

—Obituaries—

MARY CRAWFORD BYRUM

Mrs. Mary Crawford Byrum, 57, formerly of Rt. 1, Hertford, died Wednesday morning, May 11, in the Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Va. after a lengthy illness.

A native of Old Fort, N.C., she was the wife of Lloyd Byrum. She was retired from the Civil Service. She was a member of the Riverside Baptist Church in Newport News, Va. and was a member and past president of the Home Extension Club of Hertford.

Surviving besides her widower are two sons, Thomas C. Nesbitt of Newport News, Va. and Allan B. Nesbitt of Columbia, S.C.; three sisters, Mrs. Joyce Mitchell of Hampton, Va., Mrs. B.V. Wilson of Newport News, Va. and Mrs. T.N. Page of Poquoson, Va.; three brothers, L. Will Crawford of Chesapeake, Va., J.R. Crawford of Gloucester, Va. and R.T. Crawford of Dallas, Texas; and four grandchildren.

The body was sent from the Peninsula Funeral Home in Newport News where a visitation was held Thursday night, to the Swindell-Bass Funeral Home in Edenton. A visitation was held there Friday night.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the Swindell-Bass Funeral Home in Edenton by the Rev. Jack Hamilton of the Riverside Baptist Church. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery in Edenton.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to the Cancer Fund.

BLANCHE OBER

EDENTON — Mrs. Blanche White Ober, 73, of Rt. 1, Edenton died in the Chowan Hospital Monday. She was a native of Chowan County and the wife of Paul M. Ober and the daughter of the late John and Ellen Bunch White.

She was a member of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church. Surviving other than her widower are three sons, David Ober of Edenton, Carl Ober of Roper, and Scot Ober of Freehole, N.J.; three daughters, Miss Faye Ober of Edenton, Mrs. Frances Merritt of Hertford, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Boyce of Sanford; two sisters, Mrs. J.R. Parrish and Mrs. Lizzie White, both of Portsmouth, Va.; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Rocky Hock Baptist Church by the Rev. Larry McClure and the Rev. Bill Leary. Burial was in the family cemetery at Rt. 1, Edenton.

Area Church News

COUNCIL MEET

A Northeastern District Council meeting will convene at the First Gospel Tabernacle located on Harrell's Lane in Winfall beginning May 19 and continuing through May 21. Morning and evening services will be held from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. The public is invited to attend by the host pastor, Naomi E. Baker.

as guest speaker. The Youth Choir will render special music under the direction of Mrs. Earlene Sellers. The public is invited.

SENIORS CITIZENS' DAY

The New Hope United Methodist Church will observe Senior Citizens' Day on Sunday. Senior citizens of the community are invited to attend worship service at 9:55 a.m.

WOMEN'S AGLOW

The Women's Aglow Fellowship will meet May 21 at the VFW Building in Elizabeth City beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Thelmae Curtis of Asheboro, N.C. She is the wife of Rev. Paul Curtis and they have three children.

Rev. Curtis pastors the Church of Our Redeemer in Greensboro.

Mrs. Curtis has taught Aglow Bible studies and ministers with her husband at retreats.

Rev. Curtis was director of Teen Challenge in San Francisco, Calif. and Chicago, Ill.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

REVEREND HONORED

An appreciation service was held at Riddick Grove Baptist Church on May 15 following the morning worship service in order to honor Rev. L.A. Lilly.

Rev. Lilly is a native of Belvidere and is married to Mrs. Emma Winslow Lilly. They have three children, Willie Lilly, Mrs. Valerie Louthier and Mrs. Bernice James, all living in New York.

Rev. Lilly has served on the Usher Board, Deacon Board and as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School. He is a past member of the Weeping Mary Loving Charity and Odd Fellow Lodges.

Rev. A.M. Winslow gave the honorary sermon recognizing Rev. Lilly for the faithful service he has rendered to the church and community. Rev. W.A. Moore was host pastor.

WOMEN'S DAY

Women's Day will be observed at the Leigh's Temple A.M.E. Zion Church on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. with Mrs. Christa Mallory James



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GROUND-BREAKING — Pictured above is the recent ground-breaking ceremony held at Pools Grove Baptist Church as preparation is made to bring work on the church's new educational building. Auxiliary members look on as Rev. J.L. Wills turns the first shovel of earth.

Building Planned For Pools Grove Announcements From First Baptist Church

A ground-breaking ceremony was held recently for Pools Grove Baptist Church Educational Building.

The new building will house six classrooms, a pastor's council room, clerk's office, library, nursery, a boardroom, the Sunday School Superintendent's office, public and private bathrooms, ladies' lounge, and a fully equipped kitchen.

Rev. J.L. Wills is church pastor. Mrs. Barbara Shannon is organist.

ATTENDS SERVICE Ephraim Bartlett has returned home after attending Eulogistic services for his grandson in New York City, N.Y.

For Your Information

Dear friends,

The sharing of grief is vital to the recovery from grief. Those who come to a funeral visitation carry away with them a portion of the bereaved's grief, as well as depositing some of their own grief. Mental health requires that humans share each other's grief.

Respectfully,



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Sunday School Lesson

GUIDELINES TO FAITH
James 4:1-10, 13-17

The friction and strife which existed among the believers of the dispersion were notorious. James opened this chapter with a question which was designed to probe his readers to the depths. James referred to the general condition of hostility within the ranks of believers as "wars," and to the bad outbreaks of their hostile feelings, which followed their heated arguments, as "fightings." He understood fully that such things have their source in lust, or an unsatisfied desire for praise and preeminence.

The self-centered church members to whom James was writing did not get the things which they coveted. When one's life style is in keeping with the world system without any recognition of God, it always fails to produce the desired results. Lusting after that which belongs to others causes wars.

James' answer to his thought-provoking question, with which he opened this chapter, was that such an unhappy condition was the result of carnal desires. The remedy was earnest prayer to God. Advancement in the work of the Lord always comes through prayer and never by strife.

God will not condone His children walking in worldly ways and living in worldly fellowships, for such is contrary to His will and proves that they are at enmity with Him. Unfaithfulness to Christ and walks in the ways of the world is

compared to a woman who leaves her husband to go with other lovers.

To live victoriously we must resist Satan, who is the enemy of God and destroyer of men. Satan will flee from a child of God who resists him in the name of God. Drawing near to God and having daily communion with Him is a very effective weapon against Satan. Communion with God must be preceded by the cleansing of both the external and the internal life. Sin in our lives, in the lives of others, and in our environment can cause much sorrow, mourning, and weeping. But when one humbles himself before God, he will be blessed greatly and used effectively by Him. Voluntarily and truly humble yourself before God and "he shall lift you up."

It is foolish and tragic for anybody to presume to have control over the todays and the tomorrows of life. All should avoid the presumptuous attitude, which is so prevalent today, of planning for the future without due consideration being given to the will of God. A Christian is not justified in boasting about what he is going to do in the future.

In verse fourteen we are reminded that life, like a vapor, is here for a very short period and then it vanishes or goes away. Since we are only passing through this world, let us spend each day in the service of our Lord. Instead of trying to control your life, yield it to Christ and let Him control it, and you will be glad that you did.

From verse seventeen we learn that to know the Word of God is not enough; we must do what it teaches. This is perhaps the most striking verse in the Bible on the sin of omission. To know what is right and not to do it is sinful. Knowledge of God's will calls for the doing of it, otherwise we sin. It is very definitely our responsibility to live in accordance with God's expressed will. Doing so pleases God and results in our being blessed by Him in so many ways.



TO WED IN JUNE — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Biggs of Edenton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Velma Elaine Biggs, to Phillip Jarvis Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Copeland of Tyner. Both are graduates of Perquimans County High School. The bride attends Roanoke Bible College and the bridegroom is employed with Sutton and Meads Septic Tank Co. The wedding will take place June 19 at 3 p.m. at the Cape Colony Church of Christ in Edenton. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all of my relatives and friends for their love and concern while I was in the hospital and since my return home. Also for the cards, calls, visits, and especially your prayers. To all of you I am most grateful.

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