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Editorial . . .
**Let's Open Our
 Pocketbooks**

Thousands of persons were made homeless by the winds and waves that smashed houses to splinters when Hurricane Camille battered the Gulf Coast from Louisiana to Florida. Many of the families for whom the night of August 17 was one of horror lack the resources to return to normal living unaided. They have lost everything through a calamity of nature which they were powerless to prevent or sidestep. They must be helped in the rebuilding of their shattered lives and homes. The American Red Cross is the natural agent for this rebuilding, by virtue of both its experience and its readiness to help. The Red Cross is asking the American people for a minimum of \$15,000,000 to provide this assistance. The people of this community have always heeded generously humanitarian appeals like this. Let us again open our hearts - and our pocketbooks - and make sure that the Red Cross receives the necessary funds to help our distressed neighbors on the Gulf Coast. Send or take your contribution to your NEAREST Red Cross chapter.

Letter To Editor
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An opinion from the Hertford Jaycees
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ture should receive emphasis to the exclusion of natural resources, tourism, retail trade, schools, housing developments, and even that culprit to which last week's article so violently objects - industry. If the people of Perquimans County are to live and prosper, all of these things must be developed. Perquimans County is, at this moment, losing its most valuable resource at an alarming rate! This natural resource is none other than its young people. They are leaving this county, not because they wish to, but because it is an economic necessity that they do so. It is very hard for a young man to fully appreciate the vast beauty of towering Cypress trees, rippling waters, and rising morning mists, when his mind is occupied by the thought that his income is not sufficient to support his young family in a manner that they both need and deserve. To this young man, at this particular time, a good job is of utmost importance, and to many such young men, a good job is an impossibility unless all facets of economic development are stressed immediately - even industry! Industry in today's vast new technological era is not allowed to pollute the waters as they once were. There are state laws to prohibit it, and scientific methods to prevent it. The gas burning in our own automobiles and trucks will do more to pollute the air in one day, than will the small industries, such as we are attempting to attract to Perquimans County, in a week. Yet, we continue to sell gasoline! The "sweetboxes", unsanitary working conditions, and dumping of raw pollutants simply does not exist in today's modern industry, because they cannot compete for modern, essential labor using these methods. Today's modern industry is both a good neighbor and a valuable citizen. This fact has been proven in several Eastern North Carolina towns in the past few years. Take a good look at our neighbor, Edenton. If it is so greatly polluted, it certainly has a healthy look! We certainly agree with last week's article that through county zoning and careful planning, much of the natural beauty can be preserved and put to its most efficient use. However, unless we emphasize the economic development of this county, in all its various aspects, the coming years in Perquimans County will be lonely - very lonely. Bobby Heath Pres. Jaycees

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**EIC Will Sponsor
 Visit By Agency**

A representative of the Small Business Administration will be in the area September 11 to discuss services available with interested people. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., at Economic Improvement Council offices at Edenton Municipal Airport. Roy L. Lowe, EIC executive director, said this will be the first time in nearly 15 months that an SBA representative has been available locally. Lowe said about 20 inquiries have been made to his office about the availability of assistance in establishing or expanding businesses. "The representative will be here to give people more knowledge about what is actually available and answer any questions," Lowe said. "This service is definitely needed and EIC is pleased that the request to SBA's Charlotte office was favorably accepted," he added. While the SBA in every case recommends bank participation under the Guaranty Participation Program there are other programs available, Lowe points out. Anyone desiring information about the September 11 meeting should contact Lowe at his EIC office. Appointments can be made through Edenton City Office - Tel. 385-5498 (Mrs. James) or Edenton Office - Tel. 488-4488 (Mrs. Dayton).

**Cancer Clinic To
 Be Held Friday**

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held on Friday afternoon Sept. 5, 1969, with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. A chest x-ray will be given to anyone wishing it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured. Only 50 people can be seen at the Center each month, due to limited facilities, so it is suggested that anyone who wishes to be assured of an appointment should write or call the Cancer Center, Health Dept., Elizabeth City, N.C. for a priority. Examinees are asked to bring a robe or housecoat with them.

For Your Information

Dear friends,
 The following statistics are required to complete a death certificate: full name, birthplace and birth date of the deceased, occupation, Social Security number, place of residence, name of spouse, name of father and mother, the date and place of interment. It is well to have the available facts beforehand.
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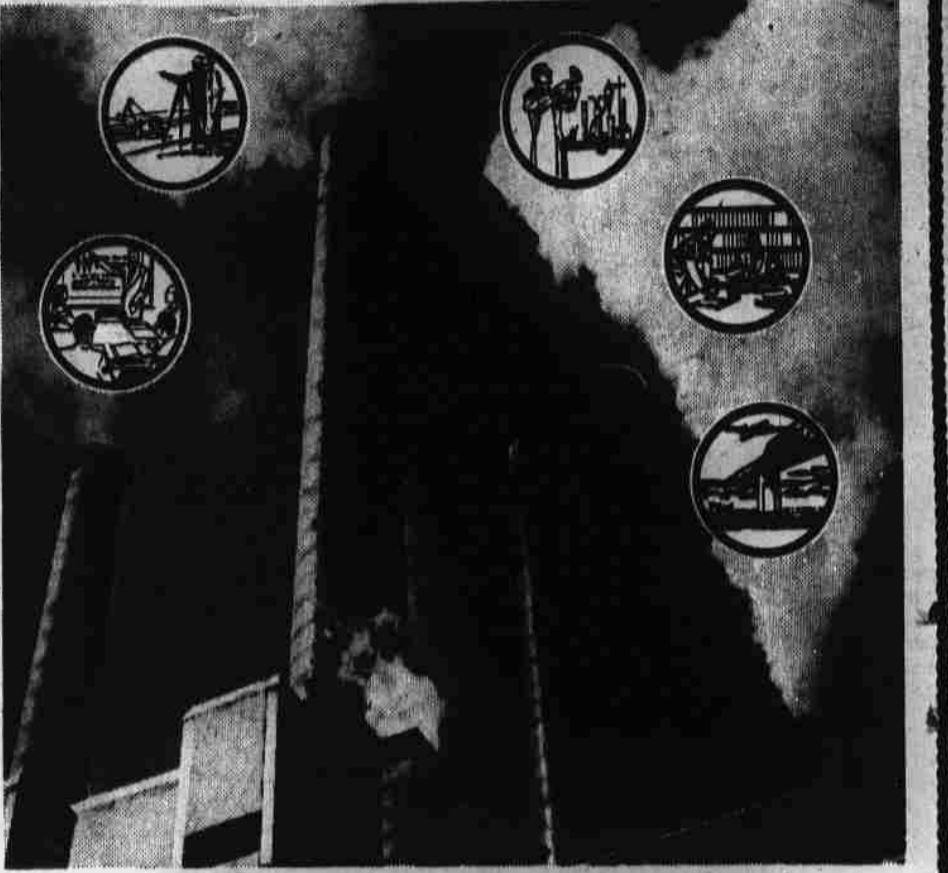
**Blame It On Charlie,
 Kids!**

This week and next, kids all over the Albemarle area will be starting another school year. Vacation is over . . . If you youngsters want a whipping boy, you might blame it on old Charles Griffin - he started the first school in the state in 1705 - right here in Pasquotank County. Tell that to your history teacher! CALL HER ON YOUR EXTENSION PHONE RIGHT NOW! **THE NORFOLK & CAROLINA TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY**

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All around the world They marvel at American industry. Factory chimneys send great clouds of smoke skyward as we produce more and still more. There seems to be no end to man's progress, whether here on earth or out in the vast mystery of space.

In spite of all we do, there is still so much that we cannot do. For all our power, we are still frail and vulnerable. God has given us many capabilities, but we were never meant to "go it" entirely alone. To think that we need nothing beyond ourselves is not self-confidence - it is brashness.

There are moments when we all need to look into a special kind of mirror, by which we may re-examine our lives. Such a mirror may be found in church where God's word, if we really listen to it, can help show us the truth. Why not go and listen in your church next Sunday?

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GOD GRANTS ISRAEL A KING

International Sunday School Lesson for September 7, 1969.

MEMORY SELECTION: "Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things He hath done for you." - (1 Samuel 12:10).
LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 8:1-18; 12:1-16; 13:1-14.
GOD IS OMNIPOTENT! That is the text of the lesson we study today. He created the heavens and the earth, and all that in them dwells. But Man He created in His own image, and, of all the animals, man is the only one with reasoning power and freedom of choice. He has the freedom to choose his own tenets, his own standards of morals, his own allegiances; but God controls the consequences of mankind's choices.

We may consider ourselves more advanced than the nations of Biblical times, but nevertheless - we experience the same need for spiritual leadership that, for instance, Israel did. God, as then, is ever ready to provide Divine leadership to those who truly crave it.

But, in Biblical times, Israel was God's chosen race; He was her King. From time to time she had a stated leader, called a judge; but he was leader by God's appointment, whose purpose was to bring the people back to obedience to God's commands.

The time came, however, when Israel demanded a king such as other nations had, and the crux of this lesson is concerned with the granting of this wish.

Samuel was such an one, marked by God to take his place in the destiny of his own people. Hannah, Samuel's mother, was a devout woman; Samuel was dedicated to God's service at an early age. He proved himself worthy of God's choice to be a leader of His people. In that, Hannah fared better than did her beloved Samuel; for Samuel's sons proved to be totally unworthy of their devout parentage. They grew to manhood physically, but never spiritually; they became notorious for their immoral behavior - and they left their mark upon the history of Israel and of Christianity more by default than by accomplishment. For their unworthiness, on top of the unworthiness of the sons of that other great leader of Israel, Eli, caused the people to become restless, and to have the security of an earthly king, as did other leaders. They quite lost sight of the fact that they were not intended to be as other nations - they had been chosen as God's own nation!

So, in due course, Samuel appointed Saul as Israel's king, following God's instructions. Saul, however, although he started out brilliantly, soon fell heir to the failings of humanity. His son, Jonathan, had a dearly loved friend in the young David. Young, upright and virtuous, David soon claimed the affection of the people. They sang Saul's praises - but they sang David's even louder! Jealousy corroded the soul of Saul, and it was not long before he found displeasure in God's eyes.

Saul was certainly responsible for the man he became in the later years of his life. What he came out of his personal choice. A giant became a pygmy - but another giant rose up to take his place. How sad that David did not learn his lesson from those who had gone before him! How sad, that we, today, dismiss the lessons that history teaches us!

Fortunately for us, God is ever tolerant of human frailties! We, alas, set up our own "kings" - deriving from them a false sense of security. Selfishness, pride, willfulness, greed, covetousness. . . all these are false gods! And the homage they demand from us drains us and blinds us to service to God and to mankind.

God granted US a King - one who stood tall above all earthly men; our fealty to Him reflects our fealty to the Almighty! Are we like Saul - or do we claim to be better?

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