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Letter To Editor

During the December meeting of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, a discussion was held concerning your paper's recent Centennial edition.

We felt that it should not go unnoticed, since all were in agreement that it was an excellent job of putting history together. It is a meaningful edition, an important one for all of us.

The board wanted to make public its feeling of appreciation for the work you did, the time, effort and interest involved.

Our sincere thanks to everyone at the Advance and to all who made the centennial edition the success it was. Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce

1973 Resolutions

Every year at this time millions of Americans make resolutions to do something better "this year," to perform better in some way, to be a better person in some way, etc. Many solemnly made resolutions won't last long, as the pressures and demands of every-day life, little different from those in 1972, exert their influence.

Yet a few of these resolutions are kept, and even those which are broken often accomplish a good purpose. For resolutions give us a goal. They are a taking stock, which is always worthwhile, and they often help us formulate high ideals.

In making resolutions, one should keep several universal truths in mind. It's not likely resolutions will be kept if they constitute only hope. They won't be kept if one really enjoys breaking them more than keeping them. In other words, resolutions are like decisions to stop smoking. If the individual really wants to stop more than to smoke, he will stop, easily. If not, he won't stop.

YOGURT FACTS

Yogurt is similar in nutritive value to sweet milk or buttermilk depending on whether it is made from whole milk, skimmed milk or partially skimmed milk and has other ingredients added. An 8-ounce glass of cup furnishes about 135-150 calories when skimmed milk is used. If made from whole milk, an 8-ounce glass or cup furnishes about 150-170 calories.

Bigfoot

A newspaper feature recently revealed some of the story of the current search for a strange ape-like monster—seen in May and June of 1971 near The Dalles, Oregon.

The mystery being described as being ten feet tall, gray in color, with a twenty-inch foot and long, hanging arms.

What makes this description somewhat intriguing is that four men saw the mystery creature at the same time, and agree what it looked like. Others also concur.

On the strength of these sighting reports (none since 1971) in the same Oregon area, Peter Byrne of Washington, D. C., a big game hunter who has also searched for the Abominable Snowman, has undertaken a three-year search with tranquilizer dart guns, jeeps, radios, etc. The effort is backed by a Mentor, Ohio, businessman.

Will a missing-link type ape-man be found? Probably not. But there have been legends in the Far West about such a creature for over a hundred years. It's a fascinating story.

January, 1973

"There is snow on the windowpane
Framing my room
And the trees are heavy
With frosty bloom."

—Anne Lewis

January, one of the two months added to the calendar (then ten months) long before the birth of Christ, is the first month of the year of the Gregorian Calendar (dating from Pope Gregory XIII in 1582). Caesar had set the length of the year at 365 days centuries earlier; German Protestant states made the change in 1700 and England and the American Colonies in 1752—by act of Parliament.

January is the first full month of winter, sometimes the coldest month of the year (if February isn't) and, in America, the month of football bowl games. The 1st is New Year's Day and also Emancipation Day—dating from 1863. (Lincoln didn't actually set free slaves in Union states on that day but the slaves in Confederate states, where his proclamations often had little effect.)

Washington won an important victory at Princeton, N.J., on the 3rd in 1777. The first boat traversed the Panama Canal on the 7th in 1914. The 7th is also the birthday anniversary of the nation's 13th President, Millard Fillmore, born at Locke, New York, in 1800. President Richard Nixon will celebrate his 60th birthday January 9th.

Other well-known Americans born in January are: Alexander Hamilton on the 11th, in 1757, in the West Indies and Benjamin Franklin on the 17th in 1706 in Boston. Daniel Webster was born on the 18th in 1782 at Franklin (formerly Salisbury), New Hampshire.

Robert E. Lee was born on the 19th at Stratford in Virginia in 1807 and his great lieutenant, Stonewall Jackson, was born on the 21st at Clarkeburg, West Virginia, in 1824. Douglas MacArthur was born on the 26th in 1890.

The 29th is Kansas Day, commemorating Kansas's admission to the Union in 1861. William McKinley, 25th President, was born at Niles, Ohio, on the 29th in 1843. Franklin Roosevelt was born on the 30th in 1882; he was the 32nd President and the only one elected to the office four times.

Veterans Administration

Sixty-nine percent of military service deaths occur in the United States, 15 percent in Vietnam and 16 percent elsewhere throughout the world, a survey of insurance claims reveals.

H.W. Johnson, Director of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration Regional Office reports that of the 13 percent deaths due to service in Vietnam, about half are attributable to hostile actions. The remaining 67 percent of in-service deaths elsewhere result from such causes as illness and accidents.

These and other findings are based on a random sampling of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) claims which were paid during July, August and September. Under the SGLI program, administered by an insurance company and supervised by VA, military personnel may be insured up to \$15,000.

Servicemen's premiums pay the cost of the program, except for extra costs arising from the hazards of military service, which are paid by the Federal Government, Johnson said.

The SGLI survey further indicated that the Army, with the most personnel, ranks highest in death casualties—47 percent. The Marine Corps has the lowest rate, 8 percent. Approximately 99 percent of servicemen who die are insured under the SGLI program, and practically all carry the maximum \$15,000 coverage.

Johnson stated that approximately 2.6 million servicemen currently are insured under the program, which during its peak provided coverage for 3.8 million. An additional one million reservists have part time coverage. Death claims for fiscal year 1972 amounted to approximately \$88 million. More than \$278 million in benefits has been paid out since the program's inception in 1965, Johnson said.

1971 North Carolina Farm Income Report

A new bulletin, "North Carolina Farm Income" has been released jointly by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

The 21 page statistical publication defines farm income, outlines the sources of gross and net farm income, and contains numerous tables showing cash receipts from farm marketings and government payments by counties during 1970 and 1971. Cash receipts are shown separately for several individual crop and livestock items or categories.

Gross farm income in 1971 totaled \$1,742 million while cash receipts, including government payments, were \$1,967 million, based on facts in the bulletin. After adjustments for farm production expenses and inventory changes, however, net farm income amounted to only \$653 million.

Among counties, Duplin placed first with nearly \$77 million in cash receipts from farming in 1971. It was followed by Sampson, Robeson, Johnston, and Pitt. For individual items, tobacco was tops at \$562 million and broilers second at \$148 million. Next in importance were hogs, eggs, and milk.

In the publication's foreword, James A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture and George Hyatt, Jr., Director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension

Service jointly stated, "with the intricate mix of agriculture, industry and service within the State, it is important to know the distribution of income from

farming within the State. In planning for the future development of our State, it is necessary to know the significance of agriculture in each of the counties."

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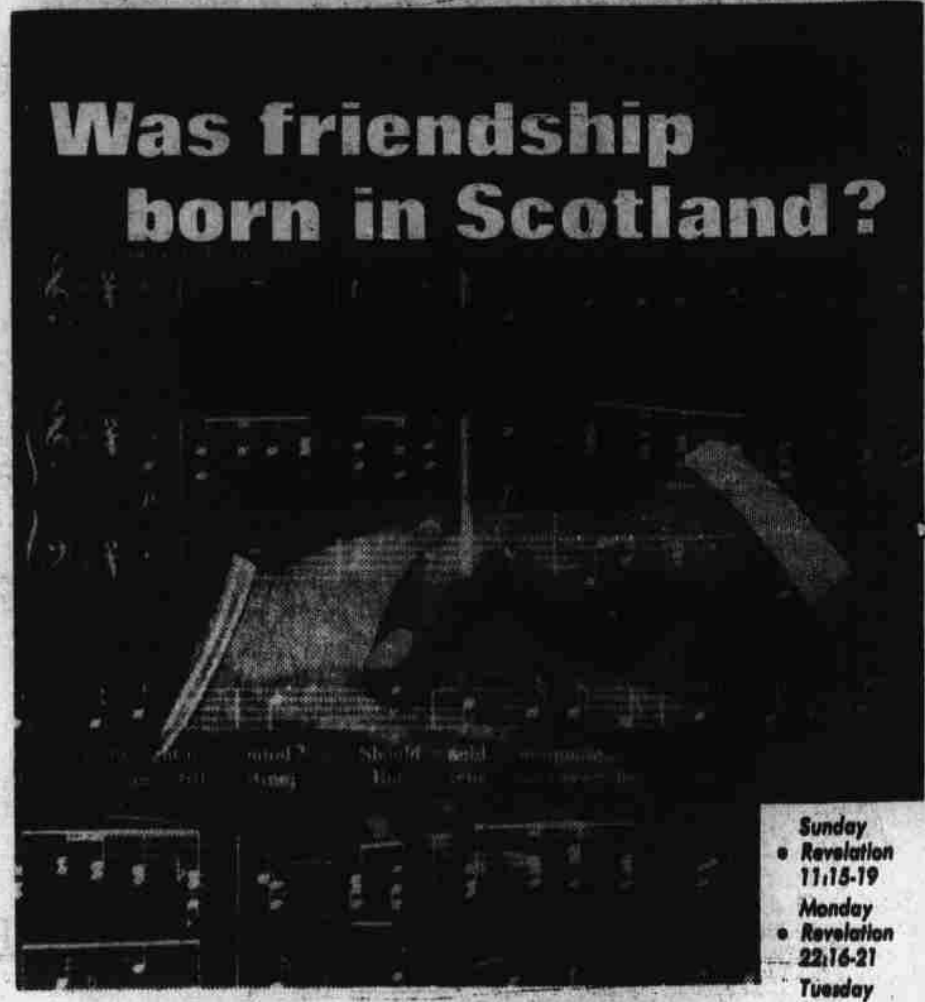
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Was friendship born in Scotland?

Not But it took the Scots to remind the world how friendship reaches across the passing years. As the ball of light falls over Times Square once again millions of hearts will stir to the familiar strains of Auld Lang Syne.

Other precious values reach across the passing years. One of them is faith. At its simplest it is man's awareness of friendship with God. At its noblest it is man's confidence that time will unfold new experiences of God's affection for us.

Something else reaches across the passing years. It is worship. Its moods and forms may gradually change... from the cathedral chant of the middle ages, to the simplicity of the cottage prayer-meeting—even to the rhythmic beat of so-called contemporary services. But worship itself does not change. In whatever mood or form, man expresses his devotion to his Lord.

And whatever may have been your spiritual tempo, the New Year in the churches of our community offers new incentives, deepening opportunities, in faith and worship.

- Sunday
 - Revelation 11:15-19
 - Revelation 22:16-21
- Tuesday
 - 1 Peter 2:4-10
- Wednesday
 - 1 John 4:1-11
- Thursday
 - James 1:2-18
- Friday
 - Hebrews 3:1-6
- Saturday
 - II Corinthians 8:1-10



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THE RE—SHAPING OF LIFE

International Sunday School Lesson for December 31, 1972.
LESSON TEXT: Jeremiah 18:1-11; 33:1-25.

As we study today's Lesson, we are but a few hours away from a brand New Year. It is, therefore, fitting that we resolve to face the future with none of the fears of the past, confident in the power and purpose of the Lord, determined to fully accept His will for our lives.

Jeremiah, appointed Prophet, zealous believer, ardent preacher, faced an arduous and thankless task in making the people aware of the consequences of their sinning lives. Indeed, it was in a moment of complete discouragement of Jeremiah's part that God stepped in and bade him go to the potter's shop. Jeremiah did so—and observed, in the actions of a simple craftsman, a working recipe for living that was more eloquent than words!

The object on which he was working failed to come up to the expectations of the potter, so, with infinite patience, he undid his previous labors and started over, with the same shapeless lump of clay. And on this he labored until he produced the effect he wanted to produce! A lesson, indeed, for the discouraged Jeremiah—a lesson for every one of us so many centuries later!

When God created man and woman, and the universe, He had a definite plan for them all. It was not until man sinned that trouble came into man's life.

In spite of God's deliverance of the children of Israel from bondage, and all the wonders He wrought on behalf of His chosen people, they nevertheless continued to sin when they reached the Promised Land. Instead of obeying God's commandments, they spent themselves in revelry and the worship of idols instead of the worship of the one true God—their Deliverer out of bondage.

But did God give up on man? No...He forgave time and time again. He punished—yes—but He did so as a lesson to man, and that only after His repeated warnings had been ignored.

How like the potter God is! With infinite patience He shapes and re-shapes man, trying...always...for the perfect vessel!

But what about us...the objects of all this love and patience? Should we not do our part in the re-shaping of our lives? For certain it is, if we will but freely admit the error of our ways; if we will strive for the perfection of love towards one another that was evidenced by the life of Christ; if we will dedicate ourselves to His will, emptying ourselves of all that is vainglorious and sinful...then we will be worthy of claiming the gift of salvation that was bought so dearly with Christ's blood.

Now need we be afraid that our supplications will fall on deaf ears? God stands ready and willing to reshape our lives into useful patterns if we will but permit Him to do so. For He is ever alert to the response of faith and true repentance.

So, at this New Year, let us take an honest personal inventory of ourselves; have we been so arrogant in either thought or deed? Have we placed ourselves above any of our fellowmen? Have we turned away from the obvious need of a neighbor, not wishing to "get involved"? Has jealousy prompted slurring remarks about the good fortune of someone other than ourselves? Have we wasted our time and a comforting word to someone in desperate need—but because it was not "convenient" for us to spare the time? Christ ever put the needful before Himself. He went among the halt and the lame; whether it was a physical or spiritual need, He was always there. He drew no lines of distinction when it came to class, color, or creed. How do WE compare? Let us resolve, as this New Year is upon us, to open our lives to God in Christ; to be loving and forgiving; to grow as individuals and as Christians...to let God reshape our lives! (Based on copyrighted outlines produced by the Committee on the Uniform Service and used by permission.)

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