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Tasty Thank You For Recycling Project Students

Fifth graders from Woods Elementary School in Mooresville enjoy a pizza lunch courtesy of the Mooresville Fire Department. Two classes of fifth graders, as well as two classes of fourth graders, were treated to lunch at the King of Pizza restaurant in return for their pace-setting efforts in the fire department's recycling project. In 10 days, fourth and fifth graders at the school filled 55 bags with 385 pounds of recyclable cans. The cans were collected by the fire department as part of their ongoing recycling fundraiser to benefit North Carolina burn patients. Woods teacher Tom McCraw coordinated the school's involvement in the project.

Western NC Methodist Meeting June 6-8

The annual meeting of the Western North Carolina United Methodist Conference is scheduled June 6-8, 1991, here on the Lake Junaluska Assembly grounds, with more than 2,400 voting members expected to attend.

Bishop L. Bevel Jones, III, of Charlotte, will be presiding as representatives of 1,153 local congregations vote on legislative matters of mission and ministry, approve a 1992 budget, speak to the world through petitions, and receive changes in clergy appointments for the 1991-92 church year.

There will be daily worship, ordination of clergy as deacons and elders, and special reports from the Council on Ministries and its member agencies.

For the first time in modern memory, the Conference will offer a reduced budget for 1992. The Council on Finance and Administration will propose a 1992 budget of \$14,892,293, down \$81,828 or 0.546 per cent from the 1991 budget.

A major activity during the four days will be the election of Conference delegates to attend two important 1992 meetings: the national General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Louisville, Ky., in May, and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska in July.

The voting members will elect 14 clergy and 14 laity for the General Conference, and will add 16 clergy and 16 laity for the 60-member Jurisdictional delegates.

Two major emphases will be featured. One will be a proposal for Developing Stewardship Commitment. The other will be Vision 2000 - Phase II, a church growth program, which will enter the 1991-92 Conference year with a glowing report of a major net gain of 8,820 members during 1990.

A major report will come from the "Building the Vision, the Campaign for Church Growth," which has surpassed \$3 million in pledges and contributions toward an \$8 million goal. Monies are being used to purchase land, build churches, relocate others, and remission congregations in situations where there is a need to serve growing populations.

At the close of the four day meeting Bishop Jones and his 14 district superintendents will fix appointments of clergy for the 1991-92 Conference year. Annually 200 men and women clergy are appointed to other churches than those presently being served. This is the United Methodist itinerancy system begun by the founder of Methodism, John Wesley.

There will be request for the Annual Conference to establish a Commission on the Status and Role of Women. The national chairperson for the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, Ms. Joetta Rinchart, director of public relations at Lake Junaluska.

An Annual Conference is a gathering once a year of representatives from local United Methodist Churches. All clergy members of the Conference, active and retired, along with an equal number of laity members, participate in the annual conference. The voting members, who refer to themselves as delegates, represent the churches which are spread across 44 counties of the Piedmont and western North Carolina.

The programs of ministry and mission approved by these voting members for the next calendar year are handled by elected agency members and by a professional staff. Bishop Jones heads the Conference staff, with headquarters in Charlotte. He also heads the Conference Cabinet of district superintendents who preside over the 276,000 members of the 14 districts.

Conference agency members are elected every four years and come from the local churches. The agencies are divided into

Sheriff's Assoc. Members

Iredell County residents are receiving membership applications to become honorary members of the N.C. Sheriff's Association.

According to Clyde Lloyd, Iredell County sheriff, the association is a professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of lives and property of the citizens of the state.

Funds generated by membership dues are used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, assist in providing more and improved training for sheriffs and their deputies and build the profile and awareness of the office of sheriff, according to Lloyd.

Those who donate will receive a membership card, two bumper stickers, a window decal and a year's subscription to The North Carolina Sheriff. Businesses will also receive a wall plaque.



"I Celebrated My Second Birthday On May Day"

Joshua was two years old on May 1. He is the son of David and Allison Smith of Statesville. Joshua celebrated at a party with his family and the birthday cake was a farm scene and balloons. He received many nice gifts. Nick and Gail Smith of Troutman are his grandparents.

Car Care Clinics Scheduled

Next to a home, an automobile is one of the largest personal expenses most persons have. The financial investment alone should be reason enough for regular vehicle maintenance. Many drivers do not realize that the dollars they "save" by postponing a visit to the mechanic are outweighed by increased fuel consumption and shorter vehicle life.

Because energy plays a vital role in every aspect of modern transportation, the Energy Division offers annual Car Care Clinics to improve the efficiency of the most common mode of transportation, the personal vehicle. The division will kick off its ten-clinic series on June 18. Offered each summer since 1984, more than 26,000 motorists have participated in these free clinics which provide information on the long-term benefits of proper vehicle maintenance for energy-efficient driving.

Qualified technicians examine belts, hoses, tire wear, fluid levels, and air filters of all cars, vans and pick-ups. In addition, an engine analysis is conducted on each vehicle to examine engine performance. Testing takes approximately 15 minutes. Each motorist receives a precise copy of the detailed test results with a list of recommended repairs and maintenance procedures to improve the performance and energy-efficiency of the vehicle.

The local clinic will be July 19-20 in Statesville. For details on the clinic in your area, contact the Energy Division at (919) 733-2230.

Time Marches On, But Some Things Remain

This material was written by Dr. Larry McGee, president for development and professor of religion at Wofford College. It was provided free to newspapers by the Spartanburg, S.C. School.

Another birthday is at hand. Celebrating enough birthdays entitles a person to re-write history the way one wants it to be, rather than as it really was. The good thing about getting older is getting selectively forgetful at the same time.

The same is true of one's hearing. One begins, with age, to hear what one wants to hear.

Habits are a long time in forming, but it takes even longer to break them once they are in place. Take writing with a fountain pen, for example.

Every grown-up I knew in my youth wrote with a fountain pen. Changing from using pencils to writing with a fountain pen was a mark of adulthood, like changing from short pants and knickers to long pants.

In my case, my pencil writing days coincided with the end of the Depression and with World War II. Pencils were appropriate then, both because of my age and because there wasn't much other choice. The big deal was to get a Bulova or Elgin watch on a Sheaf for Parker, or Waterman fountain pen for high school graduation.

I was in the Class of 1954 (which gathers for its 37th reunion this July). About the time I graduated, the whole universe was shaken by scientific revolutions. The atomic bomb is the major discovery of that era that most people would recall if asked, but for me it was but a minnow compared to the whales of 1) the fountain pen and 2) the shock-resistant waterproof watch.

The arrival of ballpoint pens and of unstopperable watches on the market was a major community event. Watches were dropped out of airplanes on to

fields at fall football nights to demonstrate their amazing resistance. Jewelry stores had mass demonstrations of ballpoint pens writing under water and on butter. We ogled these new mechanical marvels with the same awe we had shown a few years earlier for halftone demonstrations of flamethrowers and parachutes.

The arrival of the ballpoint pen set our generation apart forever from that of our parents. Terribly difficult choices had to be made about what kind of adults we wanted to become. Would we go with the new ballpoints and be liberated modernists, or stick with the fountain pen and be traditionalists?

Similar sorts of decisions confronted us everywhere.

Would we stay at home, or go away to college to work? Would we marry the hometown girl, or postpone marriage and select someone alien to our town? Would we have the traditional four or five children, or settle for the new average of 2.3? Would we continue to walk and to use our one car mostly on Sundays, or would we have more cars than we did children and ride everywhere we could? Would we live in a world of unlocked front doors and opened windows, or nestle in air-conditioned vaults? Would we swim in dirty public creeks, or dig our own private backyard pools? Would we grow our own vegetables and meats or buy frozen? Would we crank our own ice cream, or drive to the Dairy Queen machine instead? Would we play Rook, or watch television? Would we read books, or settle for Newsweek and Playboy instead?

Well, we know what choices we made. Ours was the transitional generation between small-town and mass America, between homemade and machine-made America, between production and consumption America. We did the only thing we could do. We straddled the fence.

We are the lucky generation. We could pick and choose, a bit of something old-fashioned here and a bit of something new and innovative there. We have been blessed by being able to live in both worlds at the same time. And though the changes bombarding us are off-times dizzying, we have muddled through pretty well as a generation.

This essay is being written on a personal computer. (There's little "personal" about it, since almost everyone around me has one just

Zoo Adding Warthogs

The North Carolina Zoological Park is about to go "hog wild." Two young African warthogs, an animal exhibited in few U.S. zoos, will arrive at the park in Asheboro this week and will be on preview exhibit this summer in the zoo's African Pavilion.

Last fall N.C. Zoo officials announced plans to build a warthog habitat in the 300-acre African exhibit region. The warthog exhibit will be the zoo's ninth outdoor African habitat and will open in spring 1992. This summer's preview will give North Carolina the only warthogs exhibited in an East Coast zoo.

The N.C. Zoo has acquired two young warthogs from the International Animal Exchange in Grand Prairie, Texas. The warthogs, a male and a female, are both about a year old and were born in zoos. They will be exhibited beginning in late May in the zoo's African Pavilion.

Due to winter operating requirements in the pavilion, it is not certain if the warthogs will be on exhibit after early September. If removed, they will be housed in a holding facility until the permanent habitat is opened.

The warthogs are tentatively scheduled to arrive at the N.C. zoo on Wednesday, May 1, via commercial airline and truck. They will immediately be placed under a mandatory 30-day quarantine required of any new animals arriving at the zoo.

The warthog is perhaps the most unusual member of the pig family. Its name is derived from three pairs of wart-like, fleshy protrusions found on each side of the eyes and further down the muzzle of the adult males. Some experts believe the warts serve as a type of protection against injuries that might be sustained in battles between rival boars. Both male and female adults have tusks sprouting from the upper and lower jaws.

Warthogs can eat carrion or insects, but prefer the grasses of African savannas, roots, berries and the bark of young trees. They commonly graze while kneeling on their wrists, which are equipped with wide callus pads. In the wild, warthogs live in deep holes and burrows, often those once excavated and abandoned by aardvarks.

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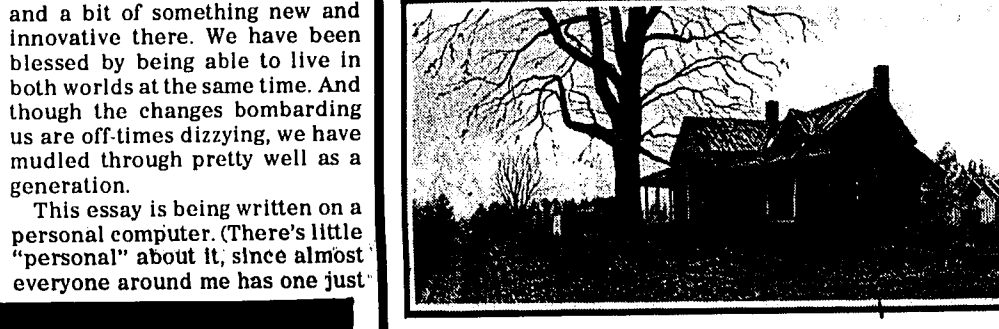
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