

Dedication

In the past we have dedicated the PMBA Annual to some leader who had died during the year. This year we chose to expand this honor by recognizing one who has given much to GOD's Kingdom Work in this area. It is our privilege to dedicate the 1993 Annual to Irvin Grigg.

James V. Hamblen

C. IRVIN GRIGG, SR.

Christian, churchman, ethicist, businessman, concerned citizen. These characterizations summarize the life and service of Irvin Grigg to his Lord and his church.

Irvin often declares, "I don't really know where I'm from—my father is a Baptist minister." By the time high school graduation came around in 1949, his family was living in Winston-Salem. He began his service with Pilot Mountain Baptist Association during the summers while a student at Wake Forest working with the youth in the association. He was also active with the Christian Service Fellowship during those years.

In his local church, First Baptist of Kernersville, Irvin is a deacon and has served on the Finance Committee, Budget Committee, and Child Development Center Committee. In 1981-82 he provided leadership as Business Manager to Main Street Baptist Church in Kernersville to avert the bank's foreclosure on their property.

Irvin's dedicated service to PMBA through the years has been invaluable in the area of finance. He also served as Clerk for a number of years. He is the immediate past Moderator and Chairman of the Executive Board.

To the larger Baptist family, Irvin has served on the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Baptist Hospital beginning in 1978 and the Board of Directors of Bowman Gray/Baptist Hospital Medical Center beginning in 1979. He was honored in 1991 by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina as the recipient of the Annual Church Growth Award.

In the extended Christian community, Irvin is currently serving on the Board of Directors of East Forsyth Citizens for Human Services and the Shepherd's Center of Kernersville, Inc. He has previously served on the Board of Directors of CONTACT of Winston-Salem.

Irvin has shared his life in the community on the Board of Directors of Kernersville Chamber of Commerce and President in 1976. He was honored in 1985 with the Chamber's most prestigious award, the Community Service Award. He has also served on the Kernersville YMCA Board of Directors.

We honor Irvin as one among us who continues to be interested in and concerned for God's work locally and to the "uttermost part of the earth."

- By Shirley Walker
Member of First Baptist Church, Kernersville
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Irvin Grigg: Baptist, busi



Irvin Grigg at the other end of a camera

Kernersville Rotary Club charter night held at Oak Ridge Academy

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president Donald Nichols. Chapter president Jerry Wells and Col. William Crabbe of Oak Ridge Military

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The evening culminated in

president Donald Nichols.

Chapter president Jerry Wells and Col. William Crabbe of Oak Ridge Military Academy oversaw the two-hour event.

The featured speaker for

agency.

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In his speech, Qubein noted the characteristic which separates effective from ineffect-

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Businessman, photographer

An asset to his community

BY MARK NUNN

Irvin Grigg said "I don't really know where I'm from — my father was a Baptist minister."

But Irvin Grigg has been active in the life of Kernersville since moving here with his family in 1970.

Today Grigg is the vice president of Western Auto and works alongside his wife, Ruth Anne, and son, Carl. They started the business together in 1982.

Grigg began his business career with a Grit paper route as a child. At the urging of his mother, Grigg later took up photography.

He was able to pay his way through college and established a successful photography studio in Wake Forest. Grigg graduated from Wake Forest in 1953 and from the New York Institute of Photography in 1955.

He moved his photography studio to Winston-Salem when the college moved in 1956. From 1956 to 1961 he was an officer and member of the board of directors of the N.C. Professional Photographers Association.

In 1962, Grigg started an Out-of-Doors-Mart, Inc., a recreational vehicle dealership. By 1972, Grigg's RV business was so successful he became president of the Greensboro Recreational Vehicles Association, and member of Airstream, Inc.'s Two Million Dollar Club.

The years from 1972 to 1976 were

busy years for Grigg. Besides membership on the board of directors of Contact, a 24-hour telephone ministry for people needing counseling located in Winston-Salem, Grigg also became increasingly involved in civic life in Kernersville.

From 1972 to 1977 he was a member of the board of directors of the Kernersville Chamber of Commerce. He was president of the Chamber in 1976 and led the Chamber to become a "Governors Award Community."

Grigg was also active as past officer and member of the Kernersville YMCA Board of Directors. During this period Grigg became a deacon of the First Baptist Church in Kernersville.

He also became involved with the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association and is still quite active in that organization.

From 1977 to the present Grigg has served on the board of trustees of N.C. Baptist Hospital. In 1978, he became involved with Bowman Gray School of Medicine and the N.C. Baptist Hospital Medical Center as a member of the board of directors.

In 1985, Grigg became the chairman of the Medical Center Board of Directors of Bowman Gray School of Medicine and N.C. Baptist Hospital.

In 1985 he was awarded the Kernersville Chamber of Commerce's Community Service Award.

Perhaps the most difficult success

Grigg has achieved came during his tenure as business manager of Main Street Baptist Church.

Grigg took on the job of reorganizing the church finances at a time when the church was facing bankruptcy and membership had fallen to 10. Under his leadership, contributions from local churches and businesses were used to work out a deal with creditors and save the church.

Grigg is also heavily involved in the First Baptist Church in Kernersville.

"I'm a member of the church and I'm on the deacon board, finance committee, budget committee and the child development committee," said Grigg.

When asked what he likes about Kernersville, Grigg said, "The people. I like the small town atmosphere but also the fact that they are progressive."

Grigg said if there were one thing he would like to see changed it is the telephone system.

"I think a unified telephone system would be good for the Triad but would be especially good for Kernersville. I think a unified system should be a priority for the Chamber," said Grigg.

As for the future, Grigg expressed the hope that young talent moving into the Kernersville area will provide the business and civic expertise needed to insure further growth and prosperity for the Town.

