

—Obituaries—

MRS. BESSIE P. BASS

EDENTON — Mrs. Bessie Pierce Bass, 93, of Rt. 3 Edenton, died Friday at noon after an extended illness.

A native of Chowan County, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Mrs. Winnie Ashley Pierce and the widow of Quinton T. Bass. She was a member of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters: Mrs. Wayland (Edith) White of Edenton, Mrs. Edgar (Dorothy) Chappell of Belvidere, and Mrs. Julian (Hattie Ruth) Owens of Hobbville; four sons, Warner Bass, Graham Bass, Marcus Bass, and Percy Bass, all of Edenton; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Swindell-Bass Funeral Home, Sunday by the Revs. Larry McClure and Ken Spivey. "Face to Face" was sung by the members of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church Choir accompanied by Mrs. Mary Alice Riddick, organist. The pall was made of white chrysanthemums, pink carnations, pink gladioli, and baby's breath. Pall bearers were Graham Bass Jr., Carroll Bass, Bobby Bass, Don Bass, Mark Bass, Bill Chappell, Earl Chappell, and Ray Chappell.

Burial followed in the Pierce Family Cemetery.

MRS. NAOMI H. DAMERON

Mrs. Naomi Harriette Dameron, 57, of 109 Arden Drive, Newport News, died Saturday morning as a result of drowning in the canal behind her summer cottage on Holiday Island.

She was found by her husband, Charles E. Dameron, and her son Harvey D. Dameron. She was taken to the Albemarle Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival by Dr. Darford Burroughs.

Burroughs ruled the drowning as an accident.

Mrs. Dameron was co-founder of the Peninsula Literacy Foundation. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, the Church's Women's Missionary Union, and the Peninsula Baptist Association.

A native of High Point, N.C. she had lived in the Newport News area for 33 years.

Besides her husband and her son, survivors include four sisters, Mrs. Burdett MacCleave of Graham, N.C. Mrs. Paul Reavis of Kernersville, N.C., Mrs. Mamie Pesto of High Point, and Mrs. Everett Walker of Key Largo, Fla., two brothers, Raymond P. Hutchens of Trinity, N.C. and Ollie Hutchens of Sumpter, S.C.

A funeral will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Calvary Baptist church by the Rev. Samuel W. Tatem. Burial will follow in the Peninsula Memorial Park.

MILTON J. UMPHLETT

LITTLETON, N.C. — Milton Jarvis Umphlett, 61, of 226 Roanoke Ave., Littleton, died Tuesday morning, Aug. 2. He was a commercial artist and owned Umphlett Signs in Littleton.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ellen King Umphlett and two sisters: Mrs. B.V. Lindsey of Dayton, Ohio and Mrs. Delwin Eure of Rt. 3, Hertford.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 4, at 2 p.m. in the Enterprise Baptist Church by the Rev. Jerry Harper Sr. Burial followed in the sunset Hill Cemetery in Littleton.

JESSE BALL

JONESBORO, Tenn. — Jesse Paul Ball, 79, of Jonesboro died Wednesday morning Aug. 3 at his residence following a short illness.

He was the son of the late A.J. and Amentha Ball, and the husband of Mrs. Joda Mae Arnold Ball.

Other survivors include three daughters: Mrs. James Emerd of Greenwood, S.C. Mrs. Bill Gieseke of Monroe, Wash. and Mrs. Clyde Payne of Jonesboro; four sons: Roy Ball of Hertford, Carl Ball of Bristol, Tenn. A.J. Ball and Dale Ball of Johnson City, Tenn. one Brother Allie Ball of Monroe, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Arnonk and Mrs. Winnie Broyles, both of Jonesboro; two half-sisters, Mrs. Maydell Deakins of Jonesboro and Mrs. Thelma Richardson of Marion, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 5, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the Dillow-Taylor Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Rev. Matthews To Hold Revival

The Woodland United Methodist Church will hold revival services starting Aug. 14. The services will begin at 8 p.m. each evening Sunday through Thursday. The evangelist will be the Rev. Roy L. Matthews.

Matthews is the pastor of the Creswell-Mt. Hermon Parish of the United Methodist Church. He is in his second year on this charge. Rocky Mount District. He is married to Sandra Mumford Matthews of New Bern, N.C. He uses the art of magic to illustrate his childrens sermons.

He received his education in the Greenville Schools Systems, East Carolina University, Wesleyan and Duke. The public is invited.

REV. ROY L. MATTHEWS

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS
Mrs. J.T. Biggers entertained her bridge club recently at her home on Market St. Those playing were Mrs. T.L. Jessup, Mrs. H.C. Stokes, Mrs. W.C. Dozier, Mrs. John Coston, Mrs. G.W. Barbee, Mrs. C.R. Holmes, Miss Mary Sumner, and Miss Ruby White. Miss Sumner won the high score prize.



CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses A. Skinner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently with a dinner given by their children, at 410 Cox Street, Hertford. The occasion was hosted by their children, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Six others attended. The couple was married in Perquimans County on July 16, 1927.

"CARD OF THANKS"

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the cards, food, visits and many acts of kindness shown me during the loss of my brother, Mr. N.C. Douglas.

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"I would like to express my appreciation to each of you for your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, gifts, phone calls and all other acts of kindness shown me during my recent hospital stay and since my return home. May God bless each of you is my prayer.

Minni Goodwin"

CARD OF THANKS

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, gifts, and all other acts of kindness rendered me during my stay in the hospital and since my return home. All of these meant more to me than any of you could possibly know. May our Heavenly Father add his richest blessings to each of you.

Beth Winslow"

For Your Information

Dear friends,

The problems surrounding death and dying no longer concern only the widow or widower. Society is becoming more aware of the issues and difficulties associated with loss thru death - the public questions posed by such a private tragedy. This is a wholesome development.

Respectfully,



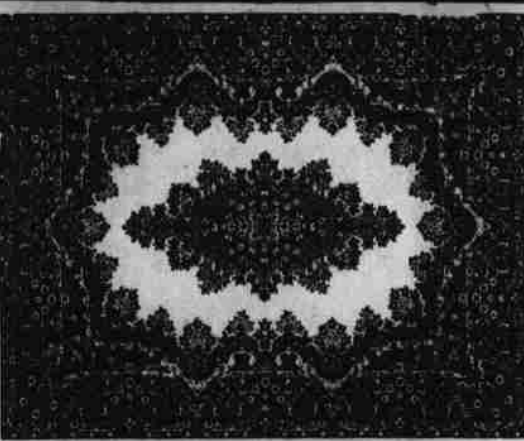
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Sunday School Lesson

GIDEON: GOD'S COURAGEOUS MAN Judges 7: 2-8, 20-21

An emergency never arises but what God has a man who is equal to the occasion and ready to meet it. In the midnight hour of Israel's hope God called Gideon to the task of commanding the army in driving out the invading Midianites and in delivering His people from their bondage. This call came as a surprise to this great lover of his family, his country, and his God. Upon discovering God's will for his life and dedicating himself unreservedly to the doing of that will, having been assured of the Lord's presence and power, Gideon proceeded to carry out the divine instructions. Thirty-two thousand men responded to Gideon's call.

Not wanting the Israelites to take all the credit to themselves and to boast of what they had done, God commanded Gideon to reduce the size of his army. When the test of courage was applied, twenty-two thousand of the men went back home. When the test of earnestness and zeal was applied only three hundred proved themselves to be qualified for such a hazardous undertaking. What was even more strange, God took away all the weapons of the three hundred before He allowed them to go into the battle. God's way is so different from man's way, but it is always best. Only heroic men could have survived the shock of such an appalling depletion of numbers, leaving three hundred men to fight one hundred thirty-five thousand. To say the least, there was a very unusual procedure, but it teaches us that a few with God can be far more effective than a whole multitude without God.

Gideon's tactics were very unusual. He and his servant, Phurah, moved cautiously to the camp of the enemy for reconnoiter, which was an unusual thing for a general to do. When he returned, he so thrilled his three hundred men with the courage of his own gallant heart that they were willing to go anywhere at his command.

To each of his men was given a trumpet in his right hand, a pitcher in his left hand, and a lamp or torch inside the pitcher. All were instructed to follow the example of their leader. At a given signal each man would be responsible for blowing his trumpet, smashing his pitcher on the rocky ground, holding high and swinging to and fro his torch and crying, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Awakened from sleep, the Midianites heard the blaring of the trumpets and the crashing of the crockery, and seeing the glare of the three hundred lights, they concluded that Gideon's forces had surrounded them. In their confusion and panic they rushed hither and thither in the darkness and slew many of their own people. When the bloody tragedy was ended, many had been killed and the rest had fled, but without one of Gideon's men receiving a wound. This victory was one of the military marvels of all time.

What was the secret of their great victory? That secret was revealed in the words, "And they stood every man in his place round about the camp." Gideon and his men were united in mind and purpose. Each was willing to do all that he could to win the victory. All of the three hundred followed the example of their leader and obeyed his orders to the letter. Not one of them became discouraged or faltered. They were courageous and brave all the way through. Each man stood in his place and did his part. Each enthusiastically put everything he had into the battle for God and righteousness. Because they took their rightful places before God and did their part, He blessed them with a wonderful and memorable victory.

As certainly as God had a work for Gideon and each of his men, He has a work for each of us today. If we will take our rightful places before God and do our part, God will be with us and do His part, thereby crowning our efforts with success in every undertaking that He has assigned to us. Surely this lesson teaches us that greater emphasis needs to be placed on the importance and value of each individual standing in his place of service for God.

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The Sunday School Lesson is sent in each week by Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky.

Chappell Hill Revival

Revival services will be held at the Chappell Hill Baptist Church Aug. 12, 13 and 14 beginning at 8 p.m. nightly.

Rev. Glenn Greenway will deliver the message. New pastor at the church is Rev. Billy Old. The public is invited.

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