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This is certainly true of the trustees of our North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. This splendid group, who appear in the above photo, from left to right are: Seated—Roy Drye, of Oakboro, term expiring in 1967; Dr. Wyman Washburn, of Boiling Springs, term expiring in 1964; E. F. Farris, of Shelby, term expiring in 1964; Walter M. Matthews, of Pilot Mountain, term expiring in 1966; Coite Jones, of Raleigh, term expiring in 1965; Dr. R. L. Carlton, of Winston-Salem, term expiring in 1965; Mrs. C. T. McGee, of King, term expiring in 1966; Rev. Jack Roe, of Greensboro, with term expiring in 1964. Standing—Dr. Clyde Chapman, of Spencer, term expiring in 1966; Dr. Harold Herring, of Fairmont, term expiring in 1965; Archie Allen, of Winston-Salem, term expiring in 1966; Rev. Gordon Conklin, of Kinston, term expiring in 1967; Clyde Harris, of Wilson, term expiring in 1966; Carson Stout, of High Point, term expiring in 1965.


The trustees meet semi-annually, in January and in June. The most important item of business during this year’s work is the construction of the new Home in Yancey-undertaking and will have the responsibility of seeing this significant project through to a successful conclusion.

✓ Tribute To A Christian Gentleman

A great Christian has lived in our midst, Brother Jim Dailey, and all of us who knew him and worked with him loved him and were inspired by his noble life.

The Heavenly Father called Jim home in March. We miss him greatly, but we are able to rejoice in the knowledge that he is forever with the Lord.

We shall never cease being grateful for the fact that Jim was the first supervisor of our Baptist Home at Hamilton, and the Albemarle Home during the past season. The smiling bunny, shown among the residents is the teen-age daughter of Mrs. Clyde Lewis, the supervisor of the Albemarle Home. Each resident was given Easter eggs and other token gifts. One of the Girl Scouts told the Albemarle had brought favors, which were distributed, along with the other goodies.

Mrs. Lewis, the supervisor, was overwhelmed by the praise and appreciation from the residents, and each of them told her to write to her a personal word of appreciation for “Mr. you” for making possible this special Easter.

All of us who work in our Homes these dear people have found that the little deeds of kindness and of love really count and that bring happy thoughts...
Kentucky Jr. College to Close

The Board of Trustees of Bethel College in Hopkinsville last week voted unanimously to close the college after the fall semester ends May 31. Several factors were cited to keep the school alive. The college, which is the oldest Baptist college in Kentucky, was founded in 1865 by the Baptist Convention. The college was closed since 1965 due to financial difficulties. The college's 1963 budget was $207,000, and $207,000 was raised. Assuming this would assure the college's future in Hopkinsville.

Australian Pastor Studies Southern Baptist Methods

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS)—An Australian Baptist minister will spend the next two years as pastor of the Fortified Hills Baptist Church here, learning American— and especially Southern Baptist—methods of church life which he can transplant to his homeland.

After 11 years as a Baptist pastor in Sidney, the Rev. Craig Skinner went to Chicago two years ago. While working for his master's degree in theology at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary he served as pastor of Calvary Baptist church there.

Mr. Skinner said he felt a big portion of his job was to take home a plan for Sunday schools modeled on those in the U.S. "I think that the American genius for practical application of ideas in all fields, especially through mass production and mass education, is illustrated in the growth of the Sunday school in the Southern Baptist Convention," he said. "In Australia we've been content to have services and preach and that's about it."

In addition, the college has electronic organ as part of its program. The instrument has a number of outstanding features. Individual voice controls are provided for each note of all instruments, allowing the precise sound of the instrument to suit the mood of the service. A total of 16 speakers offers stereo sound of organ. The organ is an expansion of notes known as Celeste and other organs such as harp and chimes. A dedicatory recital is planned for the near future.

PAPERS of the late Dr. Walter N. Johnson were given to Southeastern Seminary to be deposited in the fireproof library. The collection contains three books, three manuscripts, several periodicals in which Dr. Johnson had articles and many sermons and addresses. At right, President John Binkley accepts the papers from two daughters who live in Raleigh, Mrs. L. L. Morgan, center, and Miss Gladys Johnson. Dr. Johnson served as secretary of missions in both Louisiana and North Carolina, in addition to being founder of the Interracial Institute at Mars Hill College.

James Dailey Dies; Former Supervisor At Hamilton Home

James B. Dailey, 62, supervisor of the Baptist Home for the Aged at Hamilton, died March 20 at McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond, Va.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 22 at Potecasi Church which he served for 16 years, 1946-62, along with the churches at Jackson and Hebron. Burial was in the Potecasi Church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Bishop Dailey of Hamilton; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth D. Knowles, Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Rachel D. Morton, Greensboro; a son, Norman Edgar, Colonial Heights, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. Ben Harrison, Julian; Mrs. Harold Reid and Mrs. Willard Williams, Elizabeth City; and Mrs. James Bryan, Athens, Ala.; and two grandchildren.

Mr. Dailey attended the University of Richmond and received his BD degree from Southern Seminary. He volunteered as an Army chaplain in 1942, serving 30 months in Europe during World War II. He was discharged as a major in 1946.

While serving the three-church field—Jackson, Potecasi, and Hebron—Mr. Dailey was instrumental in founding the Pine Forest Rest Home for the Aged at Potecasi and was a life member of its board.
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Gentlemen:

We are seeking on the churches served by the Rev. JAMES BERRY DAILEY, born in Camden County, N.C. on 2 Oct. 1901, son of Eugene and Wealthy Berry Dailey.

Any information you have would be much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Mrs. J. W. Behnken