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GOD'S SOAP OPERA TIME (FRANK WAHTON)

Good morning, America, it's 20/ 20 time. Our message begins in the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve started the "Family Feud" by disobeying God's command. They became "The Young and the Restless." This odd couple, along with the serpent, caused "The Little Rascals," sin and death, to enter the world. This peaceful Earth then became "A Wild Kingdom."

The only thing that could tame this world was "The Love of God." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoseever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

Adam and Eve were driven from "Fantasy Island" and became lost in space. Now "The Days of Our Lives" are "as a Tale that is Told." Threescore and 10 years" and by reason of strength, four years yet it is sorrow because we soon "Fly Away."

The Lord pleads to us, saying, "All My Children," "As the World Turns," you have but "One Life to Live." You must live it "One Day at a Time." There is "A Secret Storm" within us that brings us to "The Edge of Night." We must make that "Bold Journey" in "Search for Tomorrow." "Get Smart." Accept that "Guiding Light" which is Jesus. "The Price is Right." He paid it at Calvary. He reigns over a Glorious "Dvnasty" in Heaven in "My Hour of Decision."

I checked into God's "General Hospital," realizing like sand "Through an Hourglass," so are "The Days of Our Lives." I took the gospel medicine and was operated on by Doctor Jesus. I soon discovered "Another World."

I heard the Doctor say, "Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give thee rest." I even heard the Doctor say, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of God." So, kids are people, too. God's joy ride is not J.R.'s lifestyle.

Unlike "Ryan's Hope," "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." I stepped aboard God Divine's "Love Boat" and "Happy Days are Here Again."

Submitted by Ms. Gladys Evans

RELEVANT QUOTATIONS 1. People murder a child when they tell it to keep out of the dirt. The dirt is life.

Retirement, Living Class

George Washington Carver 2. I have seen infants who, at the age of only two months, had already developed real neuroses because of the way they had been handled by their mothers and fathers. The infant had absorbed their parents' anxieties like a blot-

Dr. Smiley Blanton 3. It is difficult to give children a

sense of security unless you have it yourself. If you have it, they catch it from you. 4. Always be well-dressed, even

when begging.

5. I hate being placed on commeetings at which half are absent and the rest late.

6. The one who complains the loudest is generally she who contributes the least.

7. Everybody knows how to utter a complaint, but few can express a graceful compliment.

8. The time to stop talking is when the other person nods his head affirmatively but says nothing.

9. He who cannot dance puts the blame on the floor.

10. A man can do what he wants, but not want what he wants. 11. What we love to do find time

to do. 12. It's a safer thing any time to

follow a man's advice rather than his example.

13. Experience teaches only the teachable.

14. If you can learn from hard knocks, you can also learn from soft touches.

15. It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father.

16. Don't be a hion in your own house

17. Eating without conversation is only stoking.

18. Do not protect yourself by a fence, but rather by your friends. 19. Friends are lost by calling of-

ten and calling seldom. 20. Friendship will not stand the strain of very much good advice for very long.

21. A man becomes like those whose society he loves.

22. When the hand ceases to scatter, the mouth ceases to praise.

mother, Savannah; two sisters, Mary D. Jeffreys of Franklinton and Zola Mae Leach of Raleigh; two aunts and an uncle, all of Newport News, Va.; many, many other devoted relatives, and a special devoted friend, Stephen Taylor.

I, too, would like to add my voice to that of the family. A precious one from us is gone. The voice we love is stilled; a place is vacant in our home that never can be filled. May God bless each of you. Feggins and Feggins conducted the funeral.

I would like to wish the following people, to whom I sell the paper weekly, a happy belated birthday:

Ms. Mary Betty Lewis of Louisburg, Weldon Perry of Perry's Upholstery; and Ms. May Helen Harris of the Senior Apartments in Louisburg. Hope that each of you had a bang-up time of it.

At the Franklinton Elementary Schools' graduation on June 3, Jermaine Williams was resplendent in a tuxedo. Jermaine will be going to the middle school next term and he is excited about it, he told me the other day. Jermaine's mother. Dwendolyn Floyd of Franklinton, mittees. They are always having has been awarded a child development associate credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council of Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

The wife of James A. Floyd. they, with their six children, are currently living in Academy Village, and have been trying to find a country home in order to raise their six little J's properly: Jermaine, Jerome, James, Jameka and three-year-old twins Jakita and Jameil.

With six little J's underfoot, is there any wonder that this proud mom shouldn't have won the CDA credential? Great going, Dwendolvn.

Because my time and space is gone, I'll have to tell you of some other young people next week. It had been planned for this article, but as we all know, "death never takes a holiday." As I write this article, it is the third of July. Here's hoping that each of you had a real "bang-up" Fourth.

I am glad that I have a memory, and a conscience, that just keeps plucking at me until I am totally reminded what it is that I am about to miss. In this case it is that I forgot to express my sorrow to Ms. Isabell Fogg for the loss of her brother, Clyde Parrish, in Buffalo, N.Y. a couple of weeks ago.

Forgive me, folks, for not finishing with Freddie the Horn Blower, but this last little bit is very special with me, and the real reason that I felt Freddie's presence was dingly bl I had known Freddie when he made a very small "lean-to" his home in Franklinton, and he wore a tam setting jauntily to the side of his head, and he told me that he sort of wandered around big Northern cities playing his horn and gathering crowds on street corners. "All a person needs in this world is the ability to play music, and have the guts to do it in the right places," he said, and I believed him because there had been another story of a young white man who said that the only thing a person needed was a good camera and a horn that he could play well, and funds would come in coins on street corners. Bravo, Freddie!

child of God. Invitation to Christian discipleship was extended. The members were glad to have Charlean Smith join their fellowship. Communion was served by the minister, followed by closing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible study is held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The Male Chorus will celebrate

its anniversary July 19. Annual Homecoming will be

elebrated Aug. 2.

The Young Adult Choir will have its anniversary Aug. 9. Aug. 17-21 will be Revival Week. Rev. Daniel Sanders from Springfield Baptist Church will be the speaker for the week.

On the sick and shut-in list are Kathleen Hemby, John Singletary, Nettie Calhoun, Alice Cooke, Charles Rogers, Ronnie Laws, Rev. Thomas Burt, Mary Utley, Lola McClain, Hoyie Johnson, James Hanks, Billy Debnam, Ella Fletcher, Charles Little, and Junita Johnson. Let us keep praying for the sick everywhere. God is still in the healing business.

The Rhamkatte community is in sympathy with the Kearney and Cannady families in the passing of their loved one, Margaret Kearney. Funeral services were held July 3 at Watts Chapel Church.

Funeral services for Baby Ray Cannady were held July 6. We must say God still sits on the throne and He does take care of His own.

The members want to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Topsy Ashe on their 66th anniversary.

Congratulations also to Ms. Maddie Little. She is St. John AME Mother of the Year for 1992.

Smithfield

BY LILLIE M. LEE

SMITHFIELD-Can you do something today to bring gladness to someone whose pleasures are so few? Can you do something to drive off sadness or cause someone's dream to come true?

If you didn't take the opportunity to worship with First Baptist folk in the park last Sunday, then you did miss the treat of a lifetime. We had guests from local churches and even Selma. Everyone enjoyed lunch and the service was wonderful. We do thank God for beautiful weather.

The Nathan Blake family members had a great time last Sunday celebrating their annual family reunion.

Ms. Addison Boyd and children are spending some time here with Ms. Clara Avery. John McLean, Jr. will spend the

summer in Austin, Texas. Good huck Jack. Members of the Forte family will

celebrate their annual family re-

pin courtesy of the 6,000-member Washington Teachers' Union, Dr. Jimmie C. Jackson, president.

Ms. Cowser paid tribute to her parents. She recalled that, against the odds stacked against black men in the South during the '50s, her father earned a master's degree in 1955 from New York University. Further, she spoke of attending her mother's graduation from Shaw University when she was five years old and she knew then that school would always be an important part of her life. Ms. Cowser stated that the two most important things she received from her parents were roots and wings.

Ms. Vinson gave a moving response to he daughter's tribute. After presenting to her mother a wooden apple with a plaque on the base, commemorating the occasion, and a plaque to the church, Ms. Cowser presented a WTU medallion to Rev. Boykin.

Relatives from Greensboro, Fayetteville and Salisbury attended the event as well as church members, friends, and former co-workers.

A reception, coordinated by Shirley Hinton and the Senior Choir was held immediately following the morning worship serv-

OFFICERS

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"We want to give the community back to the residents," said Austin. They've got to live here 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is no escaping their community."

This is why the officers walk the neighborhoods and talk with the residents in search of solutions to strengthening the bond between law and laymen.

"We want to give them a sense of trust in the police department," said Austin. "They can call on us anytime in strict confidence on the pagers that the department has provided for us."

Jessie Copeland, a longtime resident of Chavis Heights, said, When you call them, they respond. I called Officer Halsaver one morning at 2 o'clock about a problem and within 10 minutes somebody was over checking it out."

Austin said he returns all pages regardless of the time or place. He says if he is not on duty, he will call the communications center and make sure the problem is taken care of.

Officer Austin, despite being white, said he spent eight hours on the day of the Rodney King verdict talking to the predominantly black residents that live in Halifax Court about their post-trial con-

"I never heard a derogatory remark. In fact, they welcomed our presence and wanted us to stay as long as we would. I think it had to do with us being in the community beforehand, getting the people interested in their community, and gaining their trust in the police department," he said.

Feeding Needy **People Asked** Ag. Dept. Priority BY LARRY STILL

NNPA News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Mem. bers of the U.S. Congress Hunger Committee have asked the Department of Agriculture to give priority to using available funds to feed needy people instead of purchasing commodities "to offset market influences in the price of certain perishable foods."

Rep. Tony P. Hall (D-Ohio), chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger, recently called on Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan to use discretionary funds at his disposal to extend the purchasing power of an emergency food program that distributes supplies "to millions of needy Americans through food banks and soup kitchens across the country."

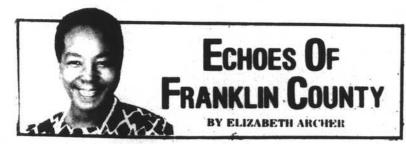
In a letter from Hall, also signed by Select Committee Ranking Republican Bill Emerson (R-Mo.) and 17 other House of Representatives members including Rep. Mike Espy (D-Miss.), the committee asked Secretary Madigan to allocate up to \$25 million of USDA's Section 32 funds to purchase additional commodities for distribution through the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Under TEFAP, surplus commodities are purchased by the USDA for distribution to food banks and soup kitchens, but the department reportedly has spent nearly all of the 1992 funds appropriated for TEFAP while demands for food at emergency outlets are increasing, Hall said.

The TEFAP program received \$120 million for purchasing surplus commodities in 1992, in addition to \$45 million in administrative funds. Hall and other supporters advocated an increase in funding for the fiscal year 1992, and again'in 1993, as the recent downturn in the economy was forcing an increasing number of Americans to seek emergency providers to feed their families.

"Charitable food programs spanning the country are reporting dramatic increases in demand for emergency assistance," the letter from Hall' to Madigan states. "Results of a 28-city survey issued by the U.S. Conference of Mayors concluded that the demand for emergency aid from all sources has increased "

From its inception in 1983 until 1988, Commodity Credit Corporation donations to the program totaled between \$800 million and \$1 billion annually, the letter explained. A combination of factors, "including statutory revisions in price support programs and a more aggressive commodity export policy, resulted in reduced federal acquisition of food products available for distribution through TEFAP," Hall said. "We are, therefore, encouraging your consideration of utilizing Section 32 funds to acquire appropriate commodities for augmenting the TEFAP inventory... by transferring the necessary funds from the approximately \$141 million now remaining in the funds," Hall's letter stated. "One of the principal functions of the Section 32 fund is to promote domestic consumption of various commodities by diverting surplus goods to low-income populations. The contingency fund, which is held in reserve for emergency uses, certainly seems an appropriate mechanism for ... this situation-for there is surely a food emergency for many in this nation," the hunger committee chairman concluded.



YOUNG PEOPLE, AND **CROSSING THE BAR**

It seemed that it was totally unplanned. It was not listed on the program, but when the piano played the first notes, and the sound of a soprano saxophone took up the strain and blended its mournful sound in a lamenting manner with the melody of "Amazing Grace," one was given to now that something supernatural was indeed taking place.

It seemed that He who saves men from death and sin was guiding the very breath that it took for young Freddie Green from Washington, D.C. to literally speak the words that he blew so expertly on his sax. Indeed, young Freddie must have uttered in prayer, "Holy Spirit, breathe on me, until my heart is clean; teach me in words of living flame what Christ would have me do."

In answer to my question, "Was it planned, Freddie," I was told, "Actually, it's hard to say exactly, because something strange took place.

"I was at home, on the night that James Clemons died, and for some reason I got this strange feeling of knowledge of his passing, so I went out and came across his son. I asked him right away about him, and James A., his son, said to me, Freddie, I've been looking for you, man. My dad died today, and I'd like for you to go to North Carolina, to play for his funeral.' That sounds strange, doesn't it?" Freddie asked.

At that moment, I left his side for fear our voices were too loud at the gravesite. I did not see Freddie again, for other persons claimed

my attention. I do not know if Freddie thought his story was strange to my listening ears, but I wish to make it known to him here and now that I am no stranger to the inner workings of the Blessed Holy Spirit, for it visits me often, and I felt God's presence as he stepped forward to present his most beautiful rendering.

In loving memory of James Earkiel Clemons, Jr., of Youngsville, my friend, who greeted me at the door of his home for a whole year, as I served him the paper that he loved to read, The CAROLINIAN. For more than a month, James was unable to focus on the paper. His devoted mother, Ms. Savannah Clemons, of the home, told me.

It spoke volumes to see a church, Old Liberty Baptist, filled with family and friends in midweek, from front to back, with chairs having been added. And a choir stand filled with more men than women, singing, "I'm On the Battlefield for My Lord."

A brother-in-law, Wilbert Jeffreys, sang a solo, the favorite of the deceased. The eulogy was done by Pastor Larry Evans. Rev. Dazale Kearney gave a special tribute. Ms. Anita Leach poured her heart out in song: "His Eye is On the Sparrow" and "I Know He Watches Me."

Obituary and acknowledgements were read by a member of the sister church, New Liberty Baptist Church, Ms. Mamie Johnson Jones.

Born on Sept. 9, 1938, Clemons leaves to remember his life two children, James A. of D.C. and Angela Clemons of Raleigh; his

Rhamkatte

BY LUCILLE ALSTON

RHAMKATTE-Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m., with all classes reporting. Subject of the lesson was "Faithfulness in Crisis," Habakkuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4. Superin- . tendent Albertine Sanders presided. The key verse was repeated by the school. Classes had a 45minute study period. The lesson was reviewed by Rev. Otho Kearney. After a report from Secretary Stephanie Moore, the school closed.

At 11 a.m., Rev. A.D. Terrell, pastor, spoke from Ephesians 2:19, using for a subject, "Children of the King." Music was furnished by the Senior Choir, with Emmanuel McNeil at the piano. Morning prayer was offered by Maddie Little. Mini-church was led by Rev. Terrell. Altar call was extended by Rev. Otho Kearney, Sr. Ushers were on duty for the day. Rev. Terrell left the congregation with a message on a special day and on that day something happened on the way to freedom. Freedom carries responsibility.

Freedom is God's blessing. Every-

union soon in the Bahamas Pray much for the sick and remember, prayer changes things.

ASKS REOPENED (Continued from page 11)

members.

The Rev. David Foy, a community activist, went before the City Council last Tuesday during its public hearing to inform them of the resolution, and request that the Ingram case be reopened. But a call to the city clerk's office the following day by The CAROLIN-IAN determined that while the council received the request, it was not assigned to either the Administration or Police Affairs committees, which means no action by the council is scheduled to be taken.

Several weeks ago, it came out during a council hearing that the council never requested an FBI investigation into the Ingram shooting, because in the words of District D Councilman J. Barlow Herget, "It was a black officer who shot a black man," and thus there was no need for a civil rights probe.

After Rev. Foy pressed for the probe, the FBI confirmed through the black media that the color of the victim and the officer are not a primary issue in a civil rights investigation, and the council reportedly requested the FBI's assistance.

Meanwhile, a \$20 million wrongful-death claim against the city by the Ingram family is still pending.

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worship service.

Ms. Cowser said to the congregation that it was most fitting that the programs were combined because "our elders each us of the past and the scholarship recipients our youth which help us to touch the future."

She presented to all the Golden Agers an "apple for the teacher"

The officers said they look at the problems other cities in the nation are having and try to make corrections within their own department.

"You can look at police departments in other cities that don't get the same response that we do," Richardson said. "First of all, you have to treat people the way you want to be treated. If you give everybody respect, most of the time in return you will get respect."

The officers are eager to point out that there are many "good people" in the community who only need room to grow. They feel that once the "bad limbs" are pruned, the good sprouts will have room to blossom.

In the future, the offices said they would like to see a CLEAN officer in every community in the city.

LOCAL STUDENT (Continued from page 11)

Scholarships, semifinalists had to become finalists by meeting high academic standards, being recom-mended by their high-school principals, and by submitting information about their activities, personal interests, and goals. Some 1,300 semifinalists qualified as finalists, and from this group all winners were chosen on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for future academic

The Achievement Program is a privately financed, compensatory activity conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. The program was initiated in 1964 specifically to recognize able secondaryschool students who are black Americans and to increase their educational epportunities by

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bringing them to the attention of colleges and universities. More than 60 percent of the 1,300 finalists in this year's competition have been offered Achievement Scholarships underwritten by some 160 independent sponsor organizations and institutions, and by the program's own funds. After the 1992 program has been concluded, more than 15,500 Achievement Scholarships worth nearly \$50 million will have been awarded in the 28 annual competitions completed to date.

Two other types of Achievement Scholarships were offered in 1992. Every finalist was considered for one of the 400 National Achievement \$2,000 scholarships, singlepayment awards that are distributed on a regional representation basis. About 200 four-year Achievement Scholarships sponsored by corporate and business organizations were awarded to finalists who have qualifications of particular interest to their granting organizations.

body has an opportunity to be a