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*In Five Years, 12,000 New
Missions and Churches*

Appeal for Baptist Young People to Be Remembered on Father's Day, June 18

Because of the special session of the Baptist State Convention in Greensboro, May 4, 1961, your Council on Christian Education has not prepared a great many special posters and brochures for distribution in the churches in preparation for the annual observance of the Christian Education Emphasis and the special offering on Father's Day, June 18. Not until after the Convention was it possible to know just what approach should be made this year.

In the light of Convention action and in keeping with directives given the colleges for meeting their financial needs, this annual emphasis this year becomes even more significant than in the past. This is a general but urgent appeal to every Baptist church in North Carolina to do two things: (1) Provide an opportunity for presenting the needs of our young people for an educational experience in the best Christian environment, we as Baptists have thus far provided; and (2) on Father's Day, June 18, make a special offering to be used to make it a little easier for some of our less

fortunate boys and girls to have these experiences in one of our seven Baptist colleges. An average of one dollar per resident member from all the Baptist churches in North Carolina would produce \$700,000, or a scholarship of \$100 each for 7,000 boys and girls.

From the Council office there will be sent in the near future to every Sunday school superintendent envelopes for making this special offering in every church. Pastors and other church leaders will be receiving communications from the colleges. Other materials of a general nature will appear in the *RECORDER* and *Charity and Children*. It is our sincere hope that on this Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, we shall make our greatest effort for our own Baptist young people.

—CLAUDE F. GADDY,
Executive Secretary
N.C. Baptist Council on
Christian Education

"None instruct others so well as those who have been experientially taught of God."

MINUTE MAN of the year for Campbell College is Dr. Cland Bowen, whose First Church of Greensboro last week gave Campbell \$7,500 toward a science building. Dr. Bowen, a Campbell trustee, confers here with the top leadership of Campbell's Committee of 100 and with President Leslie H. Campbell. Left to right are Dr. Campbell; M. L. Eakes, Greensboro business executive, who is vice-chairman; Dr. Bowen, and H. Cloyd Philippott, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina. Governor Philippott is state chairman of the Committee of 100.



ON THE COVER

Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte told the Southern Baptist Convention session in St. Louis this week that about 12,000 new missions or churches have been established in the SBC since the 30,000 Movement began in 1956. This is a movement to found 30,000 new churches or missions from 1956 through 1964. It was Dr. Warren's presidential address five years ago in Kansas City, Mo., that led to this church extension movement. The 1962 BJA emphasis is on church extension, Dr. Warren reminded the convention in St. Louis. Churches in the convention were urged to hold watchnight services on December 31 for the 1962 emphasis. Dr. Warren's full-time work is being director of the 30,000 Movement. (Home Board Photo)

All progress is made by men of faith who believe in what is right and, what is more important, actually do what is right in their own private affairs. You cannot add to the peace and goodwill of the world if you fail to create an atmosphere of harmony and love right where you live and work. — THOMAS DREIER.

One man finds an obstacle a stumbling block, another finds it a stepping stone. — WILLIAM LYONS PHELPS.

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Some Glimmers of Hope Are Evident at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS—A week before the Southern Baptist Convention session opened here, Dr. Porter Routh sent a brief letter to all state editors, secretaries, SBC agency heads and members of the Executive Committee. This is what he wrote:

"We have been talking so much during these past few months about programs and points for and against certain projects, and about mechanics, that some of you may feel that you are going to a garage in St. Louis rather than a Christian fellowship.

"I have sensed this same feeling myself, and have felt a need for the upholding hands of prayer.

"Will you covenant with me to pray that above all else God's Holy Spirit shall lead, empower, and guide in the forthcoming sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Dr. Routh is to be commended for his frankness. He is at the heart of Southern Baptist life and knows whereof he speaks. Some of us out on the fringes feel the same thing, too. As Dr. A. B. Van Arsdale said in the convention sermon here, "Our programs are not necessarily the same as His presence." How true!

Some Courageous Statements Offer Hope

A long and careful study of all the pre-convention material sent to editors produced a glimmer of hope in this editor's heart. Of course, there were the usual "safe" messages which contained a lot of words, but didn't say much; on the other hand, there were signs of courage, especially in some of the messages at the Pastors' Conference. We do have men among us who are doing some thinking and they are not afraid to say what they are thinking.

Dr. L. D. Johnson of the University of Richmond preached on the subject, "Grow Up . . . In Christ's Likeness." Asking if there were evidences of "growing up in our denomination," he said that "we are a great denomination, as we continually remind ourselves when we come to conventions. I must confess that I sometimes hear in these boasts a strange echo that sounds very much like a familiar line in 'Little Black Sambo.' It goes like this: 'I'm the grandest tiger in the jungle!' . . . But we are a great people. No denomination in the South . . . occupies a place so strategic. No religious body has greater responsibility, and upon none will greater judgment fall if we fail to act responsibly as a Christian body.

"A child can be excused for irresponsible behavior. An adult cannot ask off so lightly. We Southern Baptists are becoming an adult denomination. We want to be accepted and listened to as a major spiritual force in this country. We shall have to be certain, then, that what we say about anything that relates to the Christian faith—the burning

social and moral crises of our times, our relationships with other Christian bodies, or any of the great and historic doctrines of our people—reflects the sober realization of our having reached our majority."

Revival of "Landmarkism" in S B C?

Is "Landmarkism" enjoying a revival—planned or otherwise—among Southern Baptists? Many concerned leaders fear this possibility. Dr. Carlyle Marney of Charlotte called it an "imported set of false notions . . . which claims there is no church but us and all who are in it must get just like us." He said it "has so spread in its century of espousal that like a smoke pall it covers the Southland. This is not Baptist; it represents a diversion from and a rejection of the mainstream of our tradition. . . ." Contrast Dr. Marney's observation with a quotation from a recent editorial in a Baptist state paper that was deploring any idea of talks with our Baptist brethren in the North: "Of course, people in other denominations are Christian, but they are Christians disobedient to the Bible in fundamental matters of church organization and practice." It's this "holier than thou" attitude that has many Southern Baptist leaders deeply concerned. Whether we intend to do it or not, we are leaving the impression with others that *only* Southern Baptists have the true message. This attitude cannot be divorced from the Roman Catholic outlook.

There Is Some Bigotry Among Us

Dr. Dale Moody could have had reference to such attitudes when he told pastors here that "we are not with-
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Prayer for World Neighborliness

Our Father, with so much bitterness abroad in the world — this poor, bleeding world, stumbling from blunder to blunder, hollow with graves, hard to hate — may we who own the name of Christ shed abroad Thy love.

We pray for a broader vision of the needs of all mankind, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity.

Help us to live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt.

Help us to be gentle, walking softly with another.

Help us to be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's sorrow or cause to flow one needless tear.

Help us to stand for what is right, not because it may yield dividends later, but because it is right now.

Help us to be as anxious that the rights of others shall be recognized as we are that our own shall be established.

Help us to be as eager to forgive others as we are to seek forgiveness.

Help us to know no barriers or creed or race, that our love may be like Thine — a love that sees all men as Thy children and our brothers.

God, help us to be ministers of mercy and ambassadors of kindness for Jesus' sake, Amen.

— The Prayers of Peter Marshall.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION COVERAGE

St. Louis, Mo.
May 23-26, 1961

Dearth of Doctrinal Preaching Scored by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon

ST. LOUIS—Deploping the dearth of doctrinal preaching, Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon of Southeastern Seminary told pastors here that too many of them presented the image of a compromise rather than a prophet and teacher.

"The preacher must be entertaining; by his wit and skill he must attract the



Dr. Weatherspoon

crowds. He must speak at their level, not only speaking their language but saying what they would say. . . . He must never disturb their traditional views about God and man and redemption and faith and the Bible and the Church and church life; he must fit in at any cost of silence and suppression of his own knowledge of truth. . . . The man who avoids theological sermons or speaks superficially or partially about biblical truths is consenting to the destroying ignorance of his people and sharing in the guilt of their tragedy," the visiting professor at Southeastern declared in a message entitled, "Speaking the Truth in Love."

He related the story of one good woman who said, "I have heard my pastor now for three or four years; he has thrilled me every time but he has taught me little of the Word of God."

"Ding-Dong" Preaching

Love must always be an ingredient of preaching, he continued. To preach without it results in "ding-dong" preaching, Dr. Weatherspoon contended. "By that I mean querulous, quarrelsome, censorious, downgrading, hostile, complaining. . . . It is the kind of preaching after which the preacher smacks his lips and says,

DR. BATES QUOTES HARRY GOLDEN . . .

"Christianity? I'm for It! When Does It Begin?"

ST. LOUIS—In his message to the convention on Thursday, May 25, Dr. Carl Bates, pastor of First Church, Charlotte, told of a recent visit with Harry Golden, editor of the *Carolina Israelite* in Charlotte and famed author and writer.



In the course of their conversation, some remark was made about Christianity. Whereupon Mr. Golden spun around in his chair so that he might look Dr. Bates full in the face and said,

"Christianity? I am for it! When does it begin?"

Driving home his point, Dr. Bates told the convention: "Interpret the statement as you will; dismiss it if you can; my church and my 'church-going' city had better listen to its implications. . . . I do not know at what hour of need in this man's life he had knocked on the door of the church and found nothing but bitter disappointment. Perhaps the church was unaware of this man's existence or his search for satisfaction and therein lies the sin. If there ever was a time when the church could expect the confusion of the darkness to cover its inadequacies, that time is no more."

Jesus said, "Men do not light a lamp and put it under a bushel," and neither does God, the Charlotte pastor asserted. "The church is like a city set on a hill

"Well, I got them told this morning'."

While having lunch in a deacon's home in one city, the deacon told Dr. Weatherspoon, "Our pastor has fallen into a bad mood. We can do nothing to please him. He is always finding fault, beating us down. One would think that we are the worst church in the world. Not long ago he announced that he would preach a series on the Beatitudes; and we set ourselves for some positive preaching. But, you know, he took the other side of every one of them."

Every truth preached without love may only burn and blister, the speaker added. "We Baptists have boasted of our truth, let us be able to be glad in our love," Dr. Weatherspoon concluded.

for all to see. We may wince under the lash of such 'glaring gaze,' but if we are wise, this may be part of our salvation. The church was never intended to exist in isolation. The church was never meant to become some vast 'Ellis Island' where antiseptic influence is sprayed upon those who pass through into a culture they neither understand nor anticipate."

Quoting the late Dr. Halford Luccock, Dr. Bates said that "the trouble with the pulpit in our time is that it is answering the questions nobody is asking."

Title of Dr. Bates' message was "My Church Reaching Out . . . That the World May Know Him."

AT PASTORS CONFERENCE . . .

Young People in Search Of Real Answers to Real Problems, Cole Declares

ST. LOUIS — "We must give to our young people real answers to real problems," North Carolina BSU secretary Harold Cole told the Pastors Conference here. His subject was "Christian Maturity."

"Our youth no longer accept neat answers that will easily slide off our tongues



Harold Cole

in familiar theological clichés," he said. "They are tired of pious platitudes and slick shibboleths. It is not enough to assure them that Christ is the answer. In what ways exactly is he the answer? How does he answer their longings and frustrations? What does he have to do with their finding purpose and meaning in life? How is he the answer to racial and world tensions? These are burning issues to them."

Rejecting the idea that young people today want something light and funny, Cole said these three questions were asked him recently by a group of high school students:

1. A Congolese student has applied at one of our colleges; don't you think that we ought to allow our

More Than Heresy, Dr. Marney Says . . .

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS FEAR CRITICISM

ST. LOUIS—Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of Myers Park in Charlotte, called upon Southern Baptists to be self-critical in a challenging message to the Pastors Conference.

"We seem to fear nothing, not even God, like we fear the criticism of men who love us," he said. "We can endure anything, even heresy, better than criticism. The high road demands of us that

we come open to ourselves and our tragic self-centeredness that cannot endure to be examined."

"Two roads are open to Southern Baptists," he continued. "We can go on as we are — a road which seems

to feature increase of respectability, the death of our true distinctives, the progress of institutionalism . . . and the finishing off of one grand monolithic structure of central authority which is fast becoming a tower of Babel around which we mill in a swampland complaining that the fall-off of our vital statistics calls for a new burst of energies. . . .

"Or, we can see the high road to a glory in the unity inherent in the faith

that will peel off our provincialism, make of our sectarianism a witness to the whole of things . . . and release good minds to become world statesmen of the faith. This is the high road."

Once on the high road, Southern Baptists will learn "how small we are—how inconsequential our present witness compared to the whole of God's people. Properly shuffled and stacked, in bands of 100 believers, there would be millions without a single one of us among them, and no band of 100 would have more than two of us. Where would we go for company in such a diluted form as the Kingdom of Heaven would know us?

"And this will bring us to repentance — for our corporate ego, for our un-

willingness to hear, or speak, or truly share — and the burden of the whole world would descend on us and we would become guilty of and responsible for, with all God's people, the sins of the whole world.

Baptist Interchange

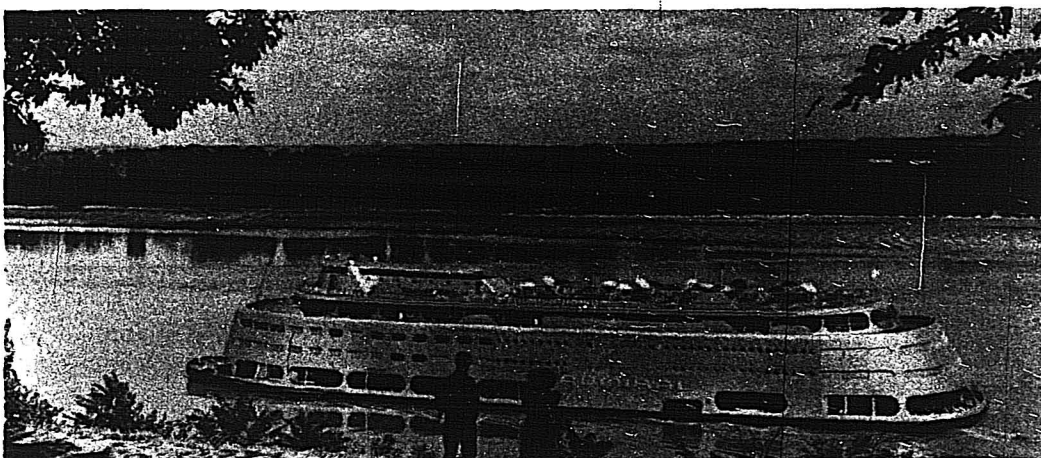
"Then we could talk, sing, even preach our gospel. There could be interchange inter-Baptist, inter-World, North and South, East and West. We could learn how poorly we would do with our techniques in a pluralistic culture like Buffalo or Copenhagen; we could come to believe in education instead of training, and worship, the Salvation of the world, instead of mere assembly.

"Who knows, we might even, by God's grace, become what we already think we are."

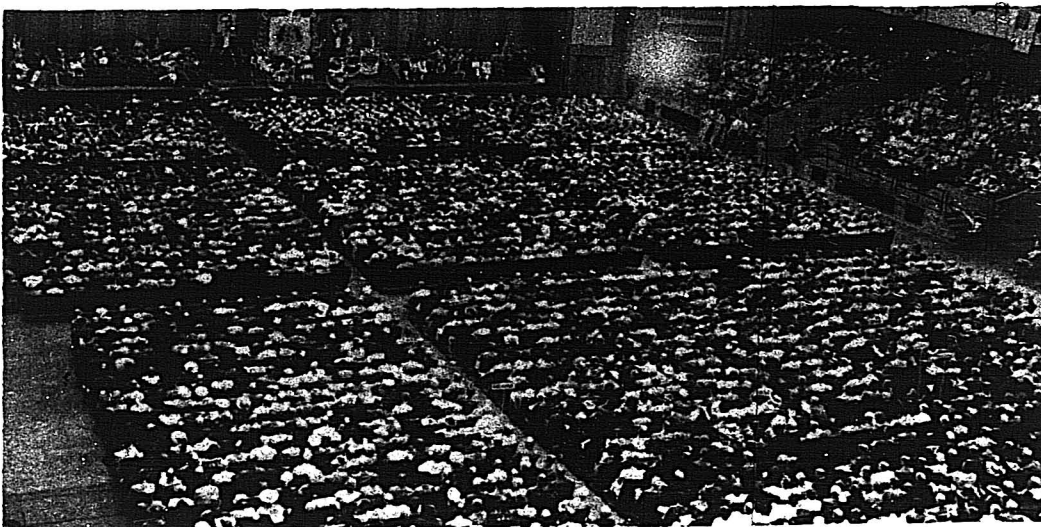
Subject of Dr. Marney's message on Monday night, May 22, was "The Unity of the Faith."



Dr. Marney



SCENES FROM CONVENTION CITY—Located on the Mississippi River, St. Louis, has a number of excursion boats like the S. S. Admiral shown here. Below, another group is shown in its convention session in Kiel Auditorium where the Southern Baptist Convention's annual session is being held May 23-26. More than 1,200 North Carolinians were expected to make the trek to the famed midwestern city for the 1961 convention session. (BP) Photos.



Negroes to attend if we accept the Congolese student?

2. What do you think about life after death?

3. How do you explain the Genesis account of creation in the light of theories of evolution?

"We must recognize the needs of our young people and minister to them in a person-centered way," Cole said. The church must change its approach to keep up with the times, he continued.

"In a fast-changing, fast-paced world, we must structure the church not in terms of another generation, but ours. We must be constantly alert to new approaches, new media and new techniques. . . . The horse-and-buggy approach of the 19th century does not jive with a missile age. . . . As our students are making new discoveries in science, philosophy and anthropology, are we merely to conserve their naive and childhood concepts of religion? If so, they will soon discover that they are no longer children and the magic is gone."

Battle to Destroy Separation of Church and State Centered on Four Fronts, Dr. James Says

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. E. S. James, editor of the "Baptist Standard" of Texas, spoke on the Separation of Church and State at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis. Because of the significance and timeliness of this message, the RECORDER is quoting heavily from it. The first part of the talk is being published this week, with the remainder appearing in next week's RECORDER.)

In a nutshell, this battle to destroy separation of church and state in America is being waged on four fronts — the control of population, education, communication, and legislation.

In the past hundred years her (the Roman Catholic) church membership has risen from a few hundred thousand to 40 million. This increase has not come about by evangelism and conversions. It is the result of controlled immigration and uncontrolled multiplication in the families.

In the field of education the hierarchy has demanded that every Catholic child attend a parochial school where the minds of little children can be regimented into support of the reigning princes. During the past few months these princes of the church have hounded our lawmaking bodies for public support of this sectarian brand of education; and regardless of congressional reaction to their petitions, they will never give up until they secure legislation that will give them full support from the public treasuries for their every denominational ac-

tivity. This is an integral part of the master plan.

The third field is legislation, and it is directly related to the second. By electing her own people to the school boards of public school districts she has placed her garbed nuns in the public schoolrooms, and where this fails she has managed through these trustees to bring the public schools in many places into disrepute. In some instances she has managed to use this channel to lease her buildings to the school boards and capture the public school for her own at the expense of the general public.

Puerto Rican Experience

Through legislation she has master-minded laws that are favorable to her aims. She has filled important posts with men who are committed to the fulfillment of her aspirations. In the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which is American soil, this hierarchy has demanded that its people support the political party of the church's choice; and in the United States its people have crossed over the party line to give political support to her sons and daughters. These things we have seen in our day, and we have seen only the beginning.

The fourth front of the Roman Armageddon is in the area of communication. The master plan calls for control of all the principal media of communication. At her own expense she has trained thousands of journalists who could and

NEW RECORDER CLUBS

Three new Every-Family RECORDER clubs begin with the May 27 issue. Listed by name of church, association, pastor, and number of subscriptions, in order, they are: Murrayville, Wilmington, B. A. Porter, 14; Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, M. D. DuBose, Jr., 85; and Watha, Wilmington, no pastor at present, seven. Other new clubs listed in the same order, are: Pilot, Raleigh, Wesley Enzor, 12; White Lake, Bladen, J. C. Bordeaux, eight.

would give a biased slant to every news item. Look at any large daily today, and you see it on almost every page. Radio and television programs that are not acceptable to her are boycotted, and her people who tune in are subject to ex-communication.

Many Envoys Catholic

Our communication with foreign countries is largely in the hands of envoys, ambassadors, and their staffs. It is common knowledge that 75 per cent of them are sons and daughters of Rome. Through manipulation she manages to handle the lion's share of the free food which America distributes abroad. Reliable reports indicate that she often distributes it over there in the name of the church. Through more than 1,100 hospitals, many of which were built with Hill-Burton funds, she reaches multitudes in the hour of desperation and thereby softens any resentment against what her clergy may do to their country. The hierarchy censors their own libraries, but manages in some way to place its choice books on the shelves of the public reading rooms, and it is all at the expense of the public.

This is but a glimpse of the war against the principle of separation of church and state, and most of us sit supinely by while it rages around our own doorsteps. Anyone who raises a voice against it is a bigot. He is narrow. He is unduly prejudiced. He is un-American. He is almost a communist, so we are told.

Why are Baptists, Protestants, and others so docile and cowering before this onslaught against their precious heritage?

(Dr. James provides the answer to this question in next week's RECORDER.)



LOVE MEMORIAL CHURCH, Gaston Association, has occupied a modern new sanctuary. It is the second unit of a four-building program. Seating capacity is 450. Love Memorial Church was organized in 1935 under the name "Mission Baptist Church." The name was changed in 1945. Present membership is 360. The Rev. John Kinnaman is pastor.

The phrase "temporary tax" has replaced Methuselah as a symbol of longevity.
—ROBERT N. TAYLOR

Get Acquainted With Our Commitment

By Douglas M. Branch

We North Carolina Baptists have committed ourselves to a wonderful, monumental task. We have publicly committed ourselves to do our utmost to increase giving through the Cooperative Program by 35 per cent year by year for the next three years, 1962 through 1964. All Cooperative Program income above the Convention's operating budget is to go to the colleges and the Baptist Student Union for capital needs (in the case of BSU the money is to be used for the erection of badly needed student centers near non-Baptist colleges and universities).

If we achieve these aims, we will have achieved the miraculous. God is able and with his blessing we can truthfully say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." One of the very necessary aspects of this Christian Education Advance Campaign is the dissemination of information among our Baptist people. We *may not* be interested in what we are informed about, but we *will not* be interested in what we are uninformed about.

To get this matter to the people in our churches and to impart to them an understanding of its nature and importance, and to enlist their concern and support, the Division of Stewardship Promotion of the Baptist State Convention has set up ten regional meetings to which all pastors and church leaders are invited. The meeting will be devoted wholly to a discussion of the Christian Education Advance Campaign. Adequate printed materials will be available for distribution at the meetings.

With the small staff at our disposal, it will not be possible for us to go to local churches to discuss this matter. In view of its importance and the fact that *every church in the Convention* will be asked to participate in the campaign, we urge pastors and other church leaders to see that a representative group of leaders from each church be present in one of the regional meetings. If the meeting in your region cannot conveniently be attended, select another nearby. The schedule of regional meetings is as follows:

- Region 1: First Baptist Church, Edenton, 7:30 p.m., July 6
- Region 2: Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville, 7:30 p.m., June 30
- Region 3: First Baptist Church, Bladenboro, 7:30 p.m., June 29
- Region 4: First Baptist Church, Durham, 7:30 p.m., June 27
- Region 5: First Baptist Church, Greensboro, 7:30 p.m., June 26
- Region 6: First Baptist Church, Albemarle, 7:30 p.m., June 23
- Region 7: First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, 7:30 p.m., June 22
- Region 8: First Baptist Church, Morganton, 7:30 p.m., June 20
- Region 9: First Baptist Church, Waynesville, 7:30 p.m., June 19
- Region 10: First Baptist Church, Andrews, 7:30 p.m., June 16

Pearce, Lewis Commencement Speakers at Campbell

Dr. J. Winston Pearce of De Land, Fla., will deliver the commencement sermon on May 28 at Campbell College and on June 2 the graduation address will be given by Dr. John M. Lewis of Raleigh. Both events are scheduled for D. Rich Memorial Auditorium at 11 a.m.

Dr. Pearce is a former pastor of First Church, Durham. He is the author of four religious books, the latest being a commentary on the letters of Paul, published this spring.

Before coming to First Church, Raleigh, Dr. Lewis was associate professor of religion at Meredith College and prior to this was associate professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary.

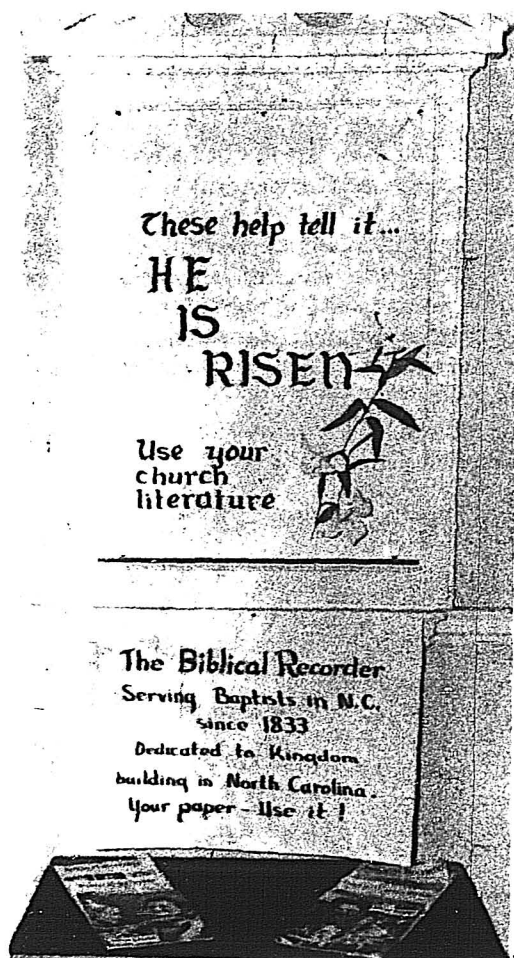
SOUTHERN APPLICATIONS UP

Southern Seminary has a 36 per cent increase over last year in applications for admission from incoming students, according to Dr. Hugh Peterson, Administrative Dean.

At the corresponding date a year ago Southern had accepted 156 applicants. To date he reports 202 applications for admission in September.



WAKE FOREST MAGNOLIA COURT—Here is this year's Magnolia Queen with her attendants at Wake Forest College. The two seated in front are Betty Earp of Winston-Salem (left) and Barbara Metcalf of Charlotte. At the rear (left to right) are Elga Loftin of Troutman, Maid-of-Honor Wanny Wagster of Columbia, Tenn., Jackie Mitchell of Zebulon, Shirley Koontz of Lexington, Queen Gladys Morgan of Glen Alpine and Jean Browning of Tarboro. — (Photo by Irvin Grigg.)



DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE FEATURED—The Publications Committee of the First Church, Lumberton, is stressing more than ever before the importance of Baptist literature being used by members of the church family. The feeling is that members will be stronger Christians and better Baptists if they are more informed about denominational work, not only in North Carolina but throughout the world. Special emphasis is placed on one publication each month. April was "Biblical Recorder" month, and on Easter Sunday the attractive display above was used in the vestibule of the church.

Members of the Publications Committee at the Lumberton church are J. L. Lineberry, chairman; the Rev. Luther Brewer, adviser; Mrs. Paul A. Davis, and Mrs. Jackie Dunle. The Rev. A. Warren Huyck is pastor of the church. Mrs. Davis was responsible for the interest center pictured.

PERSONNEL SECRETARY APPOINTED MISSIONARY

Rev. James G. Stertz, associate secretary for missionary personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has reached the ultimate in missionary recruitment. He and Mrs. Stertz are going to Germany to fill an urgent need for a missionary couple to work among English-speaking people and to serve as the Board's fraternal representatives to German Baptists. They were appointed by the Board at its May meeting.

A REQUEST FOR SYMPATHETIC CONCERN . . .

Open Letter to N. C. Pastors From President of Campbell

The special convention over, friends of Campbell College are rolling up their sleeves to raise \$800,000 for the science building it must start this August to have it in September, 1962, when with the admission of college seniors, need for it will become imperative.

As the drive begins, President Leslie Campbell is addressing individually to "all North Carolina Baptist pastors" the following message, here printed as an open letter.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians at one point he strongly stresses the fact that in many respects these Christians were behaving "like ordinary men." In these days of crisis through which we are passing, it behooves all of us to employ extraordinary methods and sacrificial efforts in our total Christian endeavor.

This message is written in the spirit of good will and cooperation to all North Carolina Baptist pastors. It is quite understandable that some may disagree as to the indispensability of the Christian college and as to the wisdom of Campbell's future place in Baptist education. But with 10 new teachers employed prior to the Greensboro Convention, in anticipation of the addition of the third year in 1961-1962; with well over 100 student applications received for the junior year, with the new catalogue already out announcing the four-year plans; and with our commitment made months ago to thousands of friends and benefactors, you can readily understand that Campbell College must exert every effort possible to keep faith with those who have trusted us. On other occasions in the institution's 74-year history, our predecessors have met courageously and successfully any obstacles obstructing their forward march. I am confident that with God's blessing and the help of thousands of faithful friends, it can be done again.

The task is by no means easy. Without murmur or complaint, we accept full responsibility for securing somehow the seemingly necessary \$750,000 in order to insure the readiness for use of our new science building by September, 1962. This eventuality is conditioned upon having in prospect the funds to place a contract to begin construction by August of this year.

We expect that much help will come from non-Baptists and from other friends outside the State. Doubtless, many residents in the eastern half of North Carolina, from which area came the request to the Baptist State Convention of 1956 for a new college to replace Wake Forest College, will, because of civic interest, rally to our cause.

Irrespective of the many shades of opinion existent at this time among Baptists, because of Campbell's efforts to be loyal to the Convention's total program through the years and in view of its contribution to the education of thousands, regardless of economic status, we have faith to believe that we shall have the well-nigh universal good will and prayers of people everywhere in our endeavor. After all, we are proceeding in complete accord with a recently approved Convention recommendation "that our colleges use this three-year period to raise money for their institutions—outside Baptist churches to implement the campaign for Christian Education."

These have been strenuous days, but days accompanied by marvelous evidences of public approval upon our labors. Without any extraordinary effort on our part to increase enrollment of students, the public has crowded every foot of additional facilities as fast as room could be provided. This has resulted in a corresponding increase of fall term registrations from 397 to 1,084 between 1952 to 1961. Without any percentage increase in Cooperative Program funds, our 1959-1960 operating balance was the best in our history, in spite of our more expensive plant and larger student enrollment. Student fees are still relatively low, while teachers' salaries have been raised approximately 20 per cent in the past three years.

We humbly seek for your forbearance and sympathetic concern. No new church is born full-grown. We shall have shortcomings here and there, and we shall make mistakes. Nevertheless, doubt not that every step forward will be taken with a view to measuring up to the exacting written and unwritten standards of a fully accredited Baptist four-year college.

Yours very sincerely,

LESLIE H. CAMPBELL
President, Campbell College

BAKER, WOOLLEY LEAD HISTORY BOOK WORK

NASHVILLE (BP)—Robert A. Baker, professor of church history at Southwestern Seminary, has been appointed editorial chairman for the Southern Baptist editorial committee co-operating in the production of the book giving the story of Baptists in North America since 1814.

The book's title: *Baptist Advance*.

Baker will work with Baptist repre-

sentatives from other bodies in North America along with the managing editor, Davis C. Woolley, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

Baker called the first meeting of the Southern Baptist editorial committee for the new book in St. Louis in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention.

PASTOR MACK GOSS PRAISES THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS...

Many Former Members of ABC Churches Active in First Church, Hendersonville

By Mack M. Goss, Pastor
First Church, Hendersonville

(This is a continuation of an article which began in last week's issue of the RECORD.)

The John Coxes united with our church five years ago. Last year John was chairman of the deacons. Mrs. Cox has been superintendent of one of the Beginner departments for several years. John is superintendent of Adult II Department in the Sunday school. At present he is chairman of our survey and planning committee, also. Their children take part in all of the youth activities.

A new member of the deacons this year is Henry Barringer. He is chairman of the fellowship committee of the deacons. Mr. Barringer teaches a class of women in the Adult III Department. These people came to us from Washington.

There was a pleasant gathering of many of these people one Sunday afternoon at the home of the Bretschneiders. Mr. Goss and I were invited. The group was called together by William Hill, formerly a pastor in the American Convention.

Mr. Hill was reared in North Carolina, attended Mars Hill and Wake Forest, and now is returning, under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the American Baptist Convention. He is seeking to make sure that Baptists who move South find a church home. He comes with a list of Baptists known to have moved to the area and through them learns of others. His first visit in the community was to see the pastors. His sole function is to make sure that these Baptists do not remain unaffiliated. Should a large number of them desire it, he would assist them in organizing and launching a Baptist church, affiliated with the American Baptist Convention. So far, this has not been done.

As this particular group talked together, it was clear that all had found a satisfactory place to worship and continue to serve their Lord. In fact, most of this group had already come into the membership of our church. They admitted finding differences from some of the churches in the North. Some of the differences please and some disappoint. One was glad to find a church which

continued to have prayer meeting, and one that extends the invitation at each service. One finds it disappointing that we are not in the National Council of Churches; one finds the Sunday school strong and effective in the closeness of its fellowship, while another wonders if perhaps we do not overemphasize the Sunday school at the expense of the worship service. I, for one, welcome all these judgments. We must never get to the point where we are unwilling to accept honest criticism.

As we have worked and worshipped with these who were strangers to us, we have felt increasingly that it would be a great thing for the Kingdom of God if all the Baptist conventions of our country could work more closely together.

Meredith Summer School Scheduled June 12-July 22

The Meredith College summer session of six weeks is scheduled from June 12 through July 22. Dormitory space is available for 500 students; and non-resident students also will be accepted. Six hours maximum credit may be obtained.

New high school and junior college graduates, as well as transfer students from other colleges, are asked to write Dean Leishman A. Peacock for advance instructions on registration procedures.

Courses to be offered during the summer will include classes in the following departments: art, biology, education, English, geography, history, mathematics, music appreciation (also piano, organ and voice lessons), religion, sociology and Spanish.

"There is no telling where the influence of a teacher ends."



WINGATE CHURCH'S FIRST presentation of a God and Country Award was observed May 7, when Eagle Scout Don Garrison received this honor. Above photo shows Pastor Dewey Hobbs of Wingate presenting the God and Country Award to Don as his parents (left), Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Garrison, see their son receive the highest honor in Scout work.

A Search for Life's Meaning

LESSON FOR JUNE 4

Lesson Text: Ecclesiastes 1: 12-14; 3: 1-9

For generations after the life of Jesus, Jewish rabbis were still in doubt that the book of Ecclesiastes should have a place in Holy Scripture. Finally, however, it was accepted; and we can be thankful that it was. Though the book is difficult to understand and teach, it holds for us many valuable lessons. The word "Ecclesiastes" refers to one who speaks in a sacred assembly. For this reason the book is called "The Preacher." The writer calls himself "the son of David, king of Jerusalem." Though David had many sons, the evidence, we believe, points to King Solomon.

Every student of Ecclesiastes does not arrive at the same conclusion in his analysis of the book. Some feel that the writer has a cynical attitude toward life because of his repeated statement, "vanity of vanities, all is vanity and vexation of spirit." Others insist that the writer is demonstrating what life would be like without God. Nature becomes monotony, pleasure madness, laughter folly, great works empty, and life itself futile.

But whatever may be the correct view of Ecclesiastes, of this we may be certain: the author is convinced that life is a mystery, one that man cannot fully comprehend when he looks at it from one viewpoint alone. Life is strange, and much of it beyond comprehension, but God is the giver and sustainer of life; and if it is placed under his control it will prove to be a thing of joy and happiness.

A Search by Wisdom—Ecclesiastes 1: 12-14

Every faculty available to man is needed to understand the purpose and meaning of life. Let man use his most profound wisdom and his deepest insight to probe the depths of life. The writer said he gave his heart to search by wisdom "all things that are done under heaven." His conclusion was that life is "sore travail" that God has "given to the sons of man—." That is, to the writer, life has its sorrow, pain, suffering, toil, labor, frustration, and trouble. The writer goes further to say that he has "seen all the works that are done under the sun," and he has concluded that "all is vanity and vexation of spirit."

It is true that for man there is much sorrow and suffering. But not all of life is drab, colorless, and without meaning. Life has joy, pleasure, and thrills for those who have found the real purpose of living. Further, though we must say that reason (wisdom) has its value, the deeper meaning of life cannot be understood by reason alone.

The true meaning and purpose of life are only revealed to men of faith and consecration. Faith can continue where reason must stop. Reason is one approach to truth, but it is only one. Man was made for God, and he can find his true worth only when life is centered in

the hands of the Creator. When man places himself in the hands of God, then he will find meaning and purpose in living. When man is directed by the will of God, all that is done will have value, and life will cease to be "vanity and vexation of spirit."

A Season for Everything—Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

The writer of Ecclesiastes saw the essential need for balance. When one element outweighs all other elements, then the individual becomes what we may call "lopsided." Wholesome recreation and pleasure are essential to one's physical and mental well being. But it was never intended that life be all play. Work and study are just as essential as pleasure and recreation for one's mental and physical balance. In this way we can readily agree with the writer that "there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the sun."

This is saying that life is like time with the four divisions of the year — winter, spring, summer, and fall. It is like the temperatures that vary with the seasons. Let everything happen in its appointed season. For nature to get out of balance, the result would be tragic; but for man's life to become unbalanced the outcome would be mental and physical confusion.

God intended that life should have balance. There is a "time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted." What more dramatic picture could we have of life than these words — birth and death, seedtime and harvest, killing and healing, destroying and building? Thus, we believe that it is not a fatalistic approach to life, but the need for balance that the "Preacher" sees in all things. It is not that man is handed a "blueprint" when he enters the world and is told, "This is your life, and there is nothing you can do about it."

Man is a free moral agent. He will have much to say and do as to how well balanced his life shall be. He is not like a bird caught in a net in an evil time, with no choice as to the outcome. It is true that there are many things over which he has no control — his parents, birth, race, language, etc. But once he is here, his decisions and actions will have much to do with his own happiness and the well-being of countless others. Thus, it is balance, not fatalism, that the "Preacher" proclaims. A wedding is a time for rejoicing, but a funeral is the time for weeping and mourning.

No Profit in Work—Ecclesiastes 3: 9

If fatalism is the lot of man, if he comes into the world with his destiny already determined, and if all his efforts and desires, choices and decisions can have no effect on what is predetermined, then we must say, "What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboreth?" If it is already fixed, and he can do nothing about it, there is no

By M. H. KENDALL



need that he try. But fatalism is not the lot of man, and in work he finds release from the tensions and boredom of life. Work has its problems, but it also has its compensations.

However, we must recognize the fact that there are conditions under which work is more unprofitable. Work should be a blessing, and not a curse, but when the motive is selfishness and personal aggrandizement, it is then that work becomes a curse. It is true that one is worthy of his hire. Because of our economic system, the salary check is essential to one's livelihood.

But when monetary compensation becomes the sole aim and purpose of work, the laborer has become a slave to his job. The joy that should be his is turned into misery and irksome drudgery. There are people like the Rich Fool whose only concern is how much they can store up in their banks and barns for the years ahead. They are truly what the Lord calls "Fools." Their only thought is for "my barns," "my corn," "my soul." They are so wrapped up in their own desires that they can have no interest beyond their own doings. For them work is not a blessing, nor does it have any genuine profit. It is only a means for accumulating to themselves wealth, power, and selfish influence.

The writer of Ecclesiastes in the last chapter came to the conclusion that life is the gift of God, and we find the meaning of life only when we leave it in his keeping. The book is a realistic approach to the problems of existence. Though in some places the writer may seem cynical, for the most part his insight is wise and penetrating. Though he seems to overlook the nobility of wisdom, he is quite correct in recognizing its inadequacy for understanding and ascertaining the deeper meaning of life. It is only in God that life has real meaning and purpose.

Further Suggestions for Thought:

1. What do you think about a fatalistic approach to life?
2. What is your opinion of the "Preacher's" conception of life?
3. How far can reason go in understanding life?
4. How would you compare Jesus' conception of life with that of the "Preacher"?

FIRST CHURCH, Resident membership of 1,500 within 25 miles of Raleigh, has openings for pastor's secretary. Duties include routine secretarial work. Shorthand not necessary. Dictaphone preferred by pastor. Those interested invited to write to Pastor's Secretary, P. O. Box 9325, Raleigh, N. C.

One Way to Balance Week-end Church Activities . . .

WILKESBORO READER SUGGESTS THAT SABBATH BEGIN AT SUNSET ON SATURDAY

(This thought-provoking article is in response to a recent editorial in the BIBLICAL RECORDER dealing with the problem of Sunday night attendance. It was written by Madge Myers Canter of 66 Fifth St., North Wilkesboro.)

Concerning the Sunday night situation, may I make a suggestion? I suggest that the shift to Saturday night, beginning the Lord's day at sunset. I can imagine the lights shining brightly in our churches on Saturday evening. I can imagine fellowship suppers, followed by Training Union and then by choir practice.

By shifting to Saturday night our college students home for the week end would be able to participate, and some of the people who work on Sunday. The Training Union would have the chance it deserves. It is amazing that BTU has succeeded as well as it has, being handicapped as it is with an awkward, inconvenient hour.

Even with the same hour on Saturday there would be a difference. There would be a freshness of things spiritual, an expectancy in the air. Everything would build toward the climax of a holy day, which would be the Sunday morning worship service.

There would be no preaching service on Saturday night. The minister would be there, but only to mix and mingle with his people, getting to know them and their needs. One sermon a week is enough for any pastor to prepare. And one sermon a week is all that the large majority of members will come to hear; that is, with the exception of revival services.

What we need to "re-think" is not only Sunday night activities but our whole concept of the Lord's day. Perhaps our ministers would do well to ask pulpit committees a question like this: "What is the attitude of your church toward observance of the Lord's day?" Where there is a take-it-or-leave-it attitude toward the worship service, we can be sure that all the work falls on the pastor, his staff, and the faithful few.

In fairness to our people, however, I must say that it is a rare Christian who can keep Sunday holy. The world has crowded in, and will not go away. It was a minister's wife who confessed to me that Sunday for her was almost a nightmare; and I have heard other dedicated

leaders admit that Sunday was their hardest day. It is as though we had distorted the majestic words to read: Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh shall be the hardest of all.

With its sleep break a Saturday-Sunday sabbath would be restful and not exhausting. After the benediction at noon Sunday, the formal sabbath should be over. The people should be free to go their way, ever mindful, of course, that they are the "salt" of society. They should be free to visit the old folks without having to rush back for more church activities. They should have a chance to relax in casual clothes and not have to dress up again.

Our people need an evening at home. The children need to do their homework. The traveler needs to be on his way.

But most of all we need a *real* sabbath. I believe we can find it by beginning it on Saturday.

Remaining Years to Prayer

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, after more than 50 years as a pastor and denominational executive, is dedicating the remaining years of his life to Intercessory Prayer. He states, "I shall pray in the name and for the sake of Christ, subject to the will of God and all for the glory of God."

Anyone who has a difficult problem or a promising opportunity which he would like for Dr. Holcomb to remember in prayer may write to him about it. His address is 6458 Westlake Avenue, Dallas 14, Texas.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL IN S. C. CHURCH

From Holly Springs Church, Route 3, Inman, S. C., Greer Association, comes a note saying that Dr. J. C. Canipe was the visiting minister in revival services there April 30-May 7. The meeting was well attended, and 13 members were added by profession of faith for baptism. There were also many rededications. On May 7 there was record attendance, with 460 in Sunday school and 226 in Training Union.



CORINTH CHURCH, located near Forest City, held groundbreaking services recently for a new educational building. Among the people present were several of the 25 charter members of the church when it was organized in 1932. The church has grown from these 25 members to a membership of 314. The new educational unit will be a two-story building, 38 by 90 feet, and will provide for 450 people. A temporary auditorium on the first floor will be used until a permanent auditorium can be built later. The target date for completion of the new building is September 1.

Shown above, left to right, are Raleigh Spratt with shovel; Faye Bowen, youngest member, standing at the right of the elderly lady in front of chair; Mrs. Nannie Smart, oldest charter member living, standing in front of chair; Pastor J. I. McMahan with Bible in hand; and Jack Philbeck with shovel. Mr. Spratt is chairman of the deacons and Mr. Philbeck is chairman of the building committee.

Our Readers Write . . .

TOO MANY PULPIT COMMITTEES HAVE AGE RESTRICTION, USUALLY 35 TO 45

TO THE EDITOR:

Please permit me to reply to the article in the April 22, 1961, issue of the *BIBLICAL RECORDER* entitled "Who'll Preach to More Members?" The author pointed out the disturbing trend in Southern Baptist life today in which the number of churches and church members are steadily increasing each year, while the number of young men entering the Baptist ministry is correspondingly decreasing. It does not require a gift of prophesy to foresee that the inevitable result of this will be churches in the future with no preachers available to pastor them.

Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey is quoted as giving six reasons for the decreasing number of young men entering the Baptist ministry, including a decreasing number of ministerial students in college, decrease in the number of ordinations, expiration of the G.I. Bill, and the recession. I am quite sure that Dr. Stealey is correct and that all these factors have contributed to this trend in our denominational life which may well result in a dearth of ministers.

However, I wonder if there might still be another reason why fewer young men are answering the "call" to preach. It is entirely possible that many young prospective ministers have heard of another trend that has been going on in Baptist circles for many years, and which may now be bearing fruit. I refer to the



EVERY SUNDAY SINCE HE WAS BORN, young Phillip Lynn Reese has been to Sunday school and church. Here he is seen receiving his perfect attendance pin for seven years' unbroken attendance, as Superintendent E. W. Reitzel of the Moon's Chapel Sunday School presents him with this token. Mr. Reitzel is himself a Sunday school booster and builder, and expressed interest and pride in the record made by Phillip, who is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Joseph Reese of Moon's Chapel, Rt. 4, Siler City. Phillip was seven years old in February, and, at last report, he was still batting 100 per cent, never missing a Sunday. He was born on Monday and was brought to church six days later to begin his remarkable attendance record. A glimpse of Pastor Reese is seen in right background of photo.

tendency among Baptist churches to call only men of a certain age to the pastorates of their churches. Twenty or 25 years ago, the prospective pastor must be a "young man." This usually meant that he must be between 25 and 45 — but preferably under 40.

Now it seems that the age limit has narrowed down to somewhere between the ages of 35 and 45. The average church now wants a preacher not too young and inexperienced, but also one who is experienced and youthful in appearance. Shortly before I moved to my present pastorate, a member of a pulpit committee from a nearby church came to talk with me about accepting a call to his church. I told him I regretted that I would not be able to consider it because I had received a call to another church and had written them that I would accept. However, I told my guest that I had a preacher friend — a somewhat older man — whom I would like to recommend to them. He immediately replied, "I don't think our church would be interested in him. We want a man about your age — between 35 and 45 — who can appeal to a group of men in our church of that age group."

Another case in point is that of the preacher who recently was being interviewed by a pulpit committee. When asked how old he was, he replied that he was 46. "Oh, we are sorry," the chairman said, "but we have been instructed by the church not to consider anyone above 45 years of age." The candidate for their pulpit then proceeded to ask them a number of questions.

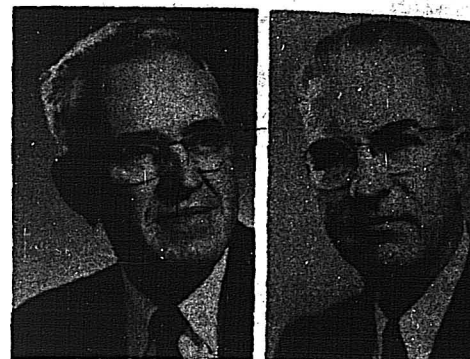
"Do you have any deacons or other church workers above 45?" he inquired.

"Certainly," was the reply, "some of our most consecrated workers are men and women much older than that."

"Did you ever refuse to elect any man a deacon or Sunday school superintendent, or Sunday school teacher because he was above 45? Did you ever ask the organist or choir director to resign in order to let some younger person take the position? Of course not. Then why do you insist that a pastor's usefulness ends when he reaches the age of 46?" Needless to say, the preacher's logic was clearly seen and impossible to answer.

If these were only isolated cases, we would have far less reason for dismay. But, in all the pastors' conferences that I have attended in North Carolina and Virginia, there is hardly a man among them who looks as if he has attained the age of 40. If there happens to be a man among them with gray hair, or other signs of advancing age, he looks like an oddity. As I have looked over such groups many times, I wondered where the older preachers were. To be sure, not all Southern Baptist ministers are men under 40 or 45. Where are the older ministers and what are they doing?

To be sure, there are some exceptions. There are even some larger churches whose pastors are in their late 50's and early 60's. But most Baptist pastors are fortunate if, after they have passed the "dead line," they can procure a position as an associational field worker, or a



Dr. Bishop

Dr. Warren

CHOWAN COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT PRINCIPALS—Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, director of the 30,000 Movement of the Southern Baptist Convention's Jubilee Advance Program, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Chowan College on May 28, at 11:00 a.m. At 3:00 p.m. the same day, Dr. Curtis Bishop, president of Averett College, Danville, Va., will make the graduation address.

professorship in a college. Many of them are going into other denominations — especially the Methodists — where they are given security and permanent work.

I can hardly think of an occupation in which the worker doesn't have more security and a more certain future than the average Baptist pastor. Our vaunted principle of local church autonomy has resulted in a very "rugged system" for many a preacher.

To get back to the matter of why fewer young men are entering the Baptist ministry, it is not very encouraging to any young man to think that he will have to spend seven years in preparation (four years in college and a minimum of three years in a seminary) for his life work, only to be told after reaching the mid-40's that he is no longer wanted.

It would indeed be difficult to imagine how much poorer the world would be if, in all other occupations and professions, an age limit was set for those who were following their chosen line of work. But it might not be quite so difficult to imagine how much poorer Southern Baptists may eventually become by making youth the most important qualification for its ministers.

—A BAPTIST PASTOR
(Name Withheld by Request)

"FAIR AND EQUITABLE" ON COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

TO THE EDITOR:

This is simply to say how much I profit from and enjoy the reading of *THE BIBLICAL RECORDER*. Under your able leadership, this publication has emerged, in my opinion, as a top ranking one in all categories: news content, editorials, layout, photography. In addition, the Sunday School Lessons are very helpful to me in my teaching.

Moreover, now that the complex issue of more money for our excellent Baptist colleges has been settled, I think it is appropriate to compliment you on your fair and equitable exposition of both sides of the issue. Well done!

—DON BRITT
Assistant to the President
Piedmont Airlines, Winston-Salem

REFLECTIONS ON SPECIAL CONVENTION

TO THE EDITOR:

There are a few reflections on the Convention at Greensboro which I would like to make.

It appears to me that the \$45 million campaign was defeated for at least three reasons:

(1) The goal was too high and thus appeared unrealistic. Few quibbled about the needs presented, but most wondered how such a sum could be raised in the light of our past giving record.

(2) There was fear that such a program would have an adverse effect on our Cooperative Program and other local and worldwide mission endeavors.

(3) The original proposal did not seem to adequately meet the needs of a quality educational program. It seemed more concerned about more students, which would inevitably mean more funds, rather than endowment for present programs, curriculum, faculty and students.

Whether these feelings are justified may be debatable, but there is no doubt about their presence at Greensboro. However, I would question that the substitute proposal did resolve these feelings. It did deal with the first two in that it removed the threat of an unrealistic goal and danger to our Cooperative Program, by preventing action on the original proposal. But it has apparently done little or nothing to meet the basic needs of our educational institutions and may have cast a defeatist attitude on our whole cooperative endeavors, unless some attention is given to meeting the basic needs of our educational institutions and a challenging goal is promoted to lift our people to greater endeavors of stewardship, at least, regarding these institutions.

Personally, I felt our action on the substitute was hasty, but not favoring the original proposal, and neither knowing what else to propose at the time nor knowing what those favoring compromise had in mind, there was no other choice — unless we waited till November. But the Convention did not seem to be in a mood to wait.

With deep appreciation for the attention our committee focused on our educational program and for your coverage,

JAMES HELVEY, JR., Pastor
North Newton Baptist Church

News About N. C. Missionaries

Christopher Lee, fourth son of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Clark, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, was born April 28. The Clarks' address is 1 Kami-Ikeda-cho, Kitashirakawa, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan. He is a native of Cleveland, Tenn.; she is the former Pauline Watts, of Rutherfordton, N. C.

Miss Mattie Lou Bible, Southern Baptist missionary on furlough from North Brazil, has completed a counseling course at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, and moved to Shreveport, La., where her address is 414 W. 69th St. She is a native of Houghton, La. Miss Bible was formerly on the staff at First Church, Kannapolis.

"The teacher is like the candle, which lights others in consuming itself."

MAY 27, 1961

Faison Church Breaks Ground for Building



Left to right: Pastor Boyd L. Lambert of Faison Church; Clement Shine, member of Planning Committee; Missionary Eugene B. Hager of Eastern Association; Dr. Douglas M. Branch of Raleigh; Harold Precythe, chairman of Planning Committee; and Mrs. Tom Bryan, member of Planning Committee, taking her turn breaking the ground.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held May 7 at the new site of the Faison Church in Faison. Dr. Douglas M. Branch of the Baptist State Convention led in the 11 o'clock worship service, after which the congregation adjourned to the site of the new building for the special service. Pastor Boyd L. Lambert gave words of introduction, Dr. Branch led the prayer of dedication, and the Rev. Eugene B. Hager, Eastern associational missionary, pronounced the benediction. Everyone enjoyed the dinner on the grounds which followed.

Faison Church began a building fund late in 1954. Under Mr. Lambert's leadership the Planning Committee (members shown in picture) prepared the plans for the \$17,000 structure. The contractor, Mangum and Sorrell of Benson, states that the building will be completed August 15, 1961. The new site is in the heart of Faison on Main Street. The Baptist State Convention helped purchase a lot large enough to afford parking facilities and to provide space for a sanctuary to be built later; a temporary sanctuary is included in the Educational Building. Floor plans are according to Plan 233T of the Church Architecture Department, Sunday School Board.

Pastor Lambert, a 1959 graduate of Southeastern Seminary, began his fourth year as pastor of the Faison and Calypso churches last month.

Book in Review

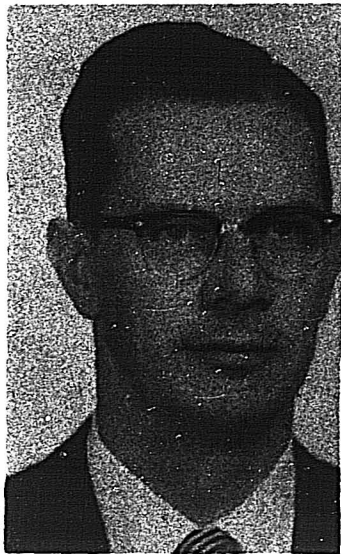
For Young Adults Only, by Frank Howard Richardson, M.D. Tupper and Love, Inc. \$2.95

The late teens as well as their parents and leaders will find advice of vital importance in this latest book by a doctor who discusses the personal problems of those entering young adulthood. The author of *For Boys Only*, *For Girls Only* and *For Teen-agers Only* counsels with the older teens in a conversational style which is both readable and effective.

Dr. Richardson knows, loves, and is concerned for young people, and this is evidenced throughout the book. Problems of the group are presented, discussed, and solutions offered for this growing up age. In such problems as those of home adjustment, school and family relations, preparation for the future, and social relationships the approach is from the point of view of the teen-ager. These young adults are led into a serious study of overcoming and adjusting to these problems. The reader finds that in most cases a change of the attitude of the heart is necessary.

Church librarians will welcome this new book by Dr. Richardson. Because it is completely indexed it will be a good reference book also.

—FLORIDA WAITE



Charles B. Summey
Conference Pastor



Bill Leach
Junior and Intermediate Choir



Harvey Woodruff
Young People's and Adult Choir

JUNE 12-17 WILL BE MUSIC TIME at Fruitland Camp, as the Church Music Conference gets under way with a splendid program of classes for Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and adults. This special week has been planned by the state Department of Music, Joe Stroud, secretary, and the three well-known leaders in above photos will lead the groups. There will be training for children's choir directors, organists, pianists, choir members. There will be conference choirs under outstanding choral directors; and worship each evening led by Conference Pastor Charles Summey. The cantata, "Appalachian Nativity," will be presented Friday night, June 16.

There will also be classes for pastors in worship and worship planning. In this week there are planned special opportunities in voice, piano, organ, theory, conducting, choir work, worship and recreational activities. Reservations should be made at once, by writing directly to Fruitland Baptist Camp, Fritz Hemphill, Director, Box 1120, Hendersonville. Room rates are reasonable, from the huts to dormitory accommodations, and meals are a total of \$2.50 a day.

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William Cooke Boone Announces Retirement

MIDDLETOWN, KY. (BP) — W. C. Boone, general secretary of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky since 1946, announced his retirement here. It will be effective Sept. 30, although the board will retain Boone in an advisory capacity through Dec. 31.

The general board also voted to express appreciation to the retiring secretary with a gift of \$5,000, which will not come from Cooperative Program funds. Churches in the state will have an opportunity to contribute, it was reported.

The retiring general secretary and Mrs. Boone plan to make their future home at Jackson, Tenn., one of several cities where Boone once was a pastor.

Boone is a former president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He's a native of Bowling Green, Ky.

He would have reached mandatory retirement age in February, 1962, but wished to retire earlier so the board could find a successor for the start of the next General Association year beginning Nov. 1, 1961.

A seven-member committee headed by A. W. Walker, Louisville minister, will seek a successor, calling the board together when ready to report.

Wingate Commencement Speaker

John Bowles, president of Rexall Drug Company, will address the Wingate College graduates during commencement exercises on Sunday, May 28, at 400 p.m.

A native of Monroe, Bowles is the son of Hargrove and Kelly Bess Bowles. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has been associated with the Rexall Drug Company for a number of years. He served as stock room clerk, field representative, district sales manager, and vice-president, before becoming president in 1955. A Wingate alumnus, he was a student in 1933-34.

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As a part of the World Missions Week program, with special activities for their ages, there will be a State YWA Camp directed by Miss Sara Ann Hobbs; a Junior GA House Party and Intermediate GA House Party conducted by Miss Willa Dean Freeman and Mrs. Gilmer Cross; a Royal Ambassador

Camp led by Mr. Bill Jackson. Miss Delois Hamrick will have charge of activities for the little children who come with their parents.

Cost for adults will be determined by the kind of housing reservations they prefer.

Cost for YWA's: \$19.60, including registration and program fee.

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Here are two good opportunities for training for newly elected officers of Associational Woman's Missionary Unions. You may attend either one:

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Sept. 8-9: State WMU Workshop for Associational Leaders (only) Fruitland Baptist Camp, Hendersonville

There are four chances for local WMU officers who will serve during the 1961-62 WMU year to learn in advance about their jobs: (Attend any one)

Sept. 12: Jubilee Conference for local leaders, Franklin, First

Sept. 14: Jubilee Conference for local leaders, Elkin, First

Sept. 26: Jubilee Conference for local leaders, Sanford, First

Sept. 28: Jubilee Conference for local leaders, Williamston, Memorial

(Watch for further information about all of these in the BIBLICAL RECORDER and the July issue of the *Quarterly Bulletin*.)

On a drive through the Swiss countryside I recall asking Billy Graham: "What do you consider the most important thing in life?"

"Integrity," he flashed.

"Suppose," I said, "you could choose between a billion dollar gift to spend for Christian causes; Khrushchev's conversion to Jesus Christ; or an open door to evangelize the Communist world — which would you take?"

"Still integrity!" he insisted.

I believe the Gospel allows no other answer. It salutes integrity with the efficiency of a Cape Canaveral countdown. That is why men who really know the power of the Gospel are devotees of moral soundness.

—DR. CARL F. H. HENRY
Editor, *Christianity Today*



MISSIONARY STELLA AUSTIN HONORED—Members of YWA groups in churches throughout the Caldwell Association honored Miss Stella Austin recently at a tea at the Kings Creek Church. Miss Austin is a missionary in Nigeria, West Africa, and is home on furlough. Hostesses for the tea were members of the Kings Creek WMU. Seventy-six persons called during the afternoon.

Informed Baptists in North Carolina are saying more and more, "I saw it in the RECORDER." The BIBLICAL RECORDER has been serving Baptists for more than 127 years; and all agencies and institutions are represented through its pages. It is our journal, our paper, our official organ telling the story of our work in the state and around the world. Be an informed member of an enlightened church — subscribe to your state Baptist paper. — HAROLD L. CUMBIE, Pastor, Tabernacle Church, Raeford.

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By Mildred Brown Duncan

For some there is an open road;
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Some are meant to run ahead;
Some are asked to wait.

While some are called to go afar,
Ways of the world to mend,
Some have been commissioned
to stay at home and send.

What Makes a Soldier?

A uniform does not make a soldier. Neither does a profession of faith make a Christian.

Of course uniforms are necessary. But a man is a soldier before he wears a uniform. A soldier is a man summoned and commissioned by his country to protect its citizens and their interests.

It takes a total commitment, an entire consecration, an absolute loyalty to make a soldier. A soldier does not belong to himself. His country chooses for him a uniform, a training program, and assigns him certain duties. He accepts responsibility to carry out any assignment, even at peril of death.

The good soldier scorns hardship. He refuses to be decoyed from his mission.

Inspirational

No soldier fights alone. There is always more than one man in an outfit. He

is one of a company of committed men. A soldier's success in warfare depends in part on personal valor and in part on the mutual assistance of his fellows. A battle is not won singlehanded.

There will always be soldiers because, in a world like ours, there will always be wars. Flesh-and-blood fighting is no way to win a war, of course, but some men do not know how to negotiate and they refuse to surrender.

All this is true for the Christian. To describe the Christian Paul uses no figure more frequently than the soldier. There was fighting blood in Paul's veins. He knew that a cosmic conflict was in progress, Christ versus Satan. He felt it was cowardly even to be neutral. So he urged the Christians of his day to war the good warfare, to *endure hardness as good soldiers*. Paul's last cry was the soldier's cry of victory, *I have fought the good fight*.

For the Entire Family

The Little Shoe-Shine Boy

By Marlene Janet Cluff

I watched him standing there, his long body erect, tin cup stretched outward in appeal, sightless eyes searching hopefully.

As I watched, a little ragged shoe-shine boy stepped forward. He set down the old box of polish and shoe rags and, reaching a grimy hand into the pocket of his torn trousers, pulled out a small coin. Glancing upward, his dark eyes wide with sympathy, the little shoe-shine boy dropped the coin into the outstretched cup. He smiled then, picked up his box, and walked on.

My heart was touched, realizing that the little child had not thought of his own need for food or clothing, but had helped someone in greater need. How mistaken are those who complain of their own misfortunes, never stopping to think of the problems and heartaches of others.

Let us thank God for the blessings we have, and let us remember that there is always someone who needs us, always someone who will appreciate our help, our love, our understanding. True happiness comes when we serve God by serving others.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." (Matthew 25:40)

Christ's cause is the only worthwhile cause to enlist in. Men who fight on Satan's side are fools, destined for disappointment and eternal defeat.

The Christian soldier fights in a winning cause. The issue of the battle is never in doubt. Christ, the Captain of the hosts of righteousness, cannot lose this battle.

The older I become, the more I want to be a soldier. Life is too short to be occupied with endless parades and reviews.

Life's greatest triumph is not to avoid the fight but to win the war.

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A son at college was applying pressure for more money from home. He wrote to his father:

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His father replied: "That is unreturning kindness."

—Hither and Yon.

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A small boy had been told that we are here in the world to help others. "Then," he asked, "what are the others here for?"

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TEACHER: Do the American Indians have full citizenship?

THOUGHTFUL THIRD-GRADER: No, they have canoes.

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The private was having trouble getting his furlough. He said his wife needed him.

The commanding officer asked, "Do you place your wife before your duty to your country?"

The private answered, "Well, sir, there are 11 million men taking care of my country, but as far as I know I am the only one taking care of my wife."

On Meredith College Commencement Program



Dr. Commager **Dr. Van de Kieft**

Two of the speakers for the Meredith College commencement season are Dr. Ruth Van de Kieft, who will make the Alumnae address on Saturday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m., and Dr. Henry Steele Commager, who will deliver the baccalaureate address at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 5.

Dr. Commager, of the department of history at Amherst College, is making his second baccalaureate address on the Meredith campus, having come first in 1955. Dr. Van de Kieft, of Ann Arbor, Mich., is an alumna of the Meredith class of 1946. She is a former resident of Raleigh.

Commencement activities include Friday and Sunday evening dinners, Alumnae Day on Saturday, class day and "Daisy Chain" ceremonies Saturday afternoon, a student concert Saturday evening, the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug on Sunday morning, and the final program on Monday morning when degrees will be conferred and Bibles presented by President Carlyle Campbell to the 150 members of the graduating class. Dr. Commager is speaker for this program.

PEWS FOR SALE

The First Baptist Church of Marion, N. C. offers for sale forty-three (43) medium brown pews. These pews will be available not later than June 15, 1961. The pews are being taken out of a church building which is being converted into educational space. If you are interested in the purchase of these pews, please contact David Blanton, telephone 3251, or Joseph P. DuBose, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, telephone 2-2751. Also included in this sale are two (2) pulpit chairs, one pulpit and one communion table.

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14 Tar Heels Appear On Various Programs At St. Louis Convention

ST. LOUIS—Three Tar Heels were on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention here while 11 others took part in activities of various organizations that met in conjunction with the convention.

Dr. Carl E. Bates, Charlotte, brought the closing sermon at noon Thursday, May 25. His predecessor at First Church, Charlotte, Dr. C. C. Warren, presented the report of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee that night. Earlier in the day, Dr. S. L. Stealey reported on Southeastern Seminary.

Three speakers on the program of the Pastors' Conference were from North Carolina — Dr. Carlyle Marney, Charlotte; Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, Wake Forest; and BSU Secretary Harold Cole. Bill Sutter of First Church, Charlotte, sang a solo at this meeting on Monday night, May 22.

The Religious Education Conference had five Tar Heels on the program. They were James A. Berry, Charlotte; Roland Leath, Shelby; James P. Morgan, Raleigh; the Rev. James S. Potter, Char-

Week-End Activities Climax Youth Week at Ellerbe

Youth Week in the First Church, Ellerbe, Pee Dee Association, was climaxed with week-end activities and the Sunday services on May 14 under the direction of a youth team from Wake Forest College. Jim Baucom, a senior from Oxford who has just completed a year as state BSU president, brought the messages on Sunday; Don Spoon, a senior from Charlotte, led the singing; and Mary Etta Mann, junior from Concord, and Sybil Beasley, sophomore from Coats, completed the team.

A retreat to Town Creek Indian Mound was one of the week-end activities. John Blakely, a junior at State College, served as youth pastor during the week. The Rev. Coy C. Privette is pastor of the Ellerbe Church.

lotte; and S. C. Ray, Greensboro, president of the organization.

Paul Bobbitt, Jr., Fayetteville, vice-president of the Church Music Conference, directed a conference for that group and H. Max Smith, Wake Forest, presented an organ solo at the same meeting.

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EDITORIAL: Some Glimpses of Hope Are Evident at St. Louis

(Continued from page 3)

out our men of conviction and courage, but this group at times looks like Gideon's band. One group embarrasses us with intemperate racial and religious bigotry. It hurts to hear it from others, but there are bigots among us. Our response to the remark would better be one of repentance than one of resentment. Still another group, usually good and gracious men of a conservative and cautious nature, believes we should be neither for segregation nor for integration. We should 'preach the Gospel' of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—without application!"

Continuing, the Southern Seminary professor declared that Southern Baptists tried to stay shy of ecumenical Christianity, but God "overruled us." He reached down into the "Piedmont of North Carolina and picked up Billy Graham to make him one of the major factors in teaching Protestant Christians how to forget their factions and to

work together in evangelizing this generation."

Dr. Moody used the following in his message and Southern Baptists in this year of 1961 will be wise to read William H. Hudnut's words carefully:

"When the church has been conscious of her great mission in the world her members have been able to sing her exultation:

'Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;

'We are not divided;
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

'Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.'

"Today, if sung in truth, the words of William H. Hudnut would be more appropriate. We would chant:

'Like a halting caravan
Crawls the church of Christ,
We are feebly faltering
Toward our sacred trust.

'We are all divided,
Many bodies we,
Kept apart by doctrine
and lack of charity.

'Careful, Christian pilgrim!
Walk in doubt and fear!
With the cross of Jesus
Bringing up the rear!'"

1961 Meredith Annual Honors Dr. Crook



Dr. Roger Crook receives first copy of 1961 Meredith "Oak Leaves" from Editor Ann Covington.—(Photo by Bob Allen.)

Dr. Roger Crook, professor of religion at Meredith College, and faculty sponsor of the senior class, received the first 1961 college annual from its editor at a faculty-student convocation period last week, an event which features the announcement of this surprise dedication each year on the campus.

In speaking of the dedicatee, the editor, Ann Covington, of Wadesboro, said, "In the fall of 1957, between Sputnik and the homecoming 'Stunt Night' on the Meredith campus, the freshman class prevailed upon Dr. Crook to serve as its

WEST CHOWAN YWA COUNCIL MEETS AT BETHLEHEM

Mrs. J. A. Smith, of Seaboard, director of YWA work in West Chowan Association, reports that about 125 YWA members attended the last Council meeting of the organization held at Bethlehem Church. President Phoebe Lassiter presided and also spoke on "Why I Tithe." The Jackson YWA's presented the devotional, the Bethlehem group presented the stewardship playlet, "Wait a Minute," and Miss Lise Kesta Loupa of Finland, student at Chowan College, gave an inspiring and informative talk on the religious and social life of her country. Plans for YWA Week at Caswell, including the securing of a special bus to take the group, were discussed.

sponsor. He has given this class support and gracious advice ever since, for all of its four years," she stated; and continued, "he serves as adviser not only to the class of 1961—in the classroom, the Beehive, the pulpit and the conference room—but also to the entire student body. And as a measure of its appreciation," Miss Covington concluded, "the class has dedicated its annual, the Meredith College Oak Leaves, to Dr. Crook."

Dr. Crook also is pastor of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, in Raleigh; and his family shared honors with another as the Raleigh Family of the Year last year. He also is the author of two books published in the past two years. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crook, of Concord.

Miss Covington is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Covington, of Wadesboro. Assisting her in the presentation ceremony was the annual business manager, Carol Park, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Park, of Charlotte.

Dr. Nordenhaug of BWA Commencement Speaker At Wake Forest June 5

The general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and a Methodist minister from Winston-Salem will be the principal speakers at the Wake Forest College commencement June 4-5.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington will make the commencement address Monday, June 5, and Dr. Mark Dpp, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church of Winston-Salem, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night.

More than 400 seniors in the schools of medicine, law, arts and sciences and business administration will be awarded degrees. Also approximately 30 Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets will receive their commissions.



SMYRNA CHURCH IN COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION has a vigorous young people's program with excellent participation. "The people of Smyrna Church are very proud of their young people and their work," said Pastor Daniel Spell recently. The Youth Week at Smyrna emphasized the fine program of activity, as the whole schedule of services was in charge of young people for a week. Above photo shows some of the youth leaders of this progressive rural church near Whiteville, as they were honored during Youth Week.

LIFE IN THE CHURCHES . . .

Lowe's Grove Plans Program for Recreation; Moyock Is Building; Other News Items

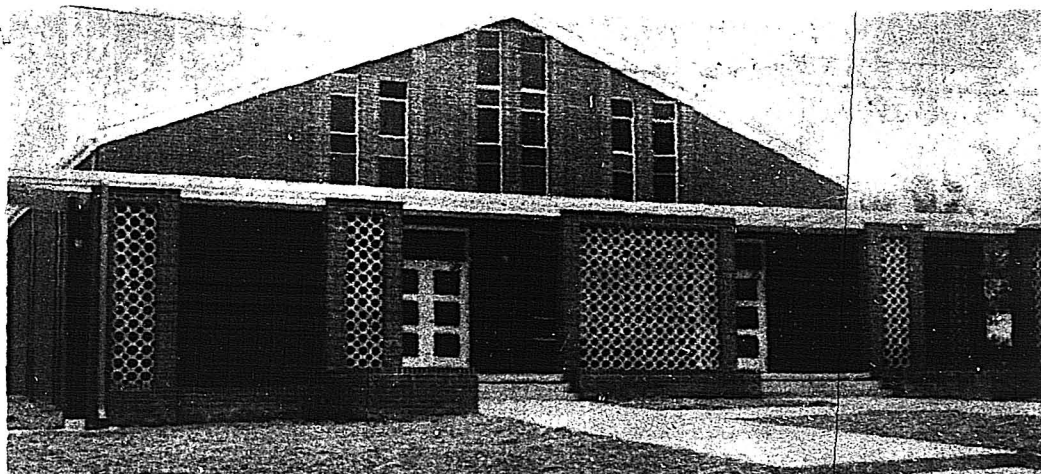
Lowe's Grove Church in Yates Association, in the Research Triangle area near Durham, is meeting the challenge of its present and future recreational and fellowship activities by setting up a comprehensive, well-planned recreational program, tied in with church life and community service.

Moyock Church, L. F. Smith, pastor, recently voted to build an eight-room, two-story addition to its present building. One of the new rooms will be used as a large nursery, and the other seven as class rooms. The contract has been awarded to Bartlett Brothers of Camden at a cost of \$7,875, exclusive of heating and plumbing facilities and wiring. The building committee, of which John D. Welch is chairman, will handle this item under a separate contract. Construction on the new annex began May 22.

GA Focus Week was observed in the Millbrook Church, May 14-21. The girls conducted the Assembly Program in the Adult department of Sunday school on Sunday morning and sang in the choir for the evening church service under the direction of Mrs. Lester Creech, GA counselor, and Mrs. Page Haynes, choir director. A presentation service was held Sunday evening, May 21, with a number of girls advancing in Forward Steps. A reception honoring the girls, their leader, and their parents followed. Mrs. C. M. Billings is president of the WMU and the Rev. Jack L. Bullard is pastor of the church.

Oak Grove Church in Haywood Association broke all attendance records in its history on May 14, with 215 in Sunday school, surpassing the goal of 200. Enrollment is 214. Training Union records reached a new high on April 23, with 102 present. The young people of the church conducted the service at that time. Pastor Lee Roy Smith has been pastor at Oak Grove for six months, coming from his home town of High Point.

James A. Graham, Jr., is chairman of the new College Ministry Committee which has been appointed by the First Baptist Church, Laurinburg. Mrs. Graham, Professor and Mrs. Carl Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bullard, Jr., will serve on the committee. The Rev. Richard E. Price, pastor; Miss Norma Owens,



CANE CREEK CHURCH at Orange Grove in the Mt. Zion Association dedicated a new debt-free educational building on Sunday, May 21. The church is 172 years old and was first a Primitive Baptist church. The church has been the "mother" of a number of missions, including the Antioch Church and the Mars Hill Church and others. The present sanctuary was constructed in 1949. Facilities of the new educational building include a nursery room, a Beginner room, pastor's study, two rest rooms, a kitchen, a primary room and a room for young people which can be divided by a folding door. There is also an assembly room which can be partitioned off to make Junior and Intermediate departments of two rooms each. The assembly room of the new educational building was given in memory of Hight Manley Perry, Jr. Speakers for the dedication service were the Rev. Jim Ballard and the Rev. Harry Byrd, Jr., both former pastors.

who will assume her responsibilities as director of Christian Education at the church on June 1; and Mr. Graham will represent the church on the College Ministry Council which will be composed of the pastors, educational directors, and committee chairmen from the churches in downtown Laurinburg. The council will work directly with representation from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in implementing the work of the churches in relation to students who will be enrolled in the new institution when it opens in September.

Five Queens were crowned in a recent GA coronation and recognition service at the **First Church, Raleigh**, and a number of other girls advanced in Forward Steps. The Queens were Nancy Moore, Netta Bartlett Newbold, Charlotte Smith, Martha Jean Lewis, and Bet Garrett.

After 15 months of planning by the committees concerned, the **First Church, Cherryville**, has begun a building program to replace the building destroyed by fire. Even though the church was striving to raise \$100,000 for the building fund over and above the budget, the second highest amount in the history of the church was given to missions last year, writes Pastor W. C. Lamb.

Red Mountain Church in Yates Association recently dedicated its new parsonage and Pastor Thad Ashley and his family have moved into the home near the church.

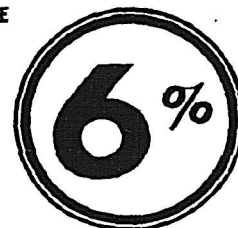
On Mother's Day, May 14, the Mill-

brook Church observed a Service of Christian Dedication for Parents and Infants during the morning worship service. Five babies and their parents took part in the service.

Southside Church, Winston-Salem, observed Church Loyalty Month in April, climaxed by the Spring Revival led by the Rev. George W. Simmons of Wadesboro. Plans are now underway for a "Jump the Slump" campaign for this summer which will include special emphasis on home study.

Allen Memorial Church, Kings Mountain Association, recently had an old-fashioned pounding for Pastor Woodrow Spencer and his family.

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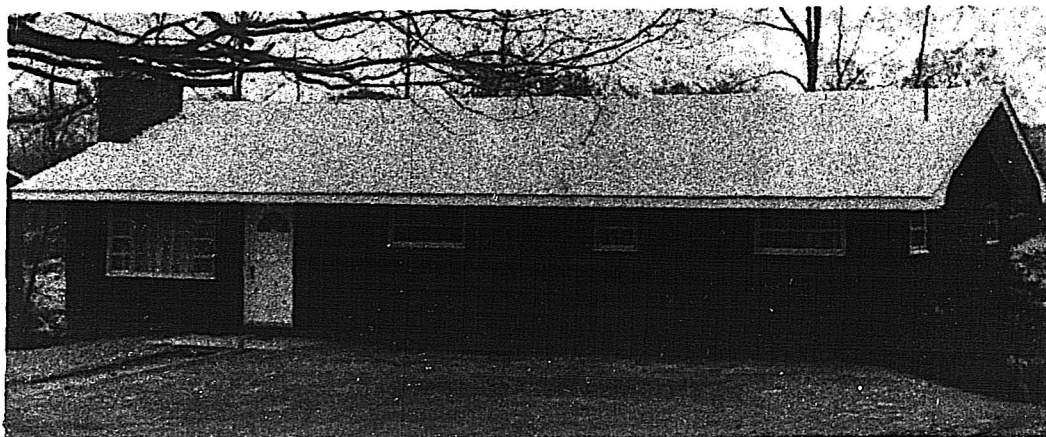
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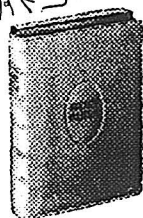


NEW PASTORIUM OF OTEEN CHURCH DEDICATED—On Sunday afternoon, May 7, the Oteen Church dedicated its new pastorium, with the pastor, the Rev. Joseph M. Sanders, officiating. Assisting with the service were the Rev. Erskine Plemmons, Buncombe Association's missionary, and the deacons, including Leonard Clayton, Morris Hogan, Frank Dorate, J. L. Murray, and Bill Owen. Immediately following the service, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders held open house for all desiring to see the new home. The Young Adult women's Sunday school class, the "Willing Workers," served refreshments. Then the Sanders family was surprised with a housewarming, and many beautiful gifts were added for use in the house.

The modern brick home, designed by Ted Medlin, a member of the church, was begun early this year under the direction of J. L. Murray, chairman of the building committee and contractor. The three-bedroom home has many attractive features, including living room-dining area with large picture window and brick fireplace; kitchen of beautiful birch with built-in cabinets, built-in stove, and a breakfast area; two bath rooms; a full basement housing a garage and a future recreation area. The house is located on church property, facing a modern brick sanctuary completed only three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders and their four-year-old daughter, Debbie, have been at Oteen since January 1 of this year.

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Then the church had an eight-day revival meeting. The Rev. Dan Dunkle was the visiting evangelist. At the end of the revival the church had received 42 new members and had reactivated 21 of its old members, some of whom had not attended church for six or seven years.

Sunday school attendance increased from 140 to 263. So many people came to the preaching services that they had to be seated in every aisle of the church and others were seated in a large Sunday school room where they could hear over a loud-speaker system. Many came into the church driveway, but could not find any place to park, so drove away.

The church has now enlarged its parking facilities, elected a planning committee to enlarge the church building and build as many new Sunday school rooms as are needed.

Training Union has increased its attendance from 34 to 56. Prayer meeting has gone to an all-time high. There are six to 12 men out visiting the same night during the prayer-meeting hour.

There has been a great ingathering of new people and the church members have been revived. Through this program of Visitation Evangelism our church was strengthened, and God's Kingdom was advanced and his name was glorified. I would urge every pastor who wishes to reach the lost people for Christ to try this program of Visitation Evangelism.

—JOHN M. WESLEY, Pastor
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Majority Rules Baptist Affairs, Judge Holds

WICHITA, KAN. (BP) — A Kansas District Court ruled here a majority vote determines the course of First Baptist Church, Wichita. The ruling sustained the majority's right to use the church property after voting itself out of affiliation and support of the American Baptist Convention and two related groups. The minority loyal to the American Convention, Kansas Baptist Convention (of American Baptists) and Wichita Association of (American) Baptist churches, sought to prevent the majority from having access to the church. Judge Howard C. Kline noted that forwarding money to the American Convention and the two local groups, and sending representatives to their meetings, did not constitute a fundamental tenet, practice, belief or doctrine of the church. There was no immediate word on an appeal by the minority. But previous cases of this nature in Kansas were appealed.

In March, 1960, the church voted to withdraw support of the American Convention and related bodies since they participated in the National Council of Churches. A majority vote in July, 1960, withdrew the church from affiliation with the three groups.

The minority contended custom, tradition and doctrine of the church required retain these affiliations. The majority has remained unaffiliated since the break.

Statements of Fact

Judge Kline also held to these statements of facts in ruling:

1. First Baptist Church, Wichita, is an autonomous church and neither American Baptist Convention, Kansas Baptist Convention (affiliated with American Convention) nor Wichita Association of Baptist Churches has any control over First Church.

2. Nowhere in the charter of First Baptist Church, or in its constitution, or by-laws, is there provided for affiliation with American Baptist Convention, the state convention and Wichita association. Neither the declaration of faith nor the church covenant provides for such affiliation. Nor does this provide for representatives or money from the church to be sent to the national, state and city organizations.

3. The governing body of First Baptist Church, Wichita, is the congregation



Cothen



Moore



Smith



Autrey



Yates



Souther



Paschall



Evans



Sims

PRINCIPAL PROGRAM LEADERS for three Southern Baptist Sunday School Conferences to be held this summer at Ridgecrest are shown here. Left to right are the preacher, Bible leader, and music director for the respective weeks.

First row, July 20-26: Grady C. Cothen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno; Walter L. Moore, pastor, Vineville Church, Macon, Ga.; and Fritz Smith, minister of education and music, First Church, Garland, Tex.

Second row, July 27-Aug. 2: C. E. Autrey, director, Division of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Dallas, Tex.; Kyle M. Yates, professor of religion, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; and William H. Souther, associate professor of church administration, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Third row, Aug. 3-9: H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Church, Nashville, Tenn.; D. J. Evans, pastor, Gordon Street Church, Atlanta, Ga.; and W. Hines Sims, secretary, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

or given membership. The membership by majority vote, can, at any regularly scheduled meeting, transact business. Its majority vote is binding upon the church so long as that action does not constitute a departure from doctrine, customs, practices and fundamental tenets of the church.

There was no indication at the three-day trial that the 4,300-member church, which was one of the largest in the American Convention, might be moving toward affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention. Testimony at the trial, however, disclosed that Southern Baptist church literature was used.

If a misunderstanding is recent, explore and dress that fresh wound before it gets infected. — ANDRE MAUROIS.

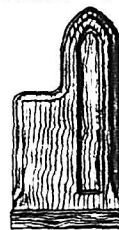
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CHANGES IN CHURCHES . . .

Mattox to West End, Henderson; Smith at Trinity, Fayetteville; Number of Staff Changes Noted

PAUL C. MATTOX, for the past eight years pastor of Hester Church, near Oxford, has resigned to become pastor of West End Church in Henderson. He will take up his work on his new field July 1.

Trinity Church, Fayetteville, has a new pastor. On April 24, **W. T. SMITH**, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Reidsville, since 1957, began his work as pastor of Trinity. Before going to Reidsville, Dr. Smith served as pastor of the First Church, Mebane, for four years, and has also served in Virginia, Indiana, and Kentucky. He has the B.A. degree from Wake Forest College, and the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Sallie Brooks Vaughan of Durham and they have two young children, a son and a daughter.

MEREDITH H. HENDERSON, pastor of Perry's Chapel Church, Route 2, Franklin, has moved to Edgewater, Maryland.

MRS. J. S. MELTON, has resigned as organist in the First Church, Albemarle, on the advice of her doctor. Her resignation closes nine years of continuous work, and more than 20 years of association with the music ministry of the church.

MRS. MILDRED YOUNG has been called to serve as a full-time member of the staff of East Church, Gastonia. She will continue as organist and accompanist, will direct the Children's Choirs, and will serve as educational secretary and as pastor's secretary.

MISS JACKIE FREEMAN, youth director in First Church, Greensboro, since last June, terminated her services with the church on May 15. She will be married in June to the Rev. Gene Phillips.

Snyder Memorial Church, Fayetteville, has had a change in the position of financial secretary. **MRS. WILLIAM SIMPSON** left that position to take a Civil Service job at Fort Bragg, where her husband is stationed, and **MRS. RALPH VAUGHT**, a member of the church, will succeed Mrs. Simpson at Snyder Memorial.

DON L. GOFF is new pastor of New Hope Church, Kings Mountain Association, and recently moved into the parsonage at Earl. He comes from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Mardela Springs, Md. While pastor at Mardela Springs, he led the church in organizing a mission in the adjoining community of Hebron, Md. He served on the state committee of public relations and was director of the School of Missions in the Eastern Association of Maryland. He is an alumnus of Morris Harvey College, Charleston, West Virginia. Before coming to North Carolina, he had served as pastor of churches in West Virginia, Georgia, and Maryland. Mr. Goff is married to the former Loretta Ennis of St. Albans, W. Va., and they have three children, Michael, seven; Joyce, four; and Kathy, one.



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HERBERT MAYNARD, student at Southeastern, has been called as pastor of the Central Church, Raleigh Association. He and his wife, the former Bettie Mabe, and their two daughters, Donna 17, and Deborah, seven, plan to move into the parsonage June 1. Natives of West Virginia, the Maynards were residents of Florida for several years. He held pastorates in that state as well as in Georgia. He has been associated with the Gideons, the Business Men's Christian Association and has held revival meetings in Cuba. Both Mr. and Mrs. Maynard attended Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, Fla. He did undergraduate work at South Western and Norman Colleges, both in Georgia. Donna Maynard will be principal of the Central Bible School this year.



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1,750,000 Is State Paper Goal by 1964

ST. LOUIS—The Convention at the request of its Committee on State Baptist Papers, approved a circulation goal for them by 1964 of 1¾ million. Their present circulation, as reported by Committee Chairman Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, is 1,465,471.

During the year since the last report, the 28 papers (most of them weeklies) increased over 50,000 circulation total.

The year 1964 is the climaxing year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, the time when seven Baptist groups in the United States and Canada will observe the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist convention work in North America.

The Committee on State Baptist Papers has existed since 1940, Newton reminded the Convention. In that year there were only 19 papers with aggregate circulation of 192,312. They set a goal of half-a-million by 1945 and exceeded it by 47,000.

The state papers met another circulation goal of one million in 1953 when their combined circulation reached 1,017,496. The aim for 1980 is two million.

Present circulation of the Baptist papers, an independent but closely-allied group, ranges from 1,000 by the *Hawaii Baptist* in the 50th state to the mam-

GA QUEENS' COURT TO BE AT MEREDITH, JUNE 9-11

Registration will begin at Meredith College, Raleigh, at 3:00 p.m. on the afternoon of June 9. No fees will be collected, but room assignments will be made at this time.

NO EVENING DRESSES will be needed. The girls should bring white pastel-colored street-length dresses and their crowns, scepters, and capes for the Saturday evening meal and service. A dress-up outfit for Sunday and regular school clothes will be worn the rest of the time.

Money will be refunded to those girls who cancel a week ahead of time. Refunds will also be made for those who are unable to attend because of sickness.

—WILLA DEAN FREEMAN,
N. C. Girls' Auxiliary Director

State Sword Drill Winner

Miss Elwanda Orr, chosen at the state Youth Convention in Hickory, April 29, will represent North Carolina in the south-wide Intermediate Sword Drill at Ridgecrest on July 8. She is the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Orr, Robbinsville.



A member of Lone Oak Church, small rural church located on the Santee Lake, in Cheoah Association, Elwanda is president of her Intermediate Union. In 1960 she received the award for daily Bible reading. Following the organization of her church Training Union in 1957, she entered and was a state winner in Junior Memory Work Tournament. For the past two years she has been a participant in the State Sword Drill.

A freshman in high school, she is an honor student. Her favorite subject is English. She would like to be a home missionary if this is the Lord's will for her life.

One of her church leaders wrote: "She is an outstanding example in her home, church, and school. She has had a great influence on the teenagers she is associated with in her church and school."

Alternate winner was Catherine Bartles of the Round Hill Church, Union Mills.

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Sunday School Week at Caswell Planned for All Age Groups

A full program of supervised activities has been planned for children of all ages during Sunday School Week at Caswell, July 10-14. Recreational projects, field trips, studies, and audio visual materials are included.

Mrs. Wilma Auman will direct the activities for the Nursery, Beginner and Primary children. She will be assisted by Mrs. Fritz Hemphill, Mrs. Cliff Elkins, Mrs. Henry Crouch, and Mrs. Winfred Overman.

The Juniors will have the opportunity to attend the Junior Music Camp which will be meeting simultaneously.

The Intermediates will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, Mrs. Jack Bagwell and Mrs. Myra S. Motley.

The Young People will participate with the Adults in Bible studies and special interest groups.

The afternoons will be free for swimming, fishing, athletics, and rest. Special interest conferences for Juniors and Intermediates have been planned from 7:00 to 7:45 o'clock in the evenings just preceding the worship service.

ORDINATIONS

A. W. JOHNSON

A. Wayland Johnson was ordained Sunday, May 7, by the Rock Grove Church, Roxboro.



He is pastor of the Rock Grove and Semora churches, in Beulah Association, and is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. I. Johnson of Oxford. The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. Hassell Lamm, missionary of the Beulah Association, and the Rev. Paul Hardy of Yanceyville was moderator of the council.

The Bible was presented by Chairman of Deacons Hicks, of the Rock Grove Church. The ordination prayer was by the Rev. W. I. Johnson, and the benediction was offered by Wayland Johnson.

GLENN WATTS

White Hill Church of Kannapolis ordained Glenn Watts May 14, at the request of the Glorieta Church near Concord, which has called him as pastor. He has been a very active deacon and church leader for the past several years, and will soon complete the current Seminary Extension course conducted in the Cabarrus Association. Pastor G. E. Johnson of the White Hill Church presided at the ordination service and presented the Bible. The Rev. C. D. Carrington delivered the charge to the candidate,



GROUND BREAKING AT GRANDVIEW PARK—Pictured above are some of those who were present at a ground breaking service held by Grandview Park Church, Lenoir, for a new building which was designed by Stuart R. Penn of Morganton. On the front row (left to right) are Pastor H. Dean Harrold; Roger Watson, chairman of deacons; Carson Watson; J. L. Owens, charter member; A. P. Anderson, Jr., chairman of the building committee; Olin Story, Ray Watson, and Dale Allen. The building is expected to be completed in the near future.

Grandview Park, organized in 1932, had half-time services until April 1, 1959, when Mr. Harrold was called as full-time pastor and he and his family moved to the church parsonage. Since that time 57 new members have been received. One member, Mrs. Gertrude Kincaid, holds a record of 22 years of perfect attendance. Her husband, now deceased, had a record of 19 years.

APPLEWHITE FAMILY IN AUTO ACCIDENT IN MISSISSIPPI

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. C. Win Applewhite, formerly of Statesville before going to Indonesia as missionaries, will regret to learn that the family was involved in an automobile accident recently in Mississippi. Elizabeth, age two, suffered a fractured leg; Charlotte, 10, has a fractured humerus, while Dr. and Mrs. Applewhite and the other two girls received bruises and abrasions. The Applewhites are home for their first furlough. They are sponsored by First Church, Statesville, and First Church, Raleigh.

Seminary Students, Take Note

All complimentary copies of the **BIBLICAL RECORDER** for students will be discontinued for the summer months beginning June 1, 1961. Should any student desire the **RECORDER** through the summer months, he should send his request directly to the Biblical Recorder office.

Mrs. G. P. Hall has had charge of the Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday school of Memorial Church, Williamston, for 21 years.

and the Rev. Henry Register gave the charge to the church. The Rev. John Garner delivered the ordination sermon. Clyde Benfield led on the ordination prayer, and all deacons present took part in the laying on of hands.

Lecture Fund Started In Memory of Beloved Teacher

Since the recent death of Professor Claude Roebuck, on the staff of Wake Forest College's department of philosophy since 1953, the movement to establish the \$10,000 Roebuck Lecture Fund at the college has gained considerable headway, and funds are coming in from various sources, at last report. Professor Roebuck, a native of Eastern Carolina, graduated at Wake Forest in 1940, then graduated with Th.M. degree at Southern Seminary, did graduate studies at Union Seminary and at Yale, and served as chaplain for some years in World War II. He also taught at Williams College several years before coming with Dr. A. C. Reid and others in the Department of Philosophy in 1953. He was greatly beloved in his wide circle of friends and associates.

Dr. A. C. Reid paid very high tribute to him recently, from which we quote briefly: "A superior scholar, a great teacher; youthful, he had unusual wisdom; he was free of greed, unblemished by pride; gentle, genuinely good, and humble. The pure gold of his character never became tarnished, and he was able to etch indelibly in minds and hearts the virtues of integrity, kindness, mercy and love. He loved the Lord and his neighbors with a love that, unknown to himself, made his face glow with divine radiance. Death released him from much suffering; and we know that the beauty of the Lord our God was upon him."

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