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FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1955.

Salute To 4-H'ers

Our congratulations to Perquimans County 4-H Club boys and girls who carried off most of the honors in the Albemarle Fatstock Show and Sale last week.

The manner in which the county club members continue to win outstanding honors each year speaks well for the program being offered 4-H members, and reveals a great interest on the part of the boys and girls toward individual projects.

We also salute the parents of these youths for the encouragement and support given at home which, no doubt, provides additional incentive on the part of the youths to excel in these livestock projects.

Asks Ike To Avoid War

Forty-seven prominent Americans recently wired President Dwight D. Eisenhower and asked that he take "immediate steps" to get the United States out of the dangerous situation in the Formosa Strait by a clear-cut declaration of policy. That declaration, they said, should include a decision not to get involved in a war over the off-shore islands.

Among those appealing to Mr. Eisenhower were Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Elmer Davis, Norman Thomas, W. P. Kennedy, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Benjamin Cohen, former State Department Advisor, several Harvard Professors, and many others. They contend that the dispute over the offshore islands is a confused one, which should not be considered a possible cause for war by the United States government.

Among other things, their plea included this statement: "We submit that the islands over which this threat arises are inseparable from the mainland by reason of their situation and, as you observed some months ago, not essential for the defense of Formosa and the Pescadores." The group asked the President to submit the problem to the United Nations, as had Adlai Stevenson earlier, and as have several other prominent Americans.

U. S. Pension Fund Increases

The old-age and survivors insurance trust fund of the U. S. Government continues to increase. Congress was told a few days ago

that it totals at the end of the last fiscal year \$30,042,615,000. This represents a rise of \$1,576,250,000 in the twelve-month period. At the same time, it was revealed that the number of persons in employment covered now by old-age and survivors insurance is 61,000,000. As of last June 30th, the number who were beneficiaries was 6,469,000.

Benefit payments to the trust fund rose in 1954, because of the increase in the contribution rate which took effect on January 1, 1954. Figures show that payments and receipts both increased in the last fiscal year. Payments went up by \$647,000,000 or a total of twenty-four per cent over the preceding year. Receipts rose \$556,000,000, or twelve per cent. The result was still a surplus of more than one and a half billion for the year.

It is estimated that the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund will continue to grow in the next five years. Even if business suffers a decline, it is expected that several billion dollars will be added to the fund in the next five-year period.

The most encouraging thing about the fund is the fact that it is now drawing a considerable interest income, since it is directed by law that the billions be invested in Government securities. Last year almost half a billion dollars was realized from the Government in interest alone.

Altogether, it seems that the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund is working out soundly, as planned, and that workers need not fear there will not be funds or that Congress will have to enact special legislation to cover payments.

FAMILY REUNION

The family of Mrs. R. L. Spivey, Sr., held its reunion Sunday at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark on Perquimans River. A picnic dinner was enjoyed.

Those present were Mrs. R. L. Spivey, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ives, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ives, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris and children.

Dr. and Mrs. Billie Clark and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Basnight, Mrs. Etta Walters, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Spivey and sons, Jerry, Johnnie and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tuck and children, Joe and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson and daughters, Ruthie, Laura and Jo, Mrs. Vivian Mathews and children, Kay and Edward, Mrs. Naomi McDonald, and daughters, Carol and Diane, M. M. Spivey, Sr., Mrs. M. M. Spivey, Jr. and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wati Window and children, Robert, Pat and Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spivey, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Spivey and children, Rachel and Carson, Jr.

CLUB MEETS

The Beech Spring Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. J. R. Askew on May 10th. Mrs. Joe Layden, president, presided over the meeting, beginning with all singing "America, The Beautiful." Mrs. Askew gave the devotional, reading the 4th Chapter of Matthew and leading in prayer. Mrs. W. H. Lamb read the April minutes which were approved and called the roll with 14 present. Both old and new business was discussed.

Mrs. J. P. Chesson, Sr., gave a reading and some advice on growing strawberries. She gave a book report, a current event. Mrs. Joe Perry, Citizenship Leader, gave a reading on Ground Observer Corps. Mrs. Wayland Howell and Mrs. W. J. Perry gave articles from the home demonstration news letter.

The meeting was turned over to the home agent, Miss Kimsey Perry, who gave a talk on "Fall Garden Production."

The club adjourned with all repeating the Club Collect in unison, after which the hostess served refreshments.

Small Oversight

"Did you cancel all my engagements, as I told you, Parker?" "Yes, sir, but Lady Millicent didn't take it very well. She said you were to marry her next Monday."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

HEZEKIAH ATTEMPTS RECONCILIATION

International Sunday School Lesson for May 22, 1955.

Memory Selection: "The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn his face from you, if ye return unto Him."

—II Chronicles 30:9.

Lesson Text: II Chronicles 30:1-13.

Ahaz, the father of Hezekiah, was a very disastrous king for the people of Judah. He was a worshiper of idols and practiced the abomination of child sacrifice, offering some of his own children to Molech. In foreign policy, he made himself a vassal and subservient to the Assyrians, thereby hoping to buy their favor.

Reasoning that the Assyrian gods must be greater than his God because the Assyrian king had proved himself to be stronger than Ahaz, so Ahaz had the Temple doors permanently closed and ordered altars to the Assyrian gods erected in various spots all over the city of Jerusalem and in other cities of Judah.

It is not surprising, then, that the condition of the country grew steadily worse under this wicked king—both religiously and economically.

As we read the record concerning Hezekiah, the son of Ahaz, we cannot help but wonder how such an evil father happened to have such a godly son. After stating the young king's age and parentage, the historian then makes this comment: "He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father (forefather) had done" II Chronicles 29:2.

Hezekiah is rated as one of the best rulers Judah ever had. In fact, he is placed at the top of the list of kings. He instituted many reforms, and during his reign both prosperity and happiness seemed to return. Undisturbed by the conflicting ambitions of neighboring nations, Hezekiah refused to jeopardize the safety and happiness of his people by using them as pawns in the international diplomacy of his day. Trustful in nature himself, he trusted in the God of Israel to protect his people. The records show that his period of government was unusually successful.

Observing the evil effects which followed the drifting away from Jehovah, Hezekiah early set about to bring a return to the ancient worship of Jehovah. Nor was he content to confine his influence to the inhabitants of Judah alone, but, in an invitation which he sent out for the observance of the Passover, he included the people of the Northern Kingdom, as well.

Since the division which followed Solomon's death, the Northern tribes had remained separate and, in the beginning, had made an effort to set up a rival worship to that at Jerusalem. In the process of time, this substitute had fallen and Hezekiah saw an opportunity not only to restore religious unity but, perhaps also, to bring about racial cooperation as well.

There is some question as to the exact time of this invitation by Hezekiah, some thinking it followed one of the Assyrian invasions, while others think it came after the capture of the North Kingdom. The reference in verse 6 to "the remnant" seems to indicate the latter.

The response to Hezekiah's decision to reinstate the observance of the Passover, one of the three great festivities of the Jews, differed considerably in the two kingdoms. The inhabitants of Israel received his message with unconcern and some ridicule, although when the celebration finally took place at Jerusalem, there were a number of visitors from these tribes present.

In Judah, however, the response was much more favorable and, as a result of the initiative of the good king, plans and preparations for the renewal of this festival proceeded rapidly. Owing to the shortness of time, the observance could not take place in the month specified, but, acting upon a liberal provision of the Mosaic law, it was observed one month later.

The celebration itself was a great success, so much so that it was spontaneously extended to fourteen days instead of the usual seven. It marked the rebirth of religious zeal in Judah, which, notwithstanding subsequent relaxations, resulted in great good to the inhabitants. Hezekiah's reign was one of un-

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Sweet Sixteen THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH. How proud Mother and Dad are of their lovely young graduate. They bank in the glow from her fresh beauty and quite understandably feel a sense of accomplishment. Raising a baby daughter and seeing her attain this threshold is an achievement. But hold on there, Dad, before you burst with natural pride. What have you given this daughter other than the physical necessities of food and clothing? What have you done about her spiritual needs? And, Mother, you who have often denied yourself for this beloved girl, what inner endowment have you passed on? Have you enriched her soul with faith and understanding? How about it, parents of this lovely graduate, have you given your daughter the religious training and habit of regular church attendance that will help her more than all else to meet life's problems with tranquility, to make the most of her promising future?

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Perquimans Church Services

HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH James O. Mattox, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Evening Worship, 8 o'clock. Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST Joe Brickhouse, Pastor First Sunday 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.

BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH Phil H. Quidley, Pastor Church services second Sunday at 11 A. M., fourth Sunday at 8 P. M. Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.

PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES H. M. Jamieson, Pastor First Sunday: New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M. Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M. Second Sunday: Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M. Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M. Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.

Anderson's Methodist Church P. M. Porter, Jr. Church School, 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

Woodville Baptist Church Hugh Ross Williams, Pastor Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M. First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH James Rahenkamp, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Church Services 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M. Prayer Service, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

Bethel Baptist Church Rev. J. D. Stoner, Pastor Sunday School 10 A. M. Morning worship 11 A. M. Evening service 8 P. M.

Piney Woods Friends Church D. Virgil Pike, Pastor Church School 10 A. M. Morning worship 11 A. M. Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

Whiteville Grove Baptist Church Caleb Goodwin, Jr., Pastor Sunday School 10:30 A. M., every Sunday except third Sunday. Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

Hertford Methodist Church I. S. Richmond, Pastor Church School 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock. Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M. Evening worship, 7:30 P. M. Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Coy S. Saunders, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship 11 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 6:30 P. M. Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week Services Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Rev. Paul E. Shultz, Pastor 9:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 1st Sunday. 11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer, 2nd Sunday. 11:00 A. M., Holy Communion 3rd Sunday. 7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer, 4th Sunday. 7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer, 5th Sunday. 9:45 A. M., Church School, Every Sunday.

Berra Church of Christ Walter Perry, Pastor 2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:30 A. M. Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M. Evening worship first and third Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

Chappell Hill Baptist Church Rev. Ralph Knight, Pastor Sunday School every first Sunday at 2 P. M.; preaching at 3 P. M. Sunday School every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday at 11 A. M.

Assembly of God G. E. Lawrence, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Worship at 11 A. M. CA. 7:30 P. M. Evangelistic Service, 8 P. M.

BE A GOOD CITIZEN! GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

Be Safe... Let us SINCLAIR-ize your car every 1000 miles. JOE & BILL'S SERVICE STATION RAY WHITE, Prop.

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