

We have had a tremendous month of June. We had the Southern Baptist Convention and a glorious week of Vacation Bible School just to mention two items of interest. We want to thank those people who had a part in making V. B. S. such a success. We had a final enrollment of 216 pupils and teachers. We averaged 188 for the five days.

So we say "THANK YOU" to the following people who gave so diligently.

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GOD

BLESS

AMERICA

JULY 4, 1976



Sunday School
9:30 A. M.

Patriotic Worship
11:00 A. M.
(With Lord's Supper)

Lunch Under The Tent
(Patriotic Music)

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Patriotic Worship
7:30 P. M.

Film: "Williamsburg—
The Story Of A Patriot"

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Bicentennial dress is appropriate if you have it available.

Pastor's Pen

It's the Fourth of July 1976 and I'm for keeping alive patriotic sentiment. Happy Birthday America!

Some years ago, the Fourth was dedicated to two things. First, to keep alive bitterness toward the British Empire and second, glorying in the natal day of the Republic. In the hot summer sun people listened to a prayer by the local clergyman, then the leading lawyer reads the Declaration of Independence and then comes the orator of the day wearing a Prince Albert coat that reaches down to his knees.

Thomas Marshall described the Fourth as an amusing event when the procession passed through the street. "I listen to the raucous voice of a small boy, as he cries:

'A red pepper pod in every man's eye
Who won't celebrate the Fourth of July.'

And back from the other side of the street comes the response:

'Fee, fi, fo, fum,
I smell the blood of an Englishman;
Dead or alive, I'll have some.
Fee, fi, fo, fum.'

No doubt by the time such enthusiasm had been expressed the whole nation was almost ready to declare war anew against Great Britain. Today the feelings toward the English is on a friendly basis.

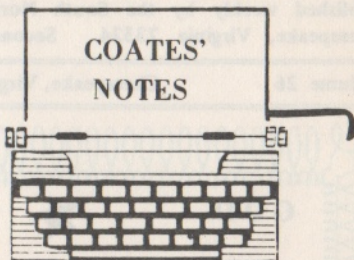
However, we need to keep alive the doctrine of self-government born on The Fourth.

The oftener The Star Spangled Banner is played the more clearly is impressed upon the minds of the citizens the greatness and glory of America. I am thankful for the freedom to worship on this 200th Birthday!

'A red pepper pod in every man's

eye
Who won't celebrate (worship on)
The Fourth of July!

Go to church Sunday and thank
God for freedom to worship



Independence! That's a wonderful concept. This country is called independent. We fought for and won our independence from Great Britain in a long and bitter fight. But it was worth it, don't you think?

We have the privilege of freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom to pursue happiness, to name just a few of our freedoms. But do we use our freedoms to the best advantage? Some would say that we use our freedom too loosely. Others would say we don't have enough freedom. I'll not debate the issue for we each have enough freedom to decide that we do indeed have freedom. Some countries don't even have that.

How do you use your freedom? Do you take it for granted as many people do? Many of us don't even think about it, because we grew up with it. We know nothing of having to bow down and worship the government instead of our Lord. But that could change too! Russia used to be a very religious nation!

Let's not take our God-given freedom lightly! Freedom has responsibilities to be lived up to. One of the best, if not the best, way to live up to freedom is to worship God in His house on each and every Lord's Day.

You are free to attend church on July 4th.

WILLIAMSBURG
THE STORY OF A PATRIOT

This film is a story of a Virginia Burgess and his family leading up to the Declaration of Independence.

This special 4th of July film will be shown immediately following the evening worship service.

The ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday, July 4th, will be given by Joyce W. Moore in memory of father, Christian C. Weimer.

WAYNE BRISTOW CRUSADE
JULY 11-18
INDIAN RIVER STADIUM

*Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Parsons
request the honor of your
presence at the marriage
of their daughter
Terri Lyn Parsons
to
James Michael Evans
Saturday, July 3, 1976
at three o'clock.
Reception following in
Church Fellowship Hall.*

Sympathy to:

Christian Sympathy to the families of Mrs. Sophia Creekmore and Mrs. Hulda Forehand.

Love and Sympathy to Mrs. Thelma Collins in the loss of her husband.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS
MEETING
Wednesday - July 7
7:30 P. M.