

# Good news

## THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

While Christ Jesus was at the temple in Jerusalem, the scribes and Pharisees, who repeatedly sought opportunities to ensnare Him, brazenly barged into His presence, bringing to Him a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. Knowing that, according to the law of Moses (Deuteronomy 22:23-24), such a person should be stoned to death when two persons attested to her guilt of this sin.

These critics asked Christ if the law of Moses, (stoning to death) should be administered in this case, or would He propose another rule by which they should go? Really the critics were not concerned about this sinful woman, but they were very much interested in finding some basis on which to bring both religious and civil charges against Christ. They rejoiced in this opportunity of presenting Christ with this dilemma.

In the event that He should say that the woman should not be stoned to death, they would accuse Him of being an enemy of Moses and charge Him with breaking his law, which prescribed the death penalty. If Christ should agree with Moses and declare that the woman should be executed, He would then be in trouble with the Roman government, whose officials had the sole authority to impose the death penalty upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem at that time.

Acting as if He were ignoring the hypocritical questioners, Christ stooped

and began writing with His finger in the sandy soil. When He was pressed for an immediate answer, Christ stood erect, removed Himself from the dilemma in which they had placed Him, cut through the tangled web of their hypocrisy, and replied in a way which was different from anyone else. He confounded them by saying: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

The humiliated critics withdrew themselves with the least notice possible from the others.

Christ said: "Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?" She replied, "No man, Lord." Then He refused to condemn her, but urged her to repent of her sin and commanded her not to repeat her sin.

The way in which our Lord dealt with this sinful woman caused her accusers to drop the case lest they incriminate themselves, for they had committed adultery in their hearts, and some of them had done so in deed.

The merciful and compassionate Saviour wanted this woman, and all who read the story about her, to know that by the grace of God, sin can be forgiven and cleansed, and that their sinful habits can be overcome through the power of the merciful and loving God.

In forgiving this sinful woman the Lord Jesus did not minimize her sin or condone it, but made it perfectly clear that adultery was a terrible sin from which all should refrain.



**Cedar Grove Methodist**

The Cedar Grove United Methodist Church in Winfall offers Sunday worship a 10 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:45.

## People briefs

Billy Williams attended an Executive Board Meeting of the National Farm Bureau this week at Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Lynn Hurdle, student as ECU, Greenville, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hare.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Harrell have returned from a vacation in Florida.

Miss Bobbie Keaton, student at St. Mary's Academy, Raleigh, was a weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Keaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy White and sons of Chesapeake, Va.

were overnite guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bass on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes Copeland of Belvidere are guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carpenter, III, at Roanoke, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Phthisic, Mrs. Robert Phthisic, Scott, and Tim Phthisic of Belvidere toured Florida last week.

Mrs. Virginia Pociengel returned from a week's visit in Mickleton, N. J., where her oldest daughter, Tanya, gave birth to her second son, Justin

Henry McBride.

Miss Barbara Copeland, student at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Copeland, at Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield have returned home after spending the week in Florida.

### IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. D.F. Reed, Sr. is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital.

Editor's note: News items for "People briefs" should be submitted through Mrs. Elizabeth Thach, after 5 p.m., at 426-7250.

## Look who's new

### Katherman

Mr. and Mrs. R. Garland Katherman of 400 Chinaberry Circle, Virginia Beach, Virginia announce the birth of their first child, a son, Matthew Garland, born, Monday, February 4th, 1980, at General

Hospital of Virginia Beach. Mrs. Katherman is the former Joan Miller.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Miller of Route 2, Hertford.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Katherman of Virginia Beach.

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## Extension news

PAIGE UNDERWOOD

With about twenty inches of snow on the ground last week, it's a little premature to think about sitting in a hammock under the sun or a shade tree in just a few months.

To be ready for the summer and the leisure hours, you might be interested in making your very own hammock at a workshop on Feb. 28, at 9:30 a.m., at the Perquimans County Office Building offered by the Agricultural Extension Service and instructed by Mrs. Helen Timms and Mrs. Virginia White.

Both Mrs. Timms and Mrs. White learned the art of hammock making at a similar workshop in Elizabeth City.

The first hammocks were made from bark of the Peruvian and Brazilian Indians.

Christopher Columbus' sailors learned the custom of using hammocks from Indians of the West Indies and sailors on board ships used hammocks instead of bunks for many years.

The hammocks were made from pieces of heavy canvas, three feet wide by six feet long

instead of cord as we use today. Also, sailors learned the art of macramé and hammock making to occupy many long hours at sea.

Hammocks are very expensive today when purchased from craftsmen. A considerable savings can be realized when you make your own.

Hammocks are made by hand on stretchers using spun polyester cord. A special wood needle and gauge enables the craftsman to make the square knot which is the body of the hammock.

Some braiding and half hitches are used to complete the hammock which has some techniques similar to tying fish netting.

Another opportunity I would like to invite you to is a workshop on Tuesday, February 19, at 2 p.m., "Doughnuts—Make Your Own." This workshop will also be held at the Perquimans County Office Building. Please call the Extension Office to register for either workshop.

## Obituary

### Lewis

Mr. Asa Talmage Lewis, 49, of Snug Harbor, died Tuesday morning in Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

A native of Tennessee, he was the husband of Mrs. Jackie Rowan Lewis and a member of the Moose Lodge in Elizabeth City. He was employed by the Union-Camp Corp. as a tug boat Captain and was retired from the U. S.

Navy after 22 years of service.

Besides his wife, surviving are three daughters; Mrs. Cathy Stewart and Mrs. Jackie Schaible of Virginia Beach, Va., and Miss Frances Lewis of Snug Harbor; and one son, George Lewis of Snug Harbor.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of press time. Swindell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## Civic calendar

Thurs. Feb. 14  
Perq. Co. Jaycees  
Alc. Anonymous 8 pm Hert.  
Unit. Meth. Ch.  
Al-Anon 8 pm Hert. Unit.  
Meth. Ch.  
Sun. Feb. 17  
Snug Harbor Civic League  
Mon. Feb. 18  
Perq. Co. Bd. of Edu.  
Perq. Co. Bd. of Comm.-pm  
Inter Co. Fire Dept.

Marching Unit Parents Club  
Memory Lane Sen. Cit. Club 2 pm  
Perq. Co. Soc. Ser. Bd. 7:30  
Old Ag Bldg.  
Tues. Feb. 19  
Hertford Rotary Club 6:30  
Perq. Masonic Lodge  
Belv-Chap. Hill Ladies Aux.  
Meridan Lodge 8 8 pm  
Lodge Hall

### For Your Information

Dear friends,

The book WIDOW by Lynne Caine Morrow — one woman's story of facing the death of her husband. Her major message, "If I had known the facts of grief before I experienced them, it would not have made my grief less intense . . . But I would have known that once my grief was worked thru, I would be joyful again. Not my old self. I am another woman now, and I like this woman better."

Respectfully,

Margaret Swindell



## Donations needed

Anyone interested in giving a memorial gift (in honor of someone deceased) to the Perquimans County Unit of the North Carolina Heart Association is asked to contact Roy S. Chappell, Jr., Memorial Gift Chairman.

Special gifts should be sent

to Mrs. Joyce Riddick, Special Gifts Chairman.

Acknowledgment of the donation is made immediately by the Heart Association to the donor and to the family of the person in whose memory or honor the gift is made.

## Service news

Robert L. Harvey, II, son of Hertford Policeman Robert L. and Mrs. Willie Harvey, Sr. was promoted to the rank of Sgt. January 1, 1980.

Sgt. Harvey is stationed at Fort Myers, "The Old Guard," Va. He served three years in Germany with the U.S. Army before Fort Myers, Va.

Harvey is a 1976 graduate of Perquimans High School, Hertford, NC.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald J. Harvey, son of Hertford Policeman Robert L. and Mrs. Willie Harvey, Sr., has been chosen to attend the Air Force NCO Academy in Louisiana.

Harvey is stationed at Seymour Johnson A.F. Base, Goldsboro, NC.

He is married to Mrs.

France L. Harvey. They have twin daughters. Harvey is a 1970 graduate of Perquimans High School.

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**CHILI AND BEANS**  
5 lbs. ground beef  
2 large onions-chopped

1 large green pepper-chopped  
1 1/2 oz. can tomatoes  
8 cans kidney beans  
Saute onions, green pepper and meat. Add tomatoes to meat. Season with lots of chili powder, red pepper and salt. Cook 1 hour. Add beans and cook 30 minutes more.

## Spiritual retreat set

A Winter Spiritual Retreat at the Calvary Pentecostal Holiness Church in Belvidere will begin Saturday, at 11 a.m. with Rev. and Mrs. S.J. Williams.

Rev. Williams has been a pastor, evangelist, and for nine years, was a personal representative for Oral Roberts. He has ministered and traveled extensively.

Williams set up the Development and Stewardship Department of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church in Oklahoma City, and served as director of this program for three years.

He will be speaking each evening through Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Williams has served as teacher, counselor, school psychologist, county public school supervisor, and professor at Oral Roberts University.

She is also an evangelist and a well known teacher on prayer. She will be speaking each morning, Monday through Friday at 10 a.m.

The pastor Don Milner and the congregation invite the public to attend these services. For further information call 297-2146.

## Zion service set

The Rev. Willie E. Vaughn, pastor, choir and congregation of Emanuel Pentecostal Holiness Church

will render services at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church in Hertford Sunday Feb. 17, at 3 p.m.

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## Confidential to young addicts

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