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'Magic is certainly fun and
entertaining. But magic also is
seen as evil by some.
According to Stan Cabell, pas-
tor of the Neuse Baptist Church
and a practicing magician, it all
depends on what a person means
when he uses the word "magic."
"Most people enjoy a good
magic show," he said. "Magic is
like playing a game. The magician
has a secret and the audience tries
to detect it.
"But there are those who look
upon magic as something evil,
something connected with the
devil and the occult," he said.
Many references to magic and
magicians are in the Bible, Cabell
said.
"Most of these activities are out-
right condemned in God's Word
because the power to accomplish
the feats actually emanate from
the devil or evil spirits," he said.
"The types of mysteries described
in the Bible are often referred to
today as 'Black Magic'."
Minister's magic charm is in his message

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Stan Cabell wants to put a little magic in your life. For him, it's more than a hobby. It's a calling.

As pastor of Neuse Baptist Church in Kinston, Cabell has been entertaining and educating his congregation with magic for over 20 years. He believes magic is a powerful tool for sharing the message of salvation.

"I just played with it then, but when high school started, I got serious," he said. He lived near a magic shop in Norfolk, so he got lots of help from other magicians there and in a local club.

"I was interested in all kinds of magic, but never into really big illusions," he explained. "I practiced his skill by performing for schools, birthday parties and community organizations. I didn't really have a show, I just entertained." After high school, Cabell went to Ferrum Junior College, transferring to Wake Forest University. Around this time, he felt a calling to the ministry and attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest for one year.

He then finished his degree at Campbell University and returned to southeastern North Carolina for a masters of divinity degree. His interest in magic continued.

"When I went to college, that's when I started performing," he said. "I developed an act and was able to cover a lot of my college expenses with it." He offered a 30- to 45-minute show featuring doves, rabbits, balls and scarves as well as standard effects such as Hippity Hop Rabbis, the first trick he bought as a youth.

When he left the Norfolk area, he didn't leave his magic friends. Magicians get together through several international organizations such as the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the Society of American Magicians and the Fellowship of Christian Magicians.

Both the IBM and SAM offer local clubs, with one located in Raleigh. Cabell became active in that group while in the seminary and remains an active member today.

As a minister, he worked with churches in Fayetteville, Boone and Union Grove before arriving in Kinston around two years ago. Today, he performs throughout the state for community groups, churches, company picnics and fairs. Most recently, he performed for the Lenoir County Fair.

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Zion (Statesville) 1880 Iredell
Rutherfordwood (Boone) 1936 Watauga
Hombach First 1878 Richmond
Neuse (Ginston) 1958 Lenoir
STANLEY POWHATAN CABELL

On January 22, 1967, a committee, composed of T. E. Smart, Dr. H. O. Queen, Dr. W. M. Pearce, W. C. Boney, Jr., and Mrs. C. S. Monteith, was appointed to find an Assistant to the Pastor. After much searching and interviews this committee recommended to the church that Stanley P. Cabell be called as Assistant to the Pastor. The recommendation was voted on and Stanley Cabell was extended a call on February 11, 1968. As Stan was still a student at Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, he accepted the call on a part-time basis until his graduation in May. He began his work on February 24, 1968. On February 25 there was a church-wide reception in his honor following the evening worship hour.

Stanley P. Cabell was born in Newsomes, Virginia, April 21, 1941, the son of Benjamin W. and Ellen H. Cabell.

Stan was graduated from the Southampton High School in 1959 where he had been interested in sports and Scouting. In September, 1959, he enrolled at Ferrum College at Ferrum, Virginia. In 1961 he transferred to Campbell College at Buies Creek, North Carolina, where he graduated in 1964. While at Ferrum College he answered the call to Christian service.

In order to prepare himself for the ministry, he enrolled at Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina in 1964 and was graduated on May 31, 1968 with the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Stan assumed his full-time responsibilities upon his graduation. He worked with all groups in the church but had an especial appeal to the youth as he was interested in Scouting, camping, Indian archaeology, music, and magic.

There was a very active group of Boy Scouts in the church while Stan was here. They acquired a bus and were able to take trips of interest and camping outings.

On June 21, 1969, Stan and Cynthia Cook were married in our church in a beautiful ceremony with many church members and others present.

Stan was kept busy with the publication of "The Voice," supervision of Vacation Bible School, working with youth groups, enrolling and accompanying groups to summer assemblies, encampments, and retreats.

It was a shock to the congregation on June 14, 1970, when Stan read his resignation at the morning service. It was accepted with regrets. The Cabells and the Broadways were honored with a church-wide reception on June 28.

The Cabells left Hamlet to go to the Macedonia Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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First Baptist Will Lose Stan Cabell

First Baptist Church of Hamlet is losing the other half of its one-two punch in the office of the minister.

On May 11 it was confirmed that Rev. Ben F. Broadway is leaving the community after 11 years service as pastor of the largest Baptist church in town.

Mr. Broadway has accepted new duties at Wilmington and his last day in the church office will be June 28.

Yesterday it was announced from the pulpit that his assistant, Stan Cabell, is also resigning. Cabell has accepted a call to the Fayetteville area.

Married to the former Cynthia Cook of Hamlet, Cabell is a relative newcomer to Hamlet, but has won a host of friends during his residency here.

He has been especially close to the young people of Hamlet, with whom he has worked tirelessly.
Rev. Cabell Is New Rutherwood Pastor

The Rev. Stanley P. Cabell is the new pastor of the Rutherwood Baptist Church. He preached his first sermon at Rutherwood last Sunday.

The Rev. Cabell was born April 21, 1941 in Newsoms, Va. He attended Wake Forest College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Campbell College in 1966 and a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1968.

The Rev. Cabell was licensed to preach in 1963 by Boykins Baptist Church of Boykins, Va., and he was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1971, also by the Boykins Baptist Church.

He has served as interim pastor of the Branchville Baptist Church in Branchville, Va., assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hamlet; and as pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

He has been the chairman of the resolutions committee for the Pee Dee Baptist Association in North Carolina and Associational Church Camp Committee of the New South River Association; and the Preacher and Placement Committee of the New South River Association. The Rev. Cabell held offices in the Human Relations Committee of the New South River Association and has served on the Camp Committee for the Pee Dee Baptist Association.

The Rev. Campbell also participated in the Brotherhood Department and Training Union Department of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention.

The Rev. Cabell has conducted youth and church revivals in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Maryland, West Virginia, Tennessee and Nebraska.

He and his wife Cynthia have two sons, Jeffrey, 14, and Todd, 12.