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YOUTH WEEK OBSERVED AT BOILING SPRINGS CHURCH

One hundred thirty young people, including several Gardner-Webb College students, took part in a most successful Youth Week April 12 through 19 at the Boiling Springs Church. The young people served with enthusiasm and efficiency in the various church offices and made a very favorable impression on the adult membership.

The accompanying picture shows a part of the group of young people, with the church pastor, Rev. John S. Farrar (light suit, third row from front, far right of picture) and Training Union Director Dan W. Moore, Jr.

(just back of and to right of Mr. Farrar), who helped plan for the week. Youth Week pastor, James Parham, is the last man at right of back row.

James Parham, sophomore at Gardner-Webb College, Youth Week pastor, preached at the Sunday morning service April 19, and Blair Little and John Ray, assistant pastors, spoke at the Sunday evening service April 12 and at prayer meeting. Sunday school departments and classes were led and taught by young people. Training Unions were directed by youth, and missionary circle pro-

grams were given by Youth Week participants.

Youth deacons met with adult deacons at their regular monthly meeting, and cherub, intermediate, and youth choirs sang at the various services. The Youth Week church secretary* prepared the church bulletin for both Sundays. The participants of Youth Week were honored at breakfast at the church on Sunday morning, April 19.

The following words from both youth and

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Are You Fit to Be Tied?

I CORINTHIANS 13

By J. Glenn Blackburn

Excerpts from a sermon delivered and recorded May 10, 1953, at the Wake Forest Church. The extracts were transcribed from the recording.

A WOMAN went into a book store and asked, "Do you have a book on marriage problems? I married one!" Many people have felt like that. Few of them have ever thought that the other person might have the right to say that also. I would like to put the emphasis upon this question, "Are you fit to be tied?" Are you fit to live with?

A great deal has been said by the church and its ministers about divorce. People make mistakes, their marriages fail, and they confess the failure, or treat lightly the obligation. And about all the church has had to say is that divorce is wrong and unhappiness is a sin. Then, having paid lip service to a law, we go on our self-righteous way. In love and concern, I bring a serious charge against the church of today: Before humanity's number one problem, it is not speaking positively.

A more serious problem than that of divorce is the fact that in an alarming number of cases marriages have not ended in divorce, but that they might as well so far as happiness and usefulness are concerned. There has been no open confession of failure, but there is failure nevertheless. And some of us who spend a lot of time in counseling have come to believe that this is the source of

more unhappiness than the other.

We know that many people are dying daily in the knowledge that they are missing happiness and their own personal usefulness and worth. They know that others are suffering because of it, and they feel that they are hopelessly caught.

When we probe into the cause of unhappiness in marriage, we will find perhaps that there are many causes. I want to give you three that I see clearly from where I stand.

Ignorance

The first is ignorance. Most of us figure that happiness is accidental. We cling to the storybook idea that we can drift along, get married, and live happily ever after. Sooner or later all of us learn that the idea is false often when it is too late. We fail to see that a lack of information is often a primary cause for the dream's fading and dying.

There is not only a lack of information, when people come to the wedding contract, concerning the other person, his life, his family and all of that, but there is a pitiful lack of knowledge about what marriage is, about what it will require, and about what it is not. There is an alarming and pathetic ignorance of the body. There is scarcely a scant understanding of the importance of the physical relationship and the obligation of each member of the party in that.

And there is very little understanding of

what can be done to meet the up-and-down-ness of married life. In no undertaking is an adequate knowledge so important. And nowhere else, it seems to me, is an adequate knowledge so obviously lacking. The parents and the church can meet that need.

Lack of Preparation

Another cause for failure is lack of preparation. When we hear that wedding preparations are being made, we know that clothes are being bought, friends are being invited, and the ceremony is being planned. The idea back of it seems to be that the minister has some words of magic that he can say that will eliminate problems, remove differences, and guarantee success. Have you ever noticed, incidentally, that the finest things in life are seldom prepared for?

If marriage is so central in importance and if sex has anything in the world to do with a person's happiness or the success of a marriage, then why must our young people get their information from ugly stories and from the wrong sources? The marital experience, we believe, is of divine ordination. Therefore, need we hesitate to teach? It is your privilege and mine, somehow, to enter into the thinking and the growth of the young people that are following behind us that we shall bring them to the altar pure in character and prepared in mind, in body and in heart for this grand and glorious hour.

Lack of Religion

Another cause for the failure is a lack of religion. You would expect me to say that. But I do not have to rely upon my opinion. Those who take statistics and compile the records, tell us that where a vital religion is concerned the marriage has much more chance of success. And that means that religion must do more than offer people a place for the ceremony.

It means that there must be a unity of interest and practiced loyalty to the church if the home and the children are to reap the rich rewards they deserve. Usually this is something that does not come later. It is something that must be taken into the experience by both parties. There is need for something more than sex appeal to hold two people together. The only tie that is strong enough to hold them against whatever may come is the tie of a vital, deep, and far-reaching faith in God. The guiding, correcting, and strengthening service of religion has been of more value here than we will ever know.

The first thing, according to our faith, that



Members of the First Church, Bryson City, gave their pastor, J. G. Miller, a 1953 Dodge sedan just prior to his trip to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas. Mr. Miller is in the center, and flanking him left and right, respectively, are Joe Wilson and Harley H. Welch, two of the "younger" members of the First Church's congregation.

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we need is reverence. If we are to be the kind of persons that other people can live with and be happy, we have to have a sense of the sacredness of life. If we do not have it, we will be constantly hurting others and getting into trouble ourselves.

We need to cultivate a reverence for personality. This means a sincere respect for the other person, his or her needs and wishes, and a desire to fulfill them. It will mean less effort to change and reform somebody else so that he or she will fit your pattern. It will mean a more diligent effort on the part of each one of us to please, and to improve himself. It will save us from the selfishness that demands service from others. It will help us to find our happiness in the happiness of someone else.

And then, we need to cultivate a reverence for the body. This will mean concern for health, for physical needs and desires, and for lasting physical attraction, and beware of those who belittle that! It will keep you from treating someone else as a plaything or for your own selfish satisfaction and pleasure.

But the reverence does not begin automatically with the wedding. It is something that begins early in life and must be taught to the youngest child. The individual who is angry and grudge and base in courtship will likely be the same all the way through. The one who fails to recognize that the body is precious, that it is sacred, something to be given in love and dedication to the highest, will fail to find happiness or give it.

This reverence, I remind you, comes in adequate measure only from reverence for God. The one who looks to God in gratitude and responsibility will know the pressure of right and the pull of the noble. Only the one who has learned to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly before his God is capable of the high demands of the intimate daily companionship. Reverence for God is the beginning of wholesome human relations.

Another factor that we need is faith. Nothing cuts and undermines strength and desire so much as lack of faith. When we speak of a faithless husband or wife, we usually mean that one has violated the covenant with some overt act, and of course the description may be accurate. But look behind that and see if there was a lack of trust and faith that helped to bring about the failure.

Maybe the covenant was first broken with suspicion and disloyalty in the sense that you did not measure up to the loyal. Maybe it was brought about by irritating littleness. We too readily believe gossip and too easily imagine the worst. Guarding, spying, and jealousy will make a lot of people miserable. Faith may be easier, and certainly will come nearer working.

The other side of it is that each of us must be the kind of person in which the other one can believe. We must be true and do the things that encourage faith. We want a partner who is pure and true and beautiful. But listen, especially young men, to this question: Have you a right to demand of another that which you are not willing to match in yourself? When you expect someone else to bring to that important time a self that is fit to live with, have you not the same obligation?

We have no right to require someone else to be or do something we are not willing to be or do. If you are true, you can be be-



Pictured above are 41 of the 72 persons who accepted Christ as their Saviour during a revival held March 23-April 5 at the Highland Church, Hope Mills. Evangelist Baxter Walker of Fayetteville was the visiting preacher. E. D. Butler is pastor of the church.

lieved in; and if you are true, you will find it easier to believe in someone else.

Faith in God is the source of the kind of life that will encourage confidence and trust. Without it you may get along; marriage may, to a degree, be happy, but the real foundation for life will have been ignored. Faith in God is a strong tie that binds closely and ties tightly. It is a help in conflict, strength for temptation, and hope for tragedy.

We must come to life with reverence, with faith, and with love. All of us will agree with Paul that the things that endure are faith, hope, and love. We also will agree that the greatest of these is love. Love is dependent on the others, as the others are incomplete without love. Love is that quality that gathers up all else and makes it meaningful and beautiful. There are apparently different kinds of love: there is the love that is based on sex attraction, and soon wears thin. Some of it is only a love that wants to possess and be pleased.

The abiding happiness that we seek waits upon the kind of love described in the New Testament. It is that love that seeks the highest good and the most complete possession of the one loved. It is that love that does not parade, does not distrust, does not enjoy another's failure, but loves the truth, rejoices in the good, and is willing to wait for its answers.

Such a love comes to us as the redeeming, sanctifying influence for our lives and for our homes. But it comes to us through many efforts and choices. It comes best and most surely out of the experience of the love of God. The one who loves God with all his heart, with all his mind, and with all his soul is capable of giving himself faithfully to somebody else. What is more, he will have a self that is fit to give. The person who does that will find life giving back to him much more than he ever dared dream.

To those of us who are fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, and to those

of us who will become such somewhere along the way—a salute to our responsibility. I ask you to go on your way today thinking about our question, "Am I Fit to Live With?"

W.M.U. OF WEST POINT CHURCH ACTIVE

The members of the Woman's Missionary Society of West Point Church, Kannapolis, recently launched a membership campaign, with Mrs. Ralph Ingram and Mrs. Lawrence Litaker serving as group captains. The losers were to fete the winners at a supper.

The Intermediate and Junior Girls' Auxiliaries of the church observed Focus Week last month. At the Wednesday evening prayer service the group presented a program on "We're a Story to Tell to the Nations," a pantomime of the G.A. hymn.

Those taking part were Phyllis Kiser, Shirley Kirby, Jeannette Greenway, Gilda Conner, Ann Greenway, Johnnie Deaton, Bernice Gullledge, Joyce Argo, Linda Beam, Linda Kiser, Sybil Horne, Kay Greenway, Judy Martin, Brenda Queen, and Patsy Griffin.

The inspirational message on "Christian Witnessing" was brought by Mrs. W. H. Poole of the Franklin Heights Church, associational young people's leader.

Thursday night the Mattie Crooks and Nellie Gales circles gave a social in the recreation building for the auxiliary members. Centering the refreshment tables were two large cakes, iced "Happy Birthday, G.A.'s, on Your 40th Anniversary." Hot dogs with all the trimmings were served. Afterwards Shirley Walker led in a series of games.

Mrs. James Davis and Mrs. Bill Edwards are leaders of the intermediate group, and Mrs. Roy Crawford and Miss Shirley Walker are Junior G.A. leaders. Mrs. Allen Gales is W.M.U. president. We are indebted to Mrs. A. C. Dempsey for this news.

Editorial Brevities

THE MEREDITH COLLEGE auditorium, in use since September, 1949, has been officially named Jones Auditorium, according to announcement by President Carlyle Campbell. The name is in honor of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wesley N. Jones. Mr. Jones was president of the board of trustees for many years when the college was a young institution, and his wife, Mrs. Sallie Bailey Jones, was always a friend to the college. She was president of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union for more than 30 years.

The dormitory which was formerly called Jones Hall has been renamed Brewer Hall in honor of the late president of the college, Dr. Charles E. Brewer. Another dormitory, Vann Hall, is named in honor of Dr. Brewer's predecessor as president, Dr. Richard Tillman Vann. Strugfield Hall and Faircloth Hall, the remaining dormitories, are named in honor of early friends of the college. The administration building is called Johnson Hall in honor of the late Dr. Livingston Johnson, who was a trustee and loyal friend of the college until his death.

WE OFFER congratulations to Bill Sharpe and Carl Goerch, publishers of *The State*, magazine dedicated to the interests of people "down home in North Carolina," on the 20th anniversary of this interesting publishing venture. The magazine made its first appearance in the midst of the big depression on June 3, 1933, but it seems to have prospered like "a green bay tree" ever since. It started with about 2,000 circulation. Today, more than 21,000 copies are being published each week.

The primary purpose of the magazine has been to make North Carolinians better acquainted with North Carolina and to bring about a greater appreciation of its history, scenic attractions, industrial, agricultural, and educational progress and its many other resources. It has not been a controversial crusading magazine dealing with the big issues facing our people, but it has served well in its own particular field. It has helped North Carolinians to become better acquainted with their state and more interested in the state's history, attractions, and progress.

Bill Sharpe joined Carl Goerch in publication of the magazine in September, 1951, and the two seem to make an excellent team. More power to them in the interesting and helpful job which they are doing!

TWO INTERESTING notes about graduates of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Picture of the Old Students Club, composed of alumni out of the University 50 years or more ago, which appeared on the front page of the *Raleigh News and Observer* June 9, showed 34 people. To be able to get together 34 people out of classes of 50 years ago was no mean achievement. Some members of the group seem to show signs of age, but others seem to be well preserved and youthful in appearance.

A second feature in the same issue of *The News and Observer* lists the names of more than 1,700 persons who were awarded degrees from the University on June 8. If

names make the news, then a great deal of news appeared on this one page in the paper:

We do not know the number in the class of 1903, but we venture to say that not half as many people, all told, attended commencement 50 years ago as graduated from the University this year.

A former president of Wake Forest College, President Francis P. Gaines of Washington and Lee University, was the commencement speaker this year, and was also awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University.



FIFTH AIR FORCE, KOREA—Dr. John A. Abernathy, right, is shown with Rev. David Ohu, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pusan, Korea, inspecting clothes designated for needy Koreans. Dr. Abernathy, who is now supervisor of the Baptist Mission Field in Korea, has 33 years of missionary service in the Orient. The clothes, presented to Dr. Abernathy by the Chaplain's Office of an Engineer Aviation Battalion, were sent to the Far East by Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

THE WORLD'S most acutely distressed area today is Korea—and Korea's greatest need of the hour is food.

This is the conclusion drawn by Dr. Arnold Vaught, associate director of Church World Service, after an exhaustive, on-the-spot survey of church-supported relief activities in Asia and the Near East.

Almost half of the nine million South Korean civilians are in desperate need of food, clothing, shelter, or medical attention, he said. Many need all four, he added, but little better than a third of the cases receive any care at all.

DON'T MISS the dramatic and inspiring story of the growth and development of the Hickory Grove Church, Gaston Association, Ralph B. Carpenter, pastor, which we

carry in this issue of the *RECORDER*. The unusual development of this church is a striking illustration of what can be done under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the leadership of a good pastor.

"About ten years ago the church was split wide open," our correspondent writes. Then three years ago Ralph B. Carpenter was called as pastor, and almost immediately things began to happen. The church had not had a graded Sunday school, would not use envelopes for offerings, and many did not believe in the Training Union. Today they have a standard Sunday school, with the Adult Department graded. The pastor says, "This is a miracle. Only God could do what has been done at this place."

They now have a new educational building, costing \$45,000, all of which has been paid except \$16,000. Soon they expect to have a new church auditorium. The gifts to missions more than doubled during the building period, and the church paid its quota on the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Money has not been raised through special offerings, but through regular stewardship giving Sunday by Sunday through "tithes and offerings."

What a report of progress in this country church! We salute with hearty congratulations Pastor Ralph B. Carpenter and the members of Hickory Grove Church on what they have accomplished during the last three or four years.

FIRST CHURCH, Wadesboro, had its beginning on March 15, 1847, when a group of seven members of Brown Creek Church in the Anson Association, bought "a parcel of land from Jonathan R. Hargrave for the amount of \$133.00." We get this information from a booklet entitled "From Seven to Seventyfold," a history of the First Church, Wadesboro, written by Mrs. Mary Les Allen Huntley, which has just come from the press.

The church began in a small way and went through many struggles during the early days. For one thing, the building was used during the Civil War for a while by a wing of Sherman's army "as its encampment headquarters for its forays into various sections of the county." Again the church was pressed into service when the court house burned in 1868, and the church served as a meeting place for the courts.

At first only itinerant preachers served the church from time to time. Among the early pastors we note the names of N. R. Pitman, Henry W. Battle, and J. Q. Adams. Recent pastors have been W. H. Moore, R. Archie Ellis, Donald Myers, and T. Sloane Guy, Jr. Mr. Guy, who came to this pastorate in 1948, is still serving in this capacity.

Some of the present officers are J. Roy Lathan, chairman of deacons; Fred H. Allen, superintendent of Sunday School; Mrs. George C. Childs, director of Training Union; and Mrs. T. Sloane Guy, Jr., president of Woman's Missionary Society. The present membership is 845.

Anyone interested in early Baptist history and in the First Church, Wadesboro, in particular, will find Mrs. Huntley's story an interesting and informative one.

It's no disgrace to stumble and fall; but the disgrace lies in refusing to get up and prove it was just a mishap.—Er.

EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

WANT to call attention, briefly, to a translation of Phil. 4:13. I am using Westcott and Hort as the text. The generally accepted translation of the verse as you know is, "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me." A reference to the Greek will reveal that the word *do* is supplied and of course any other word can be supplied that brings out the meaning. Suppose we begin with the eleventh verse and translate the three verses as closely as we well can from the Greek, and we will have something like this: "Not in respect to want do I speak, for I am learned in whatever condition I am to be independent of normal circumstances. I know how to be humbled and I know how to have an abundance; in everything and in all things I am instructed both to be satisfied and to be hungry, both to abound and to be needy. I can endure (suffer, bear up, undergo) all things in him who strengtheneth me." Now, to me, this gives a meaning to the text much more in harmony with the context and does not in the least violate any rule of interpretation or exegesis. —W. O. JOHNSON.

I Can Endure All Things"

Driver of Other Car Charged With Drunken Driving"

WALKING down Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, the other day, we saw in front of the County Court House a badly wrecked automobile lying on its side in a parking space on the street. The car had received a terrific crash on one side which almost split the car in the middle. It appeared to be a complete wreck.

This car had been placed there by the law enforcement officers as an object lesson to the passers-by. A placard carried in large letters the following words: "DRIVE CAREFULLY. DRIVER OF OTHER CAR CHARGED WITH DRUNKEN DRIVING."

A prominent public official happened to come up at the same time. We said to him: "There ought to be a law against this kind of thing." He agreed with us. There is a law against this kind of thing, of course, but we meant to suggest that there ought to be laws strictly enforced concerning drunken driving and the penalties meted out should be much more severe.

The very next morning we read in the news column of the *Observer* the following words taken from a report on the City Court on the preceding day:

"David L. Walker of the 1700 block of Patton Road, and Elmer McElveen of Wake Forest Road, both charged with driving drunk, were each found guilty of public drunkenness. Walker was taxed with a \$25 fine and court costs. McElveen paid a fine and costs."

Our little story carries its own moral. When will legislatures and enforcement officers begin to take more seriously this matter of fearful tragedies occurring every day because of drunken driving?

God Save the Queen!"

THE ELABORATE, expensive, and fabulous preparations for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II of England were amazing. For months before this historic event, thousands of people were kept busy getting ready for it—expensive robes and paraphernalia; rehearsal of programs; study of ritual and ceremony; and even the building of stands from which hundreds of thousands of people could view the procession down the streets.

The total cost to the government was in the neighborhood of six million dollars, not counting the immense cost to thousands of individuals. All this, we say, was amazing.

Much of this to the democratic American would seem to be worthless and foolish; and yet the coronation not only was a service rich in traditional ceremony, but was a religious ceremony in which the Queen pledged her devotion to God and to the peoples of her realms. The chief character in the coronation was not a political figure, but the head of the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

One might think that the religious ceremony was merely outward and formal, with no vital meaning to the people; and yet we must admit that it sounds good in this materialistic world to hear of millions of people crowding the churches, worshipping Almighty God and praying for Queen and country. Of Queen Elizabeth herself, the editor of *The Canadian Baptist* writes, "That her devotion to her high calling is sincere no one can ever doubt."

In her Christmas Day message, 1952, Elizabeth said to the British people: "At my coronation next June, I shall dedicate myself anew to your service. I shall do so in the presence of a great congregation, drawn from every part of the Commonwealth and Empire, while millions outside Westminster Abbey will hear the promises and prayers being offered up within its walls, and see much of the ancient ceremony in which kings and queens before me have taken part through century upon century. You will be keeping it as a holiday, but I want to ask you all, whatever your religion may be, to pray for me on that day—to pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve him and you all the days of my life. May God bless and guide you all through the coming year."

Again, the editor of *The Canadian Baptist* writes: "For such a Queen in such a time, we ought all to be humbly grateful to Almighty God. We ought to be inspired to follow the example of her whole-hearted devotion to the service of God and others, and certainly we should not fail to support her in her high resolves by the prayers which she has requested us to offer."

"God Save the Queen!"

What One Pastor Does for New Church Members

RECENTLY we received from Donald Keyser, pastor, Hallsboro Church, a one-page outline of a lesson which he uses for his new church members. We were interested at once, for here we had an outline of basic and fundamental material which would be helpful to new church members. We wrote at once for further information.

The reply of Mr. Keyser stated that his procedure was rather flexible, but he used the following general outline: (1) Christian witnessing; (2) Baptist beliefs; (3) local church organizations; (4) stewardship—especially local finances and Cooperative Program.

The topic for the lesson outline was "What Baptists Believe." The introductory paragraph read: "The question is often asked: 'What do Baptists believe?' Sometimes such answers as the following are given: The existence of God in three persons, the sinfulness of man, salvation through the death of Christ, the second coming of Christ, and immersion. Except for the latter,

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Changing Moods---Report on Wake Forest College

By President Harold W. Tribble

I have just returned from a brief inspection of the construction work on the new campus. To say that I am thrilled beyond my powers of expression is putting it mildly.

If all our Baptist people in North Carolina could spend an hour on the new campus, I am confident their enthusiasm would match mine. Sturdy foundations that should last for centuries, solid brick walls designed for strength and for the best atmospheric conditions, steel frames that should hold magnificent buildings together in stately grandeur for the students who will pass across the campus in the generations to come, foundations for dormitories that will create the atmosphere of a Christian home, beautiful trees transplanted last fall standing 40 to 50 feet above the ground, landscaping across the rolling hills giving the impression of artistic and esthetic beauty emerging out of red clay, roads winding across the campus as if beckoning the students to come this way in the pursuit of the truth that God has planted in our midst these mingle in one composite picture that speaks of a vision that only the Divine Spirit could have planted in human hearts and that is yet to be transplanted into worthy reality of a busy college campus. So my mood was that of enthusiasm.

I went to the office to study the reports of financial support that is essential for the realization of the vision. Has our performance matched our promise? Has our behavior in giving been worthy of the blessing that we have received in the vision? I wonder. To date we have raised in total resources for the building program \$9,300,000.

One million, five hundred thousand dollars of that amount is the net yield from the sale

of the campus, after returning \$100,000 of the sale price to the endowment of the college in accordance with a previous commitment. Of the balance at least 60 per cent has been derived from sources that are neither Baptist nor alumni. In other words, to date the major share of the funds secured for building the new campus has come from sources outside our constituency.

To be sure, we have done well as a beginning. But there remains much more to be done if we are to prove ourselves worthy of the unique opportunity that has been granted to us. And so my mood is one that borders on discouragement.

As this mood lingers with me I remember that approximately 1,900 of our 3,000 churches have not yet contributed to this cause. This would seem to indicate that at least half, perhaps two-thirds, of our people generally have not yet made an investment in the building of a new and stronger Wake Forest College.

Then my mind turns to the campaign among the churches for \$1,500,000. Under the leadership of a committee of seventeen, with Dr. C. C. Warren as chairman and Mr. Horace Eason as executive secretary, a diligent effort has been made and good results have been secured. Now we are engaged in a concentrated effort to complete this campaign, with special emphasis upon Christian Education Day on June 28. The entire Council on Christian Education, including representatives of all seven of our Baptist colleges, voted recently to make a vigorous effort to finish this campaign this year and then move on with complete cooperation to the nine-year program.

When I think of such a united effort on the part of all our convention forces in the interest of Wake Forest College, my mood is one of grateful humility. I am humbled by this expression of deep concern for the cause that I have the privilege of serving and I am profoundly grateful to God and my colleagues.

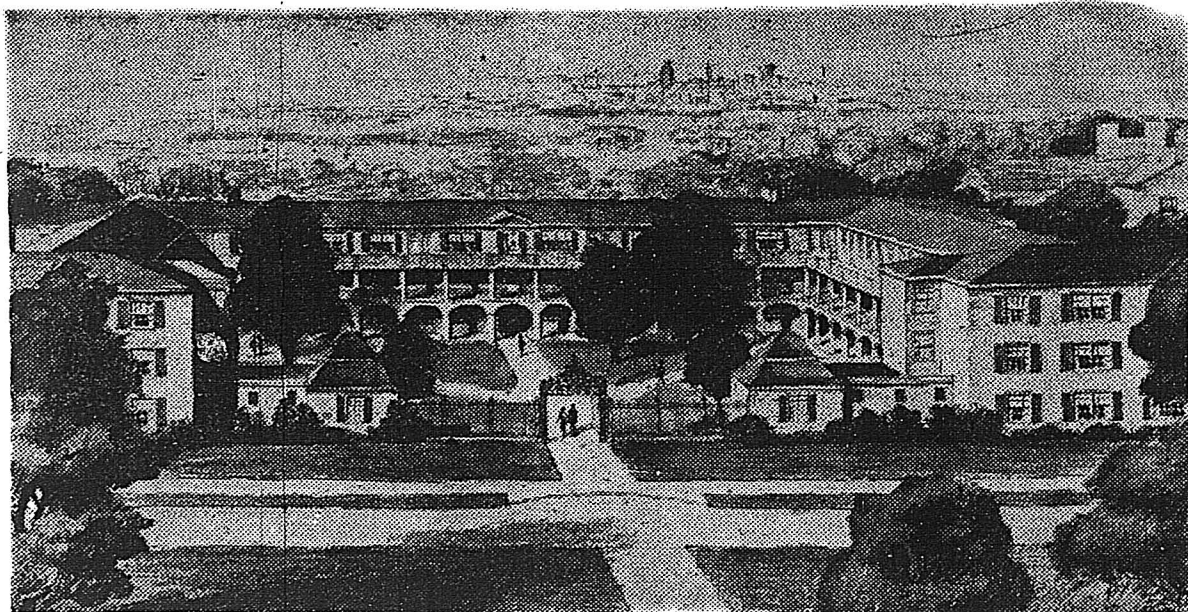
Then my mind turns to the future. We have said that we will move in 1955. We must not delay beyond that date, for the Southeastern Seminary needs the campus urgently. We are experiencing the most pleasant relations between the two schools under congested housing conditions, but it is not fair to either school to prolong this period of congestion any longer than is absolutely necessary. We must move in 1955! How shall we do it?

The first answer is to complete the present campaign for \$1,500,000 among the churches. It is my fervent prayer and earnest hope that all our churches will make a special appeal for gifts on June 28. If that happens, we shall raise far more than the million and a half.

The second thing for us to do is to continue soliciting support from other sources. There are more Baptist friends of Wake Forest College who will give in large sum when they see that our own Baptist people and the alumni of Wake Forest College are doing their utmost.

The third thing that we must do is to continue to solicit support from corporate and foundations. And this we shall do. No, my mood is that of serious determination. By the grace of God I propose to do my best. This is what I am pleading for our Baptist people over the state to do.

One further word. We need the money so that the buildings may be completed. But more than that we need the moral and spiritual support of our people and the Baptist



THE FOUNDATION for this men's dormitory was begun recently at the new campus site of Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem. Costing approximately \$800,000 to construct, the dormitory will be one of four which will line the area between the college's new chapel and university center.

When completed the dormitory will house 300 men and will

contain a number of ground floor shops such as a drug store, bank, post office, etc. Planned in the shape of a "U" court, the building will have outside entrances to each group of rooms, eliminating the usual dark inner corridors typical to most collegiate living quarters. Plans for the remaining dormitories will be identical to these.

of North Carolina need to measure up to this challenge. If there is any truth in the Biblical principle of stewardship—and I would stake my life on it—our people will be happier and will grow spiritually if they will be sacrificially to Wake Forest College in this great hour of crucial challenge. Every dollar invested in Wake Forest College now will mean the facilities necessary for training ministers and missionaries, Christian lawyers and doctors, Christian business leaders and school teachers, and other types of workers to serve in the cause of the Kingdom of Christ on earth. My prayer is that we may achieve a great victory for God and mankind on June 28.

She "Being Dead, Yet Speaketh"

By E. N. Gardner

Makurazaki is a large fishing village on the southernmost tip of Japan. Three days after the terrific typhoon that demolished large portions of the city, tearing down hundreds of houses, washing huge fishing boats up on the beach, killing and wounding many, our Preaching Mission was scheduled. We wondered whether it would be possible to hold services.

After we had arrived and had walked around the place looking at the ruins on all sides, and marveling at the magnificent fortitude of those who were rebuilding, we were told that services would be conducted on the second floor of the Firemen's Hall, just above the place where Red Cross and other relief workers throughout the day dispensed bowls of soup, bean cakes, and rice.

That night it was interesting to watch the people climb up the narrow stairs to the second story. They moved quietly over the floor, shadows in the flickering candlelight, and found places to sit upon the straw mats, nearly 200 of them.

It seemed appropriate to speak that evening to a subdued and disturbed congregation, which probably fewer than a dozen were Christians, on the text, "We walk not by sight." At the close of the service 67 indicated their desire to study Christianity, and most of them their intention to become Christians now. With the assurance in our hearts that soon a Christian church would be established, we left Makurazaki.

About the time of the experience there, a dear old lady of our home church in Henderson, N. C., died. Mrs. Mary Nelson Cary, sister of the late scholarly preacher, Rev. R. Nelson, was a little woman in stature, but tall in spirit, and her vision looked out across the world.

Whenever there was need, she was among the first to respond. A few years earlier, for one of the clothing drives to relieve the needy overseas, she had brought her winter coat, even though it later necessitated remaining indoors, when the cold was too severe to go outside. Regularly she contributed to the American Bible Society, believing the promise of God's Word would always bring light. She was a thoughtful, well educated woman, a poet, with the insight and devotion of one who loves the Lord and his people.

When we returned from Japan, her sister brought to the church the tithe from a small



The Leland Woman's Missionary Union, Brunswick Association, recently gave a banquet honoring members of the Mary Frances Page Junior Girls' Auxiliary and their mothers. The banquet, held in the church, was attended by the following:

Left to right, back row: Mrs. Henry Greiner, Mrs. Lee Sullivan, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. Morris Williams, John Long, Jr., choir director; Mrs. Elizabeth Brew, president of the W.M.U.; Mrs. Buck Long; the Rev. Herman Crainshaw, pastor; Mrs. Leo Johnson, Mrs. C. L. Lynch, Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan, Mrs. Mary Croom, Mrs. Mildred Lynch, and Mrs. Ella Perry.

Standing, second row: Magaline Greiner, Linda Williams, Eunice Long, Brenda Williams, Mrs. L. R. Ford, Carolyn Ford, Harriet Brew, Carolyn Long, Elizabeth Ann Johnson, Hilda Lynch, Patricia Sullivan, Lois Croom, Jane Lynch, Linda Kay Perry.

Seated: Mrs. L. W. Clemmons Sr., associational young people's director; Mrs. L. W. Clemmons, Jr.; Mrs. E. W. Pate, guest speaker; Mrs. S. F. Page, mother of Mary Frances Page; Mrs. Eddie Ganey, counselor; Mrs. Herman Crainshaw, counselor; Mrs. Joe Moore, organist; Mrs. E. L. Ward, young people's leader.

check that was in a series of regular installments received during Mrs. Cary's lifetime. There was something so sacred about the gift we felt it ought to be designated for a cause she loved. Therefore it was sent to Japan with the request that a pulpit Bible be purchased and given to the church at Makurazaki, when it should be organized. On the inscription her name should be placed.

A few days ago there came from the Makurazaki Mission a letter with this joyful note, bringing proof for the faith in the power of God's Spirit to continue his work, and the knowledge that the beloved servant who left behind her tithing fund through the years to come will still serve people far away.

In part, the letter interpreted read: "We were quite surprised on receiving your gorgeous Bible, and we read over and over what you have written on the cover of the Bible. It has already passed a year since you came to Makurazaki, but still whenever we mention 'the American' who came here at the time of Ruth Typhoon, many people recall you. . . . Several people who heard your preaching regarding Jesus baptized recently. . . . Whenever we read Bible or walk seashore we remind of you and your gift . . .

the gift of salvation and the Life at which we marveled and pleased." (Signed: "Makurazaki Mission")

Thus, she "being dead, yet speaketh." Laurinburg, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARIES TO MEET AT CASWELL JULY 27-31

The approximately 50 associational missionaries in North Carolina will hold their meeting at Caswell Assembly on July 27-31, 1953. Special attention is directed to this date, since the meeting will *not* be as letters formerly announced, in August. July 27-31 is the correct date this year. These will be good days of fellowship, practical and timely programs, and inspiration for these workers, and their families, who in many cases will accompany them to this annual summer meeting.

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WHAT ONE PASTOR DOES FOR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

(Continued from page 5)

these are beliefs held by Protestants in general. Baptists do not hold a monopoly on the central and basic Christian principles. What then do we have to offer as Baptists? We hold to certain distinctive principles which are best suited to the safeguarding and propagating (teaching) of the central truths held by most Protestants."

I.

A suggested list of central Christian truths held by most Protestants—also held by Jesus and the early church—was based primarily on Filson's "One Lord, One Faith." These central truths were listed as follows: (1) God is in all history; (2) God is a seeking Father; (3) Jesus is central in Christianity; (4) the cross was unavoidable for Christ and is unavoidable for Christians; (5) Christian power comes from the Holy Spirit; (6) genuine Christian faith will bear fruit; (7) there is a brotherhood among believers; and (8) the Christian may be sure of God's sustaining grace in this life and may be certain of a future life with God.

Baptist distinctives were listed as five. These five must be held together; that is, they go together as a group, and should be believed and practiced as a complete whole. Mr. Keyser stated that he was indebted to President S. L. Stealey of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for these five distinctives. These distinctives, which Dr. Stealey teaches in his classes at the Seminary, are as follows: (1) The sole authority of the Scriptures in matters of faith and practice; (2) baptism by believers only, by immersion only; (3) congregational government; (4) the priesthood of believers—the believer may pray for himself or others; (5) separation of Church and State.

II.

These distinctive principles help safeguard and teach the central truths held by most Protestants. For example, the principle of "baptism of believers only, by immersion only" safeguards and teaches the truth of "salvation by grace through faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ."

The interpretation and discussion of the second distinctive principle held by Baptists is given by Mr. Keyser in two paragraphs:

"(1) *Believers Only*: A baby cannot know what it means to have faith in Christ. Hence, those who teach that baptism saves the baby undercut the vital truth of salvation by grace through faith. Let those Christian groups who claim that baptism of babies means no more than dedication find another symbol, because baptism symbolizes regeneration.

"(2) *Immersion Only*: The Christian should be immersed because in this way he can witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ. When he goes down under the water and comes up out of the water, he dramatizes to all who are looking that Jesus died and rose again for sinners. Furthermore, he proclaims for himself death to the old life and resurrection to the new life through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ."

III.

One can see at once that an outline like this is rich in content, and must be unusually helpful if used in teaching new church members. To make such a lesson vital and helpful the teacher would have to do a good deal of reading and study by way of preparation. This preparation should be based on careful study of good books on Baptist history, principles, and doctrine. Brother Keyser suggests three books as being especially good for this purpose:

(1) Henry Cook, "What Baptists Stand For" (London: The Kingsgate Press, 1947). This work is divided into four chapters: The Supremacy of Scriptures. The Nature of the Church. The Place of Baptism, The Principle of Liberty.

(2) Robert G. Torbet, "A History of the Baptists" (Philadelphia, The Judson Press, 1950), Preface, pp. 15-34.

(3) A. C. Underwood, "A History of English Baptists" (London: The Kingsgate Press, 1947), pp. 15-27 (especially pp. 21-23).

Pastors are giving increasing attention to the importance of teaching and training new church members—which is all to the good. We are reaching thousands of people every year for Christ and the church. Are we helping them as we should to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ? This is a serious and important question. Each pastor and church leader will have to answer this question according to his own light and best judgment.



NATIONWIDE RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE FOR BLIND MINISTERS AND MUSICIANS

The first attempt at a nationwide meeting of blind people engaged in church employment took place in Memphis, Tenn., May 12, 13 and 14, sponsored by THE BRAILLE EVANGEL, Fort Worth, Texas. Thirty-one blind ministers, musicians, and other lay workers (and 15 of their personal guides) were registered at the three-day conference, representing 15 states. Speakers among the

blind conferees were:

Front, left to right: Rev. Otis Fincher of Wedowee, Ala.; Mr. David Guyton of Blue Mountain, Miss.; Miss Frances Kimball of Kansas City; Rev. Paul Oden of Clanton, Ala.

Back, left to right: Rev. C. H. Melton of Fort Worth; Rev. J. H. Waugh of Burlington, N. C.; Dr. Sam Lawton of Spartanburg,

S. C.; Rev. A. D. Croft of Greenwood, S. C.; Rev. Joe O'Neil and Rev. Herman McDowell of Louisville, Ky.

The guest speaker for the opening session was Dr. R. G. Lee. The Conference was directed by Edwin Wilson, manager and editor of THE BRAILLE EVANGEL; and C. H. Melton, a graduate student of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

The object of the Conference was to voice the special needs of visually handicapped people in particular places of church employment, and to lay constructive plans for answering these needs. A problem of foremost interest is the lack of standard religious literature in braille on a professional level. Plans were drawn for publishing a master directory on available religious books and sacred music in braille. A recommendation of 12 books as first essentials for ministers is in consideration for braille publication in the near future.

The highlight of the Conference was the inspiration of the fellowship, which projected plans for a similar meeting each year. The tentative plan for the next annual meeting is in the first week of August, 1954.—EDWIN WILSON.

Detract not from others, but neither be excessive in commending.—Ex.

The Year Ahead

By J. W. Storer, President
Southern Baptist Convention

It would be both presumptuous and foolish who would predict what lies ahead of us, as it would be that in affairs mundane, uncertainty is the word.

Our material prosperity about which we are so geared to war and not to peace. At a debatable point whether, put to the people test, this country actually wants peace. Witness what happens when the cost of curtailment of any war expenditure affecting any local situation bobs up its head. Let none of us say that this has no bearing on our Southern Baptist mission program; the vast increased dollars pouring into our treasury, would they, could they, continue to pour in if peace were to come overnight? I do not pretend to have the answer, but I feel sure we would do well to be as realistically prepared as we can for what could be a very, very serious threat to extended budgets.

I am afraid there are cases where we deceive ourselves into thinking we have no debts because present income will amortize our indebtedness. It is to be devoutly hoped that present incomes will continue, even increase, though with hesitancy I raise the awesome thought of the present basis of our prosperity. I am concerned most for our mission causes—knowing too well from past experiences, that the mission causes are the first to suffer.

It would be illuminating, if not happily interesting, to know how much is the indebtedness, present and projected, which rests on the churches making up our constituency. I am sure it would be amazing and arresting in its total. Not to mention our varied projects, educational and eleemosynary, for which our several state conventions are responsible. In all our advance programs, it is the part of wisdom to keep faith and facts in heart and mind. Nor would this in any sense prevent us from attempting great things for God and expecting great things from him.

We must lengthen the cords. But it would be well to know, the cords are strong, and put to the test they would not part, and by strand.

As one who has tried to do his full share in paying off the crippling debts of the early thirties, and at the same time to help his brethren move out into a far-flung mission alliance to the Great Commission, I know it is well that we think on these things. Such thinking is not easy, nor perhaps is it at all popular. But it is wise to do it before trouble develops, rather than afterwards.

One of our great defects is that we are too prone to post-mortem thinking; we are too much given to stationing an ambulance down the valley, rather than erecting a fence at the edge of the cliff.

This is but one phase of Southern Baptist convention life—and what I here set forth must not, I again insist, be construed as sounding forth any call for retreat. That is contrary to every throb of my heart; who, having seen even a small portion of the world of lost men, and having looked upon theretchedness of our so-called civilization's culture, can but cry out, "More, O Lord God, more of everything for Thee!"



WAKE FOREST B.S.U. COUNCIL FOR 1953-54

Seated, left to right: Jim Greene, Asheville, president; Mrs. Virginia Greene, student secretary; Faye Tyndall, Kinston, corresponding secretary; Jim Stines, Asheville, extension director; Ann Fuller, Louisburg, Training Union director.

Standing, left to right: Bob Johnson, Richmond, Va., Sunday school superintendent; Jayne Smithwick, Chester, S. C., recording secretary; Bob Pratt, Wadesboro, publicity director; Gary West, Ocala, Fla., treasurer; Ann Roberts, Kingsport, Tenn., Y.W.A. president; Carol Richardson, Sparta, social vice-president; Frances Bullard, Wake Forest, Christian service president.

Seated: Dorothy Raiford, Durham, devotional vice-president; Mary Ann Hampton, Forest City, Westminster Fellowship president; Sylvia Keene, Durham, music director; Betty Jo Usher, Bennettsville, S. C., Religious Educational Club president; Patsy Pearce, Salemburg, librarian; Joe Price, Charlotte, first vice-president; Tony Gurganus, Jacksonville, Ministerial Conference president; Parker Wilson, Granite Falls, poster chairman.

Yes, I trust God, and my hope is in him. That very trust impels me to keep my powder dry; which is not evidence of distrust of him, for he made the powder, and he trusts me not to waste it, but to have it ready for use when occasion shall arise.

If the brethren will allow me, not because I think there is anything omniscient in what I have to say, but because I have it on my heart, and to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance, I should like to use the media of our denominational papers to share from time to time my thinking on other phases of our Convention life.

To Sunday School Superintendents

This is a special appeal to the Sunday school superintendents in our Baptist churches for their help in the observance of Christian Education Day scheduled for Sunday, June 28. This is one of the special days designated in our Southwide calendar, but it has a peculiar significance for North Carolina Baptists this year in that the Baptist State Convention has authorized an all-out effort to complete the raising of \$1,500,000 in our churches for the Wake Forest College

removal program.

Letters and materials have gone to all the superintendents and pastors from Dr. C. C. Warren, chairman of the Committee of Seventeen, and the director, Mr. Horace Easom. In addition to this special information on Wake Forest College, the BIBLICAL RECORDER last week carried general information on all our colleges.

Before leaving for their homes, the students in our seven Baptist colleges were urged to participate in these programs in all our churches, and the pastors and superintendents will find it very helpful to invite these students to participate in their programs and bring first-hand reports on the work of these Baptist colleges and their importance in our training a leadership for our whole denominational work.

Also, please remind your people that there will be a college center operated throughout the summer at Caswell Assembly under the direction of Miss Maxine Garner of Meredith College. In addition to having available catalogues and other printed information for all our colleges, Miss Garner will be delighted to counsel with parents and prospective students and help them in any way she can in their plans for future training.

Do you quarrel about religion or practice it?

Sunday School Lesson

WILLIAM L. LYNCH

Paul's Joy in Christ

LESSON FOR JUNE 28

Scripture: Philippians.

Golden Text: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:7).

Joy in a Fellowship, 1:1-11

When Clarence Jordan and Martin Eng-land established their experiment in Christian sharing upon a farm in Georgia, they sought a name for the farm that would express their ideal of mutual sharing by owners and workers.

There was no word in the English tongue that quite said it, so they lifted a word from the Greek New Testament—the Greeks had a word for it: *KOINONIA*. It is found in Philippians 1:5, translated by several words: "fellowship" (AV); "partnership" (RSV); "cooperation" (Goodspeed); Paul used this word to describe the dependence of the preacher upon his hearers, and of the mutual sharing of them all to make the gospel effective.

When William Carey dared the English Baptists to be missionary, it was Andrew Fuller who said to Carey, "You go down into the well, and we'll hold the rope." Every mission undertaking, whether in a church field here at home or in the most remote outpost of foreign missions, is a "fellowship of the gospel of Christ."

Paul shared his joy in preaching with the churches that supported him in the work. No church ever backed him like the one at Philippi. His joy in Christ was one that he shared with all who were partners in it with him. For joy is multiplied when it is shared, while trouble is divided when another shares it with us.

Getting Joy into Focus, 1:12-26

First there was the camera, and now the television camera and receiver that must be brought into proper focus if the picture is clear. Paul's life was brought into focus in Christ, and he could say, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." There is no joy in the final sense except as life is focused upon Christ.

Paul had rejoiced with Silas in the dungeon of the jail at Philippi in the darkest hour of the night, and their deliverance by an earthquake brought joy and liberation to many souls in a new-found faith in the Christ of joy. He could write to his church from another prison, and rejoice that even his bonds had been transformed into testimonies to his faith. He could rejoice that the gospel was being prospered in spite of his suffering, and in spite of the blunders of his friends and the devisings of his enemies.

Kagawa tells of the setting up of a telescope in a mission school in Japan. The missionary got the lenses upside down, and

when they were trained on the stars, there was no image. Then the lenses were righted, and all was in focus. There are Christians today who lack joy because of some wrong adjustments in their lives; but joy will come when Christ is in proper focus.

Sharing the Mind of Christ, 2:1-18

A ship at sea is a part of two worlds. It is affected by the currents and buffeted by wind and waves, but its course is set in relation to the Pole Star. As Paul charts the course of truth for his readers, he appeals to the mind of Christ. "Have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus . . ." he pleads. Then he describes the self-humiliation of Christ from highest heaven to lowest earth, passing through the shame of the cross, to be exalted again above every name that is named.

His appeal is like that of Jesus in the upper room when he washed his disciples' feet. That simple act was typical of his humility that forever puts to shame all our pride and self-seeking that bring us misery. The only pathway to joy is the way he trod, and we share in his mind as we do the deeds prompted by the mind of Christ. One said to a modern saint, "I'd give the world to have a joy like yours," to which the saint replied, "You know, that is exactly what it cost me—the world."

We share the mind of Christ in differing degrees, according to our level of experience. To use Bunyan's analogy in *Pilgrim's Progress*, some have just entered the wicket gate and the course of trial and victory is still ahead; others are thrashing about in the

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slough of Despond; some are in Doubting Castle; and others stand by the river and view the Celestial City. But there is a full measure of joy for all who win each day's victory as they grow in their understanding of the mind of Christ.

The Cure for Worry, 4:4-21

One day a student went to his college pastor under a great burden. Finally he gave the clue for which the pastor had been searching since the interview began; he said, "I'd give anything in the world just to have peace." This passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians leaped into the picture. The student answered, "That is the one thing I have not been willing to do—to pray."

The pastor said, "I know this prescription works: 'In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.' I know it works, but I do not ask you to take my word for it; try it yourself."

The student went away promising to try to meet the conditions of the promised peace. A few days later he returned, and his face was all smiles. Opening the New Testament to his prescription, he said with great earnestness, "It works."

It does; try it if you do not have peace.

But notice the conditions carefully; one is to pray in far more than vain repetition about what he wants; he must be all-inclusive, leaving no door unopened and reserving no key to himself: "In everything by prayer."

But to bring all of life into a panorama of prayer is not enough; for if it is shot through by anxieties and is not committed to God in a simple trust that leaves all care with him, then it is not real prayer. Notice how Paul begins, "Be careful for nothing," or as the Revised Standard Version puts it, "Have no anxiety about anything." That is a stiff order, and only the commitment of self and all our concerns to God in childlike faith can accomplish it. Then there are "supplications."

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek said of her mother's prayers that she did not ask God for his blessings and let it go at that; but she retired to a quiet place and literally spent hours with God. She did not stop until she had the answer from God; and when she so prayed, things invariably worked out well. There is supplication. Then Paul adds, "with thanksgiving." The circuit of prayer is not complete until we arrive at the stage where we can thank God for his answer, and for everything. Those are the conditions of peace of mind and of heart.

The gift of peace is the result of such praying. The peace of God literally "stands guard" upon our hearts and minds like a sentinel guarding the crown jewels. Such lives will be beset with the common lot of trials and frustrations, but they are not borne alone; God shares the responsibility for them, and in his fellowship is the only peace of mind that can ride out all the storm and stress of our common days.

HOME CIRCLE

Just Like His Dad

What are you going to be, my boy,
 when you have reached manhood's years:
 doctor, a lawyer, or actor great,
 going throngs to laughter and tears?"
 He shook his head, as he gave reply
 in a serious way he had:
 "Don't think I'd care to be any of them;
 I want to be like my dad!"
 "Wants to be like his Dad! You men,
 do you ever think as you pause,
 at the boy who watches your every move
 building a set of laws?
 He's moulding a life you're the model for
 and whether it's good or bad
 depends on the kind of example set
 by the boy who'd be like his dad.
 Could you have him go everywhere you go?
 Have him do just the things you do?
 And see everything that your eyes behold,
 and woo all the gods you woo
 Then you see the worship that shines in the
 eyes
 of your lovable little lad,
 could you rest content if he gets his wish
 and grows to be "like his dad?"
 'Tis a job that none but yourself can fill;
 'Tis a charge you must answer for;
 'Tis a duty to show him the road to tread
 ere he reaches his manhood's door.
 'Tis a debt you owe for the greatest joy
 on this old earth to be had;
 'Tis the pleasure of having a boy to raise
 who wants to be like his dad!

—The Dauphin Way Baptist.

Your Boy Needs You

The best thing you can give your boy is
 yourself. The finest thing he can look at
 every day is an example, unsullied and un-
 limited. The largest fortune which he may
 enjoy is a father of whom he is not ashamed.
 He wants to think that his father is the best
 man in the world; and that no other woman
 is quite so good as his mother. Father, your
 boy needs you.
 You can keep his pocket filled with money,
 and make him a poor man. But whether his
 bank account is large or small, you can give
 him yourself.
 The rearing of that boy doesn't belong en-
 tirely to his mother. She will hang up his
 pants for him. She will tuck him in bed at
 night. She will worry about his underwear.
 He will know where his rubbers are on a
 rainy day. She will teach him his prayers.
 She will sob herself to sleep when she thinks
 he has fallen in evil ways.
 That is no reason, though, for your not
 doing your part. All the more reason why
 you should give that boy yourself. He needs
 you. Not yours, but you.
 He needs kindly, fatherly instruction, espe-
 cially after he is 12 years of age. He must
 be told of the pitfalls that take many boys—
 and many men. He must be told that all is
 not gold that glitters. He must be shown
 that a thousand things one does may not be



appreciated, but that strong useful men work
 for good results and not for applause.

Above all, the father should know that that
 boy's heart is hungering for companionship.
 He wants a father that he can go to
 with his troubles. He wants one whom he
 can trust with his secrets. He wants a
 father that he can go to with any question,
 and know that he will receive an answer
 intelligent and from a heart of love.

Too busy? Can a man ever be too busy to
 build the citizenship of tomorrow? You are
 close to the ticker as your investments in oil
 and "the rails" rise? Is there anything you
 can do that someone else can't do? Yes, no
 one can take your place in your boy's life
 any more than anyone else can eat for you.
 Your boy needs you.

You need your boy to soften the harsher
 parts of your temperament. Your country
 needs your boy. The chivalry which protects
 home and woman and nation needs your boy.
 Your best investment is an investment in
 human character. There are no dividends so
 large as those.

Tomorrow that restless, mischievous boy
 will startle the age with his achievements.
 Tomorrow he will shape the current of public
 opinion. Tomorrow he will dictate and write
 the history of the hour. Tomorrow he will be
 society's leader.

Mix the sunshine with the shadows in that
 boy's life. Take him into your confidence.
 Let him have a larger place in your life.
 Occupy a larger place in his life.

Guard well the sanctities of the nation by
 giving yourself to that boy. Have one more
 citizen who will not sell his vote; one more
 man with rich, red blood in his make-up.
 Give yourself to your boy.—ALLEN BAKER in
 Ohio Wesleyan Messenger.

A WORTHWHILE BEGGAR

When we think about a beggar, we usually
 think of a man who for some reason or other
 is out of work. So in order to get food to eat
 and clothes to wear he goes from house to
 house, or sits outside a store or church beg-
 ging money from those who pass by.

But Dona Zilma is not that kind of a beg-
 gar. To begin with, she is a woman who is a
 terrific worker and lives in Brazil. Very
 few of the people in her town could read or
 write, and the worst part of it was that they
 didn't care whether they could or not. She
 became worried and began to work, hoping

to get people interested in learning how to
 read and write.

Of course, she had to have teachers. She
 had to have money to pay the teachers, and
 she had to have some places in which to
 teach.

Dona Zilma had to start from the very be-
 ginning. Sometimes walking, and sometimes
 riding horseback, she went from house to
 house and from district to district, begging
 money for books and for pay for teachers.
 Some called her "The Mad Woman," while
 others called her "The Beggar."

After a long time and a lot of work and a
 great deal of begging, she opened up thirty-
 two classes. Her classes were held in homes,
 factories, or any place where she could find
 an empty room.

To encourage them, she offered prizes. Men
 who learned to read received old magazines
 and the women were taught how to sew.

As soon as everybody in the family learned
 to read and write, they were given a big
 sign to hang on the outside of their houses
 which said that everybody inside the house
 could read and write. How happy the mem-
 bers of the family were when they were al-
 lowed to hang out their sign. When others
 saw the sign they became interested and
 wanted to have a sign, too, so they decided
 to go to school.

It is less than four years since Dona Zilma
 began begging, but more than a million peo-
 ple have learned to read and write during
 that time.—The United Church Observer.

Spice Box

SAB: My wife has been nursing a grouch
 all the week.

MOVANI: Been laid up, have you?—Ex.

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A Chinese cook was walking through the
 woods. He turned around to see a grizzly
 bear following, smelling of his tracks.

"Hm," said the Chinaman, "you like my
 tracks? Velly good. I makee some more."
 —Ex.

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At an army base near the front lines, many
 of the G.I.'s were constantly annoyed by one
 man in their outfit, who lorded it over them
 because of his superior education. But one
 morning the chaplain put him in his place.

"Chaplain," said the conceited one, "I
 didn't like your prayer this morning."

"No?" said the chaplain. "What was the
 matter with it?"

"Well, it was somewhat trite, and phrased
 in the vernacular. I should prefer a more
 dignified appeal."

"Um-m," mused the chaplain. "Well, young
 man, it might be well to remember that the
 prayer was not addressed to you."—Quote.

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A gushing woman at a reception asked her
 neighbor what he did, and was informed that
 he was an author.

"How interesting!" she said. "We've some-
 thing in common—you've written a book and
 I've read one."—Gloucester Citizen.

News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS.

June 7 marked Pastor Lowell F. Sodeman's second anniversary at Mars Hill Church at Mars Hill.

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Rev. W. L. Pitts, pastor of Stoney Fork Church, Mt. Gilead, was called upon to baptize his brother-in-law, Johnnie Ray, June 3, at the Central Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala. Dr. L. G. Meadows, pastor.

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Rev. and Mrs. John S. McGee, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria who have been in the States on furlough, sailed from New York on June 5 for their field of service. Both Mr. and Mrs. McGee are natives of North Carolina and make their permanent American home in Kernersville.

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George Pullum, a recent graduate of Mars Hill College, has been engaged to assist Pastor C. B. Trammel of the First Church, Burnsville, during the summer months. Mr. Pullum, a ministerial student, is a member of the First Church, Andrews. He will serve as youth pastor during youth week, June 21-28.

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The Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, held a recognition and dedication service on Sunday, May 31, featuring the Sanctuary Choir, the Chapel Choir, and the Carol Choir. Robert W. Poole is the director of the choirs; Sue Marion is organist; and Mrs. G. W. Keselring is pianist. W. E. Pettit is pastor of the church.

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Speaking recently "up north" to Baptist groups the writer was impressed as always with the fine spirit Baptists over the Mason-Dixon Line reveal to Southern Baptists. After all we are "one in Christ!" The spirit shown toward our "Northern Baptist" brethren by some of our leaders at Houston was anything but sweet.—LEE PRIDGEN, *Executive Secretary, Raleigh Association.*

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The buildings of the West End Mission in High Point were destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon, June 2. The structures, partially covered by insurance, were declared a total loss. The Green Street Church, which sponsored the mission, purchased the building about a year ago, and since that time new equipment has been added and the buildings had been repaired and remodeled. Vacation Bible school was in session, and 72 persons were present the morning before the fire.

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We have received a copy of a letter sent by Ernest W. Moore, secretary of the Pastors' Conference of the Caldwell Association, to Mr. Crockett Brannock, moderator of the Surry Association. The letter recommends Rev. R. L. Wilson to the fellowship of the Surry Association. Mr. Wilson recently became pastor of Calvary Church at Toast, Surry Association, leaving the pastorate of Kings Creek Church in the Caldwell. His former fellow workers in the Caldwell Association commend him as "a good pastor and preacher . . . very cooperative . . . a capable young man . . . assisted by a consecrated companion."

Miss Jean Poston on June 15 began work as educational director in the First Church, Smithfield, J. Larry Mayo, pastor. A native of Mooresville, she is a graduate of Mars Hill and Wake Forest colleges, graduating from the latter institution June 1 *magna cum laude.*

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Rev. George Tunstall of Oxford is to be supply pastor of the Green Street Church, High Point, during the month of July. He is a former pastor of the church. The resignation of Dr. L. B. Reavis, who has accepted a call to a Texas church, is effective July 1.

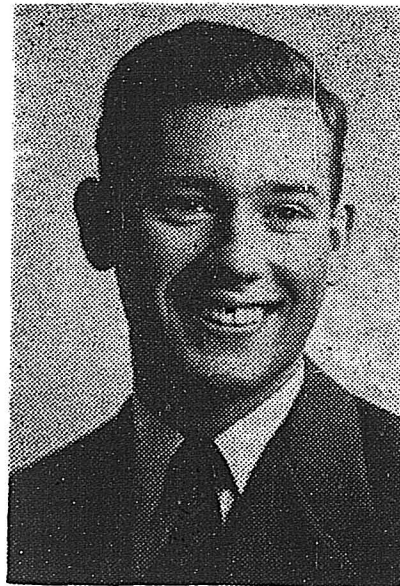
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A special service was held on Sunday afternoon, June 14, in the West Hickory Church for the ordination of Larry Penley to the ministry. Rev. R. Knolan Benfield of the First Church, Hickory, preached the ordination sermon. Mr. Penley is serving as pastor of Mountain Grove Church.

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Open House for the Kindergarten of the First Church, Albemarle, was held on Tuesday, June 16, at two hours, 9-10 a.m. and 4-5 p.m. The two different hours were set so that interested persons might have opportunity to attend one of them and talk with Miss Faith Brooks, the director.

PASTOR'S ASSISTANT



J. L. Bell of Hamlet began his work as assistant to the pastor of the First Church, Andrews, June 7, and will work through the summer months. J. L. is a graduate of Mars Hill College. Rev. John C. Corbitt is pastor of the church.

Paul Beam of Badin graduated at Yale Divinity School with the B.D. degree June 8. He is a graduate of Mars Hill and Wake Forest colleges. Mrs. Beam is the former Miss Betsy Huggins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh.

Dr. and Mrs. Huggins attended the commencement exercises at Yale and, accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter, made a tour of New England and part of eastern Canada the first week in June.

Open House was held at the parsonage of the First Church, Southern Pines, on Friday evening, June 12. Pastor and Mrs. J. W. Oppert, who have come to the field recently, planned the occasion to have opportunity of visiting with members of the congregation.

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Rev. Edward B. Smith, Jr., former pastor of Bay Leaf Church, Raleigh Association, and student at Wake Forest, is now pastor of the Norlina Church. He asks that his address be changed from Wake Forest to Box 312 Norlina, N. C.

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Miss Shelley Millican has been called a minister of music in the First Church, Albemarle, J. Boyce Brooks, pastor. Miss Millican, a native of Roxboro, is a 1953 graduate of Meredith College with a major in voice. She has been serving as minister of music in Temple Church, Raleigh.

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The world premiere showing of the film "Martin Luther" has broken all previous records for motion picture showings in Minneapolis. It is now in its third week, with three showings daily. It is described as "more dramatic than most fiction films, and makes the beginning of the Protestant Reformation visually interesting and intellectually exciting."—*The Survey Bulletin.*

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Circle 3 of the W.M.S. of the First Church, Siler City, recently had an unusual meeting. Mrs. W. E. Sharpe entertained the group at her home and served a buffet supper. A special feature honored six "Plus Seventy" ladies: Mrs. C. O. Small, Mrs. Joe Bray, Mrs. W. B. Phillips, Mrs. Lula Elmore, Mrs. Nora White, and Mrs. R. O. Welch. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Sharpe were Mrs. Herbert Andrews, Mrs. E. J. Straughan, and Mrs. J. L. Moody. Mrs. R. S. Clark is chairman of the circle.

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Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor of the First Church, Winston-Salem, is assisting Pastor Walter N. Long in revival services at First Church, Belmont, from Sunday evening, June 14, through June 21. In his absence Missionary Jack Kirk of Vitoria, Brazil, was speaker at the First Church, Winston-Salem, on the evening of June 14, showing slides in connection with his message. On the following Sunday morning Nelson P. Tuill, Mrs. Herring's brother, will be the speaker. He is secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas.

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J. B. Phillips sends the news that Rev. O. Jack Murphy became pastor of Penelope Church, Hickory, on June 7. He recently conducted a revival at Penelope during which there were about 30 additions to the membership. At Penelope Mr. Murphy succeeded Rev. J. Louis Price, who became pastor of Dudley Shoals Church on May 31, after having served at Penelope for 12 years. Mr. Phillips writes: "These were the most progressive years our church has ever experienced. May God continue to bless him and his work at Dudley Shoals as we were blessed."

A recent welcome visitor to our offices was Dr. Charles F. Treadway, editor of vacation Bible school materials, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

North Carolina ranked second among Southern Baptist states in gifts to southwide and worldwide causes during the month of May, with a total of \$211,397.87. Texas was first, with \$383,523.63. South Carolina came third, with a total of \$141,240.20.

We were glad to have as visitors in the second week last week 10 intermediate young people from the workshop of the vacation Bible school of the First Church, Durham. This tour of Baptist headquarters was conducted by Miss Mary Pat Kent, youth director, and Miss Zella Woody, director of junior work in the First Church, Durham.

Miss Jane Barnett recently began her work as minister of music and education in the Florida Street Church, Greensboro. A short time ago she received her Master's Degree in religious education from the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky. A native of Owensboro, Kentucky, she had previously graduated from Georgetown College in Kentucky, majoring in public school music.

Several weeks ago, the Clear View Church was organized in the Liberty Association. This church was formerly the Macedonia Mission sponsored by the Calvary Church of which Rev. Howard Carlton was pastor. There were over 30 charter members. Rev. Troy Clement, who had been pastor of the mission, was called as pastor of the church. The Clear View Church has a nice big lot located about 2½ miles from Lexington.

Dr. George D. Crothers, CBS director of religious broadcasting, lectured at the Southern Baptist Convention's Glorieta Assembly radio-television workshop the second week in June. Dr. Crothers was invited to lecture on some 20 subjects, covering the basic aspects of religious broadcasting, from "Securing Station Time for Religious Broadcasting" to the important subject of "Radio and the Average American Family."

Professor Garland A. Hendricks of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is on the faculty of the summer school at Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Kans. He is teaching a course intended especially for rural pastors on the subject, "A Church at Work in Its Community." The course covers a period of three weeks, June 15-July 3. Mrs. Hendricks accompanied her husband on this visit to Kansas City.

The *Transylvania Times* says that Pastor S. B. McCall of Macedonia Church reports a successful rally day on May 31. J. Marse Grant, editor of *Charity and Children*, was the principal speaker, his subject being "The Influence of the Christian Home." Rev. J. O. Pipes delivered the morning sermon, and during the day there were talks by Rev. F. T. Rose of Cathey's Creek Church, Rev. R. E. Moody of Dunn's Rock and North Toxaway churches, Rev. Gene Henson of Oak Grove Church, and Ralph R. Fisher, Transylvania's representative in the Legislature.



Major Richard L. Garrard pins the Bronze Star award on Chaplain Clifton E. Land of the 11th Airborne Medical Battalion, 11th Airborne Division. This medal was received for "exemplary conduct in combat." Chaplain Land received an A.B. degree from Furman University in 1949 and a Th.B. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1952. Previous to completing his education he was for two years a paratrooper.

Immediately upon completion of his seminary work he re-entered the service and accepted the commission as a Chaplain in the Airborne troops. We consider him one of our outstanding leaders in the chaplaincy. His home at the present time is at Lenora, North Carolina.

Around 125 students were on hand when Campbell College began its first term of summer school last week. Both the college and high school at Campbell began their summer sessions. The second term will open on July 18 and close August 27. Because the school has a 12-week period, high school students are able to receive credit for two high school units. Dean A. R. Burkot, of Campbell College, is dean of the summer school.

The First Church, Asheville, will organize a kindergarten this fall for five-year-old children. It will be held Monday through Friday of each week, 9 to 12 a.m. Miss Sarah Hull has been secured as kindergarten teacher. A native of Memphis, Tenn., she is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and the New Orleans Seminary. She has had experience in the kindergarten operated by the seminary and has had a year's experience in teaching first grade work.

Changes of address requested: Rev. Arthur L. Reid from Route 2, Winston-Salem, to Route 1, Madison, N. C.; Rev. Max Wicker from Duke Station, Durham, N. C., to Box 577, Aberdeen, N. C.; Rev. James H. Smith from 308 Liberty St., Biltmore, N. C., to Route 2, Box 615-A, Asheville 5, N. C.; Rev. J. L. Wolfe from Box 9355, Asheville, N. C., to Box 12, Leicester, N. C.; Rev. J. L. Perry from 404 N. Main St., Wake Forest, N. C., to Route 4, Box 552, Kinston, N. C.

Sunday, June 21, will be Homecoming Day at the Franklinton Church, writes Pastor Thomas J. Holmes. The services will begin at 11 a.m., and dinner will be served on the grounds. The building committee will present plans for the future enlargement of the church program, and it is hoped to have \$12,500 in cash by Homecoming Day. It is expected that initial drawings for building will be ready and construction may begin some time early in July.

Miss Mary Rice of Black Mountain received the B.A. degree from Blue Mountain College, Mississippi, and her diploma was presented to her by President Lawrence T. Lowery at the 80th annual commencement. Miss Rice served as president of the Baptist Student Union for the past session. She is winner of the Florence Connally Tyler Award, given annually to the student who best exemplifies the "fruit of the spirit" as depicted in Galatians 5:22. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Rice.

Pastor Judson Lennon and his family had a note in the bulletin of West Albemarle Church on June 7, thanking the people for having the parsonage so "spic and span" and for placing a beautiful grey rug on the living room floor. The circles and friends brought delicious hot meals to the parsonage while the Lennons were getting settled. The deacons placed beautiful flowers in the church in honor of the new pastor's coming to West Albemarle. Mr. Lennon was pastor of the Raeford Church before accepting the work at West Albemarle.

Three young men from the First Church, Asheville, received their B.D. degrees from Southern Seminary this year. They are Henry Crouch, the pastor's son, who is serving as pastor of the First Church, Taylorsville, Ky.; Albert Ambrose, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ambrose; and Harold Bennett, son of Mrs. Emily Bennett, who has just gone to First Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, as assistant pastor. Another young man, John Dunlap, has just surrendered to the call to the ministry. He is the 20th young man from the Asheville church to be licensed or ordained within the past 10 years.

Rev. Woodrow W. Harris observed his second anniversary as pastor of the Rutledge Avenue Church, Charleston, S. C., on June 7. During these two years the membership of the church has increased from 1,091 to 1,289. A total of 388 new members was added during the two years, 139 by baptism and 249 by letter. Eight young people have dedicated themselves to full-time Christian service, and two fine men have surrendered to the call to preach. Sunday school average attendance increased from 411 to 498, and Training Union from 119 to 191. Evening worship services have averaged 263 in attendance, and the Hour of Power, 110. Offerings have increased from \$28,077.35 to \$44,862.02.

Pastor Appreciation Week marked the anniversary, and Pastor Harris and his family were remembered in many lovely ways by members of the church. Mr. Harris went to the Charleston church from the pastorate of Second Church, Shelby.

Christian Education

IN THE CHURCHES

L. L. MORGAN, Sunday School Secretary
J. P. MORGAN, Training Union Director
JAMES W. RAY, Student Union Secretary

Vacation Bible School Investments Pay Big Dividends

500,000 PROSPECTS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CAN BE DISCOVERED THROUGH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

By Charles F. Treadway
Editor, Vacation Bible School Materials

The faith of Southern Baptists in the vacation Bible school movement has not gone unrewarded. Beginning with 212 schools in 1925, a phenomenal growth has been witnessed reaching an all-time record of 21,741 schools in 1952. For the first time in any denomination's history over two million pupils and workers were enrolled.

Evangelism Practiced

Out of these vacation Bible schools have come immeasurable blessings to all the work of the churches. Last year alone, 40,141 boys and girls were won to Christ. Here is evangelism at its best, when not only souls, but lives also are saved for Christian service. As prospects for enlistment, more than 150,000 boys and girls were enrolled in the schools who had never been enrolled in any Sunday school.

Prospects for Sunday School

Assuming that the children came from homes where parents, and perhaps other members of the family, are indifferent, they represent upwards of a half million who are prospects for our Sunday schools and churches. Associational Sunday school leaders should urge the churches to follow the vacation Bible school with an effort to enroll these prospects in Sunday school. There could be no better time than this. Interest has already been manifest in both parents and children. As a result of the interest stimulated by the vacation Bible school, the parents may be led to see what the church has to offer the entire family each week.

Other Results

Also out of the vacation Bible schools last year came more than 30,000 dedications for full-time Christian service; over 12,000 additions to the churches; nearly \$400,000 in mission offerings for denominational causes; and over 12,000 college students serving on the faculties in the churches. It is certain that no one can adequately measure the value of this ministry of Christian leaders to the child life of our land.

The Challenge Before Us

With the challenge of "A Million More in '54" before us, four major needs should be emphasized now in our vacation Bible school planning.

1. *More Schools.*—In the past ten years Southern Baptists have experienced an average increase of 1,497 schools each year. However, despite this phenomenal growth, in 1952 there were 8,907 churches in the Convention which had no school. Our goal for 1953 must include a school for every church.

In addition, hundreds of mission schools are needed—for the Spanish, the Negroes, and the Indians. In every state and in most associations there are many unchurched areas in which children wait for someone to see their need and answer it.

2. *Bigger Schools.*—The average enrollment has kept pace with the increased number of schools. In fact, the average enrollment is better now than it has ever been. Yet there are so many who have not been reached. If God wants some of the boys and girls to have the blessings of a school he intended that all should have them. Therefore, our goal must not be less than reaching everyone possible, as soon as possible.

3. *Better Schools.*—As we lay emphasis on quantity, there must be no sacrifice of quality in our schools. Only by proper planning far enough in advance can this quality be assured.

The principal should be elected along with all the other general officers of the church.

The Standard also helps assure better work, if the Standard is a means rather than an end in itself. Used as a means to an end, it helps the faculty of every school to see that the best school possible is provided.

4. *Longer Schools.*—The average length of vacation Bible schools in Southern Baptist churches in 1952 was 6.9 days, or about 65 per cent of the time allotted for a ten-day school.

For many good reasons all of our schools should be at least ten days in duration. Our children have never asked for one-week schools. Always the shorter school is the result of the demand of the members of the faculty. Repeatedly, the boys and girls are asking, "Why can't our vacation Bible school last longer?" or "Do we have to close Friday?" Perhaps we should ask ourselves the question, "Who are we trying to please, anyway?" or "Who are we trying to help—our children or the workers?" Why can't we give the boys and girls what they need and what they want?

Longer schools also result in more accomplishments. We have been led to see that in an evangelistic campaign a second week will double the results. More habits formed, more Bible truths taught, more souls won to

Christ, more lives dedicated to Christian service, and more people enlisted in the total program of the church are but a few of the outcomes of the second week. As one pastor put it, "We just can't afford not to have a longer school."

Many years ago a man heard a preacher's challenge, "Attempt great things for God; expect great things of God." His answer to the challenge was the giving of his life to become one of history's greatest missionaries. As missionaries to child life through our vacation Bible schools, and through every area of opportunity in our churches, the challenge to every one of us is still the same—"Attempt great things for God; expect great things of God."—From "Sunday School Bulletin."

TRAINING UNION

Intermediates!

Have you had a study course lately? If not, NOW is a grand time to plan for one during these summer months. Make it an all-day affair—picnic, fun, study and all. You can make studying fun, IF you will. Study methods, missions, stewardship . . . or whatever your group needs. Write to Training Union Department, Biblical Recorder Building, Raleigh, N. C., and let us send you a list of Intermediate study course books. We have a GOAL of 11,000 Intermediate study course awards received this year. YOU need the study and WE need your credit to meet OUR goal.

Have a study course this summer!

—BETTY BREWER, State
Intermediate Leader.

WARFFORD NAMED AS HEAD OF MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

Pastor Walter L. Warfford of the College Park Church in Winston-Salem was recently elected as president of the Winston-Salem Ministers Association. This association has more than 100 ministers as members, representing all denominations.

Pastor Warfford is a graduate of Wake Forest College, and attended Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. His pastorates in past years have included Sheets Memorial Church in Lexington, Carthage First Church, and assistant pastorate of First Church of Lexington. He served as associational missionary of the Pilot Mountain Association from 1946 to 1950, when he was called as pastor of the College Park Church, where he leads in its well balanced and expanding program of work.

Some people are like blotters—they quickly soak it all in, but get it all backwards.—Er.

Where money is the only egg in the nest, misery is the only bird in the brood.—*Views from Mount Zion.*

EVENTFUL DAYS FOR BAPTIST WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA

Come to the

STATE W.M.S. CONFERENCES



Miss Bertie Lee Kendrick

FRUITLAND ASSEMBLY July 7-9

Guest Personnel:

Miss Bertie Lee Kendrick, Hawaii
Miss Stella Austin, Nigeria
Miss Frances Curb, Good Will Center, Tampa, Fla.
Miss Lorraine Landry, French Louisiana
Miss Lillian Lu, China

The Fruitland Conference will open at 10:00 a.m. on July 7 and close at 4:00 p.m. on July 9. Other morning programs will begin at 9:00 a.m. The days will be devoted to missionary inspiration and conferences on W.M.U. work. Come and receive the full benefit of the three days. For any who cannot attend the entire conference, special "divisional days" are planned: Asheville and Bryson City Divisions, July 7; Hickory Division, July 8; Charlotte, Greensboro, and Wilkesboro Divisions, July 9.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS for the three days or for lunch on any one day, be sure to communicate in advance with the Assembly Director, Rev. B. G. Henry, Box 449, Hendersonville, N. C. This is most important.

CASWELL ASSEMBLY July 20-24

Guest Personnel:

Miss Stella Austin, Nigeria
Miss Helen Meredith, Colombia
Mrs. Andrew H. Foster, Missionary to Migrants
Mrs. Rose Goodwin Pool, formerly Missionary to Cuba
Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.
Miss Lorraine Landry, French Louisiana
Miss Lillian Lu, China
Dr. Phil Elliott, President, Gardner-Webb College



Miss Stella Austin

This conference will follow the plan of recent summers, opening with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on July 20, and closing with lunch on July 24. Come and share in the experiences of worship, Bible study, missionary "chats," inspirational messages, and delightful fellowship. Bring your husband; the men are most welcome. Children of Sunbeam ages will have enjoyable activities in the morning under the leadership of an experienced Sunbeam Band worker.

MAKE RESERVATIONS through Rev. Richard K. Redwine, Caswell Baptist Assembly, Southport, N. C.

Meet and Mingle with Missionaries and Other Guests, State W.M.U. Leaders and Other W.M.S. Members.

DON'T MISS THESE INSPIRING DAYS AT FRUITLAND AND CASWELL.

**BAPTIST BUSINESS WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE
B.W.C. WEEK-END CONFERENCES**

Sponsored by the State Federation of Baptist Business Women.

**FRUITLAND ASSEMBLY
July 10-12**

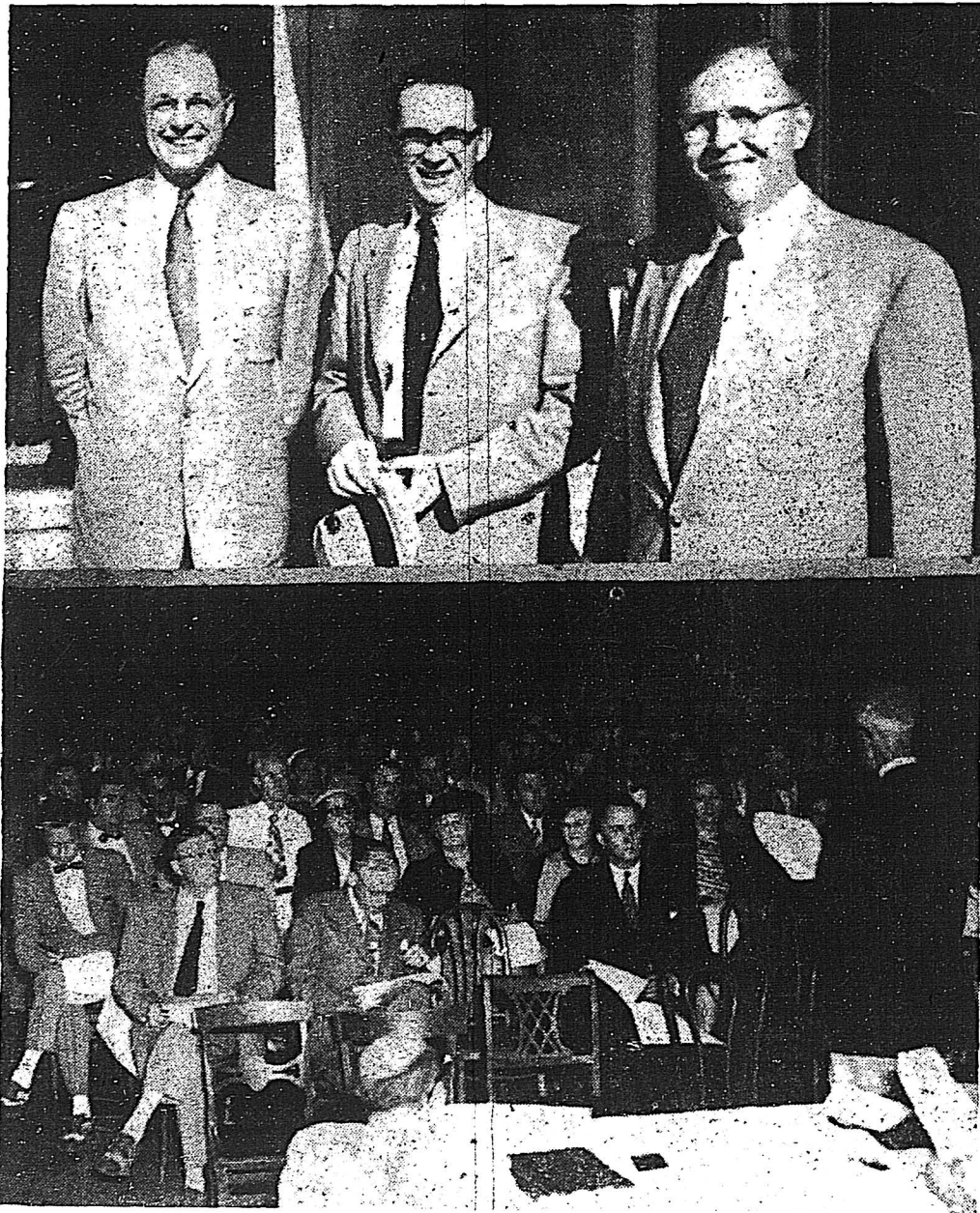
**CASWELL ASSEMBLY
July 24-26**

Join other business women in these hours of missionary inspiration, challenging contacts, and enjoyable recreation. The conferences open with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and close with lunch on Sunday. Much is in store for every business woman who attends. **COME!**

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Hendersonville, N. C.

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Southport, N. C.



FROM EAST TO WEST, BAPTISTS WORKING TOGETHER

As the General Board of the Baptist State Convention held its midyear meeting in Raleigh on June 2, the democratic scope and sweep of this body could be seen in the truly statewide representation this body holds in its membership. From the mountains to the sea they came, members from as far away as Murphy in the West and from down to the Atlantic Association in the East. Every association is represented on the General Board. When the Board meets, every area of North Carolina is thus represented.

In the top picture are seen three fine pastors, typical members, who happened to be together for a moment's chat at the close of the sessions, one from the East, one from the middle section of the state, and one from the mountains. Left to right: Charles Parker, pastor of the New Bern First Church; Ottis Hagler, pastor of the Carthage First Church; and W. A. Honeycutt, pastor of the Black Mountain First Church.

In the lower picture is the body in session on Tuesday morning, June 2, as General Secretary M. A. Huggins presents facts and figures showing the statewide picture today in missions, education, and all Baptist work, and how the opportunities are being met by the rising tide of stewardship among the more than 700,000 Baptists in all the churches of North Carolina. There were nearly 70 persons present for the June meeting. A detailed account was carried in the June 13 issue of the RECORDER.

RICH SQUARE TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

Rich Square Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, June 28. A homecoming celebration has been planned and invitations have been issued by Rev T. N. Cooper, the pastor, and W. M. Futrell, chairman of the board of deacons.

Two years ago the congregation moved into a newly constructed brick building which today stands debt free.

The special services for the anniversary and homecoming day will be concluded about 12 o'clock, followed by lunch on the church grounds. Dr. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh, general secretary of the Baptist State Conven-

YOUTH WEEK OBSERVED AT BOILING SPRINGS CHURCH

(Continued from page 1)

adult viewpoints give some idea of what this special week meant to the church:

James Parham, Youth Week pastor, says: "We have received training in our preparation for the activities which will enable us to serve our church better in the future. We have had a small feeling of the responsibilities which are upon the officers of a Baptist church. We have learned that it takes consecrated lives to fulfill the duties of the church."

Rev. John S. Farrar, pastor: "Youth Week made us aware of the potential leadership material in our church. It was inspiring to see young people accept responsibility for the strengthening of the church. Only time will produce the full value of such a week in the lives of the participants."

Officers for the week were: Pastor—James Parham; Assistant Pastors—Blair Little and John Ray; Sunday School Superintendent—Max Goode; Training Union Director—Joyce Whisnant; Music Director—Virginia Huggins; Assistants—Caroline Greene, Janet Mintz; Chairman, Board of Deacons—Horace M. Greene; Church Secretary and Publicity Chairman—Joanne Greene.

VETERAN EDITOR DIES

Roland Fowler Beasley, 82, died June 13 in a Monroe hospital. He was editor of the *Monroe Journal*, which he and his brother had founded when he was a young man. He continued to edit the paper throughout his life, but he also worked for other newspapers, the old *Greensboro Telegram*, the *Goldsboro Daily News*, and the *State Journal*.

He served both in the Senate and the House of the General Assembly and helped write the state's first anti-child labor law, the first compulsory school attendance law, a mother's aid bill, and the first corrective prison law. Serving as North Carolina's first Commissioner of Public Welfare, he established a system of juvenile courts and set up Samarcand Manor, a corrective school for girls.

The son of a Baptist minister, he was born in New Hanover County, but early in life moved to Monroe. After graduation from Wake Forest College, he returned to Monroe to found the weekly newspaper. His editorials were often reprinted by larger newspapers. Always interested in public service, he held many positions of trust during his lifetime.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Clyde Dowell Powell Beasley; one daughter, Mrs. George S. Lee, Jr., of Monroe; and one son, R. F. Beasley, Jr., Monroe.

tion, will be the principal speaker. Rev. Oscar Creech of Ahoskie will speak on behalf of the West Chowan Association, and H. W. Green of Aulander for the Bertie Union Meeting.

Other speakers will be Mrs. Carlton Cherry of Ahoskie, William Futrell of Rich Square, Leon Bligh of Harrellsville, and Oscar Smith, representing the mother church at Sandy Run.

It is not overloading with dead knowledge, but the purifying and strengthening of the moral feelings, which is the highest aim of education.—LUCIAN.

ITEMS FROM LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Two young ministers were ordained in Calvary Church, Lexington, on May 31. They are Rev. Clement, called as pastor of the recently organized Clear View Church; and Rev. Greenman, called some time ago as pastor of the Union Grove Church.

Floyd Church recently completed four pews at the back of the church and they were dedicated on the fourth Sunday in May, with the associational missionary, W. V. Carroll, preaching the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Gertrude Peacock is pastor.

Greenwood recently organized a Brotherhood, with Emory Wagner as president.

The new building of Reeds Church is covered and closed in, and steel for the steeple has been erected. A Hammond organ was purchased recently also.

Churchland has renovated and redecorated the parsonage for the new pastor, J. O. Walton, and his family.

Sheets Memorial is building a new Sunday school building back of the auditorium. The new structure is already covered and closed in.

First Church, Lexington, is moving on in its big building program.

Park Place has part of the foundation laid for its new church building.

The roof will soon be on the big new church plant at Mills Home, Thomasville.

As noted previously, members of the First Church, Thomasville, entered their fine, new educational building the fourth Sunday in May.

BAPTIST TENT MEETING HELD IN ROANOKE ASSOCIATION

Gospel services were recently conducted in the tent on Bowling Road, in west Roanoke Rapids. The services were featured each evening by the singing of favorite gospel hymns, showing of color slides of mission work in the Roanoke Baptist Association, teaching on Baptist beliefs and practices, and an evangelistic message. The meeting was sponsored jointly by the Roanoke Baptist Association and the newly organized Calvary Baptist Church, with Rev. L. Grady Burgiss, missionary of the association, in charge.

Pastors of the local Baptist churches assisted with the preaching, with the missionary doing some of the preaching also.

A very successful meeting has just been completed at the Chockoyotte Mission, on the Weldon Road, which was sponsored by the association and the Chockoyotte Mission. Following the meeting with the Calvary Church, the Gospel Tent was to be moved to South Weldon about June 12 for another meeting, sponsored by the Weldon Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

MARS HILL HAS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



Dr. Robert L. Holt, who has been appointed director of public relations at Mars Hill College. He has been since 1950 a member of the faculty and director of religious activities at East Carolina College. He will begin his duties at Mars Hill this fall.

MARS HILL—The trustees of Mars Hill College at their annual meeting May 30 approved the appointment of Dr. Robert L. Holt as director of public relations for the college.

Dr. Holt, who will begin his duties this fall, has been since 1950 a member of the faculty and director of religious activities at East Carolina College.

At East Carolina College he has taught courses in Old Testament literature, New Testament literature, Christian ethics, world religions, American religious thought, marriage and family problems, and family relations. He has also been chairman of the chapel committee, advisor of the student government association, advisor to the student inter-religious council, and student counselor in the area of moral standards and spiritual values.

Dr. Holt is a native of Dixie, Ga., and has been a resident of North Carolina since 1932. He graduated from Lee H. Edwards High School of Asheville in 1937, received his junior college diploma from Mars Hill in 1941, received his A.B. degree from Wake Forest College in 1943, his M.A. degree from Wake Forest College in 1946, and his Ph.D. degree from Duke University in 1951. He attended the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1944.

Since 1941 he has served various churches in North Carolina as pastor, including those at Wise, North Warrenton, Norlina, and Cedar Fork and Mount Zion churches near Durham and Raleigh. In 1945-1946 he was a teaching fellow in English and religion at Wake Forest College. His wife is the former Miss Claire Rebecca Hardin of Lincolnton. They have three children, Larry, Rebecca, and Susan.

Think about this: The worst danger that confronts the younger generation is the example set by the older generation.—Clipped.

KANNAPOLIS FIRST HAS NEW PASTOR

Rev. Charles C. Coffey has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Kannapolis, and will take up his work there early in July.

Mr. Coffey has been pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Roanoke, Va., for the past four and a half years. During his ministry there the church completed the building of additional Sunday school space at a cost of more than \$40,000, and only recently purchased lots adjacent to the church for further expansion. Also, under his leadership the church budget has increased from \$14,108.50 to more than \$40,000; Sunday school enrollment has increased from 669 to 930; there were more than 500 additions to the church, with the present membership around 1,200.

Mr. Coffey is a native of Virginia. He received his education at High Point College, Duke Divinity School, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. While a student in the seminary he held several pastorates. Also, he was interim pastor at Franklinville in this state. He was associate pastor of Bainbridge Church in Richmond before going to Roanoke.

Mr. Coffey's family consists of his wife, the former Jewell Kearns of Asheboro, and two children, Judy Ann and Charles Richard, a new son born May 30.

At Kannapolis he succeeds Rev. Douglas M. Branch, president of the Baptist State Convention, who is now pastor of the Rocky Mount First Church.

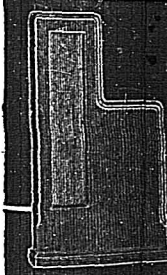
SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL IS HELD AT ANTIOCH

Antioch Church, near Taylorsville, experienced a fine revival April 19-25, with Rev. C. W. Teague of the First Church, Biscoe, assisting Pastor James R. Lail. Attendance and interest increased every service throughout the meeting, and there were 20 additions, including one man of 90 years, all coming by baptism. There were several rededications also.

J. Ed Powell of Gastonia, who led the singing, made a tremendous contribution to the revival. As a member writes, "Mr. Powell has the 'know-how' of getting people to sing."

This was a home-coming for Mr. Teague, as this was his old home church, and the people were revived, uplifted, and spiritually refreshed by his coming.

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Mackay Finds Anti-Communism Producing "New Idolatry"

By Religious News Service

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The new titular head of 2,500,000 Presbyterians believes that anti-Communism is as dangerous to America as Communism—maybe even more dangerous.

Dr. John A. Mackay, in a statement issued here after his election as moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., said that detestation of Communism has produced a "new form of idolatry" in this country.

This anti-Communist fervor has in effect become a substitute religion, Dr. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, declared.

"A passionate, unreflective opposition to the Communist demon is coming to be regarded as the one and only true expression of Americanism and even of Christianity," he said.

"It is proper to abhor Communism," Dr. Mackay emphasized. "Let there be no mistake about that. But the spirit to which I refer, this new cult of negation, is something quite different.

"It is a form of idolatry, which, as always happens in idolatrous attitudes, engenders fanaticism.

"Fanaticism is a mood of the human spirit which glorifies feeling. It stifles thought; it rejects the formulation of questions requiring calm reflection. The reason is obvious. Any appeal to thought might diminish the white-hot of passion in which the devotees of the new cult desire to live."

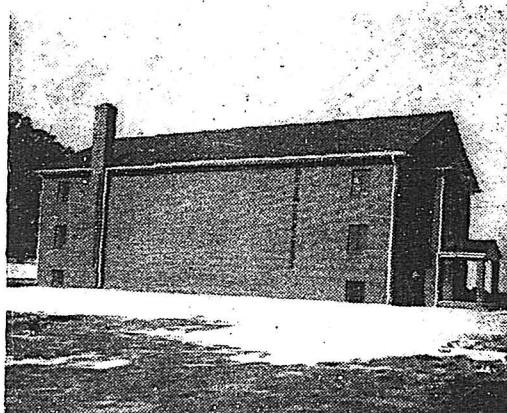
Dr. Mackay pointed to two "perils" in the current "negative" crusade against Communism:

"1. Fanatical anti-Communists admit as partners with them in their crusade totalitarian elements of the Fascist type.

"2. Zeal to unmask and arraign Communists and alleged 'fellow travelers' leads to a disregard of those freedoms to which a person is entitled as a human being."

"When fear dominates the popular mind, as it does today," Dr. Mackay said, "the tendency arises to choose a private deity for one's personal devotion. There are people who are becoming idol worshippers in a very subtle and perilous manner. They transform the glorious slogan, 'This Nation under God,' to 'My Nation, thou art my God.' . . .

"The Christian Church is called upon to reassume its prophetic role in our time," the moderator said. "The only way in which men can be saved from the pressure of false absolutes, whether they be negations or affirmations, is that they be summoned to the one ultimate loyalty which is the recognition and service of the Living God."



HICKORY GROVE CHURCH HAS NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

Members of Hickory Grove Church, Gaston Association, moved into their new educational building on May 3, with 203 present for Sunday school.

Hickory Grove is the fifth oldest Baptist church in Gaston County, having been organized in 1873. It is a rural church situated about four miles from Mount Holly on the Stanly-North Belmont Highway.

This new building is 76 feet by 42 feet, with a basement and two floors. It has 25 classrooms, three large assembly rooms, secretary's room, pastor's study, five rest rooms and a ladies' lounge, and nine closets to provide ample storage space.

The following men served on the building committee: James R. Lineberger, chairman, Leonard Lee, F. H. Abernathy, Earl Smith, J. L. Hunt, Jr. After the building was underway the deacons were elected to serve also: J. L. Hunt, Sr., E. B. Smith, J. F. Abernathy, R. L. Loftin, George Smith, L. M. Flowers, Woodrow Drury, Fred Caldwell.

The building was constructed at a cost of approximately \$45,000. The equipment and furniture will cost approximately \$5,000. So far, approximately \$2,100 has been spent for pianos, chairs, tables, and book stands. It is hoped that the building will be completely furnished in the near future.

Plans call for an auditorium to seat 500 people to be joined to the educational building in the future.

The only plan used for raising money has been the Bible plan of "tithes and offerings." Hickory Grove is a good example of what stewardship does for a church. In 1949 the total expenditures of the church amounted to \$7,675.13, with total gifts of \$9,491.72. Total gifts had increased to \$30,232.35 by 1952.

Gifts to missions amounted to \$2,263.21 in 1949. By 1952 gifts to missions had increased to \$3,914.45. Because it was realized that the amount given for missions was not in keeping with the increase in total gifts, the amount designated for the Cooperative Program was doubled this year.

Instead of \$1,200, the church this year is giving \$2,400 through the Cooperative Program. State Missions has \$300 designated; Home Missions, \$400; Foreign Missions \$500; Hospital, \$300; Christian Education \$200; Orphanage, \$600; American Bible Society, \$25; Relief and Annuity Board, \$200 making the total mission gifts this year \$4,925. Gifts to missions more than doubled during the building program.

The per capita giving of the resident membership is approximately \$100, with mission gifts approximately \$10 per capita.

Not only have tithes and offerings increased during the past three years, but the church has also experienced remarkable growth in membership, enrollment, and attendance in all organizations. Church membership has increased from 241 in 1949 to 338 in 1952. Seventy-four of the new members joined by baptism.

Sunday school enrollment was 198 in 1949 and 309 in 1952. At present the enrollment is 371, including Extension and Cradle Roll departments. Attendance on May 17 was 249.

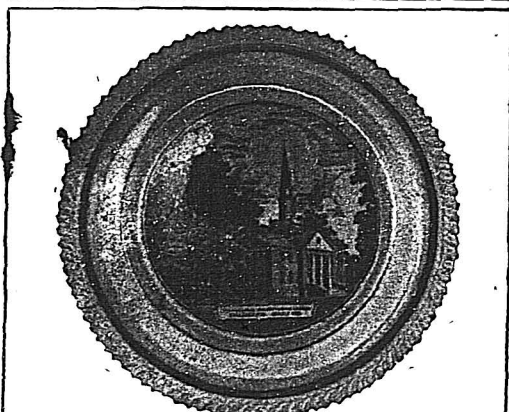
Training Union enrollment increased from 41 in 1949 to 147 in 1952. On May 24 attendance was 109.

W.M.U. membership was 50 in 1949 and had increased to 96 in 1952, with 85 per cent of the members listed as tithers.

There was no Brotherhood in 1949, while in 1952 there were 16 enrolled in this work.

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Tribute Paid to Dr. Blackwell

MARS HILL—On Saturday evening, May 30, at the annual Alumni Banquet the trustees, faculty and alumni of Mars Hill College paid tribute to President Hoyt Blackwell upon his completion of 25 years of service at the college. Dean R. M. Lee presented to Dr. and Mrs. Blackwell silver candelabra from the faculty, administrative staff, and workers of the college, and Miss Carolina Biggers, dean of women, presented an orchid to Mrs. Blackwell.

W. R. Chambers of Marion, president of the Board, spoke for the Board of Trustees. J. A. McLeod of the English department, speaking for the faculty, paid the following tribute to President Blackwell and his family: "On a plaque in St. Paul's of London are inscribed these words to Sir Christopher Wren, the immortal architect of the magnificent cathedral: 'si monumentum requiris, circumspice.' This inscription, freely translated, can be applied aptly to President Blackwell. If you would seek his monument, look around you."

"As one looks about him at Mars Hill, he sees first the physical transformation of the campus. During Dr. Blackwell's administration the new buildings have been erected and half a dozen cottages have been added; the older buildings have been renovated; new furnishings and equipment have been installed throughout the college; valuable property has been acquired; and a beautification project has been begun which will make the campus one of the most beautiful to be seen anywhere. All of this has been accomplished without debt.

"Other improvements, which are less apparent, include keeping the college on a sound fiscal basis, adding to the endowment and loan funds, expanding the faculty and administrative staff, maintaining and strengthening the academic standards.

"More significant than these tangible increments and the other evidences of growth have been the preservation and enlargement of the spiritual life of the college—the wholesome and stimulating social attitudes and practices, the inspiring religious atmosphere, the exalted Christian ideals in all relationships. To be sure, he has given the credit to those who worked with him; but without his vision, his faith, his judgment, his courage, his consecration, these attainments would not have been possible.

"It has been said that it takes a great man to succeed a great man. It is easier to lay a foundation than to build wisely on one laid by another. Yet Dr. Blackwell has eminently succeeded in this achievement also. When the mantle of Dr. R. L. Moore fell upon him in 1933, he proceeded to build without disturbing the old foundations. He has held fast to that which is good while leading the college into meeting its opportunities in a new day.

"No statement of Dr. Blackwell's accomplishments at Mars Hill would be complete which did not include something of the contributions of Mrs. Blackwell and the three children. Her beneficent influence has been wrought more by example than by precept. Modestly avoiding the limelight, she has performed with grace and efficiency her duties



The Blackwell family is shown admiring the silver candelabra presented to Dr. Hoyt Blackwell upon completion of 25 years of service at Mars Hill College. Dean R. M. Lee made the presentation at the annual Alumni Banquet in the college dining hall on Saturday evening, May 30. Mrs. Blackwell is wearing the orchid presented to her by Miss Caroline Biggers, dean of women. The children are, left to right: Hannah Brown, Eric, and Albert. W. R. Chambers of Marion, president of the Board, spoke for the Board of Trustees and J. A. McLeod of the English department, spoke for the faculty.

in the college, the church, and the larger community. Her genuine culture, her friendly dignity, her personal charm, her serene piety have won for her the esteem and admiration of all who know her.

"One of the lasting contributions which Dr. and Mrs. Blackwell are making at Mars Hill is being made unconsciously through their home. The inspiration of this gracious home, to which the daughter and two sons are adding their share, will be a lingering influence upon those who sojourn here."

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN ROANOKE RAPIDS

Calvary Baptist Church was organized at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 24, in special services held at the Belmont-Calvary Baptist Mission on Harris Street, Roanoke Rapids. Rev. L. Grady Burgiss, missionary of the Roanoke Association, was chosen as moderator of the organization meeting, and the Rev. Otis M. Brady was chosen clerk.

The Charter of Organization bore the signatures of 37 people, with seven of them coming as candidates for baptism, and 30 coming from sister Baptist churches, with letters being received from the First Church of Roanoke Rapids and the Bethel Church of Pleasant Hill.

The council assisting in the organization of the new church was composed of representatives from the First Church, Roanoke Rapids; Rosemary Church; Trinity Church, Tarboro; and the First Church, Ellerbe.

Baptist ministers present were Gordon L. Price, Howard Knight, L. Grady Burgiss, and Otis M. Brady.

When the organization was completed the following officers were elected: Rev. Otis M. Brady, supply pastor; L. T. Haggins, church clerk; Mrs. Charles W. Hale, church treasurer; and R. J. Goodfellow, chairman of deacons.

At the opening of the organization meeting Rev. Gordon L. Price, pastor of the First Church, Roanoke Rapids, announced that the First Church had decided at the close of its morning service to give the new Calvary Church the lots the church owns on Bowling Road as a site for the new church, and to close the Belmont Mission, which has been operated by the First Church for some time.

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ROANOKE ASSOCIATION'S MISSION PROGRAM BEARING FRUIT

The Primary Mission Program of the Roanoke Association for the summer season of this year is off to a good start, with one successful meeting already held in the association's gospel tent and with another now in progress, according to an announcement made by the missionary, Rev. L. Grady Burgess, of Greenville.

The first meeting, held with the Chockoyotte Mission between Weldon and Roanoke Rapids, resulted in nine decisions and additions to the local work, all of which were for baptism.

The gospel tent next was set up on Bowling Road, west of Roanoke Rapids, for a meeting of two weeks, sponsored by the newly organized Calvary Church of that locality. In connection with the meeting the missionary taught the new church a course on Baptist beliefs and practices.

The tent was moved to South Weldon about June 12 for another meeting, which is being sponsored by the Weldon Church. A very successful meeting was held at South Weldon, last September, and good results of the second meeting are anticipated.

And following the South Weldon meeting the tent is to be taken to Williamston for a meeting in the North Side area, to be sponsored by the Memorial Church of that city.

In addition to the above schedule, plans are being made for an evangelistic effort in the northern part of Wilson, which may get under way in August.

Two new Baptist churches have been organized already in the association, and another is scheduled to be organized on Sep-

tember 6. The Swelton Heights Church was organized on Sunday, April 26, with approximately 50 charter members. This church was the outgrowth of a mission Sunday school which had been carried on by the Rev. Ernest Howell in the northern part of Rocky Mount since the beginning of the year. The second church to be organized was the Calvary Church, Roanoke Rapids, which took place on Sunday, May 24, and was the outgrowth of a mission in the Belmont area of the city, sponsored originally by the First Church. It began with 37 charter members. And the church to be organized on September 6 will be the result of a mission sponsored by the Brotherhood of the Rosemary Church in the Chockoyotte community on the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids highway.

The Primary Mission Program of the association is now in its third season of operation of its gospel tent. Last year five new churches were received into the association, and it is believed that three or four new churches will be received this year. The association now has 87 churches affiliated with it besides the new one just organized.

FIRST CHURCH, PILOT MOUNTAIN, HAS NOTE-BURNING; OTHER ITEMS

On April 19 the First Church of Pilot Mountain burned notes representing about \$50,000 of indebtedness on the parsonage and educational building. Taking part in the ceremony signifying the payment of the debt were I. M. Gordon, chairman of trustees; W. M. Matthews, chairman of the building fund; and J. W. Gordon, church treasurer. Dr. M. A. Huggins, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention, brought the

message of dedication.

A Unitype Illuminated Bulletin Board has recently been erected on the church lawn and a drinking fountain with electrical cooler, and many other improvements have been added.

May 3-10 was the season of a good revival with Wendell R. Grigg, Atlanta, Ga., bringing the messages each night. Three were awaiting baptism, 10 came during the week and one later. T. H. Parris, who has been pastor for about five years, baptized 14 persons on Sunday evening, May 24. There were also four new members who came by letter.

The church is united, and is making progress along all lines. Sunday school attendance is 185 to 200, a gain of about 25 per cent over the year before. In addition to the building program, the current budget is 50 per cent greater than five years ago, at which time the church began full-time services.

MRS. JESSE DICKENS

Dr. Charels A. Leonard writes: "People here in Havelock and the Cherry Point Marine Air Base like to take to the skies and, instead of dying, Christians here just go UP. We do not even have a cemetery here. None of us think of Mrs. Jesse D. Dickens as being connected with this world any more, because when recently she left, she went to be with the Lord. She was the first member of the Cherry Point Church to leave us in this way."

Dr. Leonard goes on to say that Mrs. Dickens, the former Enlalia Powell, born in Halifax County October 8, 1895, was interested in the Lord's work. She taught many a Sunday school class, and was active in W.M.U. work. One of the last things she did, before going to a distant city for treatment preceding her months of illness at Havelock, was to preside over the Craven-Pamlico County W.M.U. group meeting at the Fort Barnwell Church.

Mrs. Dickens attended East Carolina College in Greenville before her marriage to Mr. Dickens in the Enfield Church. She has friends in Smithfield, Mt. Olive, the Wallace community, and Holly Ridge, where they resided. Surviving are one son and seven daughters, located now all the way from Havelock to California.

"Many of us," writes Dr. Leonard, who was her pastor, "were impressed with her wholesome attitude toward life—one of hope and cheer, also devotion to her Savior and loyalty to her church. Her complaints were few, though she suffered much."

"The W.M.U. here is indebted to her because when the work was first begun it was her suggestion that a W.M.U. be organized immediately, and this was done."

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I counted dollars while God counted crosses
I counted gains while He counted losses!
I counted my worth by things gained in store,
But He sized me up by the scars that I bore.
I coveted honors and sought for degrees;
He wept as He counted the hours on my knees.

And I never knew till one day by a grave,
How vain are these things that we spend life to save.

That the richest of all in the world is God's love!

—Selected.



A Mother-Daughter Banquet was held at the Murfreesboro Church on May 18, with 92 present. In the top picture are some of the Junior G.A.'s who were present. Miss Grace Parker is counselor of these girls. The bottom group is made up of members of the Y.W.A., Mrs. Bela Udvarnoki, counselor. Another group of those present, the Intermediate G.A.'s, was not photographed.

This was the first such banquet held in the Murfreesboro Church. It was sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union in honor of the 40th anniversary of Girls' Auxiliary and the 45th anniversary of Young Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Roger Hollomon is W.M.U. president, and Warren F. Taylor is pastor of the church.



IMPRESSIVE CORONATION-RECOGNITION SERVICE OF TAR RIVER CHURCHES

One of the largest crowds of Baptist people to assemble in the Tar River Association in a number of years witnessed the impressive associational Coronation-Recognition service at White Level Church recently. The six districts of the Tar River area met at White Level, and this large building could not hold the crowds. Mrs. J. E. Floyd, associational Young People's leader, planned the program and led in the Coronation service, while Rev. B. W. Jackson, state Royal Ambassador leader, had charge of the Recognition service.

Pastor Aubrey Tomlinson of the Louisburg Church led in the devotional, and the following were recognized from churches throughout the Tar River Association: 59 Maidens, 14 Ladies-in-Waiting, five Princesses, and two Queens. The Queens were Josie Lee Shearin of Cedar Rock and Ann Davis of Norlina. There were 10 Pages, two Squires, and four Ambassadors. Flower girls and crown bearers helped in the impressive service and the work accomplished was praised highly by those present.

Mrs. Martha B. White, W.M.U. superintendent of the Tar River, Rev. V. E. Duncan, associational missionary, the local church W.M.U. forces, the pastors, and others over the association cooperated in a fine way in this beautifully arranged program, to emphasize the advances made in Girls' Auxillary and Royal Ambassador work in the association.

Books in Review

WHAT PRESENT-DAY THEOLOGIANS ARE THINKING. By Daniel Day Williams. Harter and Brothers. \$2.00.

The aim of the author as stated in his own words is to see what is going on in Christian thought today by examining the theological foundations of four issues: first, authority and the Bible; second, the basis of Christian faith; third, the meaning of Jesus Christ; and fourth, the form and nature of the Church.

Since the publication of Karl Barth's "Commentary on the Romans" in 1918, there has been a renaissance in theological thought. Dr. Williams aims in his book to present the ideas stirred up since that event as an aid to the general reader who is looking for a constructive faith. In his first chapter he examines the influences acting on contemporary theology, such as history, psychology, and philosophy.

The author maintains that anyone who thinks about the meaning of life is raising the questions with which theology wrestles, such as: What is the origin of life? What is the end of life? and What is our destiny in history and beyond the boundary line of death?

The book is meant to be an aid to the general reader rather than the technical scholar. It presents an excellent summary of trends in theological thinking today, and

will be of special help to the thoughtful preacher or layman who does not find time to read more comprehensive books in the field of theology.

One of the best uses which the reader can make of this particular book is to use it as a guide for further reading. He will be stimulated to read further and will find a rather comprehensive bibliography as a guide in his reading.

Charles Clayton Morrison says "This book is the most lucid, comprehensive, and readable introduction to modern theology that I have ever read."—L.L.C.

NOTES FROM BUNCOMBE ASSOCIATION

A new ceiling of sheet rock has been installed in Cole's Cove Church.

New Morgan Hill Church, M. L. Kirstein, pastor, has a new piano in the auditorium, and a partition has been placed in the basement so as to give one extra room and improve some of the other rooms. An attractive sign, which is lighted each night, has been put on the front of the church, and the cemetery has a new covering of grass.

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Pastor Arnold E. Edney began preaching every Sunday at Bethel the first Sunday in June. Previously he had been preaching part time.

The roof on the new addition to Deaver View Church is almost complete and soon the extra space will be in use.

Cumberland Avenue Church, Asheville, has purchased an adjoining house for a pastor's home.

Ridgeway Church has recently drilled a well and put up signs on near-by roads.

Berea Church observed the 100th anniversary of its organization on May 17.

Pastor James Allen of Paint Fork Church was ordained at Big Ivy Church on Sunday night, May 24.

Pastor R. R. Mehaffey of Zion Hill Church has been ill and unable to preach recently, but he is improving. The new church building at Zion Hill is under construction.

Oteen is designated as the Church of the Month in the *Buncombe Baptist Bulletin*. Pastor Wallace Bierer came to the church a little less than a year ago, and since that time there have been 75 additions to the membership, 50 of them by baptism. The training program of the church is well organized and gifts to missions are generous. An organ was purchased recently, and a building fund has been started.

BUIE'S CREEK ACADEMY ASSOCIATION FORMED

Around 100 alumni of Campbell College from classes of the school when it was Buie's Creek Academy have formed the Buie's Creek Academy Association and are anxious to have all those alumni of the Academy members. Walter Barbee of Seaboard, newly elected president of the group, said recently.

The organization of the BCA Club was formed during commencement when classes of 1900-1910 met at a special reunion luncheon for the first meeting of its kind ever held at Buie's Creek.

Mrs. Bessie Campbell Lynch of Buie's Creek was named vice-president and Mrs. E. H. Lasater of Erwin was elected secretary.

F. N. Bridgers of Wilson and Claude Teague, assistant comptroller of the University of North Carolina, were named to the club's executive committee, which is also composed of the officers.

Dr. Herman T. Stevens of Newport News, Virginia, spoke to the group at the luncheon here while Mr. Barbee presided.

Members of classes from 1898 to 1919 attended the session.

Buie's Creek Academy was formed in 1887 by the late Professor J. A. Campbell and the name was changed to Campbell College in 1926. Thus all alumni of the school from 1887 to 1926 are eligible for membership in the new organization of the college.

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DEEP RIVER CHURCH IS DEDICATED

A large congregation met at Deep River Church, at Coleridge, Sunday afternoon, May 31, at two o'clock, for the dedication of the newly finished brick church building which cost \$40,000. Pastor C. M. Strickland led a devotional service, following which the building committee of seven was recognized. Mrs. Penn Craven read the history of the church. James C. Bouldin, who was treasurer of the church during the progress of the erection of the church, delivered a masterful address in submitting the report.

Ernest W. Brady, who was Sunday school superintendent during the period, said, "It takes grace, greenbacks, and grit to accomplish such a task!" He said Pastor B. L. Maness had the grace, the people had the greenbacks, and he, himself, had grit enough to ask them to shell it out. Short talks were made by Ross E. Heath, D. L. Temple, and Grover C. Phillips, former pastors, and Mrs. Blanche Kidd, widow of Rev. Roland Kidd, a deceased former pastor.

The moderator of Randolph Association, Carl King, highly commended those who had a part in the construction of the building, after which Mr. King and three other men sang several hymns. The note was burned and Willie Moffitt led the dedicatory prayer.

Rev. B. L. Maness concluded the dedicatory service with a great sermon based on II Chronicles 7:5. Greer Stout made a tape recording of the entire service, and a picture of the entire group was made at the church door, so that the occasion will be preserved in voice and picture.

Deep River Church was organized in 1894, with Rev. Joe Dan Hackney leading, along with Rev. A. K. Scotten, both of whom were early pastors, as were G. W. Harmon and D. R. Sears. Later pastors have been John W. Phillips, Grover C. Phillips, A. G. Lassiter, John C. Kidd, Roland Kidd, Robert N. Hunsucker, Claude J. Johnson, C. L. Smith, and B. L. Maness. One of the pioneer pastors was W. H. Strickland, who served nine years. His son, Colon M. Strickland, served at three different periods, totaling 13 years. He is the present pastor, carrying on in the footsteps of his beloved father.—*Abbreviation of newspaper article by Grover C. Phillips.*

GRANITE FALLS' FINE RECORD

The faithful members of the Granite Falls First Church have in the past three years more than doubled their gifts to missions and all Baptist causes, while at the same time have been in a continuous effort to raise funds to build and equip their new \$200,000 house of worship, recently occupied and now in use, one of the most beautiful in that area of the state. The RECORDER goes into every resident member's home, by the Every-Family Plan.

This fine record has been achieved by faithful and consecrated leadership of Pastor C. R. Hinton and his noble-hearted members, who have been true stewards as they have followed Biblical injunctions to service and sacrifice in the Lord's work. Every organization in the church is growing. The new auditorium will seat over 500 persons; and the modern Sunday school plant will take care of more than 500. A fine spirit of cooperation and zeal pervades the entire church as it grows in size and service.



Kyle M. Yates, Jr., above, has been elected instructor in Hebrew and archaeology at the Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif. Dr. Harold K. Graves, has announced. Another new faculty member is Dr. William A. Carleton, associate professor of church history and administrative assistant to the president.

Mr. Yates, son of the long-time professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southern Seminary, was born and reared in Louisville, Ky. While teaching at Golden Gate, he will complete his thesis for the Th.D. degree which he will receive from Southern Seminary. He has the B.S. degree from Wake Forest College and the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary. He spent one year studying in England and Scotland at the University of Manchester and the University of Edinburgh, and plans to return to Edinburgh to complete his Ph.D. degree. Mr. Yates, his wife, and two-year-old son were expected in Berkeley early in June.

This news about Mr. Yates is interesting to North Carolinians because his father, Dr. Kyle M. Yates, is a native of the Olive Chapel section of Wake County. He is now pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

R. T. GREENE'S RELIGIOUS COLUMN RECEIVES CITATION

R. T. Greene of Concord, missionary for the Cabarrus Association, recently received a citation for religious writing. The honor came from the Editorial Conference during its recent meeting in Chapel Hill, and was awarded for a religious column Mr. Greene writes for several newspapers. *The Hertford County Herald*, one of the papers to which he contributes, submitted nine copies of its editorial page for critical analysis. Mr. Greene's column, entitled "Biblical Series," appeared on the editorial pages.

The letter to Mr. Greene announcing the award read in part: "It might interest you to learn that at the Editorial Conference at Chapel Hill . . . your 'Biblical Series' was cited as a distinct contribution in the field of church writing." This citation was made "by leading editorial writers of the state."

DR. WILLIAMS NEW PRESIDENT OF SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

Dr. J. Howard Williams was elected president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at a meeting of trustees in Fort Worth June 2.

Dr. Williams, in Arkansas when the action was taken, had indicated that he would accept the position. He will succeed Dr. E. Head, who retires August 1.

Dr. Williams has been executive secretary of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since January 1946. He previously served in the same capacity from 1931 to 1936, resigning to accept the pastorate of the Amarillo First Church. Later he served as pastor of Oklahoma City First Church, resigning there to return to the convention position.

A graduate of Southwestern and Baylor University, Dr. Williams has done graduate work at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

He held pastorates, in addition to those at Amarillo and Oklahoma City, at Venus, Sulphur Springs, and Corcoran, Texas, and in Middleton, Kentucky. He pastored the College Avenue, now Trinity, Church in Dallas while attending Baylor.

Dr. and Mrs. Williams are parents of five children. They have 10 grandchildren.

Southwestern recently purchased a new home for the president. Dr. Williams will be the first to occupy it.

NEW SOUTH RIVER NOTES

Powell Tabernacle Church has recently purchased a pastor's home. The work goes ahead at this good church in a fine way, led by Pastor R. P. Merritt.

Central Church at Spring Lake plans for new building. Actual work has started, we learn.

Spring Lake First Church has completed a survey of its territory, and a well planned program of visitation is being developed. The survey showed 1,445 Baptist possibilities for the church. These progressive people are ably led by Pastor and Mrs. J. R. Everett.

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Rev. George Tunstall, above, is preaching in a revival sponsored by the 32 churches of the Flat River Association. The revival began June 7 and services are being held each evening at 8 o'clock in the Farmers Warehouse, Oxford. The meeting will continue through June 21. Mr. Tunstall, for 17 years pastor of the West End church, Petersburg, Va., has come back to preach in Oxford. Song leader is Sam Allen from Plain-

view, Texas, nationally known as an evangelistic singer. He arrived on June 10. During the first three days of the revival the 100-voice choir was directed by Maurice Grissom, associate pastor of the First Church, Henderson.

USE PREPARATION WEEK TO PROMOTE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

By Charles L. McKay

Churches that prepare for and properly observe Preparation Week, September 21-25, will be in better condition to lift the vision of the people in the matter of Christian Stewardship, October 18-25, and to enroll "A Million More in '54."

Victory is certain for churches that plan, publicize, and teach the book, *The Pull of the People*, by Dr. J. N. Barnette. This book will warm the hearts of the people who study it. It was written out of the abundance of the overflow of a heart that is completely moved with compassion for the unreached multitudes. Life blood, tears, and heart throb can be felt and seen on every page. Every pastor will lead his people to study this book in September. Almost every pastor will teach it to his people.

The study of this book by pastor and people will move them to lift up their eyes and look on the fields that are so white already unto harvest. It will cause churches to enlarge the place of their tent. There is not enough space in our present church build-

ings to care for the great increase that is expected during the next few months. More space must be provided. Churches that study this book will begin providing more space if they have not already done so.

Victory will come to churches that observe Preparation Week because people will have their vision lifted. All over the Southern Baptist Convention pastors will be studying this book, planning and praying for success in this enlarged program. Proper vision of our task, our responsibility, and our opportunity will drive us on to completion of the task which our Lord has assigned to us.

Victory will come because during Preparation Week churches will locate the possibilities through a religious census, enlarge their organizations, put at least 100,000 additional officers and teachers to work, and get set for the biggest undertaking in the history of Sunday school work.

Victory is sure because 500,000 of the million will be enrolled in November of this year. Word comes from every direction that pastors are leading their churches in the preparation of this task.

Preparation Week can be used to promote Christian Stewardship Week, October 18-25. Southern Baptists have one program and all departments, agencies, and most churches cooperate in promoting it. Only eternity will reveal the value of observance of Christian Stewardship Week. Every church must participate.

Jesus Christ, our commander and chief, is more concerned in reaching the people than we are, and we are doing his will. Therefore, we can be assured of his help.

Lead on, O King Eternal.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MISS PEARLE JOHNSON

At the West Chowan Association, which met in Harrelsville, a Memorial Service for Miss Pearle Johnson was held.

The service began with Tennyson's poem, "Crossing the Bar," after which the following tribute was given:

"It is very fitting that we pause a few minutes this afternoon to pay tribute to the memory of Miss Pearle Johnson, who, since 1915, was our beloved missionary of the West Chowan Association. A few times during her long period of service in China, she attended the annual associational meetings, and always her presence was a source of joy and inspiration to those of us who were privileged to see and hear her.

"Not only did she endear herself to the Chinese, with whom she worked so long, but, her unselfish, consecrated life won the love and esteem of all our missionaries who labored with her.

"She exemplified in her life and character the qualities which mark a real Christian. Her happy, smiling face always reminded one of the Scripture, 'And they looked unto Him and were radiant.'

"How grieved and anxious we were when we learned of her critical illness.

"Many tangible expressions of love and sympathy were sent by the societies of this association, for which she was most grateful, even writing a few notes of appreciation from her sick bed. Finally on December 1, 1952, this message came from her sister: 'Pearle slipped away early this morning.' Yes, Pearle had slipped away, but only to be re-united with loved ones and scores of

Chinese Christians won to Christ by her untiring efforts.

"It is difficult for all of us to control our emotions as we speak of this great loss to the West Chowan Association, for we shall miss the quietness and calmness of her life. But, from the words of John in Revelation we find comfort. Rev. 13:17.

"May the great Shepherd console the loved ones of Miss Johnson and wipe away their tears in the memory that she fought a great fight to the end of her earthly day and now, free from suffering and pain, she reaps the reward of a clean, unselfish life.

"Would we in the West Chowan Association perpetuate her memory? Then, there is no better way than by giving our whole-hearted support to the cause so dear to her heart, that of making Christ known to the world.

"We believe that in God's garden of roses, Pearle Johnson is among that innumerable throng, still scattering the fragrance of beauty and love which so characterized her life here on earth. To live in the hearts of those we love, is not to die.

"We are grateful to God for the life of this consecrated Christian woman whose influence will live on and on in the lives of those who knew her, for, 'They loved her most, who knew her best.'

"Somewhere back of the sunset,
Where loneliness never lies,
She lives in a land of glory
Mid the blue and gold of the skies.

"Not dead to those who loved her,
But only gone before,

She lives with us in memory,
And will forever more.'"

After solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" a memorial prayer was made by Mrs. Gord Maddrey.

GOOD REVIVAL AT SPARTA

"One of the marks of a real revival writes Pastor Jack W. Byrd of the Sparta Church, 'is that one can experience fruitful results long after the services are concluded. We at Sparta are yet experiencing such wholesome results. Our people are more interested in all the phases of our church work and therefore are more cooperative in every respect. Our Sunday school is continually growing into a bigger and better one. The worship services are being better attended.

Mr. Byrd was referring to revival services held at Sparta April 12-19, with Rev. F. C. Maxwell, pastor of the First Church, as guest minister. Mr. Maxwell's preaching were a blessing to the church. Mr. Byrd says. There were 20 additions to the membership during the meeting, 16 coming on profession of faith and four by letter.

Men's Night during the revival was most successful, with half the church filled with men on this special night. The baptism service was conducted on the final night, and the church was filled to overflowing. Chalice were supplied to take care of the overflow. All in all, it was a memorable week for the Sparta Church.

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