

Church

Hudgins is hospital standout

EDENTON—Linda Hudgins spent the first 18 years at Chowan Hospital as a licensed practical nurse. Then in 1989, through additional schooling while continuing to work full-time, Linda became a registered nurse.

That was an anticipated feat for the Hobbsville native and very memorable. However, Linda recently received an unexpected surprise when she was named Chowan Hospital's Employee of the Quarter. "I just couldn't believe it. I want to thank whoever nominated me, because I am very pleased," said Linda.

Linda, who has been a nursing supervisor since 1990, was nominated for her extra kindness to family members when a patient expires. Her patience, understanding and willingness to help out was also recognized, according to the nominating form.

Linda worked full-time in the labor and delivery department while taking pre-nursing classes at College of The Albemarle and eventually nursing classes at Roanoke-Chowan Community College in Ahoskie.



Linda Hudgins
...Employee of the Quarter

Being a nursing supervisor is the ideal position for Linda. "I like being able to go to different departments, it keeps your nursing skills sharp," said Linda, who has worked at Chowan Hospital her entire nursing career, after graduating from Gates County High School and COA's LPN program.

"The small hospital atmosphere is appealing," said Linda, "because it's easier to know the patients and their families better."

Linda, who is single, lists her hobbies as sewing and gardening.

We are workmen for God

By T.P. Alexander
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Teach the truth
II Timothy 2:14-26

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15

The Apostle Paul and his associate, young Timothy, were traveling in Asia. Visiting the church which Paul had established there. At Ephesus they discovered that there were problems within the church fellowship. Some of these problems were the result of lifestyles of some of the members.

However, in addition to this, it was apparent that some serious heresy was involved, and probably some form of gnosticism was being taught. Paul left Timothy in Ephesus to correct and straighten out the church problems while he continued his journey to Europe. Somewhere on his journey he was arrested by the Roman authorities and put in prison in Rome.

Having been tried and sentenced to death, he was awaiting his execution as he wrote this second letter to Timothy. Facing imminent death, one is not likely to spend time on trivial matters, therefore, we are justified in believing that what Paul wrote in this letter was close to his heart.

Words for God's workman
II Timothy 2:14-26

"Of these things, put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord..." II Tim. 2:14

In the verses prior to vs. 14, Paul set priorities of a servant of the Lord. He began, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." (II Tim. 2:1)

The apostle went right to the heart of effective Christian service. God, through Christ, has empowered Christians by the Holy Spirit. A grace gift in our mind's eye, we see this young man, Timothy, as he attempts to take on the established, entrenched trouble makers in the church at Ephesus. Those teaching false doctrines in the church were ready to do battle with Timothy. Only through the power of the Holy Spirit, would he accomplish his purpose.

"Change them before the Lord," Paul said.

Ways of God's workman

Black History programs continue

The Perquimans County Black History Month Program Committee will present its final program on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Bay Branch AME Zion Church. The youth participating will perform poetry, speeches, short stories and excerpts of plays, and will present biographical information about the authors.

The final segment of the *Eyes on the Prize* documentary will be shown at the public library on Saturday at 10:45 a.m. This week's segment is titled, *Bridge to Freedom (1965)*.

II Timothy 2:20-26

"Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal..." (II Tim. 2:19)

Even though the heretics might destroy the faith of some and, thereby, gain a following, yet the foundation of God standeth sure. What is the foundation of which Paul speaks? Various explanations have been given, but in the context it seems best to understand that he meant the church.

Nothing can destroy the Lord's church. The church belongs to Christ and neither heretics or anything else can destroy it. Christ has sealed the church as His own. On one occasion, Christ said to Peter, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

In verses 20-26, Paul sets forth the ways of God's workman. How instructive they are! Read them.

First, Paul says that God's workman purges himself. We are God's people but we are not perfect people. However, if we are to be effective for Christ we must constantly purge the sin from our lives and be forgiven.

Secondly, God's workman flees youthful lusts. Given the likes of our society, there is constant temptation for young and not so young.

Thirdly, God's workman avoids foolish questions. Paul is speaking of worthless theological questions that have no real answers, they simply draw people into word battles. Paul is not speaking of earnest questions from those seeking knowledge.

Fourthly, Paul speaks of God's workman as being gentle and meek. Great Christians are not pompous, nor boasters, but rather see themselves as sinners saved by grace.

Fifthly, Paul speaks of God's workman as those who seek to free captives of the devil. God's truths can free a church congregation's strife.

Paul told Timothy to teach the (Lesson based on the International Sunday School Lessons)

I would like to thank all of the people who were kind and thoughtful to me over the last several months. All of the cards, food, visits and prayers were greatly appreciated.

Howard Winslow

To All Who Shared In The Billy Old Benefit on February 20, 1993.

Mere words and expressions can never be adequate to properly show our appreciation to the Inter-County Ruritan Club of Perquimans County and every other group, churches and individuals who shared in promotion of the recent benefit for my wife and myself, which was due to my heart surgery. We shall never forget the love that has been shown to us by all. May God bless each and every one in a special way.

Rev. and Mrs. Billy Old

Acknowledgement

The family of Edward Louis Wilson, Jr. extends their grateful thanks and deepest gratitude for all acts of kindness and all expressions of sympathy received. May God bless each one of you.

Lona G. Wilson

THANK YOU

The members of the Inter-County Ruritan Club, The Inter-County Volunteer Fire Department and The Woodville Baptist Church wish to thank our friends and neighbors to the entire Albemarle Community for their combined support in making the Rev. Billy Old Bar-B-Que benefit supper such a tremendous success. For this we all thank you all so very much."

The Family Of James DeWitt Winslow

would like to express their thanks and appreciation for the many cards, visits, memorial donations, calls, flowers, food prayers and many other acts of kindness during the loss of our loved one. We, also would like to thank each one of you for your time, effort and donations in the preparation for James DeWitt's Benefit Supper. Special thanks to Jimmy and Helen Hunter for organizing the supper. Your kindness will always be remembered.

May God Bless Each of You.

Thanks again,
Dianne, Nicky, Lisa, Bryan
Alvah, Edna and Kay

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Services are planned

Bagley Swamp Wesleyan

Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church will hold revival services on March 2-7. The services will be held at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The evangelist will be Rev. Clarence Williams. Rev. Williams is the father of Rev. Hank Williams who held a countywide crusade in Perquimans County in May 1991. Rev. Williams and his wife, Mary Ann, will be singing each night during the services. For more information, you may contact the pastor, Rev. Sam Swinney at 426-7476.

Rev. Williams (a former country music singer) was converted while living in Evansville, Ind. He now plays and sings country gospel music. Rev. Williams has pastored for 30 years and has been involved in evangelism. He and his wife now reside in Shelby.

Bay Branch AME Zion

Bay Branch AME Zion Church Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship follows at 11:00. Music will be rendered by the Young Adult Choir.

Evangelist Mary Brown and the Spiritual Singers of Windsor will be in concert at 2:30.

There will be three nights of service held March 3-5 led by Rev. Calvin Billups on Wednesday, Rev. Ricky Banks on Thursday, and Rev. James Modlin Jr. on Friday. Choirs for the services will be Joppa Baptist Choir, St. Stephens Choir and Samuel Chapel Choir, respectively. Services begin nightly at 8 p.m.

New Hope United Methodist

A singspiration will be sponsored by New Hope United Methodist Church on Feb. 28, beginning at 7 p.m. with informal singing at 6:45 p.m. The Whitehurst Family of Hertford, Carolina Friends from Hobbsville, Warren and Debbie White from Elizabeth City will be the special guests. Ben Blanchard, the New Hope Choir, and other singing groups will also be singing. A nursery will be provided.

St. Paul AME Zion

The Black Characters of the Bible March and a Concert of gospel music by the Perquimans County Male Chorus and The Belvidere Vocalaires will be given at St. Paul AME Zion Church on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Melton Grove Baptist

NAACP Black History Program at Melton Grove Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 4:00 p.m. Rev. George Munden, choir, ushers, congregation of Galatia Baptist Church will be the guests.

EMC reps attend meeting

Two Albemarle Electric Membership Cooperative directors and the local manager attended the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Estelle Felton and Virgie Whitehurst, directors, and Dorris White, manager, joined over 10,000 rural electric directors and managers from across the country and around the world at the Feb. 15-17 meeting.

The highlight of the conference was a presentation by University of Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz.

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Dr. A.F. Downum
OPTOMETRIST

IF YOU ONCE WORE CONTACTS . . .

If you tried wearing contact lenses years ago when they were big and hard and difficult to manage, you owe it to yourself to try again - especially if you still would rather not wear glasses. The new generation of lenses, especially the soft ones, are extra-comfortable for most people and able to correct most common visual conditions, too.

The major advantage of soft lenses is, no surprise, their softness. That enables them to fit smoothly right over the cornea. They absorb natural tear fluid and bend to fit the natural curve of the eye. They are made in a variety of shapes so that your optometrist can choose one just right for your eyes.

The new lenses offer many more options than the old ones. They can be adapted for bifocal vision or change the color of your eyes. Discuss with your eye professional whether easy-to-care-for extended-wear lenses or throwaways are right for you.

Dr. A.F. DOWNUM
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Dear friends,

Death naturally creates an emotional crisis, in part because it usually only occurs once in a dozen years per family. A funeral director must be called. One in whom you have complete confidence. Well-meaning friends, neighbors, clergy and doctors, should not presume to call a funeral director without consulting members of the family. The sole right of selection of the funeral director belongs to the next of kin.

Respectfully,
Larry Swindell
Swindell Funeral Home, Inc.
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INSPIRATION by Opal V. White

Where does inspiration come from? You've heard the adage, "It just came to me out of the blue!" Most often inspiration is triggered by one or all of our five senses: What we see, feel, taste, smell, or hear. We all experience the emotion of inspiration from time to time. Some of us respond by taking the idea and going with it to fulfillment. Others let it slip by into oblivion.

I believe that all ideas are inspired by God through the Holy Spirit. Just as the Bible was "given by inspiration of God," ideas are born in upon our minds by the Spirit of God.

One such idea came to Dr. Louis Klopsch, first owner-editor of *The Christian Herald Magazine*. While seated at his desk writing an editorial for the magazine, he glanced up at the wall calendar, noting that it was June 18, 1899. When he looked down to continue writing the editorial his eyes fell upon the opened Bible which he kept near at hand. The Bible was opened to the Gospel of Luke 22 . . . and, verse 20 stood out as Klopsch read, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood which is shed for you."

Meditating upon this, the Doctor voiced, "These are the words of our Savior when He instituted the Lord's Supper. Is not all blood red?" he questioned. The idea began to crystallize as he considered, "Why not a red-letter Bible with the red words to be those of our Lord?"

And, so the red-lettered edition of the Bible was born. The sayings of our Lord, printed in red, remind us that He sealed up the salvation for the peoples of the world by shedding His precious life-blood upon the Cross of Calvary. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Pet. 1:18, 19).

Inspiration is like a pebble tossed into a pond, sending ripples outwardly, ever widening as the waves travel. You have an idea inspired from on high? Why not throw it, like a pebble, into the pond of life and watch the "ripple-effect" spread outwardly, eventually reaching the shore of someone's life for good.

Joyce Kilmer saw a tree? What do you see, hear, feel, taste, or smell? Now is the time. Do it today.

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