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Editorials

Nine Churches Unite? . . .

Nine churches have finally drafted a proposal to merge themselves into one Protestant denomination within a decade. The Consultation on Church Union in St. Louis voted to accept a proposal that will be put before all the churches for two years of study and modification.

The ninety delegates have thus moved to form the biggest single, national Protestant denomination in the world. The U.S. churches involved are the United Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., Episcopal Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Christian Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and African Methodist Episcopal Church.

No editor can attempt to speak for any or all of these denominations and their ruling

bodies but, in general, religious unity is long overdue among the world's Christians.

The history of western civilization is, to a large extent, the story of wars over faith and religion, bitterness and narrow-minded prejudice because of religious differences and much nit-picking and blocked progress because of intense or emotional religious disputes over intangibles and rules of living.

Thus all signs of unity are to be hailed as probably stepping stones of progress and each example of Christians putting aside minor differences cooperatively to unify around a central, dominant theme is a gratifying one.

Letter To Editor

Perquimans County Board of Commissioners
Hertford, North Carolina 27944

Gentlemen:

In a recent issue of the Perquimans Weekly (march 12) I was interested in reading a copy of the letter addressed to the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners and signed by Mrs. Julian E. Winslow Jr., Mr. Herbert N. Nixon, The Rev. Edwin T. Williams, and Mr. Joe Nowell Jr., all representing a number of civic organizations.

Very briefly -- the letter asked that the County Board of Commissioners consider the possibility of utilizing the present county jail building for a center that might house the Historical Society, the Arts Council and the Restoration Association.

If Perquimans County does join with Camden and Pasquotank Counties in developing a tri-county jail system, then I think the request by the various organizations mentioned here is one that the County Board of Commissioners should consider very seriously -- and, hopefully, favorably.

I strongly endorse the recommendations mentioned in the letter and would add a further one, as follows: That the Board not only approve the use of the building as outlined above, but that County funds be allocated for its renovation. I sincerely hope that the Board will have an opportunity to give favorable consideration in the near future to the request of the four county organizations.

Jessie Perry Jr.

United Methodist Women To Note Call To Prayer and Self-Denial

Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service and/or the Wesleyan Service Guild of Hertford United Methodist Church, of Hertford, North Carolina will participate this week in one of the most important annual observances of United Methodist women throughout the United States.

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial focuses on "A Time for Celebration: A Service of Dedication," a deepened spiritual life, a guided mission study, and a much needed offering for special world and national projects. More than 1,800,000 women in 38,000 societies and guilds in all 50 states will join in the observance.

The Call is sponsored by the Women's Division of The United Methodist Board of Missions, is the national body through which all local women's societies and guilds function.

The theme of the 1970 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is "for the NOW," inspired by the needs and the opportunities to be made possible by self-denial gifts.

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial for women of Hertford United Methodist Church will be celebrated at 4:00 o'clock on April 9, 1970 at the church.

Each year the Women's Division designates mission projects in the United States and overseas to receive a special offering which is given as part of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. This year the projects chosen because of special needs are: "New Opportunities for Joint Action for Mission Overseas" and "Minority (Indigenous) Community Developers in the United States." (1) United States: The Minority (Indigenous) Community Developers Program of

the Board of Missions' National Division for self-development is to be expanded so that the poor of various cultural and racial compositions in our cities may benefit from the urgently needed help of church-related Community Developers.

(2) Overseas: As new goals and priority needs are established, Christians of different nations and denominations are asked to respond to the needs through joint action endeavors. According to mission officials, "It is as if Christian groups, often widely separated geographically and in background, feel a common call to dissolve their differences in joint action."

Monetary support through special self-denial offerings will help make this work possible. Last year the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering totalled \$600,000. Each woman who takes part is asked to save over a length of time and then bring her offering for the designated projects. Women are also requested to pray for the workers and those served by these projects.

16 Perquimans Students On COA Honor Roll

Dr. Arthur Land, Dean of Instruction, at the College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, has announced the names of those students who made the Dean's List for the quarter just ended. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have a 3.0 average on a 4.0 system with no grade below a "C" and must be carrying at least 12 hours. Following is a list of the student or students from your area who met these requirements, according to Bill Foreman, Coordinator Student Affairs.

Timothy G. Baker, Michael L. Bunch, Anna Martha Chesson, Lynda Cheryl Copeland, Kay S. Dail, Richard Harrell, Elizabeth Anne Ivey, Mary Louise Ivey, Irvin C. Long Jr., Linda Carol Long, Thomas J. Long, Julia B. Tillson, Barbara Dianne Stallings, Carole E. White, James O. White, Georgia K. Winslow.

Ronny Butler Is Participant In Rocket Recovery

Navy Seaman Apprentice Ronny M. Butler, of 214 Woodland Circle, Hertford, N. C., participated in rocket recovery operations while serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guam in the Atlantic.

The rockets, equipped with photographic and radiation detection instruments, were launched from Wallops Island, Va., as part of the National Aeronautics and Space Agency's solar eclipse research.

Cancer Detection Clinic April 3rd

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held on Friday afternoon April 3, 1970, with registration beginning at 12:30 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 30 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. Mrs. R. N. Anderson, Secty. Cancer Clinic

NO FOOLING!

We're not fooling around when we say we welcome the arrival of April 1.

It's the herald of warmer weather, greener pastures and new vitality after the long, cold winter . . .

WELCOME, APRIL, WELCOME!!!

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Let's Go To Church Sunday Make Church Going A Habit

The Model

"Now I'm big—with a hat like Mommy's!" Amy was really full of herself when we went shopping yesterday.

I was amused, too, as I watched her imitate her mother on the way to church the next day. She really had that walk down to a "T."

I'm glad her mother is her model. She couldn't have a better one. Mary's love of God is reflected in everything she does. Her happiness in serving God and His church is contagious. I should know!

When we were married, I was a sometime church-goer. Now, I teach Sunday School, sing in the choir and am chairman of the building committee. I find it deeply satisfying to know that my church needs me.

Every church needs the dedicated effort of its members. Experience the joy of serving God.

THE CHURCH EMPOWERED FOR WITNESS
International Sunday School Lesson for April 5, 1970.

MEMORY SELECTION: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

LESSON TEXT: Acts 1:1 to 2:42.

The central truth of this new series of Lessons which we begin today is that God truly acts through His redeemed community - the Church - to carry out His purposes for this world in which we live. The central aim is to lead members to become actively engaged in God's redemptive purpose for mankind.

The early Church must, necessarily, impress us with its zeal. Men suffered torture, imprisonment, and even death, in its cause. And surely, as self-professed Christians, we cannot remain unmoved in our studies!

In previous Lessons we have studied the birth of Christ; His works during His short tenure on earth; His death on the cross, that mankind may be forgiven of sin; His glorious Resurrection - and all it symbolizes in hope for mankind. And, just as the Holy Spirit empowered the early Christians to fulfill God's purpose by being witnesses to the faith they both proclaimed, and enjoyed, so should it inspire us (present-day Christians) to emulate their steadfastness and their witnessing!

Christ called the Church into being; He trained its members well, and He promised them the power of the Spirit during His earthly ministry. Thus, surely was the advent of Pentecost the virtual empowering of the Church! And while the Pentecostal experience must not be construed as the disciples' first experience of the Spirit, nevertheless, from that advent, they savored His power and presence more fully than ever before!

The Holy Spirit was (and still is) associated with baptism; it guides the decisions and policies of the Church.

For the glory and the wonder of Christ's resurrection from the ignominy of the cross overshadows all else that disciples might advance in argument against Christian beliefs.

For while it is true that Jesus finished His work on earth, He, Himself, is far from finished. And not until the day of judgment comes, and the world, as such, is no more, will the final chapter be written in the history of man.

Peter, beloved disciple of Christ, preached redemption through suffering. This is never a popular thing. Yet, when we pause and assess our lives, we are invariably forced to remember that which has benefited us has always been attained through trial and error - and pain! For it is through pain that we become mature - mature adults, mature Christians! And so it is with the Church - that which is unchallenged rocks along in self-satisfaction . . . and self-satisfaction does not generate a forward motion! But the Church cannot afford to stop growing; it must meet the demands of persons, of the times, of its own dedicated precepts. It must meet, and answer the challenge . . . and emerge victorious!

No church, and no member of that church, can afford to settle back and say: "Work is done." For Christ's work is never done . . . just as Christ, Himself, is never absent from the lives of those who willingly accept Him!

Peter was renewed in Christ; we, too, can be so renewed, if we will but surrender ourselves to His will, and be instruments empowered for witnessing - both as individuals and as members of the Church!

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The Perquimans County Board Of Elections Has Appointed The Following Registrars For A Primary Election Saturday, May 2nd, 1970.

Books open April 4, 11, 18 and April 25 is Challenge Day. Voters will register on four successive Saturdays. The following Registrars and Polling Places and where they will be beginning Saturday, April 4:

- Bethel: Mrs. Delsie Ward Bethel Fire Department
- Nicanor: Mrs. Annie Mae Baker Community Bldg.
- Belvidere: Mrs. Zenovia White Community Bldg.
- Parkville: Steve Perry Community Bldg. (Winfall)
- New Hope: Carson Spivey, Sr. Community Bldg.
- East Hertford: Mrs. J. E. Morris Perq. County Courthouse
- West Hertford: Mrs. Francis B. Nixon Health Dept.

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Perquimans County Board Of Elections

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