Rev. Robert F. Oates

The Rev. Robert F. Oates and Mrs. Oates accepted the call to Warren Plains and moved to the pastorium on August 15, 1964. Mr. Oates was from Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was pastor of a church in Del Rio, Tennessee before going to Southeastern Seminary. He attended Gardner Webb College and also Carson Newman College in Jefferson, Tennessee receiving his B.D. degree. Mr. Oates resigned February 14, 1967 to go to the First Church of Henderson as Minister of Education.

Rev. Delbert Burnette, wife, Billie and Family

The Rev. Delbert M. Burnette and Mrs. Burnette came to Warren Plains April 14, 1967. He was born in Florida June 7, 1933. He attended Maratte Junior College, Brandenton, Florida and Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia. He was pastor of Butte Baptist Church, Palmer, Alaska. They have two sons. Mr. Burnette resigned November 16, 1969.
The Rev. Robert Franklin Oates will become the associate minister of the First Baptist Church of Durham on Sept. 1.

The members of the church, in a congregational meeting last week, approved the recommendation of the Board of Deacons that Oates be employed.

He will fill a position which has been vacant for several months. The church has conducted a search for someone to call as associate minister for several weeks.

Oates is a 27-year-old native of Cleveland County. He was reared in York, S.C., where he received his high school diploma in 1959. He then attended Gardner-Webb Junior College and Carson-Newman College of Tennessee, from which he received his undergraduate degree in 1963. In January, 1968, he received the master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Oates was ordained to the Baptist ministry at the First Baptist Church of York, in 1961. He served as pastor of the Del Rio Baptist Church, Del Rio, Tenn., from 1962-64, and as pastor of Warren Plains Baptist Church, near Warrenton, from 1964-67. He presently is serving as minister of education at the First Baptist Church of Henderson.

Mrs. Oates is the former Miss Janet Lee Newton of Shelby. The couple has one child, a son, who is four months old.

The speaker for the 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. worship services tomorrow at the First Baptist Church of Durham will be the Rev. John C. Grant of Durham. Grant and his family attend the church. He was for several years pastor of the Lakewood Baptist Church of Durham and later was an associate chaplain of North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill.

Grant currently is serving as a field consultant for the North Carolina Heart Association. He is a graduate of Wofford College and Southeastern Seminary.
The Rev. Robert Franklin Oates will assume duties as associate minister of the First Baptist Church here Sept. 1.

Oates was extended a call by the church last week. He is presently serving as minister of education at the First Baptist Church in Henderson.

A native of South Carolina, he attended Gardner-Webb College and holds a BA degree from Carson-Newman College. He also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Oates, 27, is an ordained minister and has served as pastor of Del Rio Baptist Church in Del Rio, Tenn., and the Warren Plains Baptist Church in Warrenton.

He is married to the former Janet Lee Newton of Shelby and they have one son.