

Church News

What is that on the back seat?

I recall an adventure I had one day when I stopped at an elderly lady's house for a visit. I parked in her driveway as I normally did, but on this occasion I decided to let the car windows down a couple of inches to take advantage of the good fresh outside air. I went in and had a wonderful visit as usual with the retired school teacher who was in poor health but still very delightful to talk to. When I got back in the car I heard a commotion behind me. Immediately I suspected that a squirrel had gotten in through the little opening in the window. I quickly got out, not wanting an encounter with a berserk bushy tailed rodent; I had no desire to experience what Ray Stevens described in his hilarious rendition of The Mississippi Squirrel Revival that caused such a stir in the church.

With the best speed I could muster at that moment, I hopped out of the car and opened the doors to let the critter out. It was then that I realized it was not what I thought. Instead of a squirrel it was a sparrow that had somehow swooped in and became trapped inside. Thankfully it did not take long for it to discover the opened door and return safely to its natural habitat.

With the passing of time I had no need to recall the episode of the bird getting in my car until some-times later when I looked over my



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shoulder as I traveled along. It was then that I noticed something that caught my eye — I saw an object that appeared furry and nestled against a shopping bag on the seat behind me. It did not seem possible that some varmint could have survived in my car for several weeks. Or could it happen? Whatever it was, it did not seem to be moving — at least that is what I convinced myself of — so I kept traveling until I could safely stop and investigate it more closely.

Life is filled with a lot of puzzling things that are impossible for our human minds to comprehend. And there are surprises, uncertainties, and disappointments along the way

that make us wonder what the future holds. Yet in the midst of it all, we can rest assured of the dependability of God to guide us through the twists and turns of life.

When we find ourselves in the midst of the uncertainties and disap-pointments of life, there will be on-lookers to see how we respond when we walk through the unpleasant and sometimes fiery trials along life's way. In the Book of Philippians, the Bible gives us some guidance on how we should respond to the distasteful experiences that we encounter: "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe" (2:14-15, New International Version).

It can be quite a challenge to face the tough places of life without complaining, yet we can rest assured that when God directs us to behave in a certain way He will give us the enablement to do so. He will help us let our lights shine so others can see His presence at work within us.

So what about the furry object on the car seat? It turned out to be one of my wife's fuzzy gloves! Sometimes the uncertainties and surprises of life are not nearly as bad as they appear to be at the moment in which they occur.

National Day of Prayer
service set for Thursday,
May 6 at 12 noon

Seminole County Courthouse front lawn

The public is invited to a Seminole County non-denomi-national National Day of Prayer service on Thursday, May 6 beginning at 12 noon. The service will be held on the front lawn of the Seminole County Courthouse. Local government officials are being invited to lead the crowd in prayer.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of obser-vance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation".

Church Briefs

Lake Seminole Baptist Church (LSBC) has re-sumed services with precautionary measures in place. LSBC welcomes all to come worship! Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship be-gins at 11a.m.; evening worship is at 6 p.m. Wednes-days we have prayer and Bible study starting at 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery meets every Friday at 7 p.m.

News from **Reynolds Chapel United Methodist Church** - Dr. Jeff Spicer's sermon was entitled "The Two Main Pillars" and was an analogy between Sam-son and Jesus. You will have to listen to the sermon on Facebook, Pastor Spicer, to learn how he connects the dots but in essence it is that we stand between two pillars. Samson stood between two pillars of the temple and pulled it down and Jesus appeared on the cross between two thieves. One side is to Love the Lord with all your might and on the other side to love your neighbor as yourself. He then showed the two pillars we should live by: The Old Testament and the New Testament. We need to keep these two pil-lars on our coffee table, night stand, etc. so that it is easily accessible to keeping us on the right tract. Our Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday and Church Service starts at 10:30 a.m. Other than Pastor Jeff's sermons, the music and piano played by Annette Spicer is worth the trip to 2676 Burke Road (at the lake) Reynolds Chapel UMC.

As a weekly celebration of the
Seminole County Centennial Year,
enjoy this selection of long time editor
Bo McLeod's *Out on a Limb*, reprinted from the
April 29, 1971 edition of the *Donalsonville News*

Out on a Limb . . . By BO McLeod

Cheer up, old timer like me. Our day is at hand. The young bucks have had it long enough!

Our chamber of com-merce, in cooperation with a lot of folks like the Merchants and Farmers Bank, Ike Jones, and several others, is out yonder look-ing for our oldest citizens, so their presence can be duly recorded by being placed in the time capsule in the M&F Bank building on US 84. Before this scares you into hiding your birth certificate, Social Secu-rity papers and Medicare blanks, let it be noted that only the picture of the person or persons will be sealed up for 50 years. Not the person. Not even Gil Kelley has had a thought like that, so stop trembling. (Not that G. Kelley has had any thoughts, come to think of it ...)

If you'd care to get into the contest in which there are no jingles to write, or box tops to send in, get in touch with Miz Speedy Roberts at the chamber office. Do it soon because opening day at the bank is coming soon, and this will be a big part of the pro-ceedings.

Exception: The com-mittee would have ruled unanimously that postmas-ters are not eligible to win, no matter how old. Sorry, Kiss.

This should be one of the world's easiest contests to win, come to think of it. All you have to do to qualify is admit your age, and be able to prove it, in case a battle breaks out. And this means that all the winner has to do is grow old and live through it. Wow!

While the committee was talking about what to put in the capsule, which will probably wind up look-ing more like a metal box than a capsule, some of us started wondering about something, and we haven't solved it yet. (*See related photo on page 2B in this edition.*)

What would you place in a box to be opened in 2021 AD, that would best represent the day and time

in which we live now? Remember, the space is limited and all you want to do is let the folks 50 years from now know what kind of world we live in now.

Tell you what. If any of you would like to tell us what you'd place in a box (approximately 24 x 20 x 12 inches), we'll give the person who does the best job of summarizing 1971 in Seminole a two year sub-scription to The News. That ain't much, but it's the most we can afford.

Ground rule. This is a shot-from-the-hip contest, if it develops. Judges are li-able to be anybody, and the final decision will be just that. Final.

It's not important enough to get into an argu-ment over, that's what I mean.

As a starter, I think we ought to include all the tax laws and requirements and fi fas and interest, etc. so the young sports of '21 can either sympathize with us or die laughing with us.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hornsby made history last week when they repre-sented Seminole County's commissioners at the 57th meeting of the State Asso-ciation of County Commis-sioners, held in Macon. As far as we can find out, this is the first time we've been there via a commissioner, and it's high time we started taking part in such things. It's a great potential for service to Seminole, and we commend Jimmy and Juree for going. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Youmans also at-tended. Incidentally, much of Jimmy's time was spent trying to tell the commis-sioners of other counties how he manages to spend all the \$15.00 a month sal-ary Seminole pays him.

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Mrs. Jim Doster has already established herself as one of the most talented ladies we have here, and she proved it again last week, with that three-dimensional picture she made for the flower show in Colquitt. It was a beautiful illustra-tion of Seminole County

assets, using raised material (including a sho'-nuff fish) to tell about our fishing, hunting, swimming, etc. Go by the chamber office and see it, and you'll agree Miz Sabrina deserves a salute.

By the way, while on the subject of art, I think, I'd like to see Jane Crosby, Miz Speedy or Miz Sabrina or somebody do a painting of the county seat quickly, while a few stately oaks are left. You'll have to splash that paint in a hurry, to outrun the tree cutters who have a commission from the power company to fix it so each street in town will have trees on one side and electric lines and poles on the other.

If they're going to cut it up like this, why not go ahead and abolish every tree and shrub in town? I wish the Mayor and council would notice it, one of these days. Ah, well. I guess I'm the only one with so little to do that I'd mourn the pass-ing of blocks of pretty trees.

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A new by-line joined the journalism world recently, when Gary Spooner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Spooner, started writing in the Athens News-Banner with the impressive title of Prep Sports Editor. Wel-come to the salt mines, Gary, and certainly you have our hope you wind up rich and fat, like everybody else does. In the meantime, stay in touch with the wel-fare people ...

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I didn't mean to start anything, younger genera-tion, but I have been led to believe that the law quoted here last week, prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes by minors in the parks, opera houses and outhouses of Donalsonville is still on the books. If so, watch out and be ready to light out as you light up, in case the police catches you.

I don't think there's much danger in your being caught in a park or opera house, but you might watch it around the other places named.

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Our county was rep-

resented well in the Rose Festival at Thomasville last week, and this is good. We have to go where the people are, to tell them about our community.

Our band drew some more compliments and kind words, just like they always do. The float that presented us was of space blue background with a gold moon, and stars dangled around. The space ship was red, white and blue and loaded with red roses. An Indian on the thing also carried some roses. The theme was "Seminole knows where future roses grow", and I think this meant they'd grow on the moon, and you can't ever tell.

Riding the float were Tommy Hill, Sara Bess Clayton and Angie Arm-strong. It was sponsored (financed) by the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Lions Club, Junior Woman's Club, and the city and county governments.

Weekly Devotion

from Alex Howell

Hopefully every Christian prays daily but when you pray, don't leave yourself out of your prayers. We all love to be encouraged, but most of the time the only one around to encourage you - is YOU!

Because we need to encourage ourselves, we must be very familiar with God's promises and what's re-quired for those promises to manifest in our lives. It's not enough just to call yourself a Christian. When you became born again, you were born into a war between good and evil, light and darkness and there's no re-treat - no vacation. Just look at the world around you!

Ezekiel 22:30 says, "God looked for someone among them, who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Him for the land that He should not allow it to be destroyed, but He found no one."

God, through Ezekiel, asked a very important question. God is looking for people who will stand before Him and pray BELIEVING. Are you that person or do you cast the future of all that matters to the wind?

Let's be like Isaiah in Chapter 6:8 "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for me? Then said I 'Here I Am Lord, Send Me.'"

If we are all God has, is God in trouble?

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