

PROBLEMS OF PACKRATS

A person who saves every scrap of material that comes along is often called a "packrat". The word is not so much derision as descriptive. For whatever reason, many of us are such persons. Almost without exception, people who have lived in areas of the world where poverty is the rule and where shortages of just about everything except misery and trouble prevail are packrats. Our years in Africa have made me into one. When the periodic urge to reduce the bulk of one's possessions comes, one usually finds things that are long since forgotten and really make you wonder why you saved it in the first place. Hurrah for yard sales, for Goodwill Industries and the like!

In another sense, all of us are packrats in that we save up the experiences of life that come to us day by day. Out of these experiences, sought or unsought, we fashion our philosophy of life and our way of living. If we were able to choose what would happen, then we might be more consistent than we are in the choices we make of ways to do. But we do not finally make the choices of what happens to us at the initiative of others; what we make of it is largely up to us as God leads and empowers us.

The Christian Worker's School coming 23 and 24 September at Duke Memorial for our whole district is an excellent chance to choose some of the experiences that will make up part of your life. Your only investment is your time, concentration and energy. What you may gain only God knows. One thing is sure, however; this is an opportunity that no one who is wise will neglect. Almost surely, sometime during the winter some one will request that we arrange some special learning opportunity essentially like those which the School offers. It is a bit embarrassing to point out that what the person is seeking was our privilege just a little while ago, an offering that went unaccepted for whatever reason.

A bubbling spring far up in the mountains is always an invitation to have a refreshing drink. Often the water appears to be so good, the spring scene so delightful, that one who is not conscious of thirst drinks just because it is there, is lovely, and inviting. If there is any way in which I can make the opportunities of the Christian Worker's School so inviting that you will participate just because it is here for us, let me know and I'll do it! Be a packrat of the most commendable kind. Choose great experiences and profit for the remainder of your life!

-- Ed Smith

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors express loving sympathy and concern to General and Mrs. J. W. Holsinger, 3808 Nottaway Road, because of the death of Ruth's sister, Nell Reitz Beaver in Warsaw, Missouri Wednesday, 5 September 1979.

16 SEPTEMBER 1979

Fourth Sunday in Kingdomtide

The Epistle: James 3:1-12

The Sermon: Choose Your Course!

Acolytes: Lisa Harris and Gray Harris

Junior Church Leader: Margaret Anne Biddle
Carolyn Shipp, music

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION

Scholarship Fund

In loving memory of Lonie W. Long by
Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Long of Roxboro

In loving memory of William J.
Crumpacker by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Lee

Good Samaritan Fund

In loving memory of Miss Pearl White
by Mr. and Mrs. A. LeRoy Cox

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT CHESTNUT RIDGE

Sunday, September 16

Beginning at 3:00 p. m. and ending at 8:00 p. m.

(However, you may come when you want to and leave as you need to.)

Just don't miss supper - which will begin at 5:00 p. m. Bring enough food for your family, or you and your friends, and we'll spread everything together into a "scrumpti-delicious" meal!! Drinks and paper supplies will be provided.

There will be swimming, canoeing, hiking, horseshoes, volleyball - something for all ages! Bring a blanket or folding chair if you want to sit and rest in the evening breeze.

UMYF'ers: The van will leave from the church parking lot at 3:30 p. m. if you would like a ride!

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OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney (Anne) Allen and their children, Sidney Jr. and John transferred as a preparatory member. The Allens live at 3304 Medford Rd. They transfer from Mt. Bethel UMC, Bahama. Their telephone number is 383-1193. A visit, a note, or a telephone call of welcome will bless you both. Do it!

THANK YOU to all who joined in intercessory prayer for the Council on Ministries planning retreat held Friday-Saturday, 7-8 September. Those who participated felt the effects of these prayers, were blessed by them, and share the conviction that this was a most fruitful session.

BIBLE READINGS: September 20 - 26, 1979

September 20	Hosea	1 - 6
21	Joel	1 - 3
22	Amos	1 - 5
23	Amos	6 - 9
	Obadiah	1
24	Jonah	1 - 4
25	Micah	1 - 7
26	Nahum	1 - 3
	Habak.	1 - 3

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Good Samaritan Fund:

In loving memory of Miss Pearl White by:

Mrs. Rex C. Cowan, Fairview, N. C.

Mrs. J. H. Barton

FALL FESTIVAL NOTICE

If you are making items at home for the Fall Festival, please try to turn them in by the first of October for pricing, etc. They may be left in the office or turned in any Wednesday A. M.

The date to remember is October 24, Wednesday. Please put it on your calendar and notify friends and neighbors. Save plants and items for Trinkets and Treasures. Thanks!

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

Duke:	Ola Martin	Reed 3207
DCGH:	Jack Cliff	6132

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 9 September 1979

Church School.....	267
Morning Worship.....	363

FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed each week	\$ 3,931.85
Received last 3 weeks	5,666.43
Received to date	131,672.49
Needed through last Sunday	137,614.75
Deficit	5,942.26

NEW SENIOR HIGH UMYF OFFICERS

Congratulations to the following young people who were elected this past Sunday to be the leaders of the Senior High UMYF for 1979-80.

President - Ginger Clark
Vice-President - Mike Hammond
Sec. - Treas. - Dottie Reade
Senior Rep. - Bonnie Hogue
Junior Rep. - Houston Bagley
Sophomore Rep. - Susan Greenfield

CHURCH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 16 - 22, 1979

Sunday	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	3:00 p. m.	- 8:00 p. m. Churchwide Picnic at Camp Chestnut Ridge
	4:00 p. m.	Acolyte Training
Monday	3:00 p. m.	Circle 9 with Mrs. Albert Long, 1421 Woodland Drive
Tuesday	10:00 a. m.	Circle 8 with Mrs. Alfred Williams, 704 E. Forest Hills Boulevard
	10:00 a. m.	Music Committee in Library
Wednesday	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast in Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop in Whitford Hall
	7:30 p. m.	Commission on Education
Thursday	6:00 p. m.	H. E. Spence Class Picnic at Jesse Cole's Farm
	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal