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A community like an individual cannot keep it too, but a community of many people who spend their money at home can spend that money time and time again, among its own people.

**Which Are You?**

Often we encounter an individual completely absorbed in pessimism. The pessimist is convinced the world is growing much worse, that few people can be trusted.

This pessimist knows no one acts from good faith and is convinced no person is trustworthy. A person so disgruntled can affect the lives of many and instill these ideas into others.

On the other hand, one often encounters those who have an optimistic, rosy outlook on the world and toward those who surround them. It is always refreshing to greet such an individual and they are usually people with a genuine interest in others.

**Card Of Thanks**

We want to express our thanks and gratitude to the people of Hertford and Perquimans County for the many acts of kindness extended us following our accident. Your prayers, visits, flowers, cards, food and other gifts have certainly been appreciated during our confinement.

May God Bless each of you.  
Marshall, Reba and Becky Owens

**The Shell Game**

Seems that when the Scotch Bonnet heard it had been named as North Carolina's official shell, it took issue at the honor and almost deserted the state's beaches.

Since then, however, the shell apparently had a change of heart (or was it a change of mussel?) and has returned to the seashore by the hundreds.

This spring and summer don't be Scotch - put on your bonnet, drive to the beach, and pick up a few for yourself . . .

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**Veterans' Education Benefits Increased**

Increased benefits are now available to veterans who have not completed high school. Area veterans may attend the College of the Albemarle Learning Laboratory and receive cash benefits while they earn their diploma. The benefits received while earning the high school diploma do not count against total eligible benefits.

Payments to veterans whose service ended after January 31, 1955, were boosted more than one third in legislation just enacted by Congress.

The increase, from \$130 to \$175 per month, is retroactive to last February 1. A married veteran's benefits rise from \$155 to \$205 and if the couple has a child, payments increase from \$175 to \$230. The allowance for each additional dependent goes from \$10 a month to \$13.

Payments are also available to veterans in college, farm co-

operative training, and apprenticeship training. Wives and children of totally disabled veterans may also take advantage of the benefits.

The learning lab is approved by the Veterans' Administration. There are no organized classes at the lab. Each person sets up his own schedule and comes when it is convenient for him. Textbooks are furnished, and there is no cost for attending the lab. Interested persons may call College of the Albemarle 335-1821, Ext. 266, for information.

**Ruritan Club Has Meeting**

The Durants Neck Ruritan Club held its regular dinner meeting at the New Hope Community building Wednesday 15th. Carson Spivey Jr. presided over the meeting. Seniors of the community were honored at this meeting with a fried chicken dinner. Following the dinner Thomas Biggs, minister of Berea Church of Christ and club secretary, presented Bibles to the following seniors; Johnny Caddy, Earl Godfrey, Anna Chambers, Carlton Small, Joan Yohn, Mary Godfrey, Coleman Webb, George Winslow, Annette Cartwright, Eden Eure, Joyce Chappell, Mickie Phelps and Claudia Stokely.

**For Your Information**

Dear friends,

Yes, there is such a thing as an 'expensive' funeral. Any funeral is expensive if the cost means undue hardship to those who survive.

Many clients have talked this matter over with us frankly and they have found that the problem can be solved without detracting from their natural desire to pay a fitting tribute. Complete information is yours for the asking.

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**Social Security Administration**

By DONALD S. MORRIS  
Field Representative  
338-3931

To all who may be thinking about retiring we offer these helpful hints:

Inquire before you retire -- to get the facts you need from a social security specialist . . . facts that may help you in making your retirement decision, as well as in filing your application for benefits later.

Contact the Social Security office three months before you retire, if you're 62 or over. Also get in touch with our office three months before you're 62, if you're already "retired," or three months before age 60 if you're a widow. By all means contact the Social Security office before you're 65 to file for Medicare, even if you're still working.

You'll need to have certain evidence or proofs to complete your claim. In the absence of an original birth certificate or baptismal certificate, other old records or documents such as a census record, family Bible record, or old insurance policy may be acceptable as evidence of your age. Also a marriage certificate and birth certificates of children may be needed. The social security employee will tell you if any additional evidence is required.

Have your social security card (and also the cards, or verified correct numbers, or your wife or children for whom applications are filed), and the correct dates of birth, marriage, death, etc.

Also have your latest W-2 slip (statement of earnings and taxes withheld) or, if you were self-employed last year, a copy of your Federal income tax return. Be able to tell us how much you have earned to date in the year of retirement, and the expected total earnings for the year.

**O'BRIEN & DEMOCRATS**  
Lawrence F. O'Brien, considered the Democrats' top professional, is reportedly under pressure from Hubert Humphrey and other influential members to return as the party's national chairman. O'Brien, who retired to private life, made no immediate comment.

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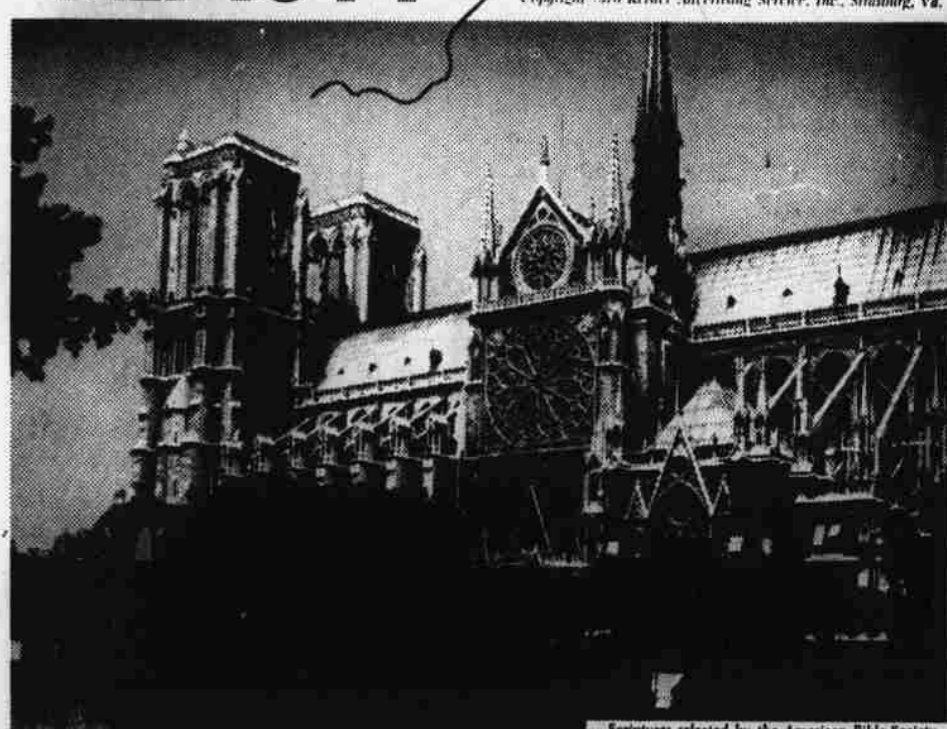
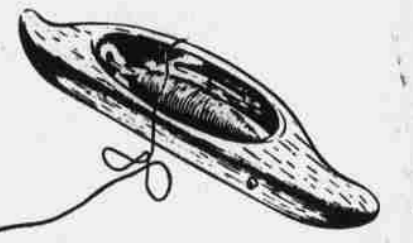
Magnificent tapestries, sometimes taking years to complete, decorated the walls of many homes and churches in the Middle Ages. Woven with richly colored strands of silk and wool, they often pictured scenes from the Bible. To create a beautiful tapestry required patience . . . skill . . . devotion.

Today each of us weaves a tapestry — the fabric of our lives. We sit at a loom, wondering whether the pattern of our lives will be of bright rose, green or golden threads, or whether the events will show as somber, dark colors.

A weaver in the Middle Ages worked on the reverse side of his tapestry. By looking up at a mirror, he could see how the entire design looked on the right side.

When we look up to God in worship, we can see with clarity the pattern of our lives. Attend the church of your choice for perspective on your life's tapestry.

**A WEAVER OF BEAUTY**



Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Proverbs 3:13-26	Matthew 11:1-11	Timothy 3:10-17	Psalms 3:1-8	Psalms 4:1-8	Psalms 27:1-14	Psalms 91:1-16

International Sunday School Lesson for April 26, 1970  
MEMORY SELECTION: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word."  
—(Acts 8:4)

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LESSON TEXT: Acts 8: 10:1 to 11:18

Everything has its purpose, and what starts out, promarily, as bad, oftentimes proves to have happened for the best. This, assuredly, is what happened when the Church was scattered, due to persecution from many different directions. Persecution of believers, far from attaining its goal of bringing an end to the doctrines of Christianity, helped to spread it abroad! It not only spread it geographically, but (even more significantly) it helped to assert the breadth and scope of the Gospel theologically.

For the Gxspel is a living, breathing entity; it moves, just as life moves . . . and it grows, just as an embryo must grow in the mother's womb. It moves, just as life moves, going on despite all hardships, all setbacks. It will not be contained in a pod . . . it will grow, spreading like a plant will spread . . . and for that we can truly say "Thank goodness!"

Perhaps one of the most far-seeing men of his day was Stephen, who was a martyr to his beliefs, being put to death for his ideology, yet -- in truly Christ-like fashion -- forgiving his murderers. Stephen believed that Christianity was intended to be universal . . . to be world-wide. And, following his martyr's death (indeed, seemingly triggered by it) the more zealous of his followers fled Jerusalem and persecution, and devoted themselves to spreading the word "abroad".

Phillip, also, was inspired to bear witness to Christ in foreign lands. He went into Samaria, and his work was truly remarkable in the midst of this "minority group." And in studying Phillip's life it becomes obvious to us that he set little store by his origins and heredity; he was, primarily concerned with the condition of his "heart."

"Heart" . . . how often that term is used throughout the Bible! It is, truly and sincerely translated, a state of grace! And Christianity was bursting into full bloom, just as the flower that springs from a seed, bursts the pod that contains it's infinite beauty in maturity!

Peter, likewise, was a fearless spirit; for did not he, like our Lord, go amongst those that were considered, by Jewish "law" to be unclean? He went amongst the tanners, whom strict observance of the Jewish laws classed as "unclean". But he had a message to impart -- and he delivered that message where he felt it was fitting.

What lessons can our present-day churches learn from the early days of Christianity?

If we are torn with conflict within our own confines, we must not be dismayed. The early church faced inner conflicts. . . and overcome them. It also faced external conflicts. . . and overcome those! Persecution drove the church to its larger mission -- as has been noted before!

Crisis, no matter how unwelcome to us, as persons, invariably calls forth the fighting spirit in all of us. But that spirit must be bound with our neighbors, and our neighbors' neighbors, if it is to become truly effective in the face of the enemy! Again, it is a case of "united we stand -- divided we fall!"

If, from a small number of initial believers and a scattering of men of the stature of Phillip, Peter, and Paul. . . just to name a few. . . Christianity came to be the world-wide religion it is today, surely we, the present-day Christians, can work from the broad basis we now have to build on, and carry it even further! How many Peters and Pauls and Phillips among us who have not yet realized their potentials as God's messengers?

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