, to arrange the civil calendar.

The jurors for the term, drawn at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, are as follows: Miles E. Dail, Abbott Hunter, W. W. Copeland, John Broughton, Jack E. Brinn, Willard Humphries, E. T. White, W. G. Hollowell, H. L. Turner, J. J. Long, D. E. Winslow, Edgar Riddick, H. D. Elliott, Warren Cartwright, William Weston, J. Luther Winslow, J. W. Carver, Jake L. White, J. Herbert Layden, J. W. Lamb, Fred S. Winslow, W. J. Halsey, Horton Copeland, G. A. Butt, Earl Russell, Jesse A. Hurdle, H. L. Wood, Claude D. White, Sammie M. Winslow, C. W. Reed, Walter Umphlett, Elmer C. Ward, J. V. Stallings and I. D. White.

**SNOW HILL NEWS**

Miss Daisy Matthews, of Old Neck, and Miss Blanch Cartwright, of Snow Hill, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright.

Mrs. Nellie Sumner and daughter, Emily Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Hurdle and children, of Hurdletown, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell and

daughter, Carolyn Dean, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gregory, in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. J. H. Harrell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright and family were in Elizabeth City

**CLASSIFIED LEGALS**

HOME FOR RENT, LOCATED AT Belvidere, 8 miles from Hertford. Mrs. J. A. Chappell, 828 Shirley Ave., Norfolk, Va. oct.8tf.

FARMS FOR RENT — SMALL farms and large farms for tractors. Conveniently located. Buildings, soil, and drainage good. Applicant must state equipment and references. Write Farm Bureau, Perquimans Weekly, Hertford, N. C.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Perquimans County, made in the special proceeding entitled Pauline B. Madre and husband, W. F. Madre, Jr., Plaintiffs vs Evalena (Eleanor) Hall and husband, Semore Hall, et als, defendants, the same being No. . . . upon the special proceeding docket of said court, the undersigned commissioner, will, on the 30th day of October, 1937, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, at the courthouse door in Hertford, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract of land lying and being in Hertford Township, Perquimans County, N. C., adjoining the lands of W. F. Madre, Sr., and others, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

First Tract: Bounded on the north by lands belonging to W. F. Madre, Sr., and T. E. Madre, on the east by lands belonging to H. C. Stokes, on the south by lands belonging to J. A. Madre and W. F. Madre, Jr., on the west by the Norfolk & Southern Railroad, containing . . . acres, more or less. For further description see reference below.

Second Tract: Bounded on the north by lands belonging to J. A. Madre and W. F. Madre, Jr., on the east by the Norfolk & Southern Railroad, on the south by . . . and on the west by lands belonging to Henry Blanchard, containing . . . acres, more or less. See reference below.

The above described two tracts of land is the same property as shown by plat, said property being marked No. 1 in deed of division between George Ballard and L. E. Taylor, being L. E. Taylor's part of the division, and registered in Public Registry of Perquimans County, N. C., in Deed Book 9, page 115, which see for further description.

This the 28th day of September, 1937.

CHAS. E. JOHNSON, Commissioner.

Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Under and by virtue of an order of Superior Court of Perquimans County in that special proceeding entitled M. L. Cartwright et als vs. Rennie Ownly et als, the undersigned Commissioner of the Court will sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash on Saturday, November 6, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon, that certain real estate situate in Belvidere Township, Perquimans County, North Carolina, bounded and described as follows:

Bounded on the North by what is known as the Richmond Cedar Works Lands; on the East by what is known as the Winslow Lands; on the South by what is known as the B. W. Wilkins Land (now Stallings Land); on the West by Richmond Cedar Works Land, containing 139 acres, more or less, and being the same tract of land whereon R. M. Ownly resided at the time of his death and known as the R. M. Ownly Home Place.

W. I. HALSTEAD, Commissioner of the Court.

This October 1st, 1937.

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Saturday morning. Rufus Harrell was in this neighborhood Monday morning.

Services will be held on Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock at Woodland Church. All are invited.

Presenting FOR THE FIRST TIME 17 JEWEL BULOVA Lady Bulova Only 29<sup>75</sup>

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Monday and Tuesday, October 11-12—

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**BROADWAY MELODY of 1938**  
with George Murphy

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Wednesday, October 13—

**PRIZE NIGHT**  
TIME OUT FOR HILARITY!

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