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**Summer And Water**

Again it's time to swim and sun and enjoy the summer weather. And this summer thousands will be involved in boating accidents, drownings and avoidable tragedies.

Some who read this editorial will take a foolish chance and might lose their lives as a result. If you are not a good swimmer, or if you are out of shape, you should be cautious about taking rides or going fishing in crowded boats or in questionable weather.

If you have just eaten a big meal, you should be able to restrain yourself from the urge to swim, even if others do. Water is deceptively dangerous for human beings. It appears so harmless few of us realize how quickly we can drown in it.

Panic in the water can cost you your life in less than five minutes. Once you begin to swallow water your intake of oxygen is cut off and you black out almost immediately. If you are suddenly thrown into the water with heavy clothes and shoes on and you are not in the best of physical condition, it takes only a minute to lose control of the situation and pay the penalty of life itself.

The surprising thing to so

many safety experts in the number of non-swimmers who take chances in boats, without life preservers, and around water, including the surf.

For 1961 keep safety and prudence in mind as you go about your vacation. If this editorial is remembered by just one person and if it induces him or her to avoid death this year, it will have served a splendid purpose. Many others are certain to die unnecessarily.

**Government And Auctions**

Every so often government property is offered for sale to the public. The cases of this kind are rare in any one area but in some parts of the country the government is disposing of land or preparing to dispose of it practically all of the time.

This land is sold by competitive bid and this is well and good. But when the land is turned over to private auctioneers the results are not always desirable. As a matter of policy, the federal government should conduct its own sales—so that the methods followed will be strictly in line and standard operating procedure.

In the first place, the people from whom the government bought the land have a first right to reacquire it. In the second, if there is to be an auction, it should be held by government officials who can either accept sealed bids above a certain minimum or allow bidding above a certain minimum.

We are discussing federal land sales as a matter of general policy and no specific sale. They should be handled in a dignified, unemotional and business-like manner. They are not vaudeville nor comedy but business and the people's business and there is no justification for sales by any method other than government-handled sales, with government representatives responsible for what goes on at the sales.

He who would acquire fame must not show himself afraid of censure. —Simms.

**PERQUIMANS NFA TEAMS IN STATE CONTEST**

Perquimans Union NFA judging team won third place in the livestock judging contest conducted June 8 at the state-wide judging contest in Greensboro, N. C.

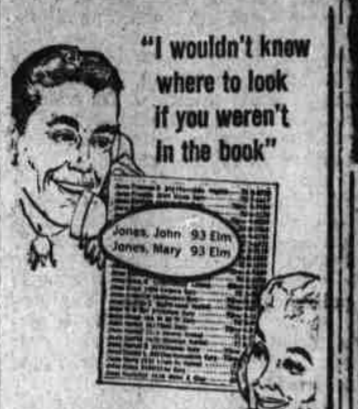
Members of the team were Charles Wills, Carlton Felton and Donald Modlin.

The quartet was composed of Eddie Moore, Eddie Felton, Wilbert Gramby and Leroy White. The quartet won second place in the district contest.

**Returned The Compliment**

School Teacher (Just before vacation)—Now children, I hope you will have a pleasant summer and, what is more important, come back with a little more sense in your heads.

Children (in chorus)—Same to you, miss.



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**Sunday School Lesson**

**THE POWER OF THE TONGUE**  
 International Sunday School Lesson of June 18

Memory Selection: "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1.

Lesson Text: Proverbs 6: 12-19; 15:1-7; James 1:19-26, 36; 4:11-12.

In our endeavor to show how the New Testament affirms and supersedes the Old Testament wisdom in relation to understanding life's meaning and man's purposes, the question before us for consideration today is: How can we use the tongue as a powerful Christian witness? The purpose of this lesson, therefore, is to help adults think of the tongue as an instrument for God which should be disciplined for advancing the cause of the gospel.

By common admission we acknowledge that the tongue is capable of encouraging the good and abetting the evil. We know, too, that silence is not always golden; sometimes it betokens cowardice.

Long ago, the tongue's immediate influence involved only a handful of people. Then it became influential over many thousands as mechanical devices augmented the spoken word. With the advent of the electronic age, one man's tongue can instantly bring his convictions and sentiments to the attention of millions. In the twinkling of an eye the tongue can arouse passions and harness them to grand or ignoble causes. The success of the Christian witness in the world, whether we like to admit it or not, is largely carried forward or impeded by the use we, as Christians, make of our tongues.

The tongue is an inconspicuous, yet very necessary adjunct to our physical makeup. Yet a word fitly spoken may set life on its true course. Behind the horse's bit is the desire of the rider; behind the rudder is the intelligence of the ship's navigator; behind the spark that sets a forest ablaze is the carelessness of some camper; behind the tongue are the good or evil intentions of man. How necessary it is, then, that these intentions be in constant touch with the holy purposes of God.

The tongue, like untamed beasts of the jungle, is wild. Just when we believe we have it mastered, it breaks loose and all our regrets and apologies cannot repair the damage it causes. The tongue is responsive to our dispositions; it shouts our anger when we are disappointed; it expresses our harshness when our inferiorities are exposed; it reveals our deceit when our connivances are thwarted.

The tongue cannot honorably serve two masters. This is brought home to us when we reflect on James 3:9—"With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God." This verse summons the tongue to consistency. A redeemed man will not rest content so long as he lives in an unredeemed society where any of God's children are suffering deprivation.

From its beginning the good news which Christ shared with the world has depended on the spoken word for its impact on the minds and affairs of men. We must, then, as Christians, declare only that which can be confirmed in good faith by the Scriptures. We will stake out our claims for men's hearts and minds only in the spirit of divine love. We will make no apology for the urgency of our witness, knowing that the present moment is all we ever have to work with. We will include all mankind in our appeal; we will use every available means of communication, including the wonders of this electronic age, and we will encourage the free pulpit to declare the truth of God fearlessly and without favor, and we will give strength to our words with fitting deeds in all human endeavors.

The early Christians used every device at their command to spread the news that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. We are infinitely better equipped for this holy task than they were. And, as Christians, we must forever bear in mind the fact that the Gospel cannot be good news until it is communicated.

**Whom God Hath Joined**

**TOGETHER**

... let not man put asunder.

Before the Altar of Christ they took their vows. And now God has placed another hand in theirs; a small hand, needing tenderness and guiding love.

Before the Altar of Christ they came with their child, and according to the baptismal beliefs of their church dedicate his life to God.

Before the Altar of Christ they worship each Sunday, and eagerly help their growing son to master the Truths that will undergird his life.

Of course, there are times when the responsibilities of marriage and parenthood test their patience, and understanding, and courage to sacrifice.

But they have learned long since to conquer their selfishness and surrender their pride where they receive forgiveness, strength and ever-deepening love—before the Altar of Christ.

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Norman Harris, 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 CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Joe Brickhouse, Pastor  
Bible School, 10:00 A. M.;  
Worship Service, 11:00 A. M.; 1st and 3rd Sundays; Communion every Sunday.
- BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. J. McLellan, Pastor  
Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 A. M.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock, 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings.
- PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
Rev. Albert Gore, Jr., Pastor  
Cedar Grove Church: 1st Sunday, 10 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 3rd Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 4th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 5th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 6th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 7th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 8th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 9th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 10th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 11th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 12th Sunday, 11 A. M.
- NEW HOPE - WOODLAND**  
Dan E. Meadows, Pastor  
New Hope Church School, 10 A. M.; worship services, 11 A. M., 1st and 3rd Sundays; 7:30 P. M., 2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Woodland Church School, 10 A. M.; worship service, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 1st and 3rd Sunday, 7:30 P. M.
- ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
Church School, 10:00 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.
- WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
William S. Brown, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.;  
Morning Worship, 11 A. M.;  
Training Union, 6:30 P. M.;  
Evening Service, 7:30 P. M.
- UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Orval Dillon, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Church services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.  
Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.  
Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.
- BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. B. Hammett, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.  
Evening Worship, 8:00 P. M.
- PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Mark Hoelck, Pastor  
Church School, 10 A. M.  
Morning worship, 11 A. M.  
Young People's meeting, 7 P. M.
- WHITEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Walter Hill, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M., every Sunday.  
Church services, first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. M.
- HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**  
J. A. Auman, Pastor  
Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock  
Youth Fellowship, 8:45 P. M.  
Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.
- BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM CHURCH**  
A. E. Barefoot, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11 o'clock  
Young People's meeting at 6:15 P. M.  
Evening worship, 7:00 o'clock
- HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. E. F. Mosley, Rector  
Holy Communion, 8 A. M.;  
Church School, 9:45 A. M.;  
Morning Prayer, 11 A. M.;  
Holy Communion on first Sunday at 11 A. M.
- BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Charles Presley, Pastor  
Bible School each Sunday at 10 o'clock; Holy Communion each Sunday; Worship Services first and third Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock; Evening Worship Service at 7:30 o'clock; Adult Study Classes and Youth Meetings first and third Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.
- CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00 A. M.  
Worship service every second and fourth Sunday at 11:00 A. M.  
Bible Study every Sunday at 7:30 P. M.
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Rev. Albert G. Edgar  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.;  
Worship, 11 A. M.;  
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P. M.;  
Prayer Meeting, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, and CA Service Friday night at 8 o'clock.
- ST. RIMAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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