The Rev. L. C. Pinnix returned to his old pastorate at the First Church, Kings Mountain, July 5 to conduct the services in the absence of the pastor, Gordon Weekley.

Homer O. Baker, pastor of the Second Church of Shelby, will be the evangelist for a revival meeting at the Polkton Church in Polkton. J. C. Meigs is pastor of the church.

The June report of the Southern Baptist Convention shows receipts from North Carolina as follows: Cooperative Program, $62,825.58, and designated, $9,877.70, making a total of $72,703.28.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Ned Taylor of Charlotte are the proud parents of a son, Joseph William, who was born on June 26. Mr. Taylor is the pastor of the Chantilly Church of the Mecklenburg Association.

A group of 33 from Second Church, Shelby, attended Training Union Assembly at Caswell the week of June 29-30. The young people were accompanied by the Rev. H. O. Baker, pastor, and Miss Sarn Posey, educational director.

Thirty boys and girls represented the First Church of Spring Lake at the Associational G.A. and R.A. camp held at Pinecrest College, Salemburg, June 5-11. All of these represented the Senior and Junior Campers. Mrs. R. G. Creech, president of the W.M.U., is leader of the two organizations.

There were six members of the First Church of Spring Lake present at the first Training Union Week at Caswell. The Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Everett served on the faculty. Rev. Robert Taylor, Carolyn Morris, Martha Swain, and Jerry Norris participated in the junior memory work tournament and were declared state winners.

Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Gordon, the first missionary appointed directly for the Philippine Mission by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, have arrived on their field of service. (Other Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippines were former missionaries of the China staff.) Their address is Southern Baptist Mission, Galran Building, Dagupan City, Mrs. Gordon is a native of Creedmoor, N. C., and she and Mr. Gordon make their permanent American home near Edenton.

Bethlehem Church, Raleigh Association, engaged in revival services June 23-28; with Rev. Thomas J. Holmes, pastor of the Franklin Church, preaching, and Rev. Max Eller, pastor of Bethlehem, leading the music. Mr. Holmes brought splendid messages for both church members and the unsaved. There were 12 persons who came for baptism, 11 upon profession of faith and one by statement from another denomination, and one person by letter. Although the weather was extremely warm, the congregation increased in numbers with practically every service.

Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, Southern missionary of the China staff, has been in New Orleans, where she may be addressed at 311 Second Street. She is a native of North Carolina.

Dedication day will be a feature of the 1953 Bible Conference week at the Baptist Good Will Center in Raleigh. A few weeks ago Roy Gilliland, a student of the Southeastern Seminary, was named to pray in the homes and to hold special Sunday afternoon services at the Will Center: "The result is already being marvelous;" the report states. "It has been an acceptance of our countless others spiritually bereft from the Brotherhood of Church are participating in the prayer services."

Members of the First Church, Raleigh, recently purchased a site for the new building. The pastor, John C. Creasy, writes, "The location for the new building is regarded as the moderate or attractive one in all Masonic City. It is on West Union Street, one block toward Asheville. The property has two more acres, was the Morgan's 'grand old man,' July 10, 1948, who will reach the ripe age of 80 this month. The present site is the site of a church and educational Commemorative with our opportunities the sacrified made by and women of our church in the past."

Dr. Ernest D. Hancock of Danville, Virginia, churches, is founder and chief of the annual organization, "Lord's Inc.," a charity organization whose funds are to be used for the purposes of charity or helpfulness of persons and means, to help persons in trouble. The Virginia organization solicits no funds to make it easier and does not advertise. The organization was taken from an article in the Enquirer of July 2.
Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Masteller Go to Asheboro

Dr. H. K. Masteller, of Canton, North Carolina, has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church of Asheboro, succeeding Rev. Bruce H. Price, who resigned to accept the pastorate of Beech Street Baptist Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, W. C. Lucas, chairman of the Asheboro pulpit committee, has announced.

Mr. Price moved his family early in April to his new home in Texarkana, and the Mastellers will come to Asheboro about the middle of May, as Dr. Masteller expects to preach his first sermon there on May 21st.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Masteller are natives of Ohio, where both attended Denison University, the Baptist senior college of Ohio. Dr. Masteller holds the Ph.D. degree from Denison University, the Th.M. and Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky. He has held pastures in Kentucky, at St. Pauls, North Carolina, and at Canton, where he has served the First Baptist Church for the past seven years.

Both have been active in association work, holding various positions in the Sunday school, Training Union and Woman's Missionary organizations. For several years Dr. Masteller has been chairman of the Executive-Promotion Committee of the Haywood Association, during which time the association has employed a full-time missionary or educational director, and furnished her with a car. He has also served for two terms as a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention.—WALDO C. CHEEK.

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Andrew Q. Allen has resigned the office of head of the Elementary Department of the School for Girls in Nashua, New Hampshire. In order to accept the new created position of business manager of Baylor University Hospital. He assumed his new duties April 20. Mr. Allen is a native of Texas, and so the new position takes him home.

Funeral services for Miss Minnie Morris were conducted Friday afternoon, April 21, from the home of her sister, Mrs. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh, and burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in Frankfort. Miss Morris, who died early the morning before, had made her home for a number of years with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Huggins. She was the daughter of the late E. W. Morris and Sarah Williams Morris of Frankfort, and for many years she taught in the public schools at Frankfort, Scotland Neck, and Cary. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. T. W. Wheelock and Mrs. Edna Huggins, a brother, R. W. Morris of Birmingham, Ala., and a number of nieces and nephews.

We are indebted to Carey B. Taylor, of Winston-Salem, for an interesting account of the eighth anniversary of Dr. Ralph A. Herrington's pastorate at the First Church of that city, celebrated April 16. During these eight years there have been 674 baptisms in the church; the membership has grown from 2,681 to 2,902, a net increase of 881. In 1937 the church adopted a budget of $54,000 to be divided 70-30 between local expenses and missions. The 1944 budget is for $85,000 with a 50-50 distribution. This represents an increase of 57 per cent in the total budget with an increase of 102 per cent in the amount allotted to mission work. On January 1, 1939, there was an indebtedness of $32,631,528, but on Sunday, December 26, 1943, the last note on that indebtedness was burned as a part of the morning church services. Mr. Taylor refers to the marvelous growth of the church under Dr. Herrington's leadership, and adds: "But Dr. Herrington reveals his true self when in all humility he gives God the praise and glory for it all, as he does in all things."
CHAPTER IX

1937-1944

Dr. H. K. Masteller. After Rev. A. V. Joyner's sudden death on April 1st, 1937, the church stunned, grief stricken and heart broken was without a leader for several months. However, a pulpit committee was appointed and soon Dr. H. K. Masteller was unanimously elected. Almost immediately on arrival of Dr. Masteller, negotiations were made to determine earth formation for the security of the building, an architect employed and plans submitted, accepted and paid for at a cost of $23,380.00.

Other outstanding accomplishments were:

1. Ben C. Fisher now on the staff at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest was ordained to the ministry April 3, 1938.
2. Led the church in the purchase of property on Academy Street immediately adjacent to the church property on Academy Street for $2,380.00.
3. Set a goal of $4,000.00 for the Sunday School Building for the year 1939.
4. Reorganized the Baptist Brotherhood.
5. Vested the choir.
6. Purchased and put into use the Baptist Hymnal.
7. Added the fourth employee, Church Organist to the payroll.

Under New Leadership
8. Dr. Masteller was given a leave of absence by the church in order that he might return to the Seminary in Louisville for the purpose of completing his education and receiving his doctorate.

9. Religious census was taken and information tabulated and brought up to date and filed.

10. The Training Union District Meeting was held in this church for the second time.

11. Church membership enrollment was increased to 759 with an enrollment in Sunday School of 573 — Training Union 72.

Dr. Masteller resigned in May or June of 1944 to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheboro, N. C.

Again the church was left without an “Under Shepherd” for several months, securing the services of several supplies, outstanding among whom was the Rev. B. A. Bowers, who was largely responsible for influencing Rev. R. A. Kelly in his decision to accept the call extended to him by the church.

(Also a photograph between page 32 and 33)