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York 1954**Balfour Couple Celebrates 64th Wedding Anniversary**

Oct. 4, 1954 - In a family atmosphere of peace and quietude and devotion, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown observed their 64th wedding anniversary on Sept. 30, at their home on North Fayetteville Street Extension in Asheboro.

Many, many wedding anniversaries have come and gone for this esteemed North Asheboro couple and, therefore, their 64th was celebrated with no special significance, the day having been passed in the usual manner.

The only deviation noticeable was on the following Sunday, Oct. 3, when their twelve children, their adopted child, their grandchildren, their great-grandchildren, and their great great-grandchild quietly gathered for a family dinner with them.

Miss Dora Gertrude Wright and John Russell Haberson Brown were married Sept. 30, 1890 in Greensboro, having traveled from their homes near Central Falls to their wedding site in a two-wheeled cart, which was used as a mode of travel at that time.

At the ages of 81 and 80, Mr. and Mrs. Brown are by no means living in a period of decline and inactivity. Instead they are active, alert and attend regularly the services of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church, a church in which they have long been interested and where Mr. Brown is presently serving as a most loyal caretaker.

Their children are Rev. S. T. Brown, Clarence Brown, Randolph Brown, Lewis Brown, Ernest Brown, Mrs. Gertrude Brown Jordan, Mrs. Eva Brown Pritchard, Mrs. Lovie Brown Hooker, Mrs. Edith Brown Smith, Mrs. Estah Brown Caviness, Mrs. Vera Dee Brown Lovin, Misses Maud and Vestha Brown. One child died in infancy.

A volume could be written about the 64 years this octogenarian couple has spent together.

Much could be said of their early struggles in setting up a household when Mr. Brown worked for wages of forty cents a day and walked the distance from Central Falls to Asheboro twice a day in going back and forth from his home to his place of employment.

Scores of recordings could be made of the problems of raising a large family, the times of poverty, the times of prosperity, the times of sorrow and the times of happiness.

But as they live in the twilight years of their lives together, it seems that a complete summation can be found in the devotion, the regard and the esteem of their twelve children, their adopted child, their grandchildren, their great-grandchildren and their great great-grandchild.

As this couple come down to the end of the pathway, peace and contentment are theirs and the efforts of their lifetime together are rewarded through the enveloping love which surrounded them.

1956**Textile Machine Works Buys Large North Asheboro Tract**

Apr. 2, 1956 - Sixty-six years ago, a post office was established on the railroad about four miles northwest of Asheboro and was officially named Spero, the name being derived from the Latin word, "spiro," meaning hope.

Seemingly, the little village was well named, as it grew to considerable proportions. The passenger train stopped six times a day and besides the post office, there was a school and three stores.

But along came the highway about a mile to the east and with its more modern modes of transportation, the community of Spero moved eastward and became what is now the thriving and industrious North Asheboro.

The train quit stopping, the passenger cars were discontinued, the school was moved, the stores were closed and the once hopeful community of Spero seemingly died and passed out of existence. However, revival came with the locating of the \$2,000,000 finishing plant of Burlington Industries and now, with the purchase of the Underwood property by Textile Machine Company; hope has again entered the heart of Spero. Perhaps the little village may yet fulfill the meaning of this original designation.

Twenty-Two Acres Are Total Sales

Apr. 2, 1956 - S.C. Underwood, resident of the Spero section of the North Asheboro community, has sold his home and approximately sixteen acres of land to the Textile Machine Works of Reading, Pa.

Negotiations for the purchase of this property have been carried on for a considerable length of time between Mr. Underwood and officials of Textile Machine works, but the actual transaction did not take place until Friday.

The details of the sale and the final transfer were handled by a firm of attorneys from Greensboro.

Previously, Mr. Underwood had sold a large tract of land across the highway to Burlington Industries, and this tract later became the site of the huge finishing plant of Burlington Industries.

Mr. Underwood and his wife, the former Maud Bulla, purchased the house and land located near the railroad; from Myda Wimpey forty-two years ago and established a residence.

They reared a family consisting of four sons and three daughters.

Mrs. Underwood passed away slightly over three years ago and since then, Mr. Underwood has continued to live there alone.

Besides Mr. Underwood's tract of land, the company also purchased an adjoining tract, consisting of approximately six acres, from Stanton Poole, a son-in-law of Mr. Underwood. This tract previously belonged to the original Underwood tract.

There is no announcement as to what plans Textile Machine Works has for the Underwood property, however, Mr. Underwood has been asked to vacate the property in thirty days.

Textile Machine Works already has a re-needling plant at 1720 North Fayetteville St. in North Asheboro.

Legless Man Has Built His Own Home

June 14, 1956 - A modest four room house of neat architectural design, constructed with skill and sturdiness, stands in the corner of Moore County, close to the Randolph and Montgomery County lines, as a striking example of the workmanship of a man who lost both legs in a train accident over twenty years ago.

Although Millard Ellis Stutts, of Seagrove, route 2, sustained a near fatal accident on Nov. 17, 1935, he has

through sheer perseverance, grit, determination and a submission to the divine will of God brought himself to the point of living a normal and useful life, even to the extent of building his home almost completely by himself.

Mr. Stutts was reared in the community in which he now resides, the son of the late Presley LeRoy and Annie Jane McKenzie Stutts, and he and his wife, the former Fannie Belle Davis of Glendon, returned to this community in 1939. They had lived in Newport New, Va. for several years, Mr. Stutts having been employed in the shipyards during World War I. They were living in Glendon at the time of the tragic accident.

Seemingly, Mr. Stutts' troubles began to resolve themselves upon the return of he and his wife, their three sons and three daughters to the community in which Mr. and Mrs. Stutts and one of the sons still live, which is one mile from the Dover Baptist church where Mr. and Mrs. Stutts attend regularly and are loyal members.

It was at Dover that Mr. Stutts accepted Christ eleven years ago and he feels that divine help has meant much in enabling him to rehabilitate himself to the tragic circumstance which came into his life and has helped him not only into a way of peace and contentment, but also a normal existence.

Mr. and Mrs. Stutts have been living in their new home for three years, built on a four acre tract of land which was Mr. Stutts's share of the estate of his late parents. At the youthful looking age of 59 years and without too much of a noticeable trace of his handicap, Mr. Stutts' hopes are for the future and now that his house is practically finished, he and his wife are contemplating the addition of two more rooms, planning an excavation for a pond and the construction of two chicken brooder houses.

When asked as to how long it took him to build his house, Mr. Stutts laughingly replied that it took him as long as it took to build the ark. It took him between six and eight months, but he said he just worked on it at odd times. A skilled workman, both as a carpenter and tool repairman he is in much demand throughout the neighborhood and he said he was called away from the construction of his own house to do various jobs for other people.

Mr. Stutts laid the blocks for the foundation, poured the concrete for the front porch, laid the hardwood floors, put up the sheetrock without a visible crack, nailed the shingles on the roof and painted the complete job. In fact, he built the house almost in its entirety accepting a small amount of help in some items of little significance.

Mr. Stutts said that he had a plan for the house to begin with but as the building progressed, the plan merged with Mr. and Mrs. Stutts' own ideas and they ended up with a very trim and compact house of a balanced design, including four rooms, a bath and two porches. The front columns of an unusual lattice design were strictly the planning of Mr. Stutts.

Besides the construction of his house, Mr. Stutts has landscaped the grounds very beautifully, including an orchard and many flowers. The mail box, across the road, is in a very attractive setting, the post on which the box sets being covered with climbing roses. A rose garden graces one side of the spacious lawn while a row of bright colored petunias extend the length of one side of the house. There are a variety of other flowers elsewhere. The house and the grounds present an appearance of utmost care and labor.

After talking with Mr. Stutts for a while, you forget that he is handicapped in any respect. If you remember, it is with a feeling of shame that you might have complained of troubles which were insignificant and of a minor nature.

When you leave Mr. Stutts, you feel that you have been in the presence of a man who has seemingly seen his life come to an end, only to return to a more dedicated and a more useful existence.

Local Man Killed, Four Of His Family Injured

Aug. 6, 1956 - The North Asheboro community was shocked and saddened during the weekend because of the death of William Franklin "Bill" Pugh, 29, of 306 Saunders Drive, who was instantly killed in a head-on automobile collision near Elizabethtown early Saturday morning.

Four other members of the Pugh family suffered serious injuries and are in the Bladen County Hospital at Elizabethtown as a result of the accident which occurred at 7:30 a.m. on highway 87 at the edge of Elizabethtown and in which the driver of the other automobile, Charles Melvin Barton, 24-year-old Negro of Elizabethtown, was also killed.

According to highway patrolmen, the car driven by Barton was traveling at a speed of 80 miles per hour on the wrong side of the road when it collided with the auto driven by Mr. Pugh.

Other occupants of the Pugh car, which was a 1950 Ford, were Mrs. William Franklin Pugh, 26, who sustained a broken leg, a head injury, and cuts and bruises; Larry Pugh, 2 ½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, who sustained a broken leg, cuts and bruises; Mrs. Price Pugh, mother of "Bill" Pugh, who sustained a broken arm and leg, a broken pelvis bone, and some cuts and bruises; Miss Frances Pugh, 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Price Pugh and a sister of "Bill" Pugh, who sustained a broken arm, leg and pelvis bone.

The Pugh family was on their way to Carolina Beach when the accident occurred. They are all residents of the North Asheboro community and reside on Saunders Drive.

Funeral services for Mr. Pugh will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Balfour Baptist church, of which he was a member. Interment will be in the Randolph Memorial Park.

Rev. Herbert P. Miller, church pastor, will be the officiating minister. The body will remain at Pugh Funeral Home until Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock when it will be taken to the late residence at 306 Saunders Drive in the North Asheboro community. The body will remain at the residence until it is taken to the church 30 minutes prior to the funeral service.

Active pallbearers will be Pete Nelson, Tommy Hughes, Wayne Gibson, Hal Bunting, Paul Robbins, and Street Morgan, all employees of Electric Membership Corporation, at which place Mr. Pugh was employed.

Honorary pallbearers will be J. E. Irvine, A. P. Wall, C. M. King, Arvo Tanner, Earl Burris, Alva E. Skeen, R. E. Millikan, Nubie Harris, Robert Wood, Paul Jones, Regiland Samuels, Samuel Hussey, Colon Auman, Paul Chaney, Wade Sanders, David Graves, John Vestal, Calvin White, Andra Stout, Glenn Sanders, David Hunt, Henry Spivey, Walter Brown, Leslie Atkins, S. G. Helms and Roy Millikan.

Surviving relatives include his wife, who was the former Miss Eloise Mayberry, prior to their marriage on Aug. 7, 1952; his son, Larry Pugh; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price

Pugh; one sister, Miss Frances Pugh; and two brothers, Jack Pugh and Paul Pugh, all of the North Asheboro community.

One brother, David Pugh, was killed in action with the U. S. Army during the Korean conflict.

"Bill" Pugh was a native of Randolph County, having been born in Franklinville. However, he had lived in the North Asheboro community since early childhood. He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U. S. Navy for over two years.

The entire North Asheboro community has been stunned over this fatal accident which has come to one of our best known and well liked citizens, and because of the serious injuries which have come to these members of his family. Many are anxiously awaiting the outcome of their injuries.

"Bill" Pugh had a jovial personality which attracted him to those with whom he came in contact and acquired for him a host of friends. The community had watched him grow from a small boy into a most responsible citizen and his tragic passing has brought sorrow and gloom to the people of the North Asheboro community.

Sight in Second Eye Is Gained After Operation

Aug. 16, 1956 – Mr. and Mrs. Grady L. Pugh flew back to North Carolina from the Baltimore Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital at Baltimore, Md., arriving at their North Asheboro home Wednesday, rejoicing in the fact that Mr. Pugh is able to see out of his right eye for the first time in 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh went to Baltimore on July 28 where Mr. Pugh was admitted to the Baltimore clinic for operations on both eyes.

Mr. Pugh suffered the loss of eyesight in his right eye because of an accident 30 years ago. A mechanic by trade, the accident occurred when a piece of steel flew into his eye while working at a lathe.

Recently, he became afflicted with a cataract on his left eye and as a result, he was threatened with the loss of eyesight in both eyes.

Mr. Pugh's physician referred him to Dr. Charles Ilias, an eye surgeon who operates at both the Baltimore Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital and the John Hopkins Hospital. However, a room was not available at John Hopkins and Mr. Pugh was taken to the smaller clinic, which, incidentally was praised highly by the Pughs for its informal hospitality.

The King of Siam had an eye operation at the same clinic last fall and Mrs. Pugh spoke humorously in saying "What is good enough for the King of Siam is good enough for us."

The right eye of Mr. Pugh was operated on first and was so successful that Mr. Pugh is using it to see out of while the left eye is healing from its operation. Mrs. Pugh said that the sight of the right eye was restored to the extent that Mr. Pugh could see the cars going along the highway in front of the Pugh residence, which is located a considerable distance from the road.

Girlhood Chums Complete Nurse Training Together

Aug. 23, 1956 – In 1941, fifteen years ago, two little girls, Yvonne Rich and Delores Hooker, entered the 1st grade at Balfour school together and became inseparable friends. They remained together through elementary school days at Balfour, through high school and graduation at Asheboro

high school and during matriculation days at the N.C. Baptist Hospital School of Nursing at Winston-Salem.

On Sunday, Aug. 19, they completed the final phase of schooling and training together, having on that day received their diplomas from the school of nursing and were qualified as registered nurses.

During their days of training at the Baptist Hospital, both young women were married, Yvonne to Charles Lemons and Delores to Burnia Cox, both young men also being from the North Asheboro community.

In the furtherance of their habit of doing things together, baby sons were recently born, only a few days apart, to Mr. and Mrs. Lemons and to Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Charles Craig to the Lemons and Jeffrey Dean to the Coxes.

Both young women have been honor students through their school days at Balfour, Asheboro high school and the days of training at the Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Lemons was salutatorian of her class at Asheboro high school and Mrs. Cox was numbered among the top students, scholastically of the class. Both have ranked high scholastically and otherwise, at the school of nursing and Mrs. Lemons was elected to the Santa Filomena Honorary Society in recognition of her quality of leadership and superior nursing abilities.

Mrs. Lemons is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Rich, of 1508 Moody St., while Mrs. Cox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hooker, of 301 Balfour Ave.

Attending the commencement exercises, which were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hooker on Sunday evening at 3 o'clock, were Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Rich and daughter, Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hooker and daughter, Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Lemons, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Moody, Mrs. Clarence Smith and daughter, Deborah, Mrs. W. C. Pritchard and daughter, Nettie Alice, Miss Vestha Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Moody and daughter, Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carter and son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cole and son, Candy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rich and daughter, Anita, and Lawrence Wilkes, all of the North Asheboro community, John W. Rich, of Asheboro.

Couple's 50 Years Tied with Love and Devotion

Oct. 4, 1956 – A quiet rural homestead, from which six sturdy sons and five devoted daughters have gone forth, was the scene of a golden wedding anniversary and a huge family celebration on Sunday, Sept. 30, the site being the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caviness on Robbins, route 1, located about one half a mile across the Randolph County line into Moore County.

All of the eleven children, many of the twenty-seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends gathered at the rambling farm home to which Mr. and Mrs. Caviness came nearly fifty years ago to make their start in a one room house and no cleared land.

Much has been accomplished since they began clearing their land with a wooden half shovel stock plow, which had to be sharpened frequently, and planting their crops as a means of livelihood for the eleven sons and daughters who are now spread over Moore, Randolph and Guilford counties, with one in Arlington, Virginia, sons and daughters who are making distinct contributions to the communities in which they reside and are reflecting credit to the parents who sacrificed much to give them a chance in life.

Mrs. Caviness, a Pioneering woman who learned early in life to spin, knit, and weave, worked by her husband's side in preparing their land for cultivation, expressing this participation by saying, "he'd plow and I'd sprout." As the children came along, her industriousness was further manifested in the making of many of the clothes for both the boys and the girls.

Besides engaging in farming, Mr. Caviness has done saw mill work and was a mail carrier on Robbins Star route for eight years.

At the celebration Sunday, a sumptuous picnic luncheon was served buffet style from tables erected on the lawn with a large anniversary cake being cut by the honored couple. Prayer for the occasion was offered by Dr. E. W. Price, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church in Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Caviness received many gifts to commemorate the occasion.

James Alfred Caviness and Annie Florence Ritter were married on June 7, 1906 at the home of the officiating Justice of Peace, "Bud" Maness, the observance of their golden wedding anniversary being moved up in order that their large family might congregate together in their honor.

Mr. Caviness, 69, is the son of the late Terrell and Mary Eliza Kennedy Caviness, of Ritter's Township, Moore County, and he was born about one mile down the road from where he is presently residing, having never lived outside that radius since the time of his birth. His father was married twice, being the parent of sixteen children by both wives.

Mrs. Caviness, 71, was born in Sheffield Township, across the river from where Mr. Caviness was born, the daughter of the late Jack and Sarah Howard Ritter and she was one of eight children. Her grandfather established Howard's Mill which is located in that section.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Caviness were born and reared within one and three quarters of a mile from each other, they did not become acquainted in early life, since they lived on opposite sides of the river and the only way of spanning the stream was on a bateau, manned by oars. It was not until Mrs. Caviness came across the river to live with an aunt, Mrs. Maggie Howard, after the death of her parents, that they came to know each other, an acquaintance which resulted in their marriage and the birth of their eleven children.

The eleven children, in the order of their birth, are Dewey Lee Caviness, of Asheboro, Mrs. Swannie Mae Dunn, of Asheboro, Mrs. Mary Glenna Maness, of Robbins, route 1, Alfred Harris Caviness, of Greensboro, Marvin Terrell Caviness, of Asheboro, Rev. Solomon Howard Caviness of Arlington, Va., William Jennings Caviness, of Greensboro, Robert Quinton Caviness, of Asheboro, Mrs. Elouise Helen Bray and Mrs. Geneva Ellen Brady, twins of Bennett, and Mrs. Annie Lena Leonard, also of Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Caviness are both consistent members of the Beulah Baptist church, which is located near to their home. The work of the church has been a determining factor in the Caviness family and as an expression of regard in this matter, Mrs. Caviness said, "The Lord has been good to us."

The summation of the more than 50 years that Mr. and Mrs. Caviness have spent together is easily revealed not only in their lives but in the lives and character of the sons and daughters, which they have reared to manhood and womanhood. Theirs is a family, knit closely by ties of love,

devotion and the appreciation of the children for what their parents have meant to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Caviness have passed the half century mark of their marriage and have entered into the final years of their lives together that their children are rising up and calling them blessed.

Woman Celebrates 90th Birthday Today 'Goes to Church, Never Worries'

Oct. 25, 1956 – An Asheboro, route 2, woman, who has never worried, who still goes to church regularly and who likes to read so well that she sits up until mid-night, is today, Thursday, observing her 90th birthday, with a bright outlook for the future and seemingly many years ahead for her.

Mrs. Nora Bulla Spencer lives quietly but with a keen interest in her family, her church and her community and in summing up the four score years and ten of her existence, she says "I have always been contented, satisfied with what I had and I didn't worry."

In discussing the loss of her two dogs a week and a half before her birthday, the dogs to which she was greatly attached, she said that although she thought of them, she didn't worry about them. She further added, "I didn't cry, I'm not the crying kind."

The mentally alert woman, who is contentedly living out her years, was born as Nora Ximena Bulla directly following the Civil War period on Oct. 25, 1866, the eldest child of Joseph Chapman and Lydia Henley Bulla. She was one of eight children, four of whom are still living, and the place of her birth was near the home of her grandfather, Dr. Arch Bulla, which is now known as the Dougan place.

Nora often wins the prize for being the oldest member present at the annual reunion of the Bulla, Farlow and Millikan families but this year she was beat out for this prize by her 94 year old uncle, Dr. J. D. Bulla, of Trinity, route 1.

Nora comes from a family of Doctors and this, added to the fact that one of her daughters, Miss Edna Spencer, now deceased, was a nurse, is perhaps the reason why her favorite books revolve around doctors, nurses and hospitals.

Besides her grandfather, Dr. Arch Bulla, a great-uncle was Dr. Alex Bulla, Sr., of Jackson Hill, in Davidson County, her mother's half brother was Dr. Sam Henley, two other uncles were Dr. A. M. Bulla, of Asheboro, route 2, and Dr. J. D. Bulla, of Trinity, and she had three first cousins who were doctors, Dr. A. C. Bulla of Raleigh, Dr. Alex Bulla, Jr., of Jackson Hill and Dr. Arch Dougan of Carmen, Oklahoma.

Getting back to Nora's reading, she is one of the best customers of the Bookmobile of the Randolph Library Association. Whenever the Bookmobile goes to the Tabernacle school, it detours by Nora's home so that she can get her usual supply of books. As mentioned previously, she gets so interested in her reading that she sometimes stays up and reads until midnight.

This love of reading may go back three quarters of a century and more to the time she liked to attend school so much that she remained in the Belvedere school near her home until she was twenty-one years of age. She recalls that she stayed in school so long that she was in a class by herself. However, it was arithmetic that caught her fancy at that time and at the time she quit school she was studying higher analytic arithmetic. Her first schooling was when she was staying in the home of her grandfather, Dr. Bulla, and

she attended the log school house which was situated near to where the Charlotte Methodist church now stands.

Nora was a birthright member of Back Creek Friends church and she attended there until around 45 years ago when she became a member of the Sawyersville Pilgrim Holiness church at which place she remains a loyal member and one of the more consistent members in her attendance. She not only goes to Sunday school and preaching service on Sunday morning but she also attends the evening preaching service and, in addition, she attends revival services at various churches in her own community and elsewhere.

Nora was married around 68 years ago to James Gurney Spencer, who died in 1922. Besides her daughter who is deceased, she has another daughter, Mrs. Nell Spencer Jackson of Asheboro, route 2, and three sons, Carl Spencer of Asheboro, route 3, Fred Spencer of Asheboro, route 2, and Clifford Spencer of Asheboro. She has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Except for a granddaughter staying with her at night, Nora Spencer lives alone on the land to which she came as a child. Nora left her family home on only two different occasions. The first time was when she got married, coming back later to live with and care for her mother. The second time was when the family home in which she was living burned down.

It was on her 80th birthday that Nora came back to the home of her childhood and to the modest little house which had been erected for her, the house in which she is still living in the fullness of her years, contented and satisfied with what she's had.

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Ninety-Year-Old's Face Reflects Toil, Courage

Jan. 10, 1957 – Mrs. Mollie Allred, whose face is lined with the toil of her years, today is celebrating her 90th birthday at the home of her son, Taft Allred, with whom she resides in the North Asheboro community.

Born in Moore County in the impoverishment and want of the reconstruction days following the Civil War, Mollie Allred learned early in life the need for hard work, a practice she has not been able to get out of, even though she could now live in the comfort and comparative ease of the modern conveniences of the 75 acre up-to-date dairy and chicken farm of her son Taft.

In the early days, it was necessary that Mollie Allred boil the dirt from the smoke house floor in order to gain the small amount of salt which had saturated therein, it was also necessary that she start off walking from her home near what is now Robbins to seek employment in the cotton mill at Randleman and it was necessary for her to dip resin for the processing of turpentine but it is not now necessary for her to carry in big loads of wood as her interviewer observed her doing before he left the premises of the Allred residence.

She was born as Mollie Elmira Burns on Jan. 10, 1867, in the Tabernacle community in Moore County, the nearest post-office being Carter's Mill and the nearest town Carthage. She was the youngest of two brothers and three sisters, the other members of her family now being dead. She remembers that as a child she played on what is now the site of the Robbins mill.

Times were hard when she grew up and as a very young girl she worked from sun-up to sun-down, hoeing corn and doing other work in the fields for only twenty-five cents a day.

But at the age of 13, she left the rural homestead in Moore County to get a job in the cotton mill at Randleman. She and her mother and one of her sisters left their home to walk to Randleman for what they believed would be more gainful employment. They walked to Seagrove where they spent the night before walking into Asheboro the next day. They remained overnight in Asheboro, staying at Solomon's Temple, a hotel operated by Mollie's uncle, Sol Burns. Solomon's Temple was located at what was known in later years as the Frank Burns place on North Fayetteville Street.

Mollie, her mother and her sister had planned to walk on to Randleman on the third day of their journey but Uncle Sol came to their rescue and sent them to Randleman in one of his conveyances. They secured jobs in the cotton mill, making forty cents a day, and they remained there until an epidemic hit Randleman and they were persuaded by Uncle Sol to leave and go back to Moore County. He also furnished the transportation for their return trip.

It was after going back to Moore County that Mollie dipped turpentine or rather dipped the resin out of the long leaf pines which had been notched for that purpose and carried it in a bucket to the resin barrels, to be taken to the turpentine distillery for the producing of turpentine.

Another means of livelihood was cooking for the Cagle's Gold Mining Co., which was located near to the place where Mollie and her family lived.

Mollie then married Clark Allred, a native of Randolph County who at the time of their marriage lived on a farm near Samercand. Clark Allred died when their son, Taft, was 16 months old and Mollie was left to make a way for herself and her small son.

She worked in the cotton mills after that and as Taft grew older they farmed on the side. They came to Asheboro in 1926 and then lived for several years in the vicinity of Central Falls. They moved to the North Asheboro community in Aug., 1937, purchasing the Watson Woodburn farm on what is now Tremont Drive Extension.

After moving to the North Asheboro community, Taft married the former Miss Mattie Chriscoe, of Central Falls. They have a seven-year-old- son, Alvin, who is a second grade student at Balfour school.

It is Alvin who has occupied Mollie's time and interest since he was born seven years ago. She has watched over him carefully and the sturdy young lad is not long from her thoughts, she even interrupting the interview of her birth story to inquire as to his whereabouts.

Mollie has quit working in the fields but still persists in working around the house, often carrying in wood and water. It was only recently that she quit sewing, among the results of her needlework being the old fashioned bonnets which she still wears, having one on at the time of her birthday picture.

There will be no more hard times in the life of Mollie Allred as she is living out her days in the love and care of her son, her daughter-in-law and her seven-year-old grandson. The memories of the early days and the later years of struggle are dimming now but the strength and fortitude which carried her through those times is still with her and Mollie Allred is erect, determined and unbowed by

the weight and toil of her 90 years. Our present generation has gained character and our communities are stronger because of the lives of people like Mollie Allred and when she has finished out her time and passed off of the stage of life, something will be gone from our civilization, never to come again.

80-Year-Old Man Follows Methodism For 70 Years

Apr. 4, 1957 – A membership in the Methodist church for over 70 years has been the experience of Artus Bascom Caviness, Sr., a North Asheboro man who observed his 80th birthday on Tuesday, Mar. 25.

The formal birthday celebration for this diminutive, hard working citizen took place on Sunday, Mar. 31, to which members of the family were invited.

Mr. Caviness joined the Methodist church at the age of either 7 or 8, he doesn't remember which, and his name has been on the church rolls since that time. The church has been a part of his life and it was therefore natural and in order that he would meet his wife through the church, as will be told later in this story.

After his conversion, which happened one day while he was alone and hauling rails, he joined the Center Methodist church in Moore County, near to where he was born, and his membership remained there until he moved to North Asheboro in 1926, at which time he affiliated with the First Methodist church until he became a charter member of the newly organized Calvary Methodist church in the North Asheboro community in 1950.

Mr. Caviness was born on Mar. 26, 1877 in Moore County, half way between Carthage and Sanford, in a little community called White Hill. His family was a large one, including 6 boys and 7 girls. He grew up in the White Hill community, settled down there after he was married nearly 55 years ago to Sankie Teague, of the Mt. Olivet church section in the Erect community of Randolph County, and lived there during the birth of their ten children, moving away finally in 1926 when he and his family moved to the North Asheboro community to establish the Asheboro Dairy.

Eight of those ten children were raised to manhood and womanhood, with two dying in infancy. One of the remaining eight, Mrs. Stella Caviness Lemon, died in 1948. The others are Mrs. Ila Caviness Lavinder, of Los Angeles, Calif., Clifford Caviness, of Laurinburg, Mrs. Grace Caviness Millikan, of North Asheboro, Sam Caviness, of North Asheboro, A. B. Caviness, Jr., of North Asheboro, Mrs. Gladys Caviness Gray, of Dayton, Ohio, and Billy Caviness, of North Asheboro.

Mr. Caviness' early schooling was received in a one room log school house which was heated with a large fireplace. The pupils sat on benches made out of slabs and the school term was for three months. However, Mr. Caviness was not satisfied with the education he received at the log school house and he attended a subscription school for two years. Mr. Caviness worked on his father's farm until he was around 21 years of age. He then got his first job selling trees for the J. Van Lindley Nurseries in Greensboro.

It was this job and his church relationship which led to the meeting and the eventual marriage with Mrs. Caviness. While selling the Lindley nursery products in the Erect

community, he attended church services at the Mt. Olivet Methodist church

He observed this young girl standing at the chancel of the church between the Sunday School services and the preaching hour. Mr. Caviness didn't know who she was but the Lord spoke to him, saying, "you've been asking me, well, there she is."

Mr. and Mrs. Caviness operated a store and post office in the White Hill community for many years, working together to provide for themselves and their large family of children. A disastrous fire in 1914 burned their store and all of its belongings, and according to Mr. Caviness they owed more at that time than they were worth, with no insurance on the store building and its merchandise. But the Cavinesses, by the very dint of their persistence, hard work, living meagerly, and raising six cent cotton, paid off their debts and re-established themselves in business.

Active in the three Methodist churches with which he has been affiliated; Mr. Caviness served as Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent and as a steward in the Center church, as a steward in the First Methodist church and as a Sunday School teacher in the Calvary church.

Mr. Caviness said that it was not easy to be a church member back when he first joined the church over 70 years ago. He said that if a person bought or sold on the sabbath day, he would be given a church trial and turned out of the church if he did not repent. He wondered if the rule still held good today how many people Coca-Colas would turn out of the church.

Mr. Caviness retired from the dairy business several years ago. He said he was working 18 hours a day and the Doctor told him he was going to die if he didn't slow down. He may have slowed down but he is still the hardest working man in his community. For the past three years he has been raising strawberries and he also sells apples out of his orchard. He sold 600 quarts of strawberries last year and in the words of Mrs. Caviness, that took "a lot of picking."

Although he has worked all of his life, the years have still been kind to this man who is held in high esteem in his community and by all those who know him. Because his figure is erect, his step is sprightly, there is a twinkle in his eyes and his hair is not grey.

His children respect him, the church in which he has spent his life honors him and there is seemingly yet many more years ahead for him. However, few or many the years until he is summoned home, his life of service to his family, his church and his community have assured him of these welcoming words: Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Victim Buried Beneath Spray of Carnations

Aug. 19, 1957 – In contrast to the manner in which she died, a quiet funeral service was held Saturday for Bernice Hooks, the 26-year-old former North Asheboro woman who reportedly was shot to death by her husband, Robert Paul Hooks, Wednesday night near their home in Greensboro.

Hooks was being held without bond in the Greensboro City Jail for the slaying of his wife with a 22-caliber automatic pistol at the home of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hill, of 126 Eisenhower Drive, and in the presence of

the Hook's 8-year-old daughter, Paula Reid, the 3-year-old son of the couple, was playing in the yard at the time of the shooting.

The Rev. Glenn Gaffney, pastor of South Elm Street Baptist Church, conducted the final rites at Forbis and Murray Funeral Chapel in Greensboro, after which interment was held beneath a spray of pink carnations in Randolph Memorial Park.

Surviving members of Mrs. Hooks' family include her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Highsmith; two brothers, Louvie James and William Cameron Highsmith; and two sisters, Hilda and Virginia Dare Highsmith, all of the Whiteville area. Mrs. Hooks was born in Burgaw.

MODEL FAMILY

People in the North Asheboro community and the residents of the peaceful little street on which the Hooks family lived in Greensboro regarded them as being a model and closely-knit family group. While living in North Asheboro Hooks taught a Sunday school class of small boys at one of the churches and was held in high regard by church officials and by the people of the community.

HOOK'S STORY

However, police said Hooks admitted to have been drinking vodka during the late afternoon and evening before he reportedly pointed the pistol at his wife in the kitchen of the Hall home and said, "you know what I'm going to do, don't you?"

He later claimed that he remembers things before the shooting and after the shooting but says he cannot remember the actual slaying. He pointed out that due to a motorcycle accident in 1948, he himself was declared dead upon arrival at the hospital and was taken to a funeral home. He said that he was taken back to the hospital, where he woke up nine days later. He said that since that time he had suffered with awful headaches.

Pair Nearing A Hundred Visit In North Asheboro

Aug. 29, 1957 – The North Asheboro community and the Sophia area were honored last week and during the weekend by the visits of a 95-year-old man, a former resident, and a 91-year-old woman who was visiting from her home in Marion, Ind.

C.A. (Charlie) Voncannon, who formerly resided in this community, visited in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leffis Shoemaker, at 309 Virginia Ave., and was here for the occasion of the Voncannon reunion Sunday at Charlotte Methodist Church and to greet his son, A. M. Voncannon, of Burlington, Kansas, who was here for a visit.

Mr. Voncannon presently resides at the Methodist Home in Charlotte and on Aug. 10, he observed his 95th birthday.

Another delightful visitor was the 91-year-old Mrs. Linnie Aveline and her daughter, Miss Mildred Aveline, of Marion, Ind. They stayed while in this vicinity at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bulla in Sophia, but also visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Farlow in Sophia, with Miss Kate Bulla in Asheboro, and with other people in this vicinity.

SEEK FAMILY HISTORY

Mrs. Aveline, whose father, the late Daniel Buller (Bulla), left Randolph County in 1836 to turn his eyes westward, and her daughter started coming to Randolph County just before World War II, and they have come back eight times since then in their search for the family history of the Buller (Bulla) family. They feel that their family is associated with

the Bulla family of this section, but as yet have not been able to establish that connection. Incidentally, Daniel Buller left Randolph County walking to Indiana but later, while on the way, he purchased a horse, which enabled him to expedite his journey westward.

ACTIVE AT 95

Mr. Voncannon, whose son, A. M., or Alvis, is 74, is next to the oldest person residing at the Methodist Home. One lady is seven months older, and Mr. Voncannon says that upon the occasion of his 95th birthday she was brought to his room in order to congratulate the "person who was the next oldest to her." However, Mr. Voncannon was quick to point out that she was not active and was unable to get around except in a wheel chair. He prides himself upon the agility he feels at the age of 95.

This highly-respected former North Asheboro man has always been blessed with remarkably good health but in recent weeks has not been quite as active as formerly. Although he has fallen three times, he still complains about being taken upstairs at the home, a place which is "reserved for those who are not sick but yet not able to get around with the more active ones. But he is still able to come and go as he wishes and his mind has not weakened to any extent. It remains keen and his memory is clear and alert. His voice is still strong and vibrant. His legs and knees have been giving him a little trouble.

TESTAMENT 27 TIMES

Mr. Voncannon speaks well of The Methodist Home and says that "it is the nearest place to heaven that he could be." He spends much of his time reading and since being at the home two years ago last Apr., he has read the New Testament and the Psalms through 27 times. He also reads and enjoys The Courier-Tribune and one of his recent birthday gifts was a renewal to the paper from his daughter, Mrs. Shoemaker.

RETIRED AT 80

But getting back to the charming visitor from Indiana, Mrs. Aveline—she is also very active, as is evidenced by the long trip which she makes nearly every year to this section, from which her forebears came. When asked if she and her daughter drove very far without stopping, the answer was that they left Marion at 9 o'clock in the morning on their trip here and that they drove 400 miles before they put up for the night.

A former dressmaker, she said she quit work at the age of 80 years, but that her friends felt with her retirement there was a great waste of talent.

Her hair is snow white and has a silken appearance, her figure is slight but erect, and her voice is clear and strong. She spends her time making hook rugs for her friends and also does work of a heavier nature.

The daughter, a graduate of the Indiana State University, is an English teacher in the Marion city school system. She has received her Master's Degree and has completed most of the work toward her doctorate.

The Avelines were going to High Point Monday to follow another lead in the development of their family tree and if this trip brought nothing to deter their departure, they planned to leave soon afterwards for their home in Marion, Ind., as they wished to avoid the holiday traffic of the Labor Day weekend.

They were warm in their praise for the hospitable people of this section of the state and as far as they knew, they would be back next year.

'I Can't Play Baseball With The Other Boys,' Says Afflicted Lad

Sept. 9, 1957 - In a humble dwelling on the southeastern edge of Randolph County, near the Chatham County line, a courageous 9-year-old boy and his 13-year-old brother await with special significance the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Asheboro next Monday and Tuesday.

Both boys are afflicted with an incurable disease of the blood, which is called hemophilia, and their very survival depends upon the response of those who are able and willing to give blood.

The 9-year-old boy, Donald, whose brave smile tears at your very heartstrings, is not now able to walk and gets about only by grasping the unpainted walls of the four-room residence and sliding along on the floor or pulling from one piece of furniture to another.

TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL

He was able to attend school for only two months last year, and his attendance for the two years since his enrollment at the age of eight has been so poor that he has not been able to complete the first grade. This year, he has not been able to even start.

However, his 13-year-old brother, Paul Wayne Brown, Jr., has not only been able to attend school, but has made his grade every year, despite a consistent recurrence of the dreaded disease and his frequent visit to the hospital. This year, he is a 7th grade student at the Bennett school.

But his attendance at school is contingent upon a condition which he recognizes when he said "I can't play baseball like the other boys."

Both boys were afflicted with the blood disease at birth and doctors attribute it to a hereditary condition. Wayne's condition first became pronounced when he was in an accident at the age of four years. Donald's condition was first noticeable when he cut his lip at the age of nine months. Both boys have bruised places over their bodies, and Donald seems to be especially afflicted in the joints, which accounts for his inability to properly use his limbs. But otherwise, the boys have a healthy appearance, are bright and intelligent-looking, and have an unusually cheerful outlook on life.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wayne Brown, Sr., of Bennett, Route 2, Mrs. Brown is the former Alice Scott, of Coleridge.

Wayne has been a patient at the Chatham County Hospital at Siler City and the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill for so many times that his mother says that she has lost count. Donald has also been at the Siler City hospital and at Duke Hospital twice. Both have received innumerable amounts of blood.

Incidentally, on the day the Bloodmobile next comes to Asheboro, next Monday, Wayne will be taken again to the hospital at Chapel Hill for a check-up. The parents are hoping to take Donald along also for observation by the Chapel Hill doctors.

There are two other children in the family, Nancy Ellen, age 11, and Patsy Jean, age three. They are not afflicted with the disease, and according to medical authorities, the ailment is very rare in the members of the female sex.

The father does not have regular employment, and the livelihood of the family depends upon what he can pick up to do. The boys need blood donors badly but the expense

of frequent trips to hospitals and consultation with doctors have taken their toll and other things are needed also.

STILL LOOKS YOUNG

The mother, who still looks young despite the trials and disappointments of nearly a decade, submits uncomplainingly to the circumstances with which she is surrounded. Although she faces a dim future, she maintains a cheerful outlook and appears unmoved by that which fate has seemingly brought upon her.

But the light which glows and brightens the drabness of the surroundings in that humble abode near the County line is these two brave boys, who in their eagerness to know and to learn, are disregarding the intense pain which they suffer, the lack of entertainment and recreation, and the opportunity to play and to live the normal lives of other boys of their ages.

The Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross has urged that all rally to the aid of these smiling, afflicted lads and all others like them and give of their blood in order that the lads' lives will be sustained, strengthened and nourished for the years to come.

Trio Gives Blood Bank 9 Gallons

Sept. 12, 1957 - Local three gallon blood donors include two men, one a native of Massachusetts and the other a native of New Mexico and one woman who is Randolph-born, according the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

They are John S. Scaro of Franklinville; Joseph Edwards of Thomasville, Route 2, and Mrs. Mary M. Bailey of Asheboro, Route 3.

Mr. Scaro, a native of Boston Mass., is listed as having given three gallons and three pints of blood. However, unofficially, he has given several more pints directly to people who were in the hospital and which were not recorded on the official Red Cross records.

HAS NO IDEA

Mr. Edwards, a native of Las Cruces, New Mexico, is listed as having given three gallons and six pints of blood, but he, too, has given quite a bit of more blood and really has no idea how much he has given in all, as he gave quite frequently while living for nine years in Washington, D. C. His three gallons and six pints includes two pints given in Thomasville and the remainder with the local blood program.

According to the local records, Mrs. Bailey has also given three gallons and six pints and all of this has been through the Randolph Chapter of the Red Cross.

Mr. Scaro, who received the Purple Heart in the Battle of the Bulge, became interested in donating blood while serving with the combat medics in the Army during World War II.

As a member of this outfit, he saw at first-hand the saving of many lives through blood transfusions and he resolved at that time to become a contributor of blood.

It was while on Army maneuvers in this state that he met his wife, the former Virginia Brown of the Franklinville area. They have one daughter, Judith, a fifth grade student at the Franklinville School, and they live in an attractive new brick home on the Greensboro road in Franklinville.

Mr. Edwards also has local connections through his marriage to the former Jacqueline Grimes, who is a former resident of Asheboro. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Grimes, now reside in Thomasville. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards

have three children, Mike, age 16, Douglas, age 10, and Jo Lynn, age nine.

Mr. Edwards is also a veteran of World War II.

Mrs. Bailey who "has always lived in Randolph County, is the wife of William H. (Bill) Bailey, also a Randolph native. Her mother, Mrs. Betty Merritt, lives with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey in their brick home near Uhla.

Both Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Bailey gave basically the same answer when asked as to why they were blood contributors. They said that they wanted to do something to help people and felt that this was the best way in which they could render a service, as they felt that they were not able financially to give as much money to worthy causes as they would like to.

Incidentally, they were assured that they were making a far greater contribution by the giving of their blood than any service they could render through a monetary contribution.

Mr. Scaro is an employee of Klopman Mills, Ramseur plant, and prior to his employment there, he was employed at the Asheboro plant of Klopman Mills and at the Randolph Mills at Franklinville.

Mr. Edwards is a planning engineer at the local plant of the General Electric and has been with the company during the five years they have been located in Asheboro.

Mrs. Bailey is an inspector at the local plant of National Carbon Co., having been with the company for nine years in Aug..

"GROWS ON YOU "

Mr. Scaro and Mr. Edwards were asked as to how they liked this vicinity and North Carolina, especially in comparison to the places from which they came. Mr. Scaro said that he found this section and was always glad to come back to these parts after visiting back home. Mr. Edwards said that this part of the country "grows on you" and that he usually rushed back home from trips to other parts of the country.

Dr. Bulla, 95, Can't Escape His Practice

Sept. 26, 1957 - "They just keep coming," said Dr. J. D. Bulla, of Trinity, Route 1, in speaking of his patients just before the celebration of his 95th birthday and the statement was made just after he had been asked if he had any plans for retiring from a practice of the past 68 years.

In answer to this query, he had said that he could not retire "unless I die or leave home."

The truth of the latter statement was evidenced during the week before he celebrated his 95th birthday, as on one day people came from Burlington, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington, Denton, Asheboro, and Randleman to avail themselves of his services.

RETIRES HIS CAR

As to the continuance or discontinuance of his practice, the only thing new about Dr. Bulla is that on last Saturday he sold his automobile. However, that doesn't indicate even a semi-retirement, as the people come to him at all hours of the day and every day of the week, including Sundays. He keeps no office hours and tells the folks to come anytime. Before his interviewer left the premises on last Sunday morning, a man came down from High Point to get some medicine for his wife who had a cold. Others had come earlier in the morning.

Dr. Bulla was born in Sept., 1862 during the Civil war period and was named for the president of the

Confederacy, Jefferson Davis. He says he doesn't know the day of the month on which he was born and three dates have been listed as to the time of his birth.

The family Bible in the home lists his birth as occurring on Sept. 24 but others have said that it was Sept. 22. However, a family Bible belonging to his parents, Dr. A. C. Bulla and Millicent Rush Bulla, was produced in later years which attested to his birth on Sept. 28. Although he celebrates his birthday on Sept. 24, he is inclined to believe that Sept. 28 is correct, as he says his father "did not put figures down wrong."

But, the actual date of the birth of this patriarch of the medical profession is unimportant. It is his long lifetime of service to the sick and the afflicted that has counted and is still counting as he ministers daily to those who come to him.

HEARD HER SINGING

He was born at the old Bulla homestead in Back Creek township, now occupied by members of the Dougan family, grandchildren of his sister, Margaret Dougan, and located on old highway 64 just west of Asheboro city dam. His wife, the former Mattie McCrary, who died in 1935 and who was a sister of the late D. B. McCrary, lived across Back Creek at what is now the home of Earl Bulla, son of Dr. Bulla, and Dr. Bulla said that he used to hear her singing from his homeplace to hers.

Besides him and his father, there was another doctor in the family, his brother, Dr. A. M. Bulla, who died several years ago at the age of 94 years. A son and also a grandson of his sister, Margaret Dougan, were also doctors in a western state. Only one member of his immediate family has followed him in the medical profession and that is his grandson and namesake, young Jeff Bulla, who is now a student at the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina.

After Dr. Bulla graduated from the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1888 he started practicing with the late Dr. Thomas Winslow in the community in which he now lives. Before attending the school of medicine in Baltimore, he had attended the one-room school house located at the present site of the Charlotte Methodist Church, called Redding's school, and he had also attended the New Hope Academy in New Hope township.

He has never moved from the community in which he established his practice, although he lived at two other places in the community before building his present home in 1892. According to his own humorous statement, he "has moved three times and ain't got nowhere yet."

He believes that he is the oldest practicing physician in the state, both in the years of his age and the length of his practice. He estimates that he has delivered between 5,000 and 6,000 babies during the years of his practice.

He indulges in the smoking of cigars, a habit which he took up during the flu epidemic of World War I, and he says, "I have smoked enough to buy a good plantation."

He has consistently participated in the sport of duck hunting and deer hunting through the years, although he recently quit duck hunting because of the lowering of the limit to four ducks a day, as he said that he had to go too far for that number of ducks. However, he still goes deer hunting, went last year and said "If I feel as good as I do now, I will go this year."

In discussing his physical condition, he said: "If there is anything wrong with me but old age, I don't know it." His

good hearing was commented upon and when asked if he had ever used a hearing aid, he said that he had not and added, "I'm afraid I would hear too good." He further said, "people hear too much."

Dr. Bulla possesses a keen wit, as has probably been noticeable already in the writing of this article, and this wit especially came into prominence during the taking of his picture by the photographer. But all remarks relative to the picture taking will be omitted.

It would be presumptive and superfluous for anyone to attempt to eulogize and praise the life and works of Dr. Jefferson-Davis Bulla. Because his life has stood straight and clear throughout the long years of his existence and the nearly 70 years of his service as a practicing physician. As he has entered the final phase of his climb to the century mark of his life, he remains an inspiration to the people of Randolph County and to the people of this section of the State of North Carolina.

Browns Wed 67 Years; Mortgaged Their Home To Aid Their Church

Sept. 30, 1957 - Sixty-seven years ago today, on Sept. 30 1890, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown, of 1019 N. Fayetteville St., were united in marriage and few if any, couples in this section of the state can surpass this mark.

They lived near Central falls at the time of their marriage, but they went to Greensboro for the wedding ceremony in a two-wheeled cart, which was used as a means of transportation in those days.

The dirt road was unusually muddy for this journey to their wedding site and since they did not start until around noon, they failed to reach their destination on the same day they started. However, the next day, their wedding day, they started back early and got home before night.

LARGE FAMILY

In addition to rearing their own five sons and seven daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Brown also have reared an adopted daughter.

Mr. Brown, who is 84 years of age, is a native of Randolph county, but the 83-year-old Mrs. Brown, the former Dora Gertrude Wright, came to Randolph county with her parents from Indianapolis, Ind., in 1896.

When Mr. and Mrs. Brown returned from their wedding trip to Greensboro, they established a household near Central Falls. However, they have been living at their N. Fayetteville St., address the past 46 years.

Until the past year, Mr. Brown was engaged in active employment at a manufacturing plant in Asheboro, in addition to holding down the position of sexton at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church in North Asheboro. Because of an illness during the past year, he had to quit the work in Asheboro, but he still holds the position at the church.

MORTGAGED HOME

Incidentally, Mr. Brown's interest in the Neighbors Grove Church goes well beyond his assuming of the position of church sexton and was manifested most strongly in 1917, when upon the erection of a new church building, Mr. and Mrs. Brown mortgaged their home as security for the payments on the new building.

WAS BRICK ARBOR

Their loyalty to the Neighbors Grove Church, whether in the position of Sunday School superintendent, choir leader, or church sexton, has meant much to the Neighbors Grove

Church and has greatly assisted in the emergence of the church from a brush arbor of 78 years ago to the commodious brick edifice of today.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been married longer than a lot of people live and the crowning achievement of their years together is perhaps the love, respect, and devotion in which they are held by their 13 children and other members of their family. The family ties run close with "the Browns," as they are commonly referred to by the people of the community, and this speaks well for the 67 years of marriage which Mr. and Mrs. Brown have built together.

Returning Texan Says Money Cannot Buy Joy Of Reunion

Oct. 3, 1957 - An 81-year-old resident of Beaumont, Texas, who left the rocky soil of Back Creek township in Randolph county nearly 56 years ago, has returned to his native Randolph county to visit relatives and to attend the annual reunion of his family.

"No money could buy the joy I get in coming back" was the happy expression of Benjamin Elwood (Bennie) Millikan, who arrived at the home of his brother, Troy W. Millikan, on Sophia, Route 1. He was accompanied by his wife, and they will remain until the annual reunion meeting of the Bulla, Farlow and Millikan families at New Market school before returning to their Beaumont, Texas home.

NOW IS RETIRED

Mr. Millikan retired in 1952 after almost 40 years of service with Gulf States Utilities Co., and Gulf States former parent company, Stone and Webster. He is the son of Azel Millikan and Ann Eliza Spencer Millikan, and he was born July 13, 1876, at the homeplace, at which his brother, Troy W. Millikan, still resides.

The Millikan farm is now fertile, prosperous, and is supporting a large dairy, but Bennie Millikan says it was hard and rocky when he tilled the land and cultivated the soil in the days of his youth before the turn of the century.

This youthful looking octogenarian was recently the subject of a feature article in The Beaumont Texas Journal, which was entitled "Hard Work Keeps Retiree Healthy." The article dealt with the gardening activities of Mr. Millikan, with emphasis on both vegetable and flower gardening.

HAPPIEST IN 2 STATES

Contentment and hard work have kept this Randolph native in good condition, both physical and mental. Mr. Millikan himself says that he is the happiest man in Texas and North Carolina. He and his wife live on the pension from his firm added to their social security payments and they have their flowers, their vegetable gardens, their family, their friends and in the words of Mr. Millikan, "we don't want any more."

Mr. Millikan attended the Plainfield school near the home in which he was reared, attended the Asheboro school for a period and stayed with his cousin, Jim Millikan, who was Clerk of Court of Randolph County, and then went to Guilford College for two terms.

He stayed at home and worked on the farm while his younger twin brothers, Troy and Gurney, attended Guilford College, he taught the Caraway school for half of a term, which was a month and a half, and worked as a general clerk at a store in Naomi Falls, which was at that time a part of Randleman.

McKINLEY INAUGURATION

He has never forgotten an experience during his youth and that was his trip to Washington, D. C., for the inauguration of William McKinley as President of the United States on Mar. 4, 1897. He went with his older brother, Joe Millikan, who was quite a politician and whom Mr. Millikan termed as a "rank Republican." While in Washington, Mr. Millikan remembers that they spent some time in the company of Sheriff Hendricks, who was also from Randolph County, and he says that during the inaugural address he had a seat up near the front and close to President McKinley.

It was just before Christmas in the year 1901 that Mr. Millikan left the home into which he had grown into young manhood to go to Savannah, Ga., to live with his sister, Armanda (Mandy) Millikan Tussey, and to take a job with the Central of Georgia Railway Co., a job which was procured through his brother-in-law, Jake Tussey, also a railroad man. He was started off at the rate of \$50 a month, \$30 more than he had been making, and he said that he had so much money that he "didn't know what to do with it.

After several years with the railroads, he transferred to Southern Electric and Power Co., and he remained with the utilities until his retirement in 1942. However, in 1918 his company sent him to Pensacola, Fla., where he remained until 1925 when he was transferred to Beaumont, Texas.

His wife is from Beaumont and it is there that Bennie Millikan will live out his days and it is there that he will have his final resting place. But a portion of the great heart of this adopted son of Texas remains in the red soil of the land which bore him and it is here that he finds happiness in his return visits

North Asheboro Election Is Set

Oct. 10, 1957 — An election will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30, to decide whether certain territory adjacent to the North Asheboro-central falls Sanitary District shall be annexed to the present district boundaries.

Authorized for the election was contained in a resolution passed by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners in their meeting on Monday and was a result of a previous resolution which had been adopted by the Sanitary District Board of the North Asheboro-Central Falls Sanitary District.

405 SIGNATURES

The action of the Sanitary Board requesting a vote on the proposed annexation was, initiated by a petition signed by 405 residents of the area proposing to be annexed and which was followed by a survey of the territory by Moore, Gardner and Associates, Inc., a local engineering firm.

Two different areas, comprising a combined total of 3,269 acres of land, are included in the territory upon which the vote of annexation will be held. Territory No. 1 lies west and north of the existing sanitary district, while Territory No. 2 lies east and south of the present district line

Registration for the election will open on Friday, Nov. 8, and will last for seven days, excepting Sunday. Mrs. R. B. (Bob) McElhannon, of 421 Sunrise Avenue, has been named the registrar for the election and Tom McElhannon and Arza Millikan have been named the judges for the election.

The election will be held at the club house of the North Asheboro Lion's Club and the hours of registration will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p. m., at the club house on the first Saturday of the registration period and from 9 a.m. on the second Saturday or closing Saturday of the registration

period. For the other days of the registration period, registration will take place at the home of the registrar, Mrs. McElhannon, and will be between the hours of 9 a.m and 5 p. m.

NEW REGISTRATION

A new registration of voters within the territory proposing to be annexed has been ordered by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners and only those within that territory who are duly registered will be allowed to vote in the election.

Notices of the election and of the new registration of voters will be published on Oct. 21 and Oct. 28 prior to the closing of the registration books.

The North Asheboro-Central Falls Sanitary District was created in a resolution which was passed by the North Carolina State Board of Health on Feb. 21, 1940. The first Sanitary District Board, composed of J. R. Hinshaw, Lee Zachary and J. W. Prevost, was named in a resolution which was passed by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners on Mar. 4, 1940. A short while later in the same year an election was held within the district for the issuance of \$75,000 in bonds to pay for the installation of the water mains and to take care of the other expenses which were incurred with the setting up of the Sanitary District.

Members of the present Sanitary District Board are W. M. (Bill) Lovell, chairman, Richard Millikan, secretary, and William (Bill) Hughes, member.

In other action during Monday's session of the Commission, several request for new roads and for road improvements were received. These will, after the board's approval, be forwarded to the State Highway Department for subsequent action.

Requests for new construction, or that the state take over and maintain a present construction, included two in Trinity township, .3 mile from Highway 311 to Randolph Boulevard and 1.25 mile from 311 to Knollwood Road; .7 mile from Highway 311 to dead end in New Market township, and 1,000 feet from Third street to Cox Road in Asheboro township.

The commissioners also heard routine departmental reports and approved normal county operating expenses for the month.

Frequent Recipient Dies Urging Bloodmobile Aim

Nov. 7, 1957 — A long time Liberty resident, who died on Sunday, Oct. 27, was greatly interested in the forthcoming visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Liberty on Monday, Nov. 11, between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p.m.

He was so interested that on the day before he died, he talked with this reporter and Red Cross representative with the idea that perhaps his story would encourage his fellow townsmen to give of their blood in order that the less fortunate might benefit therein.

James Henry McBride, who had lived on the outskirts of Liberty for the past 35 years, was interested because during the past six months he had been in the hospital five different times and according to Red Cross records, he had been given 18 pints of blood.

Mr. McBride was a native of Randolph county and was born in Columbia Township, below Ramseur, and had also lived in the vicinity of Coleridge before moving to the home in which he died just outside of Liberty.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, he observed his 63rd birthday and on the following day, Sunday, his four sons and six daughters, along with other members of the family, joined with their father in a family celebration. As the twilight hour came that evening, after the family celebration had ended and most of the children had gone to their various homes, Mr. McBride died suddenly within the family fellowship and happiness of the day.

Mrs. McBride is the former Ora Haithcox, of near Liberty, and all of the ten children are grown and had left home with the exception of the youngest, 14 year old Jerry, a freshman at Liberty high school. However, another son, Howard, had been staying at home recently because of the illness of his father.

Mr. McBride was employed at the Gregson Chair Co. in Liberty prior to his illness which began in May of this year, at which time he had entered The Randolph Hospital for the removal of his gall bladder.

Since that time he had been back to Randolph Hospital two times and had also been a patient at Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro at two different times.

Besides the gall bladder operation, he had two other operations, in addition to a heart condition and a case of pneumonia.

Mr. McBride had used 18 pints of blood during the six months of this illness. His family and his friends had been generous in helping to replace his blood. But other donors are needed, needed not only to replace the blood which Mr. McBride and people like him have used but to build up a reserve supply for those who may become afflicted in the future.

James Henry McBride died before his voice could be added to those who urge a patronization of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. But the sentiments he expressed on the day before he died speaks clearly and strongly to his friends and fellow townsmen as they prepare for the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile in its visit to Liberty Monday.

Many Strong Rural Churches Found In Northern Section Of Randolph

Nov. 7, 1957 - Beginning at Sophia and bearing to the right of Highway 311, through the Cedar Square community, and turning right at Fairfield in the general direction of Liberty are found some of the strongest rural churches in upper Randolph and the edge of lower Guilford.

Three of the churches are found in the Sophia area, the Marlboro Friends Meeting, the Sophia Congregational Christian church and the Old Union Methodist church.

Marlboro was founded in 1797 and in recent years there has been a great improvement noted in the physical properties of this old church organization. The interior of the church building was completely renovated, with a new carpet on the floor, and only recently a basement annex has been completed with plans for further building on the ground floor. A caretaker lives on the church grounds and no rural cemetery receives more care and attention than the one at Marlboro.

The Sophia Congregational Christian church has moved into a new brick building and this church has just received honorable mention in the annual state grange contest in which the most outstanding rural church in North Carolina is selected. Reports are that the interior of this new church is especially nice.

The Old Union Methodist church is a landmark in that area and in recent years an educational building has been erected alongside of the church.

The Cedar Square Friends Meeting House is located in the prosperous farming community bearing the same name. The new brick church building is situated in a square of beautiful cedar trees, making it one of the prettiest church settings in the county. A glimpse through the basement windows revealed a spacious basement assembly room, with a church kitchen and other modern conveniences.

A little farther up the Cedar Square road and off the road to the right is the Ebenezer Methodist church, which is setting beyond an old church cemetery. The Ebenezer church, with its beautiful stained glass memorial windows has been making extensive improvements to the interior of its old church building and show signs of considerable progress. The Rev. Frank E. Berry is the church pastor and Glenn Steed is the Sunday School Superintendent. The pastor spoke Sunday on the subject: "Have You Been With Jesus?"

As you enter Highway 62, just over into Guilford county, you find the Fairfield Methodist church with an educational building featuring an exterior of unpainted vertical frame construction which blends well with the rural surroundings in which it is located.

Centre Monthly Meeting of Friends, located on Highway 62, half mile east of intersection with Highway 220, just over the Randolph county line into Guilford, recently celebrated the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the meeting. The Centre Meeting House sets on a knoll amidst a scene of natural beauty, with a spacious front lawn and a well kept cemetery. The interior of the Meeting House is a place of worshipful reverence, quietness and dignity.

As the Climax community is approached, you find the Bethlehem Methodist church which is probably one of the largest rural churches in Randolph or Guilford County. It is a huge and magnificent structure which was rebuilt just a few years ago when the previous church building burned down. The church was founded in 1825 and setting on the church grounds is an old tabernacle, a feature of the earlier days.

The tour of churches ended just prior to reaching Liberty with the last church on the list being the Shiloh Methodist church, which appears to be an old church building with a large and seemingly old cemetery to the rear of the church building. However, the Shiloh church is located in a natural setting, a quiet neighborhood and is characteristic of a typical rural church. One thing of special interest about this church was the beautiful carpet which seems to have recently been placed in the main aisle of the church and in the front of the chancel railing.

Crowd Of One Thousand Expected For 'M-Night'

Nov. 21 1957- One thousand members of the Training Union of the Randolph Baptist Association are expected to converge on Asheboro Monday for the "Mobilization "Night meeting in the High School auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Over 200 attended last year, and the goal has been set for the 1,000 mark this year.

The inspirational speaker this year will be Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of First Baptist church in Winston-Salem. Rev. George W. Dowd, pastor of Trinity Baptist church and

newly elected Training Union Director for the Association, will preside over the meeting.

Rev. Herbert P. Miller, Association Moderator will bring greetings, and a welcome to the Asheboro school will be extended by school Superintendent Guy B. Teachey.

In a tournament presentation of Adult Bible Reader's, Young People's speakers, Intermediate Sword Drill and Junior Memory Word, Training Union Leaders who will be in charge include Rev. A. H. Smith, Adult Leader; Boyd Poe, Young People Leader; Miss Lois Groce, Intermediate Leader and Miss Florence Hinson, Junior.

Goals and theme for 1958 will be given by Rev. Crate Jones, and the presentation of the Fleming Bell Award will be made by Rev. Ed Daniel. Rev. R. L. Hughes will make the attendance report and the recognition of churches.

The speaker will be introduced by Rev. Talmadge Smith, and special music will be rendered by Rev. Sammy James. Carl King will serve as chorister for the meeting and Miss Cynthia Pritchard as pianist. Miss Betsy Grimsley is the secretary for the Associational training Union.

Director Mr. Dowd, has asked that all churches within the association send a delegation whether as representatives of organized training unions or not.

Many of the churches are planning "caravans" to the meeting. Registration cards have been printed and distributed to the various churches in order that the attendance count may be expedited at the meeting.

Final Tributes Are Paid Memory Of R. L. Scurlock

Nov. 28, 1957 – From this vicinity eight grandchildren of R. L. Scurlock, a former resident of Randolph county, went to New Bern last Thursday to attend the final rites for their grandfather, who has passed away on Wednesday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. L. F. Williams, of New Bern, Route 4, with whom he resided.

Mr. Scurlock would have been 92 years of age on next Jan. 29.

Mrs. Emery Bulla, of the North Asheboro community, the other daughter of Mr. Scurlock, had been at her father's bedside for a week prior to his death. Mr. Scurlock is also survived by one son, R. T. Scurlock, also of the New Bern area, 12 more grandchildren, 27 great-grand children and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral service was held Thursday afternoon at the Riverdale Methodist Church, where Mr. Scurlock has served as Sunday School superintendent, a teacher in the Sunday School for 30 consecutive years, a member of the board of stewards and in other positions of the church. Interment was in the Williams family cemetery beside his wife, the former Bessie Crotts, who died in 1945.

Both Mr. Scurlock and his wife were natives of Davidson County. However, they had lived in Greensboro, Gaffney, S.C., and Glenola in Randolph County, moving from the latter place to the New Bern vicinity over 40 years ago. But Mr. Scurlock came back often for visits to his daughter and her family in Randolph county and for visits with his relatives in Davidson County. Until this summer, he had spent the past summers in this vicinity.

While in Randolph County, he managed the brickyard at Glenola and held similar positions at Gaffney and at New Bern before his retirement from this work several years ago.

Mr. Scurlock was a loyal member of the Methodist church and attended church services regularly even during his latter years, despite a deafness which prevented him from fully participating in the services. He attended the morning services of his church 10 days before his death and was actually ill at that time, as he collapsed that afternoon with the illness from which he never recovered.

Those from this vicinity attending the final rites were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bulla, Mrs. Scott McGill and Ralph Bulla of North Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bulla and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dawson, of the Spero section, Mrs. David Lewallen, of Asheboro, Route 3 and Mrs. Bessie McPherson, of High Point. Mrs. Bulla returned home with her children following the burial service for her father.

'Citizens' After Long, Hard Road

Dec. 5, 1957 – Four members of the same family, two sisters' the daughter of one and the niece of both, reached the end of a long and often difficult road to American citizenship Tuesday afternoon at the Naturalization ceremony in Middle District Court in Greensboro.

Born of German descent, the two sisters, Mrs. Adel Leibbrandt, of Route 2, Asheboro, and Mrs. Ida Harsch, of 410 Sunrise Ave., North Asheboro, along with Miss Welta Harsch, daughter of Mrs. Ida Harsch, and Miss Toni Harsch, of 656 Vance St., a niece of Mrs. Harsch and Mrs. Leibbrandt, received their papers of citizenship and took the oath of allegiance in the naturalization proceedings on Tuesday.

It will soon be six years ago that the first of the sisters, Mrs. Leibbrandt, arrived in the United States from Unterweizsach, Wuerttemberg, Germany, and came to Asheboro under the sponsorship of Maddux Whitley.

Around six months later, Mrs. Ida Harsch, her daughter, Welta, Toni Harsh and her mother, Mrs. Emma Harsch, a sister, also named Welta, and a brother, Henry, arrived in this country from the same place in Germany. Mrs. Emma Harsch is a sister of Mrs. Ida Harsch and Mrs. Leibbrandt.

Mrs. Ida Harsch and her daughter also came to Asheboro under the sponsorship of Maddux Whitley but Toni, her mother, sister and brother went to Charlotte under the sponsorship of a Methodist and Lutheran church of that city.

However, Mrs. Emma Harsch and her children had not been in Charlotte long until they moved to Asheboro to join their relatives in this vicinity. The eldest daughter of Mrs. Emma Harsch, Welta, is now married and living in Canada but the remainder of the family still reside at their Vance St. home here. Henry is a member of the freshman class at Asheboro High school and recently attained the scholarship honor roll with an average of 96 for the first six weeks of high school work.

Although the Harsches and Mrs. Leibbrandt are of German descent and spoke the German language, they lived in Russia until 1944 when they fled the country with the German Army which had occupied the area in which they lived. Prior to leaving the country, the husbands of Mrs. Leibbrandt, Mrs. Ida Harsch and Mrs. Emma Harsch had been taken prisoners by the Russian government and sent to a Siberian prison camp. Mrs. Leibbrandt learned in Feb. of this year that her husband had died in Apr., 1943, while the husbands of Ida and Emma Harsch are still in Siberia, although not in prison.

Mrs. Leibbrandt worked at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitley upon arriving in this country, but she is now employed by Balfour Hosier Company in North Asheboro. Mrs. Ida Harsch and daughter, Welta and Toni are employed at the Bossong Hosiery Mill and Mrs. Emma Harsch is employed at the Blue Gem Manufacturing Company.

All three families live in modest yet lovely homes, in which the furnishing are attractive and in good taste. All of them attend St. John's Lutheran church and participate in the activities of the church. Welta sings in the church choir and Henry is vice-president of the Luthern League.

Mrs. Leibbrandt, the eldest of the family group, summed up the feelings of the entire group when she said: "it feels good to be a citizen."

Mrs. Leibbrandt, Mrs. Harsh, Welta and Toni have come a long ways, both geographically and otherwise, in their attainment of United States citizenship.

They are deeply appreciative of the honor and the opportunity which has come to them in becoming citizens of the country in which they have found happiness, peace and security.

The responsibility of citizenship they had already assumed but with the oath of allegiance, they acquired the privileges go therewith.

Yuletide For 'Christmas Family' Time For Joy

Dec. 23 - 26, 1957 - At 1006 Sunset Ave., in Asheboro, a five year old girl and her two and one half year old brother hover around a Christmas tree. They curiously speculate as to the contents of the packages underneath the tree, eagerly awaiting the coming of the Christmas morn.

Another member of the household, a nearly six months old brother, is not quite aware of the activities going on around about him. Therefore he does not share the enthusiasm of his older brother and sister.

Beth, Bob and David Warren and their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Neal, have been chosen as the third annual selection of The Courier-Tribune as Randolph County's typical young family at Christmas. Adding this to Santa Claus' comings, the result is high excitement at the parsonage.

Although the Neal family have only lived in Asheboro slightly more than three weeks, their "typicalness" was demonstrated pretty forcibly the first Sunday morning of their residence in Asheboro, when Mr. Neal preached his first sermon as pastor of the First Baptist church.

The family got up to a late breakfast and the children were not feeling up to par because of having succumbed to the influenza which was prevalent at that time. Somehow or other, Bob's glass of milk got upset on the preacher's Sunday morning suit. A dry cleaning job had to be effected at the last minute and the preacher was late for his first morning at the local church.

But, getting back to Christmas, Beth wants a nurse's kit and accompanying outfit, a doll baby and anything else that Santa wants to bring her. She can't wait until Christmas, and asks frequently how many more days until the big day arrives. She has also been made to feel very important by the Christmas cards which have been sent to her.

Bob's requests are few, as all he has asked for is a fire truck, and a jeep. However, the Christmas tree in the front parlor of the Baptist parsonage has a certain attraction for

him and he just can't keep his hands off of it. He also likes very much two Christmas songs, "Jingle Bells" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town".

When his parents were asked what the baby boy, David Warren, wanted, they replied: "he just sleeps through it all."

The minister's wife is the former Betty Leathers, who served for three years as the Executive Secretary of the Roanoke Rapids - Littleton Chapter of the American Red Cross. She didn't seem to have any special requests for Christmas except for the health and happiness of her family. But in joking with her husband, she said that she hadn't been asked as to what she wanted until the interview for this article. Her husband, however, seemed to think that he had asked her previously.

As to what the preacher wants for Christmas, frankly, the excitement and the enthusiasm of the children had carried us away and we forgot to ask him. But the following quote from his Christmas message, as contained in the publication of the church, would perhaps convey his feelings relative to the Christmas season. He said: "This year, when we think about the "sweetest story ever told," wouldn't it be wonderful if we would think of it in terms of helping others rather than selfishly thinking of our gains."

The young 29 year old minister, felt the hand of God upon him in his first year at the University of North Carolina and then transferred to Wake Forest College for his studies for the ministry. He has asked every family in his church to spend some time together Christmas Day in the reading of the scripture and in prayer.

The Neal family will have as guests during the holidays Mrs. Neal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leathers of Roanoke Rapids. It is also expected that sometime during the holidays, the Neals will go to Roanoke Rapids to visit with Mr. Neal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Neal, who also reside in that city.

The Charles E. Neal family is representative of hundreds of typical young families in Asheboro and Randolph county families which not only symbolize the true spirit of the Yuletide season but also reflect the wholesomeness of the family life which has made our country strong and great.

The Courier - Tribune is proud to honor Rev. Charles E. Neal, his wife Betty, and their children, Beth, Bob, and David Warren, and in so doing all typical young families throughout this area will be honored.

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Long Attendance Record To Receive Recognition

Jan. 2, 1958 - On Sunday, the last Sabbath Day of 1957, Charles Whitefield Cranford completed a perfect attendance record of ten years at the Sunday school of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church.

He has been present for Sunday school every Sunday for the past ten years, and during that entire period he has served as the superintendent of the school.

His record is not unusual, considering that he was named for the famed Methodist preacher, George Whitefield, and Mr. Cranford himself says, "I can't remember a time when I didn't go to Sunday school."

Actually, Mr. Cranford's record consists of more than ten years but earlier there was not much emphasis placed on attendance records and the presentation of attendance

certificates and pins. But for the record, Mr. Cranford will receive a ten-year pin next Sunday.

Besides serving as superintendent, Mr. Cranford is a member of the church Board of Trustees, the Board of Stewards and also serves in other capacities at the church. He has served in every phase of church work. In addition to his superintendence during the perfect attendance period, he served as superintendent at two other times and has also taught a Sunday school class during his time as superintendent with the exception of one year.

When asked as the impelling reason for his perfect attendance record of ten years, he said: "I just went." One time he had a sore throat and couldn't speak, but he went anyway and got an assistant to speak for him. The nearest he has come to missing was during the final illness of his father-in-law, who died one Sunday afternoon after Mr. Cranford had attended Sunday school that morning.

Mr. Cranford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Cranford, of Randleman, and has lived in the North Asheboro community since his marriage to the former Miss Edith Bulla on Mar. 26, 1932. He is employed at the Food Line Super Market in Asheboro.

If the members of the Sunday school of the Neighbors Grove Church went to Sunday school some Sunday morning and their genial superintendent was not there to greet them at the front door, they would probably feel that they were in the wrong church. He is loyal, consistent and many members of the Sunday school probably don't remember any other superintendent except him.

Charles Cranford will receive his attendance pin on Sunday and will begin another decade of Sunday school attendance. But the pin will only be a symbol of the faithfulness with which he has served his Sunday school and his church and will be inadequate to express the affection and esteem in which he is held by all of the people who attend the Neighbors Grove church.

One Polio Victim Is Fighting Back After Life Deals Many Hard Blows

Jan. 16, 1958 – A pretty young woman sits in a wheel chair in a two-story frame house on Route 1, Staley, in the northeastern part of Randolph county, a half mile from the Chatham county line and a mile and a half from Alamance county, and wishes she could do something for the current campaign of the Randolph County March of Dimes.

Mrs. Lucy Maie Langley Henderson's interest in the March of Dimes dates back to four years ago last Aug. when poliomyelitis left her without the use of her body, beginning a long, tedious road back to partial recover that has been made through the efforts of the Randolph County Chapter for Infantile Paralysis

Four years and a little over five months have passed since Lucy Henderson was rendered helpless. Years in which there have been pain, months of hospitalization and treatment, and a period of time in which she was separated from her husband and son, yet she faces the future with a calm assurance and a deep gratefulness to the organization which helped her begin life anew.

She said, "if it were not for the March of Dimes, people like me would be left out."

Lucy was living with her husband and 2 ½ year-old son, Terry Lee, on Route 2, Randleman, and was working at Commonwealth Hosiery Mill in Randleman when she was

stricken. Since her illness, the employees of the mill have remembered her with a gift each Christmas; this year, they gave her an electric sewing machine before Christmas and followed that with an electric blanket on Christmas Day.

She left her work one afternoon after about four days with a sore throat, headaches and pain in the lower back. She consulted a physician who thought she had flu, and the next day she admitted to an Asheboro clinic. Two days later she was taken to the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro. Her reflexes were gone by the time she got to the Greensboro hospital, and she only remembers moving one of her legs once after she got there.

Lucy stayed at the Hospital eleven months and two weeks the first time. It was during this period that she became separated from her husband and son and upon her departure from the hospital she went to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Langley, with whom she is now residing. After staying at home about two years, she returned to the Greensboro polio hospital where she remained for nearly eight months more. When she left the second time, it was to go to the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation at Warm Springs, GA.

She was taken to the Georgia institution in an ambulance, and this was a happy time in the life of this polio patient. She enjoyed every minute of her four and one half months stay there, and she said: "I'd like to go back, it was wonderful down there." She was flown back on June 15 last year and has remained at the home of her parents since, with the exception of several checkups at the Greensboro polio hospital.

The industriousness which made Lucy a valued employee of the Commonwealth is still with her and despite the years of pain and hospitalization, she likes to keep busy. She sews and also makes costume jewelry when the finances are available to purchase material with which to work. In fact she said that she would rather work than look at television.

She arises from bed around noon and sits in her wheel chair until she retires at 9 p.m. with the exception of standing on her feet for 45 minutes each day, although, she is still unable to walk. She has partial use of her hands and eats with the aid of feeders, which have been supplied to her by the Randolph County Chapter of Infantile Paralysis.

Credit is given also to the Randolph chapter for paying all of her hospital expenses at Greensboro and Warm Springs, her transportation to Warm Springs and back besides the purchase of her wheel chair, leg braces, hand splints and other equipment.

At this point, she came back again to the March of Dimes and said, "It is a wonderful thing; I can't find words to express myself."

Lucy Henderson is 26 years old and looks even younger. She is composed, speaks well and has the natural pride of a young woman in her appearance. This was noticeable when she asked to be allowed to change her shirt before the photographer made her picture. She was wearing a shirt belonging to her brother at the time of the interviewer's arrival and changed to one of her own for the picture making. A modern dresser, evidently an article of furniture from her own housekeeping days, stands out in the drab surroundings of her parents' home and at one time during the making of the pictures, she asked that one of the pictures be made before this article of furniture.

Life has dealt many blows to this attractive young woman in the recent years but they have come far from knocking her out.

Her husband is not with her; her bright appearing young son, who reached his 7th birthday early this month, is only with her in a little picture upon which she fondly gazes.

But with the strong arm of the Randolph County Chapter of Infantile Paralysis, the national foundation and the Mar. of Dimes supporting her, Lucy Henderson's life still has meaning, and she is determinedly and courageously making the most of it.

Native Returns Home After Absence Of More Than Decade

Jan. 20, 1958 - "I feel like I'm back home," says a prematurely grey haired Baptist minister who has returned to his native Randolph after an absence of more than a decade.

Rev. C. F. (Charles) Laughlin, a native of Cedar Falls, has traveled far and wide from the little river town in which he was born.

He left first to fight with the AF. In France during the first war; years later, in 1951, he swam in both the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific, and he has attended conventions of his denomination in San Francisco, Chicago, Oklahoma City and Miami, Fla. For over 10 years he held pastorates in the counties of Rutherford and Pitt and he married a girl from the neighboring state of South Carolina.

But, through it all, his heart and mind never left his Deep River upbringing, and about the middle of Dec. he brought his wife and part of his children back to this county. Now they are residing on Route 1, Asheboro, just outside town on highway 64.

Mr. Laughlin comes back to Randolph from the Pactolus Baptist in Pitt County where he served for seven years. He has resumed his association with the Randolph Baptist Association and expects to continue his ministry in this vicinity.

Before his pastorate at Pactolus, he served about four years as pastor of the Ellenboro church in Rutherford County. While at Ellenboro, he was a member of the first graduation class of the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

At the time he began his studies at the school; he was serving two Baptist churches in Randolph County, Macedonia and Trinity, and commuting back to his churches on the weekends.

Charles Laughlin did not begin his preaching career in the early years of his life. After his return from France, his career was varied and included two ventures in insurance and a time in the mercantile business, for seven years with the company store of Sapona Manufacturing Company in Cedar Falls.

However, he kept feeling the call to preach and something over 20 years ago, he received a license to preach from the Cedar Falls Methodist church. Soon afterwards, he transferred his church affiliation to Cedar Falls Baptist church and was later called as the pastor of this church. He served the Cedar Falls church until he became the pastor at Macedonia.

Although Charlie Laughlin is thoroughly indoctrinated in the beliefs of the Baptist denomination, it is not unusual that he was licensed in the Methodist church. His grandfather, Rev. A. J. (Jackson) Laughlin, was an old-time Methodist

Circuit Rider and pioneered in the establishment of several Methodist churches in this vicinity.

Mrs. Laughlin is the former Alice Beggs, of Greenville and Anderson, S. C. and they have three married daughters and two sons who live at home.

The daughters are Mrs. Grant R. (Barbara) Murray, of Midwest City, Okla., Mrs. E. H. (Nancy) Bridges, of Macon, Ga., and Mrs. John (Charlene) Davis, of Pactolus. The sons are Johnny, a 15-year-old 10th grade student at Asheboro high school, and Jackie, a 12 year old 6th grade student at Fayetteville Street School.

There is also a foster son Delbert Johnson, who lived at Cedar Falls during the absence of the Laughlins from this county, but is now living again with the family with whom he had been reared.

After two successful and somewhat lengthy pastorates outside Randolph county, Charlie Laughlin is glad to get back home, and his relatives and friends are glad that he has come back. Many of them have already come by to see him and to welcome him back to the place to which he rightfully belongs. He has been enjoying a period of rest and relaxation but soon he will get back in the business to which he was called over 20 years ago, preaching the word of God and leading his fellow man to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Former Resident Comes Home To Help Revival

Feb. 10, 1958 - After five years of meetings with the Jack Shuler evangelistic party in this country Canada and North Ireland, Sam Allred will return this week to the North Asheboro community, where he once resided, to participate in Youth Week revival services at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church.

The lyric tenor soloist, who makes his home on Route 7, Greensboro, between meetings, is a son of Stanley Allred and the late Rosa Thornton Allred, who originally lived in the community south of Country Holiness church between Randleman and Worthville.

A native of Burlington, Sam resided as a small boy in the home of an aunt, Mrs. Maud Allred Culler, who lived at that time in the North Asheboro community.

Although Sam's calling to the ministry has been through song and he is not an ordained minister, he has three brothers who are ministers. The older one, Rev. Paul Allred, is pastor of the Neighbors Grove Church the other two are Rev. William Allred, pastor of Glenwood Wesleyan Methodist church in Easley, S.C., and Rev. James Allred, of Reidsville, pastor of the Reidsville Circuit of the Methodist church.

Another brother, the Rev. George Allred a Lieutenant, Junior Grade, in the Naval Air Corps, died in an airplane crash during World War II.

Sam Allred has actually been singing practically all of his life but did not come to the attention of the public until as a junior at Greensboro high school he won first place in a contest for tenor soloist which was sponsored by the school.

He went farther than that and won also in county and state competition. At that time he began vocal training and has continued his studies throughout his singing career.

Sam serves the Jack Shuler evangelistic party in the same capacity in which Beverly Shea is identified with Billy Graham's evangelistic group. He has accompanied Jack

Shuler on many campaigns in the west, mid-west and other parts of this country, as well as Canada and on one campaign in North Ireland.

He is in much demand as a revival singer and occasionally renders musical concerts in churches and colleges, among which are Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and Wesleyan Methodist College in Central, S. C.

A graduate of Greensboro high school, he attended Guilford College for two years. He is married to the former Becky Scott, a native of Greensboro, and they have two sons and two daughters.

The services at the Neighbors Grove church will begin Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, and will continue through Sunday evening, Feb. 16. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening and speaker for the services is Rev. Harold Rickman, pastor of Broadview Wesleyan Methodist church in Greensboro.

Fifty Years Ago Saloon Keepers Held A Meeting In Greensboro

Mar. 3, 1958 – Fifty years ago today, Feb. 27, 1908, an issue of the Courier reported the formation of a committee by the Anti-Saloon League at the courthouse, a meeting of saloon keepers in Greensboro, a couple of buggy accidents, one of which was fatal, the presence of experts from the Agriculture Department in the combating of cattle ticks and various other items of local interest.

The paper from which these items were gleaned was yellowed and worn and was brought to light by Taft Allred, who lives on Tremont Drive Extension in North Asheboro.

A feature article by Rev. F. H. Wood, D.D., of Trinity, and Mr. Wood's picture centered the front page of the four page publication and was entitled: "Reminiscences from Caraway." A sub-head stated "From Mt. Shepherd Church to Hurley's Tan yard in the 40's and Mr. Wood said in the article, which was the first of a series of articles, "My readers may think that the excursion I ask them to take with me into the ages long since passed is to be a dull and tiresome one."

An article in the left hand corner had as its head "Cattle Quarantine" and told of the work of the government experts in relation to the ravages of the cattle tick. In the right hand corner a meeting of the State Council Jr. O.U.A.M. at Winston-Salem was recorded.

The paper was printed in the year of the last prohibition election in Randolph county, legal liquor having been voted out that year, and the members of the central committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Asheboro consisted of Rev. C.A. Wood, Rev. T. M. Johnson, S. W. Laughlin, C. L. Holton, E. H. Morris, Wiley Ward, E. J. Coltrane, E. Moffitt, J. D. Ross and J. O. Redding.

A smaller item listed under "Condensed News" also told of a meeting of saloon keepers at the Guilford – Benbow Hotel in Greensboro. The article stated that "the object of the meeting could not be learned, but it is believed plans were laid to put up a strong fight in the coming prohibition campaign."

As concerning the buggy accidents, one of the accidents read as follows: "S. P. Washington, a prominent farmer of Stem, was killed in a runaway last Friday. He was thrown from his buggy against a house with such force as to kill him almost instantly." The other incident told of a lady and

her daughter being thrown from a buggy and sustaining injuries.

A front page article of local interest reported a meeting of the executive committee and members of the Asheboro Industrial Association in the office of the president, D. B. McCrary. Purpose of the association was listed as being to promote the industrial literary, moral and religious interest of Asheboro and Randolph County.

Other front page articles told of a meeting of the town commissioners and of their passing of a town ordinance forbidding skating with roller skates on the cement sidewalks, the selling of the Millboro Chair Co., by the receiver, J. A. Spence, the announcement that Hon. W. W. Kitchin, candidate for the nomination for Governor before the next Democratic convention, would speak at the court house, and a report that the employees of the Randleman mills has requested that they be permitted to work only four days a week until the markets improved instead of cutting wages.

An earlier report from the Randleman mills had been to the effect that the operatives had instituted a strike and the origin of the article was to report that an investigation of this rumor had proved it to be erroneous.

Further articles on the front page announced the results of elections at Shiloh and Farmer favoring a special tax for the maintenance of rural graded schools in those districts, the announcement of a fiddler's convention at Farmer at which gold watches and gold coins would be given as prizes, a report of the presentation of the "Old Maids" Convention "by the Daughters of the Confederacy, and an account of a bloody riot by the starving poor in Philadelphia.

The second page contained advertisements by the following magazines. The American, Farmers Weekly News Scimitar and The Apple Specialist. The Courier also had a couple of advertisements on this page, N. P. Cox had an ad, the Asheboro Drug Store and W. A. Underwood in Randleman advertised cough syrup and liver pills, the Columbia Manufacturing Co., in Ramseur announced the close of the ginning season, the Bank of Ramseur gave its financial statement and W. W. Jones, local merchant, had an ad announcing a change of policy in relation to going on a cash basis.

A full page advertisement on the third page by The Courier offered a year's subscription to The Courier, Spare Moments, The Mother's Magazine and Dressmaking at Home, all for \$1.25.

Local columns, proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners and a statement from The Bank of Randolph appeared on the fourth page along with advertisements of Sloan's Liniment, First Class Farm Implements, Foley's Kidney Cure, Wine of Cardul Jno. A. Young Fruit Trees and an Administrator's Notice by Samuel A. Henley on the estate of Mary O. Henley, deceased.

Among the local columns were the Franklinville Locals, Ulah Items, Ramseur Items, Star News, Cool Spring Items, Randleman Items, Farmer Items and Kanoy Items.

The Bank of Ramseur listed directors as being Hugh Parks, Jr., of Franklinville, J. M. Caveness, Coleridge, O. R. Cox, Cedar Falls, E. P. Wharton, Greensboro, W. H. Watkins, Ramseur, E. C. Watkins, Ramseur, H. B. Carter, Ramseur, Bethuel Cox, Ramseur, Route 1, and I. F. Craven, Ramseur. Officers were listed as follows: W. H. Watkins, president; and R. I. Smith, cashier. Total resources were \$79,000/

The report of the condition of The Bank of Randolph was given more in detail and listed total resources as being \$212,671.99. The statement was sworn to by W. J. Armfield, Jr., cashier, and was attested to by directors D. B. McCrary, C. C. McAlister and T. H. Redding, J. D. Ross' name appeared on the statement as the Notary Public.

Commission Proceedings, as listed in The Courier of 50 years ago, are of such unusual interest that they are being printed herewith in full, with same form of writing as shown in the paper.

"The Board of County Commissioners met Feb. 17, 1908. The following accounts were allowed.

County Home

John Delk, flour, \$15.00; S. H. Walker, pork, \$41.04; W. F. McCrary, mdse, \$24.65, McCrary-Redding mdse, \$1.75; J. R. Cornelison, tobacco, \$16.20; John F. Jarrell, mdse, \$2.46.

Road Work

Asheboro Wheelbarrow and Mfg. Co., mdse. \$1.20 C. A. Pugh, lumber \$4.28; H. H. Kennedy, Supt. Road force \$52.00; F. M. Wall, Ass't. Supt. \$30.00; H. C. Royals, guard road force, \$20.00; J. E. Hinshaw, cook road force, \$20.00; Cicero Crouse, driver, \$16.05; C. L. Cranford, lumber, \$4.00; J. I. Walker, corn, \$18.75; H. L. Andrews, work on bridge, \$8.00; J. L. Jackson, fodder, \$2.58; McCrary-Redding, mdse., \$20.00. A. J. Cooper, corn, \$11.25; Asheboro Feed and Grain Co., hay, \$3.26; A. W. fuller, building approach to bridge at Fuller Mills \$200.00; John W. Elder, lumber, \$1.60; W. D. Vickery, smithing, \$8.30; A. M. Presnell, smithing \$7.40; E. T. Langley, lumber, \$5.79; Columbia Mfg. Co., repairing bridge, \$20.00; Z. A. Cranford, timber wheels, \$19.00; Marvin Kearns, corn, \$71.60.

Miscellaneous

S. H. Henley, Supt.

Health, \$16.67.

N. M. Lowe, jailer, \$43.70.

N. M. Lowe, conveying lunatic to Asheboro \$2.00.

R. T. Rush, conveying prisoners from Troy \$6.40.

Herb McGee, wood for court house, \$5.50.

J. B. Slack, conveying John and Harris Newsome to trial RR fare and etc., \$22.08.

J. B. Slack, conveying John and Harris Newsome to jail \$3.00.

McDowell Bros. conveying jurors to county home, \$5.00.

Register of Deeds, abstract listed taxables to State Auditor recording Sheriff settlement and etc. \$53.05.

McCrary-Redding, mdse. Court house and jail, \$2.91.

John Rich work at court house, \$0.55.

T. H. Tysor, holding election, etc. Nov. 1906, \$3.50.

John Rich, janitor and cleaning court house, \$2.25.

S. A. Henley, medical service smallpox, \$57.00.

W. L. Killen, conveying in mate to county home, \$2.00.

A. N Bulla 1 day commissioner and mileage \$2.80.

H. G. Lassiter, 1 day commissioner and mileage, \$3.80.

H. G. Lassiter settling with county treasurer \$2.00.

J. W. Cox, 1 day commissioner and mileage, \$3.90.

C. T. Kimrey, covering Sandy Creek bridge, \$5.00

Register of Deeds, issuing orders, \$18.20.

R. K. Brady, judge of election, \$1.00.

The Courier, printing blanks for road supervisor, \$3.50.

The Courier, publishing tax notices, \$10.75.

T. A. Craven, conveying patient to Morganton, \$15.73.

Everett Waddy Co. records, CSC office, \$10.27

Edwards & Broughton, mdse. CSC office, \$1.65.

L. A. Craven, serving notices in school election \$0.60

The Courier, legal blanks Sheriff's office, \$4.25

C. A. Hayworth, conveying Soots from High Point to Randleman, \$6.51.

S. L. Hayworth, telegrams, etc. Lemuel Pierce, \$0.50

S. L. Hayworth, cutting wood court house, \$1.20

Many Baptist Churches To Join Crusade

Mar. 10, 1958 – On next Sunday morning, Mar. 16, thirty-four of Randolph County's Baptist churches will enter into a Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade which is being sponsored by the Randolph Baptist Association.

Dr. Eugene Poston, pastor of the First Baptist church, Jonesboro, Ga., will serve as director of the crusade and will serve as director of the crusade and will also preach in the revival services at the Trinity Baptist church.

Rev. R. L. Hughes, as chairman of evangelism for the Randolph association, will direct the associational efforts of the simultaneous revivals. He is pastor of Oakhurst Baptist church south of Asheboro.

The designated period for the evangelistic crusade is Mar. 16-30 but the time for revival will vary for some of the churches which have entered the associational crusade.

Planning for the revival campaign began last Sept. with the appointment of a steering committee to conduct the annual crusade.

Members of the committee are as follows: general chairman, Rev. R. L. Hughes; church enlistment, Rev. R. Talmage Smith; finance chairman, James R. Lane; publicity chairman, Ralph L. Bulla; radio chairman, Rev. Herbert P. Miller; fellowship clinic chairman, Rev. Fletcher Ford; special rallies chairman, Rev. B. L. (Bennie) Maness; prayer chairman, Rev. George W. Dowd; attendance chairman, Rev. Ed Daniel; visitation for evangelism chairman Rev. Fred Reece; pack-a-pew nightly chairman, Al Walker; and conservation in evangelism chairman, Dr. Carl English.

After the appointment of the steering committee, a meeting of the committee was held to set the date for the spring revivals and to select a director.

Following this meeting, a clinic on evangelism was held in Jan. at the First Baptist church in Asheboro.

In further preparation for the evangelistic crusade, an evangelistic rally was held last week at the First Baptist church, with Dr. A. Leroy Parker, president of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention, as the inspirational speaker.

On last Friday a prayer chain in behalf of the simultaneous revivals began in the Baptist churches of Randolph County and will continue without interruption until the beginning of the revival period.

Breakfast clinics during the week of the evangelistic crusade have been planned and will be held Mar. 18-21 in the basement of the First Baptist church in Asheboro, beginning each morning of that period at 8 o'clock. Visiting preachers, singers and associational pastors will be present at these breakfast meetings.

The following churches will participate in the simultaneous revival meetings, Balfour, Greystone, Franklinville, Beulah, Gravel Hill, Cool Springs, Maple Springs, Oakhurst,

Caraway, Glenola, Central Falls, Trinity, Russell's Grove, Huldah, Mt. Lebanon, Randleman First, Cedar Falls, Panther Creek, Macedonia, Shady Grove, Ramseur, Red Cross, Archdale, Westfield, Union Grove, White's Memorial, Clear View, Center Cross, Asbury, Deep River, Riverside, Asheboro First, Mt. Pleasant and Sandy Creek.

J. W. Rich Family Has Easter Sunday Reunion

Apr. 10, 1958 - The 17th annual reunion of the John W. Rich family was held Easter Sunday at the home-place near Central Falls, the present residence of Reid Rich.

The day also marked the 76th birthday of Mr. Rich, who is a resident of 917 South Cox street, Asheboro. The family gathering is usually held near to the birthday of Mr. Rich but this year it was held on his actual birth date.

All of the nine children of Mr. Rich, with the exception of one, was present for the family reunion and birthday celebration, along with other relatives and friends.

Rev. B. S. Lyndon, pastor of the neighboring Giles Chapel Methodist church, was present and offered prayer prior to the partaking of the sumptuous meal which was spread during the noon hour.

Among those present from in and around Asheboro and the vicinity of the birthday dinner site were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Rich and son, Mr. and Mrs. James Durham and daughter, Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rich and children, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Rich and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sykes and son, Tony, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Beane and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Moody and daughter, Mrs. Emery Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bulla and daughter, Patsy. Ralph L. Bulla, S. C. Underwood, Hanford Underwood, Rev. and Mrs. B. S. Lyndon and daughter, Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Rich, Miss Peggy Rich, Lawrence Wilkes, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hicks, Miss Delette Hicks, Johnny Moody, Harrison Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rich.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Rich and son, Bobby of Roanoke, Va., Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rich and daughters, Doris and Carol, and Miss Marie Willis, of Holly Hill, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Clay Rich and son, Connie, and Mrs. Andy Rich and son, Curtis, of Goldsboro, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lemmons and children, Nancy, Ruth and Roger, of Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemmons and son Craig, of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rich of Ramseur, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper and son Bobby of Archdale.

Dean Of Ministers Has Noted Definite Revelations In Life

Apr. 17, 1958 - A definite revelation from the voice of God has come at every turn in the life of Rev. R. L. (Bob) Hughes, who on last Tuesday, Apr. 15 observed the 12th anniversary of his pastorate at the Oakhurst Baptist church.

Since the dean of Asheboro pastors left the grocery business at the age of 30 to answer the call to the ministry, there has never been any doubt as to the moves he needed to make.

This was especially revealed at one point in his career when the divine voice spoke to him and said: "If you are not

going to do what I say, you might as well go back into the grocery business. "

It was at that time he was considering the call to the pastorate of the Oakhurst church, then a struggling young organization with a church membership of 10, a Sunday School enrollment of 35 and no place for the minister and his family to live. Worse still, the church did not even own the land on which its small building rested.

The revelation at that time had to be loud and clear to offset the overtures the Rev. Mr. Hughes, just out of college, was receiving from a congregation with a large membership and a parsonage with furnished kitchen equipment. The latter was especially tempting in view of the fact that the Rev. and Mrs. Hughes had no stove and their refrigerator was nearly gone.

But God backed up his call and during the 12 years of the Hughes pastorate, the church has acquired a total of 485 footage of land on the highway on which the church is located, two educational plants have been built, one with a temporary auditorium, a parsonage has been acquired, the Sunday School has an enrollment of 460, with an average attendance of about 300 are on the active list.

The Sunday school has 11 departments in contrast to the one department of 12 years ago. A Training Union, Women's Missionary Society and a Men's Brotherhood and their contingent auxiliaries have been organized and the value of the entire church property is now set at more than \$85,000.

In addition to and during these local improvements, twenty per cent of the budget of the church has been paid into the denominational mission program. The entire church budget this year has been set at \$28.18; there was no budget at the beginning of the pastorate 12 years ago.

Preacher Bob Hughes is a native of Old Fort, N. C., in which place he was a 15 year old news boy at the time of the death of his father. Since he was the eldest in a family of three boys and two girls, the young lad had to assume responsibility for the support of his mother, his brothers and sisters.

In order to provide more income for this added responsibility, he became employed in a barber shop where he shined shoes and did the janitorial service for the shop. He retained this job until just before graduating from high school.

His loyalty to his family has paid dividends in that both of his brothers have served as church deacons, one of them as a Sunday School superintendent, one sister entered full time religious work and the other one became a Sunday School teacher and church clerk.

After finishing high school, the enterprising young man held a succession of responsible jobs with the United States Leather Company, the Carolina Grocery Stores, Inc. the National Biscuit Company and then went into the grocery business for himself at Swannanoa.

After answering the call to the ministry, Mr. Hughes attended Mars Hill College for two years, enrolled at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas where he received a degree in theology and then completed his training at Wake Forest, he served as student pastorate at Youngville.

His family consists of Mrs. Hughes, the former Nan Brasington, a native of Anson county but who was living in Asheville at the time of their marriage and two sons, Robert Lee age 15, and David Neal, age 22.

This pleasant appearing Baptist pastor has been active in denominational circles and in other activities during the 12 years he has been in Asheboro. He served as Moderator of the Randolph Baptist Association for two years and finished out the unexpired term at another time. He is presently chairman of evangelism for the association, a position he has held for two years, and he served for two years on the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

He has served as president of the Asheboro Ministerial Association and as chairman of Bible teaching in the public schools. He also served as vice president of the Allied Church League and was serving in that capacity at the time the league sponsored the voting out of beer and wine in Randolph county.

During his pastorate, five young men from his church have surrendered to the call to preach, one of them is presently engaged in seminary training, three are in college and one is still in high school.

Rev. R. L. (Bob) Hughes has reached many lives during his dozen years in Asheboro and Randolph county. He has wrought many changes in the community south of Asheboro, in which the Oakhurst Baptist church is located. There is a vast difference in the small group of 12 years ago and the great throng who now fill the church where its doors are opened. But, in addition, there are countless hundreds throughout the length and breadth of Randolph county who are glad that the Lord, "made it clear "on the fifteenth day of Apr. twelve years ago.

Central Falls Baptist Church Has Long and Interesting Background

May 1, 1958 – A bad wind storm blew down the southeast side of the Central Falls Baptist church when it was being erected in 1892 and this incident caused people in that area to remark jocularly that "the Baptists could stand water but they could not stand the wind".

This remark has been brought to mind as the congregation of the church prepares for its annual home coming day on Sunday.

The Baptist movement in Central Falls was started by a man by the name of G. L. Merrill. The meetings were held in the beginning in the old school house, the congregation was few in number and the church literature came from the Methodist church.

Mr. Merrill and his small congregation were soon joined by a man from Franklinville by the name of Jimmy Jordan. Mr. Jordan immediately became a powerful influence in the establishment of the new congregation and it was decided to erect a church building.

Jimmy Jordan then went out through the surrounding communities, preaching and raising funds for the erection of the church building. He went to Asheboro, Franklinville, Biscoe, Star and other places and when he couldn't get money, he would take chickens, eggs or anything else which could be converted into money for the proposed building.

A big boost to the building fund was received from Mrs. Delphina York, who gave what was then the large sum of \$100. This was especially significant in view of her being confined to her bed for two years and unable to attend the church services.

The building was started before enough money was raised and the procedure was when Mr. Jordan collected some

money, the carpenters would work and when the money stopped coming in, the carpenters would stop work. Elvin Osborne, who lived at the Ellen Hinshaw place, had the contract to build the church.

The wind storm came along after the framing of the church had been put up and it is understood that the people teased Mr. Jordan considerably about the wind and the water.

In 1893 the building was completed and representatives from the Franklinville Baptist church met with the congregation of the new church to help raise the balance of the money needed for the new building and to dedicate the church building.

This time Mr. Jordan took up a collection from the congregation and when he had received the needed amount he stopped the collection and took his hat in which the money had been placed and laid it in the lap of a little girl in the congregation by the name of Nora Rollins, who later became the wife of Rev. Jeff Lanning, pastor of the church in 1916.

Several years later, it was felt that the church building needed to be braced, so John Allred threaded iron rods and put turn buckles on the rods.

The church remained unpainted for forty years but under the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Cox the building was painted inside and out with the choir floor being raised and curtains placed around the choir, the total improvements costing around \$300. This took place between the years 1933-37

However, a few years ago a magnificent, modern new brick building was erected on another lot and it is in this building that the home coming service will be held on Sunday.

According to the best available records, pastors of the church have been Jimmy Jordan, G. L. Merrill, S. T. Conrad, P. D. Buck, John Pugh, Cudge Eller, John Hopkins, Joe Moore, Ben Clark, Jeff Lanning, Flint Shaw, Will Garner, W. H. Conner, J. A. Cox, J. T. Swinson, Sam Snider, C. M. Floyd, G. F. Settlemire and the present pastor, W. D. Williamson.

Some of the deacons who have served during the years have been George Jarrett, W. C. Chriscoe, T. W. Webster, W. F. Parker, Lester Richardson, O. C. Ivey, G. E. Wallace, G. A. Patterson, Paul Smith, T. Poole and Joe Powell.

Two ministers have been ordained from the church, Rev. J. T. Swinson and Rev. G. E. Wallace.

Present members of the board of deacons are Marshall Lineberry, chairman, Cleveland Kennedy, Claude Poole, Zeb Davis, F. L. Wiles, C. T. Wiles and Fred Eddinger.

Editors Note: Material for this article was furnished by Rev. C. L. Smith, active member and choir leader of Central Falls Baptist church.

New Era Begins In Long History For Neighbors Grove Methodists

May 22, 1958 – A new era in the history of the 79 year old Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church began Tuesday evening, May 20, with the formal opening of a Youth Fellowship Building at the church.

The ceremonies marking the occasion consisted of an open house to members of the church congregation and friends, a covered dish supper and the presentation of a gift to the brick mason pastor of the church Rev. Paul E. Allred who actually did much of the work himself in the construction of the new building.

The erection of the handsome two-storied youth building was brought about with amazing rapidity, despite the cold and rain of the construction months once the idea was initiated during Youth Week services at the church in Feb., 1957. The erection of the youth building was a project which was adopted at that time by the Wesleyan Youth Society of the church, of which Fred Lovin was, and still is, the president.

During these particular Youth Week services, Mr. Lovin appeared before the church trustees and asked for permission to go ahead with the building project. Upon receiving permission he appeared before the entire church and received initial pledges which amounted to more than \$500. This money was used to purchase a 100 by 150 foot lot from J. E. Hill fronting East Strider street directly across from the north side of the Neighbors Grove church.

The building, which was begun in Oct. 1957, was constructed of brick and blocks and has dimensions of 46 by 34 feet. The first floor consists of two rest rooms, a kitchen and dining room, with a combination play area in the dining room. The upstairs area is composed of an assembly room and has a hardwood floor and an acoustical ceiling with flush lights. There is also a storage room on the upper floor. Trusses were used in the roofing of the building.

The upstairs assembly room will be used for young people's meetings, missionary meetings and class parties.

An outside playground is planned at a later date and it is also the intent of the church to landscape the area surrounding the building.

The estimated value of the building has been placed at \$12,000. However, the cost of construction did not reach this amount due to the donated labor and the reduction of the price of materials used in the building. The latter was especially true with the Newton Welding and Engineering Company, who furnished the steel, and the Jordan Tin Shop, who did the heating, guttering and plumbing.

The building committee for the project was composed of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Allred, as chairman, the young people's leader, Mr. Lovin, as secretary, and the following members, McKinley Pritchard, Clegg Pritchard, Frank Bulla, John Rich, Ray Jordan, Mrs. W. C. Pritchard, church treasurer of the building committee.

Mr. Bulla served as brick contractor, Clegg Pritchard was in charge of the carpenter work and McKinley Pritchard and Mr. Rich, comprising the management of the Jordan Tin Shop, were in charge of the heating, guttering and plumbing.

Church and conference trustees concerned with the authorization of the building were L. J. Hill, Charles W. Cranford and Herbert Smith from the local church and Rev. B. H. Phaup, Rev. E. L. Henderson, Rev. Charles Hedgepeth, V. J. Trogdon and W. R. Upton from the conference group.

Those donating free labor in addition to the pastor were Frank Bulla, Clegg Pritchard, McKinley Pritchard, John Rich, Eddie Allred, Herbert Smith, Howard Strider, Albert Myers, Kenneth Bulla, Clarence Smith, Herman Humble, Jacob Newton, Fred Lovin, Ray Jordan, Leroy Cox, Raymond Munn, Carol Cox, Ed Lamb, Tom Lamb, Charlie Pritchard and Norman Cox.

The Neighbors Grove church proper began in a brush arbor in 1879 on a site a short distance northeast of the present location and was called the Piney Wood church. In

1886, the Piney Wood congregation moved to its present location and was renamed the Neighbors Grove church in honor of the late Squire J. A. Neighbors, who donated a tract of land for the construction of its first building, the congregation having worshipped until that time in the brush arbor.

The building of 1886 was replaced by a larger building in 1915, which in turn gave way in 1952 to the modern and commodious brick structure which is serving the Neighbors grove congregation of today. Four years from the date of completion, the mortgage of the new church building was burned and the church building dedicated free from the indebtedness thereon.

With the erection of the Youth Fellowship Building, the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church has again taken a step for the future growth of the church. With the realization that her destiny lies with the young people, the congregation has courageously ventured forth in somewhat the same manner of the congregation of 79 years ago when the Piney Wood church was organized as the first church in the North Asheboro community.

14-Year- Old Hovers, Waiting For End

June 2, 1958 – An humble and tender-hearted boy lives upon a sick-bed at 131 E. Presnell Street, while his heart-broken parents hover nearby and await the end of a young life which has been good and fruitful.

Jimmy Leonard Sprouse, who observed his 14th birthday a week ago today, is afflicted with muscular dystrophy and is completely paralyzed with the exception of his right arm.

He cannot talk, hear, and at times is in an unconscious state, but on last Saturday, still full of love and devotion, he roused himself and with his right arm gathered the members of his family in a loving embrace.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sprouse, say that Jimmy was born with the dreaded disease but that his condition was not fully determined until his present illness began last Christmas. He attended the Fayetteville Street School, as an eighth grade student, until the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays.

Jimmy was ill in the earlier years of his life and had to be given blood at the age of one and a half years. But, although not strong in the years following, it was only at last Christmas that his eyes wouldn't focus and he became unable to talk with a tissue beginning to cover the nerves of his body and rendering him in a helpless state.

He was taken to the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill but was discharged after three weeks with the doctors saying that nothing could be done.

Besides his parents, Jimmy has three sisters and one brother, all of whom are now grown. A younger brother was run over and killed by an automobile at the age of two years. The family came here from Star and Mr. Sprouse is a local taxi driver, working with McGill's Taxi.

Jimmy's parents say that he has always been humble, loving, and tender-hearted, loves animals and flowers. Just recently, he was brought some partridge soup to nourish his weakened body and he refused to eat it saying "if it (the partridge) hadn't been killed it would still be flying."

His condition became worse recently during the absence of his father, who was a patient at the hospital. The boy thought that something had happened to his father and he only became reconciled when the father returned to the home.

His tongue has been paralyzed for two months now but he speaks with the expression of his eyes, the movement of his head and of his right arm. A minister, Rev. Paul E. Allred, of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church, visits him frequently and one day as the minister was leaving, he motioned for him to come back in order that he might grasp the hand of one who had been kind to him.

The life of Jimmy Sprouse has been filled with love and tenderness. His days have been spent with compassion, not only for the people with whom he has associated but for the animals that walk the earth and the birds that fly in the sky. He has loved flowers and everything that was good, beautiful and kind. According to medical authorities, the brief span of his life will soon end—to reappear bright and shining and to live again in the celestial regions above.

Youth Revives Briefly, But Illness Lingers

June 9, 1958 – A beautiful bouquet of white flowers brought 14 year-old Jimmy Sprouse to a brief revival from his paralytic state Saturday but he soon lapsed in the unconscious condition in which he has lain for the greater part of the past few weeks.

Jimmy, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sprouse of 131 E. Presnell street, has been seriously ill since last Christmas with the affliction of a muscular disease which has caused a tissue to cover the nerves of his body and to paralyze his movements. Medical authorities hold out no hope for his recovery.

Since Jimmy's story and picture appeared in last Monday's issue of The Courier-Tribune. Many people have come by to inquire and help.

A playmate at the Fayetteville Street School, who thought Jimmy had moved out of town, came by to renew his acquaintance and to cheer the sick lad. His visit brought Jimmy to one of his rare periods of consciousness.

Jimmy has been a tenderhearted boy who has loved flowers, birds and animals and the arrival of the white chrysanthemums, gladioli and feverfew on Saturday caused him to again come to life and notice what was going on about him.

A minister read his story and came last Friday to pray and to place his hands upon his head and he was seemingly better for a few hours following the minister's visit. He was able to take some milk, the first nourishment he had received since the doctor fed him through his veins on last Wednesday.

A hosiery mill in High Point, where the boy's mother once worked, heard about the plight of the family and sent a nice offering while another offering came from one of the groups at the First Baptist church in Asheboro.

The nurses from the rest home down the street come frequently to assist the mother in the bathing and changing of the sick boy.

The sickness has been long and the family, from which the father drives a taxi on the night shift, is deeply appreciative of the help which is being extended to them.

But Jimmy continues to lie in a weakened state, with his emaciated hands and arms outside of the coverlets, determinedly holding on to his young life despite the overwhelming odds against which he is fighting to survive.

Incurable Disease Claims Life Of 14-Year Old Boy

June 16, 1958 – Multiple sclerosis, for which there is no cure, claimed the life of Jimmy Leonard Sprouse on Thursday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sprouse, at 131 East Presnell Street.

The 14-year-old lad died only a few weeks after Asheboro citizens learned of his affliction through the visits of a Wesleyan Methodist minister, the Rev. Paul E. Allred, to the boy's bedside.

The disease affected the nerves of the boy's body and he was completely paralyzed with the exception of his right arm. He had been unable to speak for two months but was able to make indications by the expression of his eyes, the inclination of his head and the movement of his right arm.

Mr. Allred conducted the final rites Saturday afternoon at the Pugh Funeral Home, with interment following in the Randolph Memorial Park. Carl King and members of his Friendly Four quartet sang for the funeral service.

Besides the parents, one brother, Jack, of the home, and three sisters, Mrs. Doris McGraw and Mrs. Shirley Comer, of the home, and Mrs. Leroy Thompson, of Asheboro, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Sprouse, of Spartanburg, S. C. also survive.

Jimmy, who loved people, animals, flowers and the other beauties of nature, was buried with a pink carnation in the lapel of his burial attire.

The minister spoke of Jimmy as being a person who had "a strong desire to get well and to be like other boys." He also spoke of the kindness and love of the young boy, which had characterized his life.

According to Jimmy's parents, his life had been filled with unusual love, tenderness and a consideration not only for the people with whom he came in contact but for the birds and animals, as he was filled with grief at the killing of a bird or an animal.

His last days were spent not in complaint for his own paralyzed condition but in the comforting of the members of his family in their heartbrokenness at his helplessness and the impending departure.

The flowers which were placed at his bedside and the visits which were made greatly cheered his final days and the coming of a beautiful little girl and her mother, unknown to the members of the family, was especially encouraging to the sick lad who was nearing the land of eternal beauty.

Just Backwoods, But Capable Man

June 23, 1958 - "I'm just a backwoods fellow." Said the old gentleman and his overalled figure and the place in which he lives indicate that is exactly what he is.

But after having talked with him the greater part of three hours you find that he is anything but "backwoods."

Rev. Samuel Snow Nelson, a minister in the Church of the Nazarene, a former missionary to the British West Indies and South America, a writer, a political leader and a philosopher could hardly be termed as belonging to the backwoods.

In 1928, Sam Nelson came close to making political history by being elected to the legislature from Guilford County as a Republican. He received 13,371 votes and only 12 votes separated him from the Democratic candidate after three different sets of election returns had been signed and after 24 hours of counting the ballots.

He lives alone on Route 1, Sophia, in the upper part of Back Creek township, a half of mile from the township line and half of mile across the branch from the place in which he was born on Apr. 1, 1881, the son of Rufus and Sarah Roach Nelson.

The house in which he lives is reached by a narrow woods road and sets in a small clearing, old and unpainted. The general area is dense and thick but the immediate area is cleared and there is a beautiful row of boxwoods.

There is no electricity and plumbing and water is procured from a spring, bountiful and clear, a distance from the house.

The inside of the house, although crowded, cluttered and disarranged, contains several rare old volumes and many antiques of value.

There are stacks and stacks of newspapers in the house and until a year ago, Sam Nelson's column "Hayseed" was carried in 293 newspapers throughout the entire country, including The Courier-Tribune and several of which were located in the state of Oregon.

"Hayseed" was defined by its author as being a person who didn't know anything. Sam Nelson may be hayseed in his appearance and the place in which he lives but otherwise he has a keen authoritative knowledge of most any matter under discussion. For instance, the interview was interrupted before it hardly got underway by a man who came to seek legal advice before going into the Greensboro courts.

Sam Nelson was born on Apr. Fool's Day during a snow storm which was shoe top deep and that accounts for the middle portion of his name. He was raised on a farm and went to a free school at Marlboro for three months. It was in a building owned by the Marlboro Friends Meeting, with the county paying the Quakers for the rent of the building. He also went to the school at Asheboro for a brief period and from there to Guilford College for a full year and the beginning of another year.

Upon quitting college he began preaching with an independent group and soon thereafter went to the British West Indies and South America as a missionary and worker in evangelism. He was gone for two years, one year of which was spent on the Isthmus of Panama that he became acquainted with Col. Gorgas, the man who was first successful in combating yellow fever.

One of many experiences in the life of Sam Nelson occurred during his stay in Panama and that within itself would constitute a full size story. However we shall only mention briefly that his interest in the evangelism of a group of Indians and the resulting efforts of a British missionary brought upon them the protest of the Catholic Church and the intervention of the Panamanian government. A small shooting revolution started and an American gunboat with both the American and British Ambassadors aboard was sent out to quell the disturbance.

When he returned to this country from Panama, he enrolled again at Guilford College and remained there until he was awarded his degree.

Asked if he was bitter over being counted out of the election to the legislature in Guilford County, He said he was not sore but did not like the efforts of some members of his own party in maneuvering him out of the office to which he feels that he was rightfully elected.

It was during the year in which Al Smith and Herbert Hoover were running for the presidency and Sam says that

he conducted a good lively campaign, speaking every where they would let him. When asked if he had a platform, he said, "I didn't run on my looks." Needless to say, the year being the one it was, the religious question and the prohibition issues both figured in the campaign of the Nazarene preacher in Guilford County.

Assuming that Sam was actually elected to the legislature and later counted out, he was asked if he thought that he went in with the Hoover landslide. The answer was quick and to the point, "no, I slid Hoover in."

Sam was pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Greensboro for many years and it is in Guilford County that his wife and three children still reside. He spoke of having "three fine children, Shelton, a post office employee, Elbert Lewis a employee of the Greensboro News-Record, and Mrs. Raeford Thompson, wife of a part time Nazarene minister and an equipment supply man. There are also 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Besides Guilford County, he has served churches in the counties of Randolph, Forsyth, Stanley and Rowan. He still retains his credentials with the Nazarene church.

There was also a time when he ran a printing plant, with two linotype machines and a cylinder press.

He is not writing as much as he did a year ago and said that his column was only running in about 50 papers now. For the past year his health has not been quite as good as usual, although he is still a very active man. He was asked as to how he spent his time and the reply was "sleep, eat and talk when I get anybody to talk to." In response to the inquiry as to whether many people came to see him, he said "they did until I built my picnic table."

The Reverend Samuel Snow Nelson has reached the age of 77 years and his step is a little slower, his shoulders slightly more stooped and occasionally there is a break in his usually resonant voice. But he is still vibrantly alive and keenly alert to all that goes on about him. Dullness and boredom have had no part in the life of this venerable minister and philosopher but instead he has lived challengingly and in full enjoyment of the years which have been given to him.

Happy, Contented On 80th Birthday

June 26, 1958 — Mrs. L. C. York, a happy and contented woman and a faithful church member, will observe her 80th birthday on Friday, June 27 at her home on Route 2, Ramseur. She has been a lifelong resident of Randolph County.

She was born as Flossie Teague Pearce on June 27, 1878, two miles east of Erect in a section between the river and the Mt. Olivet Methodist church, the daughter of Calvin Windsor and Lucy Teague Pearce.

Today she lives with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight York, in the community to which she came as a bride nearly 58 years ago and in which community she is a most consistent member of the Kildee Pilgrim Holiness church. Her husband died several years ago.

Mrs. York's father died when she was 14 years of age and three years later the family, consisting of her mother, her sister and two brothers, moved to Ramseur in order that the 17 year old girl could obtain employment at the Columbia Manufacturing Co., this being during the days of the Cleveland panic.

Prior to this the young girl had lived with her family at the farm home where she was born and she had attended

briefly Trogdon's school which only ran for two months out of the year. However, she received much of her early training from her mother, whom Mrs. York remembers as having many scholarly attributes.

After working in the mill for five years. Flossie Teague Pearce was married to Luther Caviness York on July 22, 1900 and immediately the young couple moved to the home of the bridegroom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Enos L. York, in the community in which Mrs. York still resides.

They were married in an early Sunday morning ceremony by Justice of the Peace Taylor Turner at the home of the bride's mother and before going to the bridegroom's home for the wedding dinner they attended morning church services at the Rehobeth Methodist church in the community in which they were going to live.

It was the young bride's first visit to the home of her husband's people and members of his family had gathered for the wedding dinner. She was asked if she was nervous and she replied with hesitation "would you be?"

The couple lived with the elder Yorks until their own home on the adjoining farm was completed in less than a year. They lived there for 13 years when the ever increasing family caused them to move to a larger place on the other side of Mr. York's parents and it is in this place that Mrs. York, her son and daughter-in-law are still living.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. York, eight of whom are still living. They are R. P. York and E. L. York, of High Point, Mrs. Fred (Fannie) Hurley, of Jacksonville, Fla., Guy York, of North Asheboro, Mrs. J. N. (Lucy) Currie, of West End, Dwight, of the home, Mrs. Fred (Hettie) Jenkins, of Central Falls, and Mrs. J. D. (Laverna) Andrews, of Siler City. One daughter, Florence Eva died at the age of 13 and there are 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. York was converted at the age of 14 years in a revival meeting at Mt. Olivet church and united with the Ramseur Baptist church soon after moving to Ramseur three years later. She remained a member of the Ramseur church until she and her husband joined the Parks Cross Roads Christian church where they remained for several years before transferring to the Kildee Pilgrim Holiness church.

Mrs. York has been a member of the Kildee church for approximately 45 years and in age is the oldest member of the church and in years of membership is next to the eldest. She doesn't miss a church service unless she is away and the services include Sunday school, morning preaching service and mid-week prayer services.

Her health is good, her hair is not grey and she only needs glasses to read close-up. She enjoys meeting people, likes to visit and to go places, even though her son Dwight jokingly told her that "she was too old to run around." She spent five weeks last winter with her daughter in Florida. She is pleasant, even tempered and says "if I get old and grouchy, I want the good Lord to take me on."

Flossie Teague Pearce York's 80 years have fallen lightly on her and indications are that she will have many more. We salute her as a remarkable woman, and upright church member and a fine citizen of eastern Randolph county.

Community Resident Takes Life Easy After Retiring

July 3, 2958 - Arthur I. Sanders a resident of the North Asheboro community for the past 27 years, retired Monday, June 30, from the North Carolina State Highway and Public

Works Commission, lacking only two days of having been employed with them for 15 years.

A district mechanic at the time of his retirement, he had served for 15 years in this position. He began working with the highway department on July 2, 1943 as a mechanic at the field shop in this county and two years later was given the position of district mechanic.

Prior to going to the highway department, he had worked for 22 and one-half years as a mechanic with the local agency of the Ford Motor Company.

A short while before his retirement, Mr. Sanders and his wife were honored at a dinner meeting of the equipment employees of the highway department at a local restaurant, at which time Mr. Sanders, a perennial cigar smoker, was given a box of cigars and he and Mrs. Sanders together were presented with an electric blanket.

In his position as a district mechanic, Mr. Sanders was in charge of the field shops in the counties of Randolph, Montgomery and Richmond. Before the change in the highway setup, he was in charge of the shops in the counties of Randolph and Davidson.

Mr. Sanders visited each of the shops in his counties each day and with the various trips to Raleigh and other places for parts and other equipment, he estimates that he traveled a half million miles during the years he spent with the highway department.

He never had an accident during the time he traveled for the garages in his counties and only recently he was awarded a beautiful 10 year safety pin at a district safety meeting held in Asheboro.

An accident while hunting last Dec. brought about the semi-retirement of Mr. Sanders before the formal severance of his employment at the end of June. However he had enough sick leave accumulated at the time of his accident to maintain his status up until the time of actual retirement. But Mr. Sanders reached his 65th birthday last Nov. and in accordance with highway policy, he was at that time placed in a mandatory retirement status.

He was born in New Hope Township, Randolph County, two miles below what was then the New Hope Academy, the son of Harris Sanders and Jane Cranford Sanders. He worked in a machine shop in Badin before entering the Army in World War I and serving overseas. He helped to break the Hindenburg Line and was wounded twice in combat.

After the war, Mr. Sanders worked as assistant superintendent of the chain gang in Stanley county and as a mechanic in Monk's Corner, S.C. before coming to Asheboro in 1920 to affiliate himself as a mechanic with the Ford Motor Company which was operated at that time by the late Sheriff Steve Hayworth. After Sheriff Hayworth, the Ford agency was operated in succession by Fred Page, Frank Auman and Earl Vestal together and finally by Mr. Vestal alone, with Mr. Sanders remaining with the Ford place for 23 and one half years before changing over to the highway department.

Mrs. Sanders is the former Picola Loftin, a native of Denton, and they have three sons, Arthur, Jr., Leon and Bill, and two granddaughters, children of Leon. One son James, was killed in an automobile accident several years ago.

Mr. Sanders was asked: What are you going to do now? The reply was short and to the point—"nothing." But he has worked too hard all of his life for his family and friends to

actually believe the latter statement. In fact, he has recently purchased a small tract of land near the Hopewell Friends church and it is expected that he might spend some time in the development of this piece of land.

But whether he works any more or not, Arthur Sanders has earned his rest as a hard working employee of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and of his employers and his country before he started working for the highway department. He is entitled to recline in the cool shade of the lovely surroundings of the back lawn of his North Asheboro home. His neighbors, friends and acquaintances need only to say good luck and best wishes to an honest, upright hard working and useful citizen of his community, the county and the highway district which he served loyally for 15 years.

Many Make Pilgrimage To Old Family Home site

July 3, 1958 – A pilgrimage to the home of their great-great grandparents was made recently by a group of North Asheboro people and other relatives from out of the community.

The site was the 200 year-old Brookshire place, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hill, on Route 3, Asheboro, and those making the trip were Mrs. Ida Hussey, Lillie, Lena and Annie Burns, of this community, Mr. and Mrs. Coss Brown, of Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Morton of Troy.

The Brookshire place was the residence of Ben and Polly Brookshire, great-great grandparents of Mrs. Hussey, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Morton, Lillie, Lena and Annie Burns. Their grandmother, Lou Haley Williams, who spent most of her life in this community, grew up at the old Brookshire place and during her lifetime had told her granddaughters much about the historic old house. However, none of them had ever visited the place until recently except Mrs. Hussey and Lillie Burns, who had gone there over 60 years ago.

Sally Brookshire, one of the daughters of Ben and Polly Brookshire, married Wm. Haley, a man from Texas, and he took her back to his home state to live. Lou Haley Williams, grandmother of the Burns girls, was one of the children born to this union in the state of Texas.

But Sally Brookshire Haley died in Texas and before her death made her husband promise that he would bring her children back to the home of her parents, Ben and Polly Brookshire, in order that they would be reared in the home of her childhood. They came in a sailboat around the Gulf of Mexico and disembarked at the port of Charleston, S. C. It is said that they were on the water six weeks.

So, Lou Haley Williams grew up at the old Brookshire place and in later years regaled her granddaughters with many stories concerning the place in which she spent her earlier years. Lou Haley married Henry Williams of this vicinity where she spent her entire married life and lived to a ripe old age and where upon her death was buried in the cemetery of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church.

Getting back to the old Brookshire place, its owner, Ben Brookshire was a school teacher and according to legend taught school by day and built the house at night, with his wife, Polly holding a lantern, for which to give him light for the construction of the building. At one time the Brookshire place comprised a total of 1,800 acres of land.

North Asheboro Woman Author Of New Volume

July 7, 1958 – In a concrete block house, down the railroad tracks directly north of the Spero community, lives a 54-year-old grandmother whose book "A Constitution for the Brotherhood of Man" has recently been released by the Greenwich Book Publishers of New York City.

Written in "an ardent desire to see poverty and unkindness wiped from the face of the earth permanently," the author, Anna Gregson Loutrel, feels that The United Communities Bill, introduced in the United States Senate in 1933, would still today rid the world of some of the evils which beset it.

Asked if she thought the plan of an internationally-sponsored cooperative would be practical in the world in which we live, she said that it would be if the United States and the United Nations were back of it. She also said in reference to a radio commentator's recent statement that six out of ten people in the world are hungry, that "something is wrong somewhere."

In Sept., 1924, Anna Gregson became a part of the Liano Cooperative Colony in Vernon Parish, Louisiana, where she worked, married and lived for about eleven years. The United Communities Bill was based on the organization and operation of this cooperative group in Louisiana.

Anna Gregson Loutrel was born Aug. 4, 1903, in a house which stood at 271 North Fayetteville Street in Asheboro, next door to the present location of the Farlow Funeral Home.

Her parents were Walter James Gregson and Juliet Redding Gregson and her mother died before she reached the age of three. Her paternal grandparents were Rev. Amos Gregson, a Methodist minister, and Martitia Dicks Gregson and it was in their care that her father left her a year after her mother's death when he went to Panama to serve as a timekeeper in the building of the canal.

The grandparents took Anna to Rock Hill, S. C. to stay with relatives there during her father's absence in Panama while her elder sister, Sarah, who later married James Rollins, of Central Falls, was taken to stay with relatives in Siler City.

When Mr. Gregson returned from Panama in 1909, he brought together once again the grandparents, Anna and her sister and took them to the new home which he was building in the Spero community, the place at which Mrs. Loutrel is living today.

The house was constructed of cement blocks which Mr. Gregson made himself at the construction site, the floors are of concrete and for beams to support the ceiling, the ingenious Mr. Gregson used railroad rails covered with a framework of ribs, upon which he poured over two and one quarter inches of concrete. To further emphasize the fire-proofing of the dwelling, he used tin covered walls in the partition of the various rooms.

Anna's grandmother died when she was twelve years of age and it was during this sorrowing experience that the first of the psychic revelations came to her which was to later cause her to hope, dream and plan for a better way of living for the United States and the world.

However, life went on for the young girl and in her senior year at Asheboro high school she was a member of the debating team and at commencement exercises she was awarded a medal for being the best individual speaker on the team. Other members of the team were Kate Spoon

Baker, the Attorney T. A. Burns and William (Red) Underwood.

After a scholastic year and one summer school at woman's College in Greensboro, Anna Gregson returned to teach in the small two-teacher school at Spero, a short distance from the concrete block home in which she lived. While teaching that year at Spero, the young teacher heard of the Lisno Co-operative Colony in Newlano, Vernon Parish, La. And thought surely this was the place where in an early revelation she had visualized a beautiful city with only desirable homes, lovely grounds, bright factories and a happy people who were kind to and considerate of each other.

So, in the fall of 1924, Anna Gregson joined the cooperative effort of the people of Liano Colony and it was there on Nov. 26, 1925, that she was married to Homer Loutrel, an electrician at the colony.

Besides teaching in the colony school, she also worked as a linotype operator in the print shop and at various times worked in the community kitchen, cannery, laundry, kindergarten and in other places, in addition to serving as a member of the colony board of directors. It was also during her residence at the colony that her two older daughters, Dorothy and Ruth were born.

Two more daughters, Helen and Judy, were born after the Loutrels came to North Carolina in the spring of 1935 and to the concrete block house in which Mrs. Loutrel grew up near the railroad tracks north of Spero.

The three older daughters have graduated from Asheboro high school and have married, Dorothy to James A. Luther, Ruth to Charles E. Summey, and Helen, a student at East Carolina College, to Marcus J. McClanahan, and so far there are five grandchildren. The younger daughter Judy, is a rising sophomore at Asheboro high school.

A legal question of the property rights of the cooperative colony arose after the Loutrels left the colony in 1935 and soon thereafter the colony disbanded.

Adjustment to the way of living outside of the colony has not been easy but the Loutrels have maintained their equilibrium and have proven themselves to be hardworking, substantial citizens. They have operated a radio and television repair shop in Asheboro for several years.

After having been baptized in early childhood by her parents in the Universalist faith and later by her grandparents in the Methodist faith, Mrs. Loutrel remained out of a formal church organization until recently she returned to the church of her minister grandfather, Amos Gregson, and became a member of the Calvary Methodist church. She has also been active in the work of the Balfour P.T.A., having served as secretary, vice president and president of that organization.

Anna and her husband are partially retired now from the radio and television repair shop and after spending more time in the restful surroundings of their 83 acres in the Spero community. In addition to the apple and peach trees which abound on their spacious lawn, they have recently planted a small vineyard to supplement the varieties of fruit which they are producing.

A constitution for the Brotherhood Of Man was first written in June, 1949, and at the time of its acceptance for publication last year this inscription was written as a part of the foreword: "In fond memory of my father, Walter James Gregson, who died on Dec. 31, 1953, at the Clapps Rest Home in Pleasant Garden, N. C., I lovingly dedicate this to

my grandsons, James David Luther and Charles Edward Summey, II and my granddaughters, Linda Kathryn and Patricia Lee Summey, and Diedra Ann Luther, and any other grandchildren who may follow, who I hope will grow up in a world where there is economic security, mental freedom and social happiness."

The failure of the Liano Colony, the defeat of the United Communities Bill and the ensuing developments in a war torn world have not diminished the hopes, the dreams and the ambitions of a Anna Gregson Loutrel, who as a very young girl had visualized the picture of a beautiful city and a happy people. For an expression of her optimistic outlook and never failing courage, we shall use the concluding paragraph of her publication.

"Remembering those psychic experiences I cannot believe that humanity will eventually destroy itself with atom, hydrogen or any other kind of bombs. But I do sometimes feel as though the Children of Israel had nothing on me. They are reported to have wandered in the wilderness for forty years. I waded through wars, depressions and hard times for over forty years but I am still looking for the promised land - for a world where there is economic security, mental freedom and social happiness.

Church Loyalty Trademark of Woman

July 10 1958 - A woman who felt a definite call to work with children is Mrs. L. Q. Yow, of Route 2, Randleman, who is this summer rounding out twenty years of working with the small children of the Sunday School of the First Methodist church in Asheboro.

Really, however, Mrs. Yow has been working with children much longer than that, as she actually began working with the children nearly 37 years ago at the Methodist church in Gibsonville.

Mrs. Yow joined the First Methodist church on Oct. 3, 1937 and for a few months after uniting with the church she did not hold a position with the children's division of the Sunday School work. This was the first time since Nov. 21, 1931 that she had not been associated with the children in her church work and Mrs. Yow was miserable because of it.

However, this remarkable woman did not let this condition deter her, as she organized classes of children from the homes in the community in which she lived and taught them at her home.

Her husband, a veteran employee of the county school system, died May 25, 1956, but for many years before his death a familiar sight to the residents along the highway from their home beyond Central Falls to Asheboro were Mr. and Mrs. Yow going to church Sunday morning, Sunday evening and to prayer service on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Yow gives much of the credit to her husband, who took her to church and waited many times for her to attend workers council meetings, and says that she could not have maintained her work with the children through the years without his faithfulness. Mr. and Mrs. Yow had no children of their own but both of them loved children and Mrs. Yow says "I felt a definite call to work with them."

On that first Sunday back in 1921 when Mrs. Yow became superintendent of the Cradle Roll department at the Gibsonville church, she went out that same Sunday afternoon and enrolled 19 babies, including the pastor's daughter, who was born on that day. That same little baby, Louise Clay, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Clay, is now

Mrs. Robert Powell, of Guilford College, and she will be 37 years of age Nov. 21, of this year.

Mrs. Yow also had a beginner's class at Gibsonville and she continued her work with the children of that church until she and Mr. Yow moved to Greensboro in 1930. They affiliated with what was then the Park Place Methodist church of that city and Mrs. Yow became a teacher of a class of primary children.

The Yows then moved to the Central Falls vicinity and on Oct. 3, 1931 they united with the Central Falls Methodist church, with Mrs. Yow becoming identified with the beginner and primary classes of the Sunday school. It was from the Central Falls Church that they came to the Asheboro church in 1937.

In speaking of the lapse of time after she left the Central Falls church and before she began working with the children of the First Methodist church, Mrs. Yow remarked, "I was happy to get back with the children."

Mrs. Yow has also taught in the Vacation Bible schools of the First Methodist church and has helped at three different times with the Vacation Bible schools of the Central Falls Baptist church.

She has also been identified with the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Central Falls Methodist church, is a charter member of the society and also holds a life membership in the group.

The former Lillie Mae Brown, Mrs. Yow was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Brown and was born at Worthville on Mar. 18, 1891. Her family lived at various places during her girlhood days but Mrs. Yow herself was living at Gibsonville at the time of her marriage to Mr. Yow on Mar. 12, 1911.

Mr. Yow was a native of Chatham County, but his family moved to the Central Falls vicinity when he was six years of age. However, he also was living at Gibsonville at the time of his marriage to Mrs. Yow.

He worked in the maintenance division of the Randolph County Schools from Nov. 1932 until his death in May, 1956. A loyal political worker, he had served as Democratic chairman of the Central Falls precinct for many years prior to his death.

Mrs. Yow was converted at the age of 14 in a revival meeting at the Main Street Methodist church in Thomasville and she says, "I have never seen a day since that I didn't want to be a Christian." Her support and loyalty to her church cannot be exceeded.

Thousands of children have passed through her classes since she began her work with children nearly 37 years ago. Many of the children in her classes in the earlier years have in turn later brought their own children to sit under her guidance and teaching. Many will "rise up in that day and call her blessed." But Mrs. Yow loyal to the memory of one to whom she was very devoted, says "I couldn't have done it without my husband."

When my work on earth is ended and I walk the streets of gold.

Shall I find my little children all sheltered in the fold?

Will they know me there and love me, as they loved me here below:

Will the Master call me faithful, for the seeds I help to sow:

Little lips I've taught to sing

Shall we meet and praise together, in the places of the King

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Grant it so, dear heavenly Father,

When I walk the streets of gold May I find my little children safely sheltered in the fold.

Afternoon Journey Finds Many Formerly Of County

July 24, 1958 - A Sabbath afternoon journey through Alamance county and part of Chatham brought about many contacts with people who formerly had their roots imbedded within the red soil of Randolph.

The first stop was at the Chapel Hill Road residence of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lemmons in Burlington. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lemmons are natives of the Central Falls section, Mrs. Lemmons being the former Edith Rich, daughter of John W. Rich and the late Ella Bulla Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemmons and sons, Roger, were not at home but the two attractive and studious daughters, Nancy and Ruth, were on hand. Nancy graduated this spring from Elon College and among several college honors she was co-editor of the college annual. She has turned down an offer to become the private secretary of the president of Elon College and will become the commercial teacher at Gibsonville high school. Ruth is also a new graduate, having finished this spring at the Walter Williams high school in Burlington where she was also very prominent in school activities. She was on the high school paper and she received the award from the Future Teachers of America. Ruth will also enroll at Elon College this fall.

On to Graham where lives a man who left the Plainfield vicinity of Randolph county nearly fifty years ago. Oscar Bulla and his brother, Arthur Bulla went to Alamance County as young boys to work with a saw mill owned by their father, D. W. (Danebb) Bulla. They became acquainted with and later married two sisters from the Long's Chapel vicinity of that county. Arthur died a few years later and his widow remarried but Oscar and his wife, who became the parents of eight children, still live in Graham. Arthur's son, John Arthur Bulla also lives in Graham and after working for several years in the hosiery mills of that vicinity he is now employed with Western Electric.

Oscar's children are all away from home now, with most of them married, and John Arthur Bulla also married and the father of one child, Oscar Bulla and the late Arthur Bulla are brothers of Rev. B. B. Bulla and Robert Bulla, of the Sophia area, and Mrs. Bird Bulla Brookshire, of near Randleman.

Saxapahaw was the next stop and it was hoped to find there Ben Bulla, who formerly lived and worked in Randolph county, his father, Michaux Bulla having been a native of this county. Ben works in the office of Sellars Manufacturing Co., owned and operated by the new United States Senator from North Carolina, B. Everett Jordan. Ben wasn't at home but residents of the village pointed out his home as well as the large two-storied home over-looking the muddy waters of Haw River, which serves as the Saxapahaw residence of Senator Jordan.

Ben Bulla is a nephew of T. Fletcher Bulla, of Asheboro and has many other relatives throughout this vicinity.

After leaving Saxapahaw, the tour continued to the edge of Chatham county for the purpose of visiting with Rev. and Mrs. Ben Harrison Millikan, who until recently pastored the South Fork Friends church. The Millikans, who were both natives of this country, were also not at home but a little ways down the road some more former Randolph people

were seen in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Pike and son.

Carter Pike formerly was the principal of the Silk Hope School in that vicinity but now is the principal of the Goldston School between Siler City and Sanford. He is a son of the Rev. Virgil Pike, who was formerly pastor of the Asheboro Friends meeting. His wife is the former Mary Ellen Branson, daughter of Mrs. Boyd Hinshaw, of Route 5, Asheboro, and niece of Glenn Dawson, of this community, who with his wife accompanied this reporter on the Alamance and Chatham tour.

Many people have left Randolph County and are residing elsewhere but it is particularly noticeable that all of them, even those who have been gone nearly fifty years, still retain a keen interest in the county and its inhabitants.

Mrs. McMasters Observes Her 84th Birthday

July 24, 1958 – Mrs. Parthena McMasters observed her 84th birthday on July 16 but on the following Sunday was honored at a huge birthday celebration at which between 75 and 100 of her family and friends were in attendance.

Mrs. McMasters widow of Jesse D. McMasters, formerly lived with her husband on Sandy Creek, Route 1, Staley but for several years has made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis York, of Route 1, Staley, at which place the celebration occurred last Sunday.

The occasion was featured by a birthday dinner, for which the guests brought large picnic hampers of food. Mrs. McMasters received many gifts and she enjoyed seeing everyone present.

Besides Mrs. York, the aged lady has two sons, Floyd and Fred McMasters of the North Asheboro community, and the daughter and two sons and their two sons and their families were present for the birthday celebration.

Also present were four brothers of Mrs. McMasters, Addison Kimrey of Durham, Tom Kimrey and Ruffin Kimrey, of High point, and Thad Kimrey, of Liberty, and two sisters, Mrs. Etta Ferguson of Liberty, and Mrs. Fannie Troy of Route 1, Liberty.

The oldest guest present was the 86-year-old Addison Kimrey and the youngest person in attendance was the six-weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. McMasters of Liberty, and great-grandchild of Mrs. McMasters, thus having four generations in attendance.

In recent years the birthday celebration in honor of Mrs. McMasters has become an annual event.

Calvary Church Announces Day School for Children

July 24, 1958 – The Calvary Methodist Church Day School, designed "not only to care for the child but to enrich it physically, mentally, spiritually, socially and emotionally," has been established by the Calvary Methodist church and will open its doors on Sept. 2, 1958.

The school which will operate in the Fellowship Hall of the Calvary church, has been certified and licensed by the State Board of Public Welfare and has been inspected and approved by the local health agency and the fire department.

Training for the students of the school will run currently with the public school year but the day nursery for the care of the children will be operated the year around.

Director for the school will be Mrs. George W. Thompson, wife of the minister of the Calvary church, who has a "A" certificate with the State Board of Education and three years of teaching experience. Mrs. Thompson has an A.B. degree in Music from High Point College and has worked with the youth activities of the churches in Winston-Salem, her native city, with particular emphasis in respect to pre-school children.

Hours for the school will be from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, at the rate of \$1.50 for a nine hour day. This price will include a well balanced lunch, a mid-morning snack and a mid-afternoon snack. Breakfast will be available for 20 cents extra and the rate of 20 cents an hour will be charged for each hour over nine hours.

Children between the ages of 2 to 5 will be admitted, with older brothers and sisters of the students being admitted before and after school at the rate of .20 per hour. However, the training features of the school will not apply to these older children.

The school will be interdenominational within its scope and the main features of training will consist of learning Bible verses, Bible stories and a program of music. Denominationalism will not be taught and children from all churches and communities will be welcomed into the school.

The project has the sanction of the official board of the Calvary church and a Day School Committee making the arrangements is composed of Sam Caviness, Mrs. Mary Burns, J. C. Robbins, Doyle Brown, William Hughes and John Dean.

Facilities for the school will include the entire physical plant of the well equipped Fellowship Hall, with one large room and several smaller ones to provide ample space for teaching. Besides the director, the staff will include a cook and other assistants.

Registration fee for admittance to the school will be \$2.00 with this money going towards the purchase of materials and supplies.

Sponsors of the school say that "the school will be a real Christian school, distinctive in atmosphere and objective, designed to meet the needs of the boys and girls in our community."

They feel that the children in the homes of American need to be taught the Biblical stories as they are growing up and they also feel that a part of the Christian heritage lies in the field of music. They have the idea that The Calvary Methodist Church Day School will not only care for the material needs of the child while the mother works at her place of employment, but that the school will also train the child in the spiritual realm.

Parents interested in applying for the admittance of their children into the school are asked to contact Mrs. Howard C. Swink, 221 Tremont Drive, phone No. 2401, who will provide them with information relative to the admission of their children into the school.

It is planned to release a brochure citing the advantages of the school within a few days.

N. Asheboro Bond Election Details Cited

July 28, 1958 – Members of the North Asheboro-Central Falls Sanitary District Board appeared before the meeting of the North Asheboro Lions Club last week and cited pertinent facts contained in the \$1,700,000 special election

for sewer and water bonds to be voted upon within the district on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Following the presentation of plans and reasons for the special election by board chairman W. M. Lovell and board members Richard M. Millikan and William Hughes, the Lion's club endorsed the calling of the special election and urged that the issues contained therein be favorably voted upon by the people of the Sanitary District.

Registration for the election will begin Friday, Aug. 1, and will continue through Saturday, Aug. 9. Mrs. R. B. McElhannon, registrar for the election, will be at the Balfour school on two Saturdays, Aug. 2 and 9 between the hours of 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. and will be available for registration at her home at 421 Sunrise Ave. during the week days of the registration period. This is a new registration and everyone in the district must register in order to vote, even though they have voted in previous elections.

As pointed out during the discussion Tuesday evening, estimated cost for the financing of the improvements in the district are included as follows: collection system, \$744,000; sewage disposal system, \$500,000; and water improvements, \$456,000; bringing the total project cost to \$1,700,000 and the figure to be voted upon in the Aug. 23 election.

Housing and Home Finance Agency has agreed to underwrite financing of the project at a 4% interest rate and the cost of the debt service to write off the indebtedness has been estimated for the first year at \$83,000 with the cost varying according to payment schedule.

The operating cost including the disposal plant, added water system, power cost and sewage system has been estimated as amounting to an increase of \$50,000 to the general budget. These costs, in addition to the present costs, will be offset by applying a Sewer Service Charge of 70% of amount of water bill, for instance, a person paying a \$3 water bill would have to pay an additional \$2.10 for Sewer Service.

Also, considering the fact that the Sewer Service Charge will not completely offset the total cost the first years following the beginning of the project, it is estimated that \$30,000 will have to be raised above utility revenues for water and sewer and it is planned that the means for raising this additional amount will be through an ad valorem tax of \$0.50 on the \$100 of valuation.

Chairman Lovell led off the discussion at the Lion's meeting and after giving the details of the special election, he reviewed briefly the history of the Sanitary District. He stated that the district was formed in Feb., 1940 and at that time it was estimated that upon the completion of the project in 1941 there would be 100 water customers, with the prediction that this number would be raised to 627 by the year 1958. Mr. Lovell said that with the coming of 1958 or the present time there were 1,060 customers being served with water, including 13 industries and 75 commercial establishments.

At the time of the formation of the district in 1940, according to Mr. Lovell, the estimated costs for the procurement of both water and sewer were placed at \$241,000 with bonds for \$73,000 to be voted by the district and the rest to be secured through WPA funds. The war cut off the WPA funds and with only \$73,000 available, only water was secured by the new district. The initial tax rate for the district was \$0.40 per hundred valuation.

The 1957 tax valuation for the district was \$3,871,401 and it is estimated that the recent extension of the district brought the tax valuation up to six million dollars.

Following the presentation of the above facts by Mr. Lovell, Commissioner Hughes discussed the great need for the additional improvements within the district and particularly stressed the need for the sewer facilities. He pointed out the "serious problem of disposing of sewage through septic tanks, in soil that will not absorb liquids and are thus subjected to overflowing tanks, the stench of sewage becoming septic on top of the ground and in road ditches and with the accompanying real danger of disease carried through this exposed waste." Mr. Hughes also said that: the fact of this condition is borne out by reports from both local and state health agencies."

He also cited the facts concerning the Sewage Collection System, the Sewage Disposal System and the improvements of the present water system which was originally designed to serve 627 customers at its maximum capacity, which has already been exceeded to the extent of our customers, several of which are large water using industries. He said "we find our system outmoded, with extremely low flows and actually rather too low for ordinary domestic service during periods of peak demands." He said as a remedy for this situation the district would install a 1,000,000 gallon reservoir; where flows for the district can be initiated in the district and to install satisfactory grid of larger mains throughout the district to enhance the flows and to give what we feel will be adequate service for domestic and industrial use, together with satisfactory flows for fire protection."

Commissioner Millikan, who is the secretary of the district board, followed Commissioner Hughes on the Lion's program and he outlined the procedure of financing which was detailed earlier in this article.

The program was concluded by Chairman Lovell who asked that "due consideration: be given to the proposals of the Sanitary District Board and urged that the people of the district Board and urged that the people of the district register and vote in the special election for water and sewer bonds on Saturday, Aug. 23.

County Native Is Interred At Savanna

July 31, 1958 – Sixty-five years ago a young woman left her native Randolph to reside with her husband, a railroad man, in the state of Georgia.

Armanda (Mandy) Millikan Tussey returned to the Back Creek home in which she was born many times during the years which intervened and her last visit was as late as last Oct.

But her visits have now come to an end, as on Tuesday morning, July 22, she was laid to rest in the beautiful Bonaventure cemetery in the city of Savannah, Ga., where she had lived for a greater part of the time since leaving Randolph County.

She became 85 years of age a few days before her death and prior to her final illness had never been hospitalized during the entire period of her life. She was noted as a very hard worker, a trait which can be attributed to many members of her family.

Mandy Millikan Tussey was the youngest daughter of five sons and four daughters of Azel Millikan and Ann Eliza Spencer Millikan and she was born at the old home place in Back Creek Township at which her brother, Troy W.,

Millikan, of Route 1, Sophia, resides. Only one brother besides Troy Millikan still survives out of this family and he is Gurney Millikan, a twin of Troy Millikan, who also resides in Savannah, Ga.

Another brother, Benjamin Elwood (Bennie) Millikan, died in Mar. of this year at his home in Beaumont, Texas, at the age of 81 years. The other brothers and sisters were Joe and Arch Millikan, Mrs. Sarah Millikan Loflin, Mrs. Cora Millikan Fentriss and a sister who died in early life.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1893, Mandy Millikan and Jake Tussey, a native of Lexington, were married and immediately following their marriage they moved south, Mr. Tussey served with the railroads for over a half of a century and he died in Dec., 1947. Besides his position with the railroads, he and Mrs. Tussey had extensive real estate interests which Mrs. Tussey managed very capably through the years and up until a few years before her death.

Two daughters, Mrs. Helen T. Laird and Mrs. Lillian T. McLeroy, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tussey and they survive their mother along with three grandchildren.

Attending the final rites from Randolph county were Mrs. Tussey's brother, Troy W. Millikan, four nieces, Mrs. Halcie Millikan Beeson, Mrs. Hazel Millikan Davis, and Mrs. Cora Loflin Beeson and Mrs. Davis and husband, Ed Davis, and Mrs. Cora Beeson's grandson, Sherril Steed. Also attending were Mrs. Ora Loflin Farlow and her son James, of Bahama.

In recent years Mrs. Tussey had come back practically every year to visit the old home place, her relatives and to attend the annual reunion of the Bulla, Farlow and Millikan families. Each time she would rise at the reunion gathering and say, "I'm so glad to be here."

The kinfolks and friends were also glad to have her visit the place from which she had lived away from so long and it is hard to realize that she will not return again. Although she is now resting in the place in which her daughters live and where she helped to build the extensive business interests, the people of this section will long remember her strong courage, her dauntless spirit and the loyalty and devotion which she maintained towards the place in which she was born.

Mrs. Wallace Is Honored On 77th Birthday

Aug. 7, 1958 – Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Route 1, Asheboro resident, was honored on her 77th birthday Sunday when her ten children, many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at her home for the family, celebration.

Mrs. Wallace is the former Marcia Cockman, a native of Moore county, and she was married to her late husband on Christmas day, 1898. Mr. Wallace died in Nov., 1949 nearly a year after the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

All of the ten children of Mrs. Wallace were present to help celebrate the reaching of her 77th year, which date was actually reached on Tuesday, Aug. 5th.

Her children, in the order of their birth, are Mrs. Elsie Garner of near Seagrove, Coy Wallace of Rt. 1, Asheboro, Mrs. Clinard Poole of Rt. 2, Asheboro, Mrs. Cleveland Kennedy of Rt. 2 Randleman, George Wallace of Cedar Falls, Mrs. Frank Bulla of North Asheboro, and Mrs. Nelson Whitaker of Rt. 2 Randleman.

It was the first time the entire family had got together at the same time since the passing of Mr. Wallace.

In addition the enjoyment of family fellowship, a sumptuous picnic dinner was the highlight of the family occasion. Prayer prior to the partaking of the meal was said by Edwin McGrath, a grandson-in-law of Mrs. Wallace. A birthday cake for Mrs. Wallace was brought to the occasion by her eldest daughter, Mrs. Garner.

Mrs. Wallace was the recipient of many gifts, cash and otherwise. Beside the places already mentioned, there were guests present from Hillsboro and Durham. In all, there were 53 people in attendance, including 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The 77-year-old woman has lived at her present residence for 27 years. Before that, she and her family lived in Asheboro for several years, coming to Asheboro from Moore County

Gone Nearly 60 Years, Native Is Visitor Here

Aug. 14, 1958 – A charming Randolph native, who left the county in 1899, visited Sunday with two nieces in this vicinity. Mrs. Nancy Beatrice Gregson Steed, of Rock Hill, S. C., who will be 86 years of age in Oct., was an honored guest Sunday of Mrs. Sarah Gregson Rollins and Mrs. Anna Gregson Loutrel, daughters of her late brother, Walter Gregson.

Mrs. Steed was accompanied by a son, James Steed, also of Rock Hill, and her visit was of special interest to Mrs. Laura Worth, local historian, who came to the Rollins home on Pine Grove Drive for a reunion with her friend of earlier days.

A daughter of the late Rev. Amos Gregson, a Methodist minister, and the late Martitia Dicks Gregson, Mrs. Steed was born in Randleman and lived there until her marriage to Charles N. Steed, also a resident of Randleman, in Oct., 1899.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Steed lived in various places until around 1907 when they moved to Rock Hill, S. C. where the family has lived since that time, Mr. Steed is now deceased and also one son Worth, who died approximately 10 years ago. Besides the son, James, there are three daughters.

Mrs. Steed last visited here, nearly five years ago, just before the death of her brother, Walter. However, it had been many years since she had seen her old friend, Mrs. Worth.

The South Carolina octogenarian was attractive, well attired and she still discusses with lively interest the days around the turn of the century in Randleman and Randolph County. She remembers quite a few people who lived in this vicinity during that period, most of whom have passed on.

After she had visited Sunday with her nieces, Mrs. Rollins and Mrs. Loutrel, Mrs. Rollins daughter, Edith, and Mrs. Loutrel's husband, Homer and Mrs. Worth and had received two other callers, Ralph Briles, Asheboro concrete block manufacturer and distant kinsman of the Gregson family, and the North Asheboro correspondent, she was taken by her relatives to Mrs. Loutrel's home, where her brother, Walter, formerly lived and then to Randleman, the site of her childhood and early womanhood. They drove by many familiar sights in Randleman, including the St. Paul's church where she played the organ as a young woman.

Thus ended a day in Randolph for a person who was born here nearly four scores and six years.

Family Members Gather At J. A. Caviness Home

Children, Grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives and friends gathered Sunday at the Route 1, Robbins home of Mr. and Mrs. James Alfred Caviness to join with the couple in the annual get together of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Caviness live near Beulah Baptist church, just across the Randolph county line in Moore county. They have lived there since shortly after their marriage over 52 years ago.

The occasion Sunday took the form of the usual sumptuous picnic dinner which was spread in tables placed on the comfortable lawn of the Caviness homestead. Rev. Charles E. Neal, pastor of the First Baptist church in Asheboro, at which three of the sons and one of the daughters attend, offered the thanks for the meal and for the significance of the family gathering.

Coming back home, for the family reunion, were the six sons and five daughters, all of whom were born at the reunion site. They are in order of their birth, Dewey Caviness of Asheboro, Mrs. Swannie Mae Dunn of Asheboro, Mrs. Mary Genna Maness of Route 1 Robbins, Alfred Harris Caviness of Greensboro, Marvin Terrell Caviness of Asheboro, Rev. Solomon Howard Caviness of Arlington, Va., William Jennings Caviness of Greensboro, Robert Quinton Caviness of Asheboro, Mrs. Eloise Helen Bray and Mrs. Geneva Ellen Brady, twins, of Bennett, and Mrs. Annie Lena Leonard, also of Bennett.

James Alfred Caviness was born about a mile down the road from where he is now living and he is the son of the late Terrell and Mary Eliza Kennedy Caviness. His wife Annie Florence Ritter, was born across the river in another township and she is the daughter of the late Jack and Sarah Howard Ritter.

Soon after their marriage on June 1, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Caviness came to the land on which they are now living, built a one room house and started clearing the land. For the initial clearing of the land for cultivation, a wooden half shovel stock plow was used. Mrs. Caviness worked alongside her husband in the preparation of the land before her children started coming and later the industriousness of this pioneering woman was revealed in the spinning, knitting and weaving of the fabrics which were used in the making of the clothes for both boys and girls.

The environment and the training which the six Caviness sons and the five Caviness daughters received during the early years is reflected today in the fact that they are God fearing and law abiding citizens of the communities in which they reside and are making their marks wherever they are found.

Joining with Mr. and Mrs. Caviness in the family gathering Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Caviness and son Junior, Mr. and Mrs. Atlas C. Dunn and daughters, Joyce and Sylvia, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Caviness and daughters, Allene and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Caviness and sons, Harold, Ronnie and Perry, Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Neal and children, Beth, Bobby and David, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Anderson and Jimmy Smith, of Asheboro.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Caviness and children, Ann, Nancy and Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. Harris Caviness and son Bobby of Greensboro, Mrs. Glenna Maness and sons, Johnny and Billy, Mrs. Billy Maness, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Russell and sons, Jimmy, Larry and Jerry, and Miss Polly

Caviness of Route 1, Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. G., P. Bray, Jr. and daughters, Linda and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Brady and children, Jimmy, Donnie and Joan, and Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Leonard and children, Mitchell, Becky and Gary, of Bennett and Rev. and Mrs. Howard Caviness and children, Judy and David of Arlington, Va.

D. L. Ritter, a brother of Mrs. J. A. Caviness, and Mrs. Ritter of Pinehurst, were also present and coming along with the Rev. Mr. Neal was his nephew and namesake, Charles Neal, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Stevens Family Has Annual Meet At Home

Aug. 21, 1958 – Eight children of the late King F. Stevens and Cyrenia Laughlin Stevens were present for the 35th annual reunion of the family which was held Sunday, Aug. 17, at the home of Mrs. R. O. Stevens near White Hall.

The late R. O. Stevens was also a member of the family. He died in June, 1957. A daughter, Miss Alice Stevens, died several years ago and another child died in infancy.

Approximately 135 people were in attendance at the gathering, which featured a huge picnic dinner on the lawn on the Stevens home.

Present were all of the living children King and Cyrenia Stevens and they are Mr. C. W. Routh, Mrs. S. E. Holland, C. C. Stevens and R. A. Stevens, of Randleman, Mrs. W. C. Davis of Gibsonville, J. W. Stevens, of Winston-Salem, F. F. Stevens, of Pleasant Garden and Arza Stevens of Lake Wales, Fla.

Arza Stevens presided over the meeting Sunday and introduced the following ministers, Rev. Sam Nelson of Route 1, Sophia, Rev. W. H. Ginn, of Greensboro, pastor of the White Hall church, Rev. Winfred Bray, pastor of the Congregational Christian church in Randleman, and Rev. Paul E. Allred, pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church.

The Rev. Mr. Allred spoke briefly and offered thanks prior to the partaking of the meal.

Out of state visitors were Mr. and Mrs. James Harrell and son, Reid of Altavista, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor of Hurt, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Stevens, Jr., and daughter Arzetta, and Mr. and Mrs. Byerly Minns, all of Lake Wales, Fla.

Special guests were 83 year-old Mrs. Dora Laughlin Goins, of Pleasant Garden, and 86 year-old Charlie Henley, of Greensboro, who was formerly associated with King Stevens in the making of brick between Randleman and Worthville.

Other visitors present included Mrs. Paul E. Allred and son, Bobby, of North Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Allred, of Lexington, Mrs. Lee Vaught and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Short and daughter, Debbie, of Greensboro, and Mickey Davis of Sophia.

Four Children, Parents Reunited

Four young children and their parents were in their modest home at 2113 Flint Street in North Asheboro.

The father, 34-year-old Dewey Swaney, came home from the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fisherville, Va., his wife, Velva Pritchard Swaney, 35 years of age, came home from a month's stay at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, and the children returned home from visiting with relatives during the absence of their parents.

A North Asheboro minister, Rev. Paul E. Allred, pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church, has started a fund to aid the stricken family. The initial contribution to the fund has been made by the Neighbors Grove church.

Although conditions are far from being on an even level at the Swaney residence, Mr. and Mrs. Swaney are still happy to be at home and to have with them their children. Richard, 12, Susan 11, Rosa Louise, 9 and Katherine Dail, 4.

Mr. Swaney, a veteran of World War II, was engaged in the construction of the Edenton Street Methodist church in Raleigh on Apr. 4, 1957 when he fell a distance of 40 feet, breaking his back, injuring his spine, breaking both arms and his left hip. Six days after the accident his left arm had to be amputated above the elbow. He stayed in the Rex Hospital in Raleigh for six months before entering the rehabilitation center in Oct., 1957 where he has been since that time.

Mrs. Swaney, who has worked at Klopman Mills off and on for the past seven years, became ill and entered the Chapel Hill hospital on July 17, where she underwent a most serious operation. She expects to be recuperating from this operation for at least the next three months.

The young father can stay at home for the next two or three months, if necessary, but he will eventually return to the rehabilitation center to become a student at one of the schools operated by the center. Thus far, he has been learning self care. Mr. Swaney doesn't know yet what type of school he will enter but thinks perhaps that it will be a school to which he can learn drafting.

The accident which nearly cost him his life occurred when a steel truss on which he was working collapsed as the belts in the center sheared off, causing the ends of the truss to come together and throw him to the ground. He has undergone several operations since the accident.

He now sits and moves around in an electronic wheel chair, driven by a 12 volt battery, and he has the use of both arms, using an artificial limb on the left side. However, his body is paralyzed from the waist down.

Dewey Swaney is a Randolph county boy, born in Back Creek township, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Swaney, who now reside at 664 Peachtree street. Dewey came to Asheboro with his parents when he was about 9 years old and he has lived in and around Asheboro since that time. He has been employed locally with the McGill Taxi and Bus Station, John-David Studio and Newton Brothers Construction Co., also working with the P and P Chair Co., as a very young man.

He was working with a construction company in Virginia at the time of World War II, and it was from that state that he was drafted into the Army where he served for 2 years, 9 months and 18 days. He spent six months overseas in the European theater.

At the time of the accident, he was working with George E. Newton steel erectors.

Mrs. Swaney and the children have been living in the North Asheboro community for slightly more than a year, during which time Mr. Swaney has spent most of the time in the hospital and rehabilitation center. The Swaney's are paying for the home in which they live and Mrs. Swaney and the children have been attending the neighbors Grove church where they are held in high regard by the members of the church congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Swaney are pleasant and composed, despite the circumstances which have beset them, and the children are handsome, well behaved and alert.

In connection with the fund raising project to assist the Swaney's, the Rev. Mr. Allred has issued the following statement, "I wish to take this opportunity of appealing to the citizens of Asheboro and vicinity for the Dewey Swaney's. Mrs. Swaney's doctor states that she cannot return to work for at least three months and then it will depend on her physical condition as to whether she can or not. Mr. Swaney is scheduled to return to the school for the handicapped to learn a trade which he hopes will enable him to earn a small livelihood for the family. However, it will take a few years to complete the course. The four children need help now. If we can assist them for a while, the parents hope to assume the responsibility later. These are worthy people. No appeal heretofore has been necessary for them. But they are in need now because tragedy has come." Anyone desiring to contribute to the Swaney fund may contact Rev. Paul E. Allred, 300 Virginia Ave. Phone No. 3426.

Oldest Active Methodist Minister Beginning another Conference Year

Aug. 21, 1958 - Rev. J. E. Shaw, 80 years of age and the oldest active minister in the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church, has begun another conference year at his churches, Callicutt's Chapel and Hoover's Grove, to which he was returned at the recent conference sessions in Colfax.

The venerable white-haired minister, who resides at 232 Uwharrie Street, Asheboro, evidently has no intention of quitting the active ministry and expressed himself in this manner, "God said go and he hasn't said stop.

This go signal was given over half century ago, shortly after the turn of the century, and Mrs. Shaw, faithful companion to her minister-husband for nearly 60 years, had this to say about their call to Christian service: "We didn't start a trial trip or we would have stopped a long time ago.

These words of Mr. Shaw do not even begin to describe the trials, the hardships and the sacrifices of this dedicated couple who began their active ministry in the church back in 1906. The churches have been small, the salaries have been meager and at many places Rev. Mr. Shaw has had to work in the mills and the factories to support himself and his family. But perseverance and faith have been triumphant and the Shaw's have steadily kept their eyes on the eternal goal, expressed by Mr. Shaw when he said: "My pay day is coming."

The years, however, have not taken their toll and Rev. Mr. Shaw is strong and robust for a man of his age. This past winter he helped another man cut approximately six big loads of cord wood with a crosscut saw.

Jesse Edgar Shaw was born on June 6, 1878 near Horse Shoe Bend on Barnes Creek in Montgomery County, one quarter of a mile from the Randolph county line. He was the son of Tillman and Lena Callicutt Shaw and when he was a very small lad the family moved over into Randolph County in the vicinity of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist church.

In the same vicinity in which he was born and at the old Callicutt's grave yard where his mother was buried, around ten years ago the Rev. Shaw established Callicutt's Mission which was later to become Callicutt's Chapel, one of the churches which he now pastors.

He preached there on his 70th birthday, 200 yards from the place where he was born, and today a commodious church building with a thriving congregation is located at the old cemetery spot which is said to be 200 years old.

Hundreds of people from the vicinity and other places attend this annual Memorial Day service at Callicutt's Chapel and at the last such service held on the past second Sunday in June, the church building was dedicated free from debt.

Rev. Mr. Shaw has built two other churches besides Callicutt's Chapel and has helped to relieve the indebtedness on many of the twenty-five other pastorates which he has held. But Callicutt's Chapel, in the community in which he was born, is especially near to his heart and to his ministry of over a half century. A reverent church group in a community hitherto unchurched has indicated that this man is with honor in his own country.

After having grown to young manhood in the extreme southwestern part of Randolph county and attended the little log school, familiarly known as the "Little Green College" near Eleaser, Jesse Edgar Shaw came to Asheboro to accept a position as a mail carrier on July 1, 1896.

It was the Asheboro Star Route and post offices on this route included Science Hill, Mechanic, Farmer and Hill's Store. For the first two months of his service, he walked the route both ways, which was a distance of 28 miles. Afterwards, he went on horseback, horse and cart and horse and buggy. During his four years with the mail, he also covered another man's route which included the post offices of McCrary, Caraway, Sawyersville, Hoover Hill and Fuller.

While traveling the Asheboro Star Route, Mr. Shaw met and married his wife, the former Alice Voncannon, who lived on the road between Asheboro and Farmer. He first saw her while she was attending the Long Branch school along the route and the acquaintance was cultivated further when he would stop at her home between post offices and ask for a drink of water. They were married Mar. 12, 1899, nearly 80 years ago.

Eleven children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy and two daughters, Mrs. Etta Shaw York and Miss Ruth Shaw, passing away in later years. The surviving children are Mrs. Dora Shaw Wright of Asheboro, Mrs. Ora Shaw Leonard of Ramseur, Preston Shaw of Route 1, Franklinville, Mrs. Lillie Shaw McDowell of Asheboro, Harvey Shaw of Route 3, Asheboro, Martin Shaw of Route 2, Randleman and James Shaw of Asheboro.

Following their marriage, the Shaw's lived in Asheboro and then at Dunbar's Bridge near Farmer for a brief period. They moved to High Point, in 1904.

However, before moving to High Point Mr. Shaw had started holding prayer meetings and in 1904, the year they moved to High Point, he received the definite call to the ministry. Two years later, after having held several revival meetings, he entered the active ministry, with his first work being the assistant pastor of the Mt. Olivet Pilgrim Holiness church west of Sophia.

His first full time work was at Kernersville, at which place he pastored the Kernersville, Sinai and Bennett Pilgrim Holiness churches. These churches didn't support him and he had to work nine hours a day at one of the plants to earn a living for his wife and five children. Also, one of the churches, Bennett, was eight miles out of town and he had

to walk the entire distance there and back on the Sundays he preached at that place. Since he preached at the church both morning and night, it was late on Sunday nights when he would get back to his home in Kernersville.

It was at Kernersville that the family found one night that they did not have enough food for breakfast the next morning, as the plant at which Mr. Shaw worked had been shut down. Mr. Shaw went down the street, found an empty house in which to pray, and after praying through he went home and retired for the night. The family got up the next morning, ate what little food they had, and Mr. Shaw went to the post office where he received five dollars in the mail. A friend had written that he had felt impelled the night before to send the money early in order that Mr. Shaw might receive it the next morning. Before the day had passed, another letter was received with a five dollar check in it.

Other churches served while in the Pilgrim Holiness denomination were Mt. Zion and Beulah churches in Davidson County, Mt. Zion in Moore county, Mt. Tabor Community church, John Wesley's Stand, Ramseur, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Olive, Kildee, Franklinville, Troy and Asheboro.

He was holding a revival meeting at the Mt. Tabor church, located east of Asheboro, when the flu epidemic broke out in 1918 and two weeks later went back to the church to conduct funeral services for two people who had participated in the revival services.

At one of the churches at which he preached for a year, he received a total of 25 cents during the entire period he stayed at the church. At another one of the churches, he went on a Saturday afternoon for a business meeting and remained over Sunday for preaching without receiving a cent. However, on returning to his home a neighbor came out and gave him a quarter.

Twenty-five years ago he transferred over to the Wesleyan Methodist denomination and his first assignment was to the First Wesleyan church in Thomasville. He later served at the other Wesleyan Methodist church in Thomasville and at the following churches in the conference, High Pine, Midway, Radford, Va., Troy, he served twice at this church, Rain Hill, Rockingham, Trinity, near Erect, Hoover's Grove and Callicutt's Chapel.

He was living at Troy at the time he was asked to go to the Rain Hill church near Morganton and this necessitated him driving a distance of 275 miles to and from the church each Sunday.

When he went to the First church at Thomasville there was an indebtedness of \$2800 on the church building, there were eight people to hear him preach on the first Sunday he was there and he received a total of \$1.50 in the offering. He built and paid for the other church in Thomasville, with the exception of \$100. Another church he built and paid for was the Pilgrim Holiness church at Franklinville. The highest salary he has received at any church he has served has been \$27.50 a week.

Mr. Shaw says that he has been greatly blessed in the conduct of revival meetings during his long ministry and he particularly points to a series of revival services in Troy. Although he prayed for a revival meeting for eight months, he didn't actually know he was going to have the meeting until Thursday before it started on Sunday. The evangelist had another meeting canceled on him and as a result Mr. Shaw called him for a meeting at his church. The meeting,

scheduled for two weeks, lasted four weeks and there were 150 converts during the meeting.

Small salaries and other economic hardships have not prevented this conscientious minister from maintaining a scrupulously honest relationship with his fellowman. There was one instance in which he bought a house and sold it later during the war years for a higher price than he gave for it. After the sale, he took two one hundred dollar bills and gave them to the couple from whom he bought the house originally. In another instance, he bought a cow and later found that she would give more milk than he had thought she would. So, he went back to the man from whom he bought her and gave him more money for the cow even though he had paid what the man had asked for the cow to begin with, the man cried at the unbelievable honesty of the minister.

During his pastorates at the Trinity church and at Callicutt's Chapel, he decided he wanted to rest and therefore he resigned from the Trinity church, leaving only Callicutt's Chapel. He had only one Sunday to rest before the conference asked him to assume the Hoover's Grove pastorate to fill a vacancy which had occurred at that church. He has held both pastorates since that time. On the last Sunday night in this month, he will begin a series of revival services at the Hoover's Grove church, with the vice president of the conference, Rev. C. Wesley Lovin, doing the preaching.

There is seemingly no rest from the earthly labors of the Rev. J. E. Shaw. With more than a normal lifetime of work behind him, he is still going strong at the age of eighty years. Materially and financially, he has accomplished very little. But spiritually, he has encompassed a great multitude. What other man will have a greater right to say with the great apostle: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Giles Chapel Church Has 125-Year History

Sep. 15. 1958- Giles Chapel Methodist church, steeped in a history dating back 125 years, will observe its annual homecoming service Sunday, Sept. 21.

Homecoming is a big day in the life of this very active Methodist congregation, which was founded by the Rev. Alson Gray in May, 1833.

Present members of the congregation, friends, former members and residents will come from far and near for the 11 a. m. morning service and the picnic dinner on the church grounds. The present pastor, the Rev. B. S. Lyndon, will conduct the service.

Members of that first organization, over 125 years ago, were William Davis and wife. Silas Swaim, Lemuel Glasgow and William Laughlin, were names that are still familiar in the vicinity.

Margaret Laughlin was the first convert of the new church group, joining the church one month after its formation in June, 1833. Others who came in soon afterwards included Daffron Davis, Nancy Jennings, Sarah Winningham, Sebort Winningham, Sebort Winningham, John Julian, Reuben Giles and wife, The Rev. John Diffie and John C. Allred.

The church received its name from Reuben Giles who with his wife donated the land on which the church building was erected. On the 100th anniversary of the church, a marker to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Giles was dedicated by the late Dr. J. E. Pritchard, a prominent Asheboro resident who

spent his early years in the Giles Chapel church community.

Organized as a Methodist Protestant church, Giles Chapel remained such until the merger of the Methodist churches in 1939.

A small log schoolhouse was used as a place of worship until the year 1876 when the congregation moved into a new place of worship. It had been decided earlier to erect the new building during the pastorate of the Rev. W. C. Kennett, with the actual work being started under the Rev. A. J. Laughlin, son of William Laughlin, one of the first members of the church.

Among those assisting in the erection of this building were A. M. Diffie, Aaron Allred, D. B. Julian, the Rev. J. L. Giles, and A. J. Laughlin, Benoni Pritchard and James Neighbors.

An addition to the building was made in 1899 due largely to the efforts of I. F. Pritchard, father of Dr. Pritchard. Henry Henson, who lived near the church, was the chief carpenter, and most of the labor was donated.

Except for minor improvements, the church continued as it was until 1948-49 when the outside of the building was brick veneered and the interior was completely renovated. The wood work was done under the direction of S. E. Trogdon, who is still an active member of the church, and the brick work was done under the direction of Charles Underwood.

An educational building was erected in 1951-52 by Trogdon, this addition consisting of ten Sunday school rooms, an assembly room and a choir loft. An addition to this educational building was erected a few years later, also under Trogdon's direction. A pump was installed at this time and two bathrooms constructed.

Nine ministers have come out from the Giles Chapel church, including Rev. Jack Laughlin, Rev. J. L. Giles, Rev. T. T. Ferree, Rev. W. C. Davis, Rev. Arrington Gray, Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, father of S. E. Trogdon, Rev. C. A. Laughlin, Rev. June Greene and Rev. David Bullins. Two of the nine served as presidents of the annual conference of the former Methodist Protestant Conference, Rev. T. T. Ferree who was elected in 1893, and Dr. J. E. Pritchard, who was elected in 1937 and remained as president until the denominational merger.

The Giles Chapel church has been a part of the Richland circuit since 1897 and prior to that time was a member of the Cedar Falls circuit.

Pastors who have served Giles Chapel church during its history of 125 years have been as follows: Reverends Alson Gray, who also organized the Gray's Chapel Methodist church: Alex Albright, John Coe, Isaac Coe, Joseph Holmes, James Christie, William Lineberry, Joseph Causey, Arrington Gray, W. C. Patterson John Hinshaw, A. J. Niece, Alex Robbins, Jacob Guyer, Joseph Parker, A. M. Lowe, C. F. Harris, A. W. Lineberry, J. H. Gilbreath, D. A. Highfill and T. F. McCulloch.

Also Reverends J. C. Dean, W. C. Hammer, J. H. Totten, G. F. Milloway, C. A. Cecil, C. A. Pickens, J. H. Bowman, H. S. B. Thompson, J. H. Stowe, L. H. Hatley, C. H. Hatley, C. H. Whitaker, J. B. Trogdon, W. C. Lassiter, W. F. Kennett, C. H. Hill, Fred Love, T. E. Pierce, Q. L. Joyner, R. L. Hethcox, M. C. Henderson, C. L. Grant, J. A. Howell, Paul Bruton, Everett Freeman, N. C. Bush, W. A. Jarrett and the present pastor, B. S. Lyndon.

Many of the above mentioned pastors served the Giles Chapel church at different times.

Some of the people identified with the history of the Giles Chapel church, not heretofore mentioned and not including recent and present members of the church congregation, were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Luck, Mr. Luck wrote a history of the church in 1898, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hendricks and daughter, Dora, Ethel and Gertrude Diffie, Mrs. J. H. Connor and daughters, Clara and Cindy, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Connor, Rev. and Mrs. Lemuel Davis and daughter, Lucy G. Bonkemeyer and family, William M. Stevenson and family, Everett Rollins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Jarrett and family, Katie Connor, Daniel M. Allred and sister Leona, Joel B. Trogdon and sister, Minnie, George and Madison Hendricks and their sister Jane, J. R. Lutterloh, Alex Williams and family, J. C. Allred and family, T. J. Bonkemeyer and family, Calvin Ferree and family, W. R. Hamlin and family, W. C. York and family, William Burns and family, Nora and Addie Rollins, Albert and Cindy Williams and Will and Lula Dunning, and Miss Etta Ferree, and Mrs. W. B. Lamb, who played the organ.

Dr. J. E. Pritchard wrote a history of the church which was published in 1952. The information for this article was gained from this history.

Dr. Pritchard stated that one thing which stood out prominently in his memory was the old time class meetings which were held as far back as he could remember. In his own words, Dr. Pritchard describes the class meetings as follows: "These meetings consisted largely of prayer and praise with singing of the old standard hymns of the church with many testimonies by the membership of the church. Almost at every one of these meetings which were held on the first Sunday in each month there would be some shouting among some of the older members of the church. As a child I would sit with my mother and tremble like a leaf, for shouting scared me almost to death. I could always tell when the shouting was about to begin, for when the testimonies began to show considerable emotion someone would strike up an old hymn."

Dr. Pritchard continued as follows: "It might be said that people of that day or some of them at least, thought and lived in terms of the next world. Heaven was very real to them and was the topic of their conversation quite frequently, and they fully expected to go there. The most of the people had a pretty hard time here and they were expecting something better by and by. There was not much said in those days about bettering the conditions here in this life and the people looked forward to another life. While they perhaps went to one extreme it is possible we have swung to the opposite extreme. We think now in terms of better living conditions here and I am afraid not much about another life."

After 96 Years Still Steady In Practicing

Sep. 25, 1958 – We went late Sunday morning to pay our respect to the patriarch of northwestern Randolph, Dr. Jefferson Davis (Jeff) Bulla, and had to wait before we could see him, as he was busy attending to a patient who had come down from Trinity to receive medical attention.

Dr. Jeff, as he is affectionately known to hundreds of patients and friends, is in the process of observing his 96th birthday and it is our desire to go each year at this time and pay our humble tribute to a man and a doctor who with a

normal life-time of service behind him is still rendering aid to his fellowman.

The patient we waited on was not the first one to call at the two-story residence, setting back of a grove of trees, on last Sunday morning. Several others had come earlier to seek the medical advice, prescriptions and applications of this country doctor who began his practice over 70 years ago.

We questioned the patient as she left Sunday morning and learned that she had been coming to Dr. Bulla for approximately forty years.

Dr. Bulla's entire practice has been spent in the community in which he resides on Route 1, Trinity. Following his graduation from the Baltimore College of Physicians, he began practicing with the late Dr. Thomas Winslow in Apr. 1888.

He had been born in Sept., 1862 at the old Bulla homestead in Back Creek township, now occupied by the Dougan family, grandchildren of his sister, the late Margaret Bulla Dougan. There is a little confusion as to the day of the month on which he was born. He has observed Sept. 22 and Sept. 24 but he is inclined to think that he was born on Sept. 28, as that date is recorded in a Bible which belonged to his parents, Dr. A. C. Bulla and Millicent Rush Bulla.

Although his mind is still keen, his memory is good and his sense of humor is strong, he has become a little "clumsy" in the past few years and that is his own description. However, he is still able to walk about. He has had to quit deer hunting and duck hunting in recent years, even though he would still like very much to go. He eats anything he wants to eat and says when he is sitting down he feels just as good as he ever did.

Most of his practice is done at his home but occasionally he is taken to the homes of patients in order to give shots or render a like service. He was dressed very neatly Sunday morning and just before we left he revealed that he was waiting to be taken to the dedication of the Mt. Vernon church hut and the picnic luncheon to follow. Although not a regular attendant, he still attends the services at the Mt. Vernon church where his wife, the former Mattie McCrary, is buried. She died in 1935.

Our annual visit was over and as we left, he sat down on the spacious front porch to await the trip to the church hut. There he sat, straight, stalwart and with great dignity. Another year had passed, but lightly over the frame of this grand old man of northwestern Randolph.

W. Bryan Davis In 20th Year As County Precinct Registrar

Oct. 16, 1958 – When the registration books for the general election of Nov. 4 opened last Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, W. Bryan Davis was on hand at the Central Falls precinct of Franklinville Township where he has served continuously as the precinct registrar for the past 20 years.

He is the oldest election registrar in point of service in Randolph County. He received his appointment in 1938 at a time when the late E. H. Cranford, of Asheboro, was serving as chairman of the Randolph County Board of Elections.

Two years before assuming the duties of registrar, Mr. Davis was elected to the legislature from Randolph County and served in the 1937 sessions of that body.

He had been a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Commissioner in 1934 and received enough

votes to call for a run-off vote in a second primary. However, he refused to call for a run-off vote, choosing rather to step down and seek election to the legislature two years later.

Mr. Davis has been serving as court crier since Dec., 1954, having been appointed as bailiff of the courts in Randolph county following the election of Sheriff Wayne W. Wilson.

This veteran election registrar has never voted in an election except in the precinct in which he is serving as registrar. He lives on Route 2, Randleman, in the northwestern part of the township, around a half of a mile from Randleman township line.

He remembers that he voted first at Central Falls in the election of 1920, following his discharge from the U. S. Navy. He recalls that as he came to the election grounds, he was approached by Rollis York who asked: "Look here, boy, are you old enough to vote? Mr. Davis replied: "I wouldn't be here if I were not."

Rollis York is not quite as old as Bryan Davis and the two men have worked as associates together in the elections at Central Falls for many years. Another associate with whom he worked for many years was the late L. Q. (Luke) Yow, who served as the Democratic chairman of the precinct until his death in 1956. W. H. (Horace) Conner is now serving as the precinct chairman.

Mr. Davis has been living in Randolph county since Dec. 15, 1919. He came here with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William Davis, from the southern part of Stokes county, their address in that county having been Route 1, Walnut Cove. However, they lived nearer Germantown.

He went back to Stokes county for his wife, the former Miss Savannah Watts, whom he married on Dec. 15, 1934. She was a resident of Route 1, King.

Election proceedings have run smoothly in the Central Falls precinct since Bryan Davis became the registrar. Although a strong partisan Democrat, he has still conducted the elections in such a manner as to gain the respect of the opposite party. He gets along well with his Democratic Judge, W. Nixon, and his Republican Judge, Arthur Redding both of whom have served with him for several years.

The apportionment Democratic majority in the Central Falls precinct is larger than that of any other precinct in Randolph county and many political observers in the county attribute this in part to the stature in which Mr. Davis is held within the bounds of the precinct.

Mr. Davis dates his interest in things politically back to the days of his boyhood in Stokes County. Then he also says that "it was born in me from both sides of the family."

But his interests are not entirely political, as he serves as assistant teacher of the Men's Bible Class at the Bethany Methodist church and for several years he served as a community committeeman in the farm program of the agriculture department.

Bryan Davis has brought prestige into his precinct and into the election machinery of Randolph County. He has conducted his elections in decency and in orderliness. He has served with distinction and in a manner to reflect credit to his part, his precinct, his township and his county.

Nov. 20, 1958 – Miss Alice Smith arrived in the North Asheboro community Sunday afternoon to begin a "home leave" from the American Consulate General at Stuttgart, Germany where she has been serving as a Vice Consul for the past two years.

Miss Smith reached New York by plane on Monday morning, Nov. 10, but remained in Washington, D. C. for a week of consultations with officials within the Department of State.

She will remain here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Underwood, and their daughter, Niki, of the Spero section, until Jan. 15 when she will return to her duties with the American Consulate General in Stuttgart.

This former North Asheboro resident and Asheboro high school graduate received the appointment as Vice Consul in Mar., 1955 while she was serving as a Consular Assistant to the American Consulate General in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong.

Previously she had served as a Foreign Service Clerk with the American Consulate General in Munich, Germany and as a Consular Assistant with the American Embassy at Ankara, Turkey.

Miss Smith entered the Foreign Service of the Department of State in Jan., 1946. Prior to that time, she had worked as a civil service employee in Washington, D. C.

During her stay in Stuttgart, Miss Smith has visited the World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium and in Paris, France.

Local Couple Planning For Annual Gift Trip

Dec. 18, 1958 – When the weather clears, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jordan will leave for their annual pilgrimage to Cherokee to take Christmas gifts to the Indian children there.

The gifts which the Jordans will take were brought to the annual Christmas party for the Indians in absentia which was sponsored recently by the Young Missionary Workers Band of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church.

The party, which has been held for several years under the direction of Miss Vestha Brown, superintendent of the Young Missionary Workers Band, was held in the Youth Building of the church. Approximately 22 children were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, who have a cottage at Cherokee, are interested in the work of the Cherokee Wesleyan Methodist church and it is to the children of this church that the gifts of the children of the Neighbors Grove church are taken. Names of the Indian children are drawn by the children of the local church and the gifts are brought to the Christmas party, to be delivered by the Jordans when they make their trip to Cherokee.

This year names of the older attendants of the Cherokee church were drawn by the members of Charles Cranford's Sunday School class of the Neighbor's Grove church and gifts for this older group will also be taken by the Jordans to Cherokee.

The children at the party for the Indians played games and were served with refreshments. Miss Brown was assisted by Mrs. Fred Lovin in the conduct of the party.

Resident Wishes Thanks To Those Helping In Aid

German Vice Consul Returns Home

Dec. 29, 1958 – Mrs. Velva Pritchard Swaney at home now after a trip to Dallas, Texas, for medical treatment, says that she wants “to thank the people for everything they did “in making her trip possible.

Friends, former employers, churches and civic organizations responded earlier in the month to a desire by Mrs. Swaney to go to a Dallas, Texas, clinic for treatment of a malignancy from which she had been suffering since last summer.

Funds were raised which enabled Mrs. Swaney to fly to and from the clinic site and to pay her necessary expenses while there Mrs. Swaney was gone for a week and says that she had \$32 left upon her return home. She got back the week before Christmas.

She was taken to the Greensboro-High Point Airport by Mrs. Clyde Graves of Asheboro, and Mrs. Lawrence Allred of Route 3, Asheboro, and the same ladies went after her when she got back.

Mrs. Swaney's plane trip was uneventful, even though she had never been on a plane before. On the trip down, her plane failed to make connections at Memphis, Tenn., so she had to go to Fort Worth, Texas instead of Dallas. She was then taken on to Dallas in a limousine.

After checking in a hotel, she reported to the Taylor's Clinic and when there was sent to a hospital for four days of extensive treatment. She is well satisfied with the treatment she received and says “I am not sorry that I went.”

Mrs. Swaney and her four children, Richard, Susan, Rosa Louise and Katherine Dail, had a real nice Christmas despite the fact that the husband and father, Dewey Swaney, is a patient at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville, Va. According to Mrs. Swaney, folks were more than kind in bringing in food, clothing, toys and money to help make this Christmas a happy one for the Swaneys, even though their circumstances have not been too pleasant in recent years.

Young Minister, With Western Background Can Easily “Pass As Real Southern-Born

Dec. 29 1958- Six months ago a former young Colorado rancher came to Asheboro to become Minister of Education at First Baptist church, and since that time he has been thoroughly indoctrinated in the life of the church congregation and of the city.

Melvin Berdett (Mel) Anderson was born and reared just this side of the Continental Divide, in the middle of the Rocky Mountains, but if these facts were not known he could easily be associated with a southern birth and background.

This could probably be attributed to his wife, Barbara, a native of Columbia, S. C., to whom he was married in Aug., 1951 while serving in the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson. In early Oct. this year, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson adopted a baby son, Vernon Aubry, who was only four days old at the time.

Anderson was born on Apr. 24, 1926, in Salida, Colo., a town of about 5,000 people. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Anderson, resided on a cattle ranch, later Mel himself acquired the adjoining ranch which belonged to his grandfather.

He lived in Salida until he was 25 graduated from the local high school, attended the Salida First Baptist church, a church of conservation Baptist faith, and together with his

father farmed the two ranches, 320 acres of irrigated land, a half section, one half of a mile wide and one mile long.

But in 1951 Mel Anderson left the two ranches on which the white face Herefords grazed, quit the growing of barley and alfalfa, the producing of hogs when the cattle prices got low, and entered into the service of his country.

With half the partnership gone, the ranches were sold and Mel's parents moved to Denver, Colo., where they still reside. His only sister and her husband, missionary appointees to Alaska, are also living in Denver awaiting call to serve in the 49th state.

Mel Anderson and Barbara Kinlaw met while attending the Training Union of Park Street Baptist church in Columbia, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Breece Kinlaw, were members. (Her father is a paving contractor). The young couple were married a few months later in Edgefield, S. C., by a minister who was an uncle of the bride.

Our subject was later transferred to an adjutant general's school at Fort Benjamin Harrison near Indianapolis, Ind., where he was designated as a replacement for the Korean conflict. But he was never sent to Korea and instead received his discharge in Jan., 1953 and enrolled at Rockmont College in Denver, Colo., where he attended for one year.

He then entered the Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, Colo. where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Aug., 1956. While there, he majored in speech and minored in business administration.

However, the first college he attended was a Bible college and Mel Anderson had known throughout his college days that the hand of the Lord was upon him. Although he was not quite clear as to the direction in which he would be led. But the course was determined at the end of his college days and he made plans to enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He graduated from that institution with a Master's degree in Religious Education in May of this year.

But even before his graduation, a guiding hand had again turned Mel Anderson southward and in Apr. of this year he and his wife came to Asheboro to consider and be considered for the position at First Baptist here. When the mutual agreement was made, Mel finished up his work at the seminary, he and his wife went back to Colorado for a couple of weeks with his parents in Denver, and then they came to Asheboro to begin their services at the local church.

Mel Anderson has been wholly accepted by the congregation which he serves and by the city which has adopted him as one of its own. He has been busily engaged in direction the administrative and educational activities of the First Baptist church since his arrival and also participating in the work of the Randolph Baptist Association. He very capably presides over the meetings of the church congregation in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Charles E. Neal.

His wife, Barbara, however, has confined her activities to the caring for young Vernon Aubry since his arrival at their home last Oct.. The young baby, incidentally, received his first name from the missionary appointee brother-in-law and his second name from a brother of Mrs. Anderson. The Andersons spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Anderson's family in Columbia, S. C.

After spending time in Columbia, Indianapolis, Denver and Louisville, Mel Anderson likes Asheboro, similar to the

small town in which he was born. He likes the friendliness, the greetings, the waves from across the street and the calling of the first names. Asheboro, in turn, likes Mel Anderson, his wife and their small son and is glad that they have become a part of the life of the city.

But this clear-eyed man from the west has not forgotten his native mountains, the cattle ranches and the horses he used to ride and with the advent of his son, he will probably take his family and head back for a visit next summer to the scenes in which he grew to young manhood.

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Local Family Provides Seven Carriers

Jan. 8, 1959 - Numbered among The Courier-Tribune carriers for more than ten years have been the entire seven members of a North Asheboro family, with the three youngest children of the family still serving in this capacity.

Since the Thomas children started delivering the paper on the Liberty road route over ten years ago, the route has been served continuously by some member of the family since that time.

Lowell Thomas, the eldest member of the family, and Dwight, the brother next to him, first began carrying the paper, with Lowell dropping out soon afterwards but with Dwight serving as a carrier boy for around five years.

The third and fourth brothers, Wayne and Morris, then took up the route, with Wayne later carrying The Courier-Tribune on another route in the vicinity.

Boyd, the fifth brother, relieved Wayne on his route and later took Morris' route, with Douglas, the sixth brother taking the route on which Wayne and Boyd had been the carrier boys.

However, Boyd and Douglas had not carried the paper long until they received some help from the seventh member of the family, Carolyn, sister of the six brothers and now pretty young lass of eight years.

Carolyn began helping her brothers even before she had started to school. Boyd and Douglas have been carrying the paper for around three years.

The children reside at 911 Liberty road and their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thomas. Besides delivering The Courier-Tribune, they have been active in sports and other school activities.

Lowell, who is now the assistant manager of the boy's department at Hudson-Belk in Asheboro, was president of his graduation class at Asheboro High school while Dwight, now a freshman at Guilford College, was president of the Student Council and president of the Key club during his high school career. At Guilford he is serving as the school photographer and is an assistant to the Director of Public Relations.

Wayne is a member of the senior class at Asheboro High school and a member of the varsity basketball team. He served last year as treasurer of the Student Council. His younger brother, Morris, is a member of the sophomore class and is a member of the varsity football squad. Last year he served as president of the freshman class.

Boyd, 13 years of age, is an eighth grade student at the Fayetteville school and Douglas, 12 years of age, is a sixth grade student at the Balfour school. Thus far, their activities have been mainly concerned with playing Little League baseball.

Carolyn, who is not going to let her brothers outdo her, is a third grade student at the Balfour school.

Thus it has been for more than a decade—seven members of the same family serving the same paper route.

Neighbors Grove Presents Awards To Members For Attendance

Jan. 8, 1959 - The preacher, the Sunday School Superintendent and a former trustee and member of the Board of Stewards received the highest awards in the annual presentation of attendance awards for the Sunday School of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church on last Sunday.

Rev. Paul E. Allred, pastor of the church, received an attendance award for 13 years, Charles W. Cranford, superintendent of the Sunday School, received an award for 11 years of attendance, and Clarence F. Allred, a former trustee of the church and member of the Board of Stewards, received an award for an attendance of 10 years.

Forty seven other awards were presented to bring the total of perfect attendance to 196. An attendance award is given at Neighbors Grove unless there is an actual attendance every Sunday either at Neighbors Grove or some other church.

The Rev. Mr. Allred, who is in his second year as the pastor of the Neighbors Grove church, began his uninterrupted attendance at Sunday school back in 1945 while pastor of the First Wesleyan Methodist church at Kings Mountain. His attendance has continued at successive pastorates at the Long Shoals Wesleyan Methodist church at Charlotte, the First Wesleyan Methodist church at Gastonia, the Emmanuel Wesleyan Methodist church at Lexington and at the Neighbors Grove church.

However, the Rev. Mr. Allred had an excellent attendance record prior to the beginning of his present 13 years record, as he had only missed two Sundays in 12 years previous to that time. Mr. Allred says that although it is customary for preachers to attend Sunday School, he likes to attend and according to him, "I'd have gone anyway."

Charles Cranford's 11 years of attendance at Sunday school has been entirely at the Neighbors Grove church. He has served as superintendent of the Sunday school during that entire period and has also taught a Sunday school class for a greater part of the time.

Actually, Mr. Cranford's attendance record at Sunday school consists of more than 11 years. It is just that the records are not available to attest to a longer record.

Clarence Allred has also compiled his record of 10 years of attendance at Sunday School at the Neighbors Grove church. Also, during that that period he has only missed attending one or two of the preaching services. It is not recalled by anyone either that Clarence Allred was ever late at any of these services.

A native of the North Asheboro community, the loyalty of Clarence Allred has not been confined entirely to his Sunday school and church, as he rounded out 30 years of consecutive employment at the Acme Hosiery Mills in Nov.. Married and the father of nine children, Clarence Allred is consistent in his relationship with his family, his job and his church.

The church treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Pritchard, received an award for 9 years of attendance at Sunday school.

Other awards for attendance were made as follows: Reva Allred, daughter of Clarence Allred, 8 years; Mrs. Clarence Smith and Nettie Alice Pritchard, 7 years; Phillip Smith and Martha Smith, 6 years; Mrs. Vettie Walker, Mrs. Herman Humble, and Sharon Pritchard, 5 years.

A. M. Jordan, Mrs. A. M. Jordan, Miss Maudie Brown, Mrs. McKinley Pritchard, Mrs. David Jordan, Martin Smith, Gloria Smith, David Pritchard, and Jane Spivey, 4 years; Lester Bulla, Mrs. Wilson Davidson, Duane Davidson, Miss Louise Hackett, Miss Vastha Brown, Rosalyn Davidson, Nina Smith and Deborah Smith, 3 years.

Fred Lovin, Herbert Smith, Albert McNeill, Mrs. Albert McNeill, Patsy Spivey, Brenda Hill, and Mrs. Charles Cranford, 2 years; and Mrs. A. C. Bulla, Mrs. Emery Bulla, Clarence Smith, Mrs. Howard McDowell, Ray Hill, David Jordan, William Rush, Jerome Davidson, Timmy Hill, and Judy Ferguson, 1 year.

New Minister Assumes Asheboro Circuit Pastorate

26 Jan. 1959 – The Rev. Ron L. Hall, a Winston-Salem native, has assumed the pastorate of the Asheboro circuit of the Methodist church, which is comprised of the Central Falls, Cedar Falls, West Chapel and Mountain View churches.

Mr. Hall and his attractive young wife moved into the circuit parsonage at Cedar Falls last week after having taken over the pastorates of the churches on the preceding Sunday. The new minister will only serve in a supervisory capacity at the Mountain View church, as that church is actively served by a local preacher.

He comes to the circuit by appointment of the district superintendent, under the approval of the bishop of the conference, to fill out the un-expired pastorate of the Rev. James Peters, who resigned because of his health.

This young minister, who looks younger than his 24 years, will finish requirements at the Duke Divinity School at the end of the fall semester on Jan. 28 and will thus become eligible to receive a Bachelor of Divinity degree in June. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in English, from Duke University in June, 1956 after attending and graduating from the Mineral Springs high school near Winston-Salem.

He has been approved for post-graduate study at the Edinburgh University in Edinburgh, Scotland and hopes to enroll there in the future.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hall of Winston-Salem, he grew up in the twin city and attended the Oak Summit Methodist church in the vicinity in which he lived. During his senior year in college and while in the divinity school he worked during the summer months with the Duke Endowment and in this capacity served the Oak Summit church, the Dana and Ednyville Methodist churches in the Hendersonville area and at Camp Tekoa, a Methodist youth camp.

It was while in his sophomore year at college that he met Miss Kay Long, a high school senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Long, Sr., and also a Winston-Salem native, and it was also during his sophomore year that he made his decision to enter the ministry.

Ron Hall continued his college career and Kay Long entered the North Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing where she graduated in Aug. 1957. The young couple were married a month later.

Mr. Hall was active in Methodist Student Fellowship while in college and was also a member of Kappa Chi, a ministerial fraternity. He completed the divinity school in two and one half years by attending a summer session.

He has been ordained a deacon in the Methodist church and will enter into the full connection of the conference with the convening of that body in June. His assignment to the Asheboro circuit is in a supply capacity and will continue until the meeting of the annual conference.

A schedule of the preaching appointments at the Central Falls, Cedar Falls and the West Chapel churches call for the minister to preach at all three of the churches three times a month.

For their initial appearances at the churches of the circuit, the young couple has impressed the church congregations with their friendliness, their sincerity and their consecration to the duty which lies ahead of them.

Four Youngsters Carry On During Absence Of Parents

Feb. 5, 1959 – Four young children, three sisters and a brother, have banded themselves together in a small house in the North Asheboro community and are carrying on, courageously and expertly, in the absence of their parents.

The Swaney children, Richard 12, Susan 11, Louise 10, and Dail 5, have been without both of their parents for over two weeks now but they have continued their normal routine of living to a certain extent entirely upon their own.

They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Swaney, 2113 Flint Street, who are at the present time hospitalized, Mr. Swaney in the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fisherville, Va., and Mrs. Swaney in the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill.

Staying with the children is a 15-year-old cousin, Georgia Keeling. However, a neighbor from across the street, Mrs. Howard McDowell, looks in on them frequently, the families of both Mr. and Mrs. Swaney come by and the preacher, Rev. Paul Allred, keeps an eye on them.

But the children are self sufficient, particularly the diminutive, eldest daughter, Susie, who is a regular little woman, Susie is small, only weighs 49 and one half pounds and has to stand in a chair to wash dishes and to mix the flour for the biscuits. But Susie is capable and could well manage the household if it became necessary. However, Susie attends the 6th grade classes at Balfour school and therefore her cousin, Georgia, stays at home with the youngest child, Dail and assists with the domestic duties.

Plans were in the making for the children to visit their mother at the Chapel Hill hospital on Wednesday. A brother of Mr. Swaney was to accompany them. Since children are not allowed in the hospital room, it was planned to bring Mrs. Swaney out to see them in a wheel chair or on a stretcher, whichever one her condition would permit.

Dewey Swaney was seriously injured in a construction accident in Apr., 1957. The accident left him without one arm and completely paralyzed from the waist down. Since that time he has been in and out of hospitals and returned to the rehabilitation center several weeks ago after a stay at home with his family.

Mrs. Swaney, the former Velva Pritchard, was managing for herself and her four children just fine until last summer when she was stricken with an illness from which she has not recovered. She entered the Chapel Hill hospital last July 17, underwent a most serious operation and remained

for a month. She never recovered to the extent of resuming her employment.

Her condition grew worse and just before Christmas she flew to Dallas, Texas, for treatment at a cancer clinic there. Whether her condition had progressed too far or not, it is not known. But she did not get any better on her return from the Dallas clinic and two weeks ago last Sunday entered The Randolph Hospital and was transferred in a few days to the hospital at Chapel Hill. Reports from Chapel Hill are that she does not show any improvement.

However, Velva Swaney is still cheerful and smiling, according to those who have visited her at Chapel Hill. Just as her children are keeping busy and looking after things in her absence. Whatever the outcome, Velva Swaney has transmitted to her four young children a fortitude which is serving them well.

Route Four Youth Refused Medical Aid

Feb. 19, 1959 – A young 19 year-old Route 4 Asheboro youth has been refused medical aid by the Veterans Administration who claims that the boys illness began before he entered the military service.

But David Lee Cromer, his parents Carl Odell (Red) Cromer, and their family physicians say that there was nothing wrong with him when he entered the Asheboro unit of the National Guard on May 14, 1955 and when he entered into the active service of the Army at Ft. Jackson on Jan. 13, 1957.

Since receiving an honorable discharge from the National Guard of North Carolina and as a Reserve of the Army of the United States on Apr. 23, 1957, David has undergone two operations at the Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro at a cost of approximately \$1700 and is now faced with another operation which is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000 to 1,200.

Appeals to the Veterans Administration, Regional Office in Winston-Salem have been rejected and a letter from this agency last Sept. stated that his claims had been carefully reviewed, no change was warranted in the previous determination and that the claim remained in a disallowed status. The letter also stated that young Cromer could appeal the decision to the Veterans Administration in Washington. Thus far, the appeal to Washington has not been answered. However, the Veterans Administration had told the youth in a verbal conversation that there was no need for him to appeal.

After serving in the National Guard from May to Jan., David volunteered for six months of active service in the regular Army, this was not mandatory at the time, and was sent to Ft. Jackson, S. C. In a few days after reaching Ft. Jackson, he developed pneumonia and was admitted to the base hospital. While in the base hospital, it was discovered that he had a place on one of his lungs and the doctors there told him that he would have to have an operation.

David remained in the Army hospital for most of the time that he was in the active service of the Army. But he didn't finish out the six months period of active service and about the middle of Apr. 1957 he was sent home and told that the Army would request the National Guard to discharge him.

The discharge was mailed to him a few days after he had been sent home from Ft. Jackson and the Report of Separation and Record of Service was not signed by young Cromer, with the statement "not available for signature" being written in the place designated for the signature.

Although David's discharge certificate reads "This Certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service," his Report of Separation and Record of Service states that the discharge was made for "physical disability."

After returning to his home, the youth's condition became increasingly worse and he sought medical advice from a chest surgeon at the Cone hospital in Greensboro. He was advised there that he would have to have an operation right away. He submitted to the operation in Oct., 1957 and the doctors found that the place on his lung had grown, "to the size of an orange." Over one third of the lung was removed and a tube inserted therein.

The first operation was not successful and in 20 days, before he had even left the hospital, another operation had to be performed. He remained in the hospital for 43 days and the cost of the operations and the expense of staying in the hospital amounted to over \$1700. He had applied for help from the Veterans Administration prior to undergoing the first operation.

After leaving the hospital he had to go back twice a week at first for treatment and later once a week. This has continued up to the present time and during this intervening period his condition has not been relieved. He suffers more than he did before the first operation and the doctors now tell him that he will have to have another operation before he will get any better. It is estimated that the third operation will cost between \$1,000 and \$1200.

This is a big amount for a youth who is unable to work because of his condition, his father is also unemployed at the present time and the Veterans Administration remains unequivocally opposed to helping in the matter.

The boy's father, a veteran himself of nine years of service in both the Army and Navy, is thoroughly disgusted with the attitude of the Veterans Administration in the matter of aid for his son and therefore feels that his own overseas service with the 3rd Army in the European area during World War II and elsewhere was somewhat in vain.

However, the neat-appearing young David Lee Cromer is seemingly not as bitter as his father, but rather has a sense of futility about the entire matter. This feeling was revealed when he said: "I can't go anywhere, I can't work, it looks like I'm going to die."

Educator Seeks Right to 'Earn Place'

Mar. 5, 1959 – In a country torn by racial strife, school boycotts, court decisions and violence, a Negro educator in Asheboro is effectively helping to improve and to solve a situation which has puzzled officialdom from the President and the Supreme Court on down to the lowest authorities in the land.

Although Professor C. A. Barrett, head of the George Washington Carver College says, "I am for every right," he still believes the Negro has to learn his place in the civilization of mankind and in his work at the college the esteemed professor is striving to "build up our folks so that we can get a better understanding."

Professor Barrett, who organized the college in Aug., 1948, believes that in addition to the teaching curriculum of his school, its purpose should be to "get folks in the right kind of attitude and to build up the educational atmosphere of the community."

After its organization, the school began operations in an old dilapidated church building. Two years later, in 1950, land was purchased and a block building was erected on Cross Street. In 1952 more land was purchased and an addition to the building was made.

The need for a larger building, more facilities and a larger tract of land brought about the purchase of a huge combination garage apartment just off the old Cedar Falls road east of Asheboro. The building, which had been padlocked for illegal liquor activities, along with nearly 15 acres of land was bought for \$9,500, considerable less than the owner originally wanted for it.

Designed to help a person find his capacity, to see what he can do best and to furnish adequate help for the community, the school provides courses in practical nursing, general home management, clothing, secretarial work, music, catering and other service occupations. Professor Barrett feels that "any kind of work can be dignified," whether it be in the kitchen taking care of children or however menial the task may be.

The school is operated entirely by funds received from tuition and contributions. Professor Barrett travels extensively throughout this section soliciting funds for his school and the donor list contains many of the well known citizens and business firms of the state. He had been to Durham on the day of the interview, he goes as far East as Rocky Mount, he goes to High Point, Greensboro, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Lenoir, Danville, Va., and in his own words, "anywhere I can find a dollar." Also, quite a bit of the school equipment has been furnished by manufacturing plants in the state.

Traveling the field is nothing new to Professor C. A. Barrett, who was serving as a field worker for Bennett College in Greensboro at the time he came to Asheboro in 1931 to become principal of the Randolph County Training School, now known as Central High school.

Then, upon leaving the principal ship of the local school 15 years later, he became a field worker to the Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Ala. It was actually while serving in this capacity that the idea of George Washington Carver College took shape, even though the idea had borne upon the founder's mind since earlier years, and it was upon the pattern of the Tuskegee Institute that the school was formed. It was therefore appropriate that the school derive its name from Dr. George Washington Carver, member of the faculty of the Tuskegee Institute and world renowned scientist.

C. A. Barrett is a native of Texas, the eastern part, and he attended the public schools of Texas. He also attended the Prairie View Normal College in Texas and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the New Orleans University at New Orleans, La. He received a Masters Degree from the A & T College in Greensboro. Before accepting the position as field worker for Bennett College, he served for several years as principal of the Booker T. Washington high school at Texarkana, Ark.

The professor's wife is associated with him in the operation of the school and serves as chaperone for the boarding students at the school. He has two sons, C. A. Barrett, Jr., a post office employee in New York City, and George Edmund, who is employed with an insurance agency in Baltimore, Md. A granddaughter, Joan S. Barrett, is presently rehearsing for her debut in dancing at Carnegie Hall in Apr..

Besides his participation in the education realm, Professor Barrett is an ordained minister in the Methodist church, is president of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church and often attends the general conferences of the church, having gone to one in San Francisco six years ago. He is an active member of the Asheboro Ministerial Alliance and in point of service is the oldest member of the group.

Classes at the George Washington Carver College are held both day and night. A kindergarten class is held in the mornings, an adult education class is held at night, in addition to classes in specialized groups. A grave digger for Pugh Funeral Home in Asheboro has recently learned to read and write in the adult education class, with his employer paying his tuition fees also buying him a Bible when he learned to read.

Thus, Professor C. A. Barrett continues to work for the betterment of his race, not through legal technicalities, court decisions, and the work of organized groups but through recognition of the needs of his people and a desire to see them improve their manner of living. He has patiently, determinedly and single handedly organized and led his school into a position of service not only for his own people but for the entire community as well.

Calvary Methodists Dedicate Parsonage

Mar. 12, 1959 – The parsonage of Calvary Methodist church, for which open house ceremonies were held on Mar. 2, 1952, was declared free from debt on Sunday, just over seven years after it was opened for public inspection.

Pastor George W. Thompson, who is in his second year at the church, presided over the dedication ceremonies, with the Rev. John H. Carper, superintendent of Thomasville District of the Methodist church, preaching the sermon and performing the act of dedication.

Calvary church was formally organized on Easter Sunday, Apr. 9, 1950. The Fellowship Hall was completed and opened for worship in Mar., 1951, with the construction of the church parsonage beginning on the same tract of land in Oct. that year.

The parsonage building, of brick construction, central heating, three bedrooms, and two full baths, was completed in Jan., 1952 and at that time was valued with furnishings at about \$20,000.

Superintendent Carper, fresh from groundbreaking ceremonies for a new educational building at First Methodist church in Asheboro, and a brief inspection of the building program at West Bend Methodist church, was "thrilled" at the progress of the churches and said that "God has given us the greatest opportunity of witnessing."

For the service, he spoke on "The Place of the Church and the Place of the Home," saying that both require complete dedication and consecration. The children's choir sang a special number for the service, and the church choir leader, Mrs. L. C. Lathan, Jr. sang the anthem "Bless This House O'Lord."

Following the service in the church, the pastor and the district superintendent led the congregation out in the beautiful noon day sunshine to the parsonage lawn for the final act of dedication.

The pastor spoke the words of dedication, the congregation gave the response, and the district superintendent read the scripture lesson and presented the

certificate of dedication to the church lay leader, J. C. Robbins.

Correspondent, Friend Visit State Legislature

Mar. 26, 1959 – The North Asheboro correspondent, accompanied by Benton Burgess, also of the community, attended sessions of the Legislature in Raleigh Monday evening.

They had dinner with Randolph Representative Sam J. Burrow, Jr. of Asheboro and later accompanied Mr. Burrow to a session of the House of Representatives.

Following the convening of the house and the Senate, both bodies met in joint session for an address by Preston J. Moore, the national commander of the American Legion. Moore was introduced by Gov. Luther Hodges.

The North Asheboro men conferred with Senators Robert B. Morgan and Wilbur Currie, representing the 12th Senatorial District, of which Randolph is a part. They also talked with Joe Sam Routh of Franklinville, Chief Page of the Senate.

They were introduced to many of the state's lawmakers by Burrow, including the genial Speaker of the House Addison Hewlett. Hewlett and many other members of both the House and Senate praised Burrows abilities, spoke of his popularity and attested to the esteem in which he is held by members of the General Assembly.

One purpose of the visit to the legislature was to acquire Representative Marcellus Buchanan of Sylva, a member of the General Assembly from Jackson County, as a speaker for the dinner meeting of the Young Democratic Club of Randolph county to be held Friday evening at the Ce-Tel Restaurant south of Asheboro.

Burgess is program chairman for the dinner meeting of the YDS and Mrs. Lois B. Renigar, also of the North Asheboro community, is serving as dinner chairman along with Mrs. Polly S. Miller.

Miss Smith Appointed To Consulate

Mar. 26, 1959 – Sixteen years ago a young woman left the rural environs of the North Asheboro community to become a civil service clerk in Washington, D. C. On Tuesday of this week, word was received in the community that she had been appointed to a high position in the Foreign Service of the Department of State.

Miss Alice Smith, who is assigned to the American Consulate General at Stuttgart, Germany, was appointed a Consulate in the Diplomatic Service on Mar. 9 by President Eisenhower. She had served as a Vice Consul since an appointment by the President on Mar. 24, 1955.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, of the Spero section, Miss Smith has risen steadily in position since becoming a file clerk with the Combined Raw Materials Board in Oct., 1942. At the time of her resignation from this governmental unit in Jan., 1946, she was serving as supervisor of files.

Shortly after entering Foreign Service, she was assigned as a Foreign Service Clerk with the American Consulate General in Munich, Germany. Her next assignment was with the American Embassy at Ankara, Turkey where she served as a Consular Clerk and Consular Assistant.

In Feb., 1954, Miss Smith went to the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong for duties as a Consulate Assistant

with the American Consulate General. She was serving in this capacity at the time of her appointment as a Vice Consul. She remained in Hong Kong until May, 1956 when she returned for a "home leave" before being sent to her present assignment with the American Consulate General at Stuttgart, Germany.

She came home last Nov. for another leave but returned to her duties in Stuttgart in mid-Jan..

It is with fond remembrance that North Asheboro and vicinity receives the news of Miss Smith's appointment by President Eisenhower as a Consul in the Foreign Service of our county. She lived here as a small child, attended the Balfour School and graduated from Asheboro high school. Her scholarship achievements ranked high at both schools. It is with a sense of elation that the community can claim her as one of its own.

Friends Replace Blood Lost In Accident

Apr. 13, 1959 – Orville (Bill) Wright of Route 1, Asheboro, a big man with an infectious smile, had many friends when it came to the replacement of blood because of a serious accident.

The 15 pints he used were replaced with 26 pints.

But Bill Wright was more fortunate than many others who have used blood in Randolph County, as replacements have not been found in several cases. When the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to Asheboro next Thursday and Friday it will face a shortage of blood which amounts to more than 250 pints.

Bill Wright's accident occurred on July 25, 1957; it was a severe one and he has been unable to walk since that time. A tractor, from which he was unhitching a bog, ran back on him, crushing his pelvis and breaking the left femoral bone which extends from the thigh to the knee.

The big 265-pounder stayed at Randolph Hospital for nine weeks and two days and was then transferred to North Carolina Memorial Hospital for another 15 days. He went back to the Chapel Hill hospital later for 42 days and is still under their care, having made many trips back and forth for examination and treatment.

Wright remained enclosed in a cast for a period of 12 months, the cast encircling his entire body from the tip of his toes up to and under his neck. During that time, he drank water through a quill, had to be spoon-fed and lost around 75 pounds of his huge weight.

Two sturdy galvanized pipes in a lengthwise arrangement over his bed assists the injured man in easing his large frame around on the bed and helps him to build up the strength in the once muscular arms which could easily lift a 200-pound sack of fertilizer and hold it suspended above his head. Another arrangement of galvanized pipes has been set up in an adjoining room and he is beginning a process by which he will learn to use his legs again and to try once more to walk.

Mr. Wright, who was 40 years of age on Mar. 13, is a native of Randolph county and has always lived in the vicinity of his present residence, just off of Highway 902, a few miles from Asheboro. He was employed as a full fashioned hosiery mill knitter for several years and was also a part-time farmer, chicken raiser and sawmill operator. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wright, he is married to the former Juanita Wilson and they have four sons, Billy, Jimmy, Bobby and Donnie. Mrs. Wright is employed at the Acme Hosiery Mills.

Bill Wright has undergone nearly two years of intense pain and suffering and a period of discomfort, especially during the year he spent in the cast. He continues to suffer and is now faced with an infection which has penetrated the injured portions of his body. His hospital and doctor bills have amounted to approximately \$7500.

But despite all that has come upon him, Bill Wright has not lost his lusty zest for life and has retained a strong optimism that he will recover and resume his resourceful way of living. He refuses to think anything else and with such unbounded faith and fortitude, it is hard to doubt that things will be otherwise with this man of unexcelled strength and vigor.

80th Birthday Not Time For Being Old

Apr. 16, 1959 – "I never think about being old" was the parting statement of Mrs. Addie Rollins Connor as we left her on the evening of her 80th birthday Monday, Apr. 13, at her home in Central Falls.

That attitude is probably why Addie Connor has not grown old, that and another reason which she gave at the outset of the interview when she replied: "My faith is what has kept me."

Faith has meant a great deal to this long-time resident of Central Falls and has brought her to the age of four score years, a woman at peace with herself and satisfied with her lot in life despite the death of her husband over 30 years ago and the loss of her only child, a son, over two months ago.

She was born as the next to the youngest child of Isaac Newton Rollins and Nancy Winningham Rollins on Apr. 13, 1879. Her parents were living at the time of her birth at the old Gaines Winningham place, a short distance northeast of Asheboro. Gaines Winningham was her maternal grandfather.

The family moved to Central Falls when Mrs. Connor was six years age. All of her family is now dead except one brother, Carl Rollins, of Asheboro.

Addie Rollins started to school at the Old Gold Hill School, near the place where she was born. It was a one teacher school and Mrs. Connor recalls that grown-up men and women attended the school along with the six-year-olds, of which she was one. After coming with her family to Central Falls, she attended school in a building owned by the mill and used as a community center, which is now the site of the Central Falls Methodist church. Among the teachers at this school were Captain Siler, Miss Alice Nunley and Tom Bonkemeyer.

She grew up in the village at Central Falls, went to work in the mill when she got old enough and as a weaver was paid according to the number of bolts of cloth which she wove. She still remembers, with a twinkle in her eyes, the socialables "which the young people of the community used to have on Saturday nights and she spoke with fond remembrance of the good times the young people had in those days.

She was married to a Central Falls native. William Penn Connor, on May 14, 1905 after "going with him off and on for ten years. A few months following their marriage, they moved to Worthville where they remained for a year and then moved to Randleman where they lived for two years. They then moved back to Central Falls where they lived until Mr. Connor's death and where Mrs. Connor has lived since that time. At the time of Mr. Connor's death in 1928,

he was operating a general store and also serving as postmaster at Central Falls.

Mrs. Connor and her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Connor, lived together until Horace's death on Feb. of this year. Mrs. Connor and her daughter-in-law continue to live together at the home in Central Falls. A grandson, Neal Connor, his wife and two sons, Curtis Neal and Steve Allen, live elsewhere in the village.

There was no formal observance of the birthday of Mrs. Connor, although many of the residents of the village dropped by to pay their respects to a lady they had known and loved for many years. Mrs. Connor is in remarkable good health, very active and says "I go where I want to."

Asked if she felt that being born on the 13th had affected her in anyway, she said "They claim the 13th is unlucky, but I don't believe it, because I have been a lucky person."

Mrs. Connor has been a lucky person but it is because she has made it so. She has been lucky in that she has maintained a faith which has permitted her to grow old in years but young in spirit. An aura of charm graceful dignity and youthfulness envelop her as she enters her 81st year and it is impossible to think of her as being old.

Larry Bulla, Joe Teague Wind Up Spring Training

Apr. 23, 1959 – Larry Bulla and Joe Teague, North Asheboro's contribution to professional baseball, have finished up spring training at the Cleveland Indians farm club in Daytona Beach, Fla., and have received their assignments for the current baseball season.

Larry will play with the Alamance Indians in Burlington as a part of the Carolina League, a Class B club. Joe has gone to Selma, Ala., to play with a club there.

Thus, the two young men, who entered the first grade together at Balfour school, will be separated for the first time during their school and athletic careers. They began playing Pony League baseball together and since that time have played together on the Asheboro high school team, the Asheboro American Legion team, the Deep River team and the Elon College team.

Also, they graduated from Asheboro high school together and entered Elon College at the same time, where they are both still students, having left at the end of the quarter in Feb. to go to spring training. They will resume their college work this fall.

Larry Bulla is also an all state basketball player and played on the varsity basketball team during his first two years at Elon.

Last season, both Larry and Joe played Class D ball with a club at North Platte, Nebraska. Larry, who made his debut in the Carolina League last night, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bulla of 112 Humble street, while Joe is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Teague, of 201 Underwood street.

Browsers Chapel Church, Deep In Tradition, Will Observe 'Red Letter Day' In History

27 Apr. 1959 – Brower's Chapel Methodist church, steeped in the traditional history of Asheboro and vicinity, will observe a red letter day on Sunday, May 10, with the dedication of the church sanctuary and the visit of the resident Bishop of the Charlotte area of the Methodist Church, Bishop Nolan Bailey Harmon.

Situated in a quiet wooded area, three miles southeast of Asheboro, on the outer edge of the township, its white spire towers above the tree tops and points heavenwards from the imposing colonial-like brick structure which faces to the north. The cemetery to the right of the church building, wherein many of the pioneer figures of the church lie in peaceful repose, is well kept and cleanly mown.

The final payment on the debt for the church auditorium was paid on Jan. 5, 1959, a little less than two years after the completion of the building on Feb. 24, 1957. Cost of the new sanctuary was estimated to be approximately \$55,000. It includes a balcony and the entire seating space is 350.

An educational building, forming the original portion of the new church plant, was used for the first time on Mar. 22, 1953, following the staking off of the ground for the building on Sept. 26, 1952. This building was erected at the cost of about \$22,000 and was paid for upon its completion. The educational building consists of 10 Sunday School rooms, a large fellowship hall, a well equipped kitchen, heating plant and rest rooms.

When Bishop Harmon arrives at the Brower's Chapel Church on the Sunday morning of Mother's Day, he will find not only a modern and well built brick church structure but also a beautiful sanctuary, complete with lime oak pews, pulpit furniture, lighting, stained glass memorial windows, a new Baldwin organ costing approximately \$5,000 and complete with installation of chimes and tower system, a new rose beige carpet on the floor, which was purchased by the Woman's Society of Christian Service at a cost of \$1,500, and a landscaping of the church grounds, complete with shrubbery and the cementing of the walks, the driveway and the parking area.

The earliest record of the Brower's Chapel Church goes back to Feb. 9, 1848 with the making of a deed by William W. Brower to the Methodist Protestant Church for two and half acres of land on which to build a church. The trustees of the church were listed as Abner A. Barker, Joseph Watkins and William W. Brower and it is assumed that the church was named for William W. Brower, the donor of the land.

It is believed that the Brower's Chapel Church was actually established in 1840 but since the early records of the church were destroyed in a fire which destroyed the home of John H. Henley in 1928, the actual date of the origin of the church is not known.

The first place of worship for the Brower's Chapel congregation, according to the best information available, was an arbor covered with slabs. It is said that a box filled with sand was placed near the arbor and at nights, leaves and pieces of wood, would be burned on the arbor in order to furnish light for the services.

A small wooden building, capable of seating approximately 100 people, was erected a few years following the organization of the church and was also used as a school building for a public school. When a new building was erected for the church, the old building was sold to the county school board, along with one acre of land.

The second church building, which was used until the beginning of the construction of the present building on Apr. 23, _____, was erected around 1886 on land which was given to the church by _____ Winningham and which adjoined the land on which the first building was erected. This was also a wooden building, with two aisle and two

front doors, and this building was torn down with the beginning of the beautiful new sanctuary. It is said that the 1886 building was constructed mainly by Rev. W. C. Hammer, his son, Boliver, and his brother, George Hammer.

Upon the disbandment of the Brower school, the land upon which the school stood was regained by the church. An additional acre of land was received in later years from the estate of William Penn Henley, a pioneering resident of the community who had moved away to make his home in California. Another small tract of land was given to the church by Lloyd Brown, whose farm adjoins the church property.

Organized as a Methodist Protestant church, Brower's Chapel remained in this church organization until the merger of the Methodist churches in 1939. At the time of the earliest conference journals, the church was a part of the Asheboro Circuit. Then the church was changed to the Flag Springs Circuit for three years, beginning in 1884 and then became a part of the Richland Circuit where the church has remained since that time. Other churches on the circuit at the present time include Giles Chapel, New Union and Charlotte.

The late John Milton Burrows, a well known resident of the vicinity, stated before his death that the first pastor of the church that he could remember was the Rev. Jacob Guyer. However, the oldest conference journals available do not list Jacob Guyer as being a pastor of the church and it is therefore thought that he held a local preacher's license and was serving the church in that capacity.

A listing of the pastors of Brower's Chapel in the conference journals do not go back beyond 1892 but pastors since that time are recorded as follows: Rev. J. H. Stowe, 1892-1896; Rev. N. M. Modlin, 1896-1897; Dr. A. W. Lineberry, 1897 to Feb. 14, 1899; Rev. C. A. Pickins, Mar. 1899 to Nov. 1899; Rev. J. H. Bowman, 1899-1901; Rev. H. S. B. Thompson, 1901-1902; Rev. W. C. Hammer, 1902-1905; Rev. J. H. Stowe, 1905-1909; Rev. L. H. Hatley, 1909-1911; Rev. C. H. Whitaker, 1911-1913; Rev. J. H. Bowman, 1913-1915; Rev. D. A. Highfill, 1915-1916; Rev. J. B. Trogdon, 1916-1920; Rev. J. H. Stowe, 1920-1921; Rev. W. C. Lassiter, 1921- 1922; Rev. W. F. Kennett 1922-1924; Rev. C. H. Hill, 1924-1926; Rev. Fred Love, 1926-1928; Rev. T. E. Pierce, 1928-1929; Rev. J. B. Trogdon, 1929-1931; Rev. Q. L. Joyner, 1931-1933; Rev. R. L. Hethcox, 1933-1934; Rev. M. C. Henderson, 1934-1938; Rev. C. L. Grant, 1938-1941; Rev. J. H. Howell, 1941- 1945; Rev. Paul Bruton, 1945-1950; Rev. Everett Freeman, 1950- 1952; Rev. N. C. Bush, 1952-1953; Rev. W. Jarrett, 1953-1957; and the present pastor of the church, Rev. B. S. Lyndon, who came to the church in July, 1957. On May 26, 1957; a pulpit Bible, pulpit stand and kneeling cushion were given to the Brower's Chapel Church and dedicated in memory and in honor of many of the people who attended the old Brower school and were associated with the Brower's Chapel Church and community. Names included on the inscription within the Bible as a memorialization were Artie, Dewey and Walter Hammer, Eliner Hammer Moore, Congressman W. C. Hammer, Louella Hammer Lovett, Cornelis Hammer Scarboro, Minnie Brown, Millis Brown, John and Nancy Burrow, Sam Burrow, Sr. and A. J. Burrow, Those honored in the presentation of the gifts were Fred Cox, Hattie Cox Burkhead, Idyl Ferree, Clarence Hughes, Colbert Henley,

Nora Wood Henley, Virgil Burrow, Earl Feree, Elroy Cox, Hal Burrows, Iola Lowdermilk, Rodema Cox Ingold, R. S. Ferree, Clarence Cox, Kate Wunningham Briles, Kate Hammer, Mattie Hammer Slack, Dorothy Brown, Eva Wunningham Lowdermilk, Hattie Moffitt Rich, Lena Williams Trogdon, Massa Lambert, Bertha Brown Cagle, Irving Burrows, Ida Hammer Redding, Lloyd Brown and Benjamin Bascom Moffitt.

Other names found on the stained glass memorial windows are also indicative of the growth and progress of the church and the community and bring back memories of the days in the past. Windows were given in memory of Elizabeth and Martha Henley, George W. and Eliza V. Hamner, James D. Cooper and son, James Roy Cooper, Claude Ingold and sister, Jannivee, Charlie Burrows and William R. Stoltz, Carson L. Wunningham, Thomas and Martha Jane Brown and William Penn Henley. Windows were also given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Ferree, Hugh and Maude Ferree Brown, and Clifford E. Brown, who has served as superintendent of the Sunday School for the past 8 years and who served as the assistant superintendent for four years before becoming the superintendent.

The building committee for both the educational building and the church sanctuary was composed of Clifford Brown, Earl Vestal, Colbert Wunningham, Wilbur Kearns and Charlie Burrows. Mr. Brown served as chairman of the committee for the building of the educational plant and Mr. Vestal served as the chairman during the construction of the church sanctuary. Mr. Burrows served as the treasure of the building committee until his death and succeeding him in this capacity was Mrs. Delbert Ragsdale.

The building fund for the Brower's Chapel Church began around 15 years ago and was initiated when an amount of money given to the church by Earl Vestal, local Ford dealer, was set aside as the beginning of the building fund. Mrs. Daisy Ragsdale Vestal, wife of Mr. Vestal, and other members of the strong woman's society of the church have figured largely in the activities of the church for many years.

There was \$16,000 in the building fund at the beginning of the construction of the church sanctuary and upon its completion \$20,000 was borrowed to finish paying the cost of construction. This amount, with the help of \$5,500 from the Duke Endowment Fund, was paid back in a little less than two years.

Thus, Browsers Chapel awaits the day of dedication and the arrival of Bishop Harmon. Well over a hundred years have gone into the life of the church but Sunday, May 10, will probably surpass all events which have heretofore been recorded in the annals of the church history. The rose beige carpet will be out, the Bishop will be welcomed and the Brower's Chapel woods will resound with thanksgiving and praise for the achievements which have been brought to pass. (Note: Much of the information in this article was derived from the records of the late Dr. J. E. Pritchard).

Spero Resident Notes 90th Birthday Here

May 21, 1959 – George Riley Hooker, a man "with pegs in both of his legs," celebrated his 90th birthday Sunday, May 10, at the home of his brother, Jim Hooker, in the Spero section.

A native of Patrick county, Va., Mr. Hooker's mind is keen and clear and his physical condition good despite the breaking of both legs and both hips in recent years. He said

that while he was in the hospital they put a peg in each one of the limbs and he thought there was "a piece of wagon tire "in it.

Mr. Hooker has lived in this community for two years. When asked as to what he attributed his longevity, he said it is "not on account of not working." He has worked hard all of his life, in the cotton mills, on the railroads, farmed, dug wells and worked at saw mills.

He was born May 20, 1869 in Patrick County, Va., 12 miles west of Stuart, Va. At the age of 11 years, he came with his family to Francis Cove, north of Brown Mountain in Stokes county where he stayed until he was 20 years of age. He then went back and forth across the Blue Ridge to work in Virginia, his first public work being at a zinc mine in West county, Va. He has lived in recent years in Lincoln and Cabbarrus counties where he worked in cotton mills.

It was suggested that he was in good shape for one of his age and he said: "I think so and I appreciate it." His 85 year old brother, Jim, broke in at this point rephrased the joke about the horse and said "he is a darn good man for the shape he is in." His brother also said that Mr. Hooker got around good, goes all around and particularly to an old graveyard because "that is the last place I want to go."

George Riley Hooker gets about, pegs and all, enjoys life and is seemingly at peace with his fellow man. He lives very contentedly with his brother, although he has three sons and two daughters, and says that he will continue to live with his brother "if he don't run me off."

Giles Chapel Methodist Have Memorial Services

May 21, 1959 – Memorial Day services were held Sunday at the Giles Chapel Methodist church and the Marlboro Friends Meeting House, two of Randolph county's oldest and most historic churches.

Both churches were resplendent with their many improvements, their well trained and smartly groomed choirs, the beautiful floral offering and the two large well kept cemeteries upon which flowers had been placed for the memorial observance.

The Giles Chapel church, which was organized 126 years ago this month, heard its youthful pastor, Rev. B. S. (Bobby) Lyndon, preach Sunday morning on "Our Father's Mansions." The choir, dressed in the new red and white robes, sang as an anthem, "That Will Be heaven For Me."

The Memorial Day bulletin was dedicated to the memory of the three members of the church who had passed away during the year. C. C. (Charlie) Underwood, W. Horace Connor and Paul Katcham. Flowers were placed in the sanctuary in memory of Mr. Underwood, Mr. Conner, S. C. Arthur and Mrs. L. V. Spinks.

In the afternoon, the Giles Chapel church had as a guest speaker, Rev. Paul Berrier, pastor of Grave Methodist church in Asheboro.

The memorial observance at the Marlboro Friends Meeting began with the meeting for worship, at which the Minister, John M. Pipkin, spoke on "The Reward of Faithfulness."

The annual meeting of the Marlboro Memorial Association was held in the afternoon at the 162 year-old meeting house at which Dr. George Joyner, and Asheboro surgeon, was the principal speaker.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: president, Dennis Farlow; first vice president,

Harvey Farlow; second vice president, Faye Hayes; secretary, Maxine Brookshire; treasurer, Stanley Farlow; and memorials, Blanche Farlow.

Special singing was rendered by the Deep River Men's Chorus and the Cedar Square Sextet. An especially impressive memorial tribute to deceased members was presented under the direction of Emily Pugh.

As the names of the deceased members was called, a group of young girls and young women dressed in white stepped forward and placed a white carnation as a tribute to the memory of the one who had passed on. Those honored in the memorial service were Melvin Briles, Will Davis, Lizzie Davis, Charlie Marsh, William Skeen, Samuel Hinshaw, Lewis Davis, Ralph Newlin, Julius Farlow, John _____, Jessie Coltrane, Mary Spencer, Kathy Sue Ervin, Edna Hill and Elmira Loflin.

At the conclusion of the afternoon program in the church, the choir, under the direction of Nora Farlow, led the congregation to the cemetery for the final tribute before the benediction.

Three white floral arrangements were placed at the chancel of the church by the Roadside Gardens and Brookshire Florists in Randleman and Ellington Florist in High Point.

Former Pastor Buried Near Church Church Served For 8 Years

June 4, 1959 – A former pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church was buried this afternoon from the church he loved and served for eight years.

Rev. D. C. Stone died early Tuesday morning in a Farmville, Va., hospital where he had been a patient for over three weeks. However, he had been in ill health for three or four years. He was about 59 years of age.

At the time of his death, he was finishing out two years as pastor of the Welcome Wesleyan Methodist church at New Canton, Va. A native of Roxboro, he was pastor of the Neighbors Grove church during the periods 1933-37 and 1944-48.

He was greatly beloved by the congregation of the Neighbors Grove church and the people of the North Asheboro community and in turn he and his wife loved this section and had planned for many years to return to this community to live and to be buried in the cemetery of the church they served so long.

Rev. B. H. Phaup, President of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church, was scheduled to have charge of the final rites this afternoon at 2:30, with assistance from the pastor of the church, Rev. Paul E. Allred, and other ministers of the conference. The body accompanied by members of the family and a delegation from the church at New Canton, arrived at the church at 12:30 to lie in state for two hours prior to the funeral service.

Mr. Stone became a member of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church about 1930 and first served as pastor of a church in his home town of Roxboro. In 1933, he became pastor of the Neighbors Grove church for the first time, coming back for the second pastorate in 1944.

Besides the Roxboro, Neighbors Grove and New Canton churches, he has been pastor of the Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Methodist church near High Point, the Wesleyan Methodist church at Radford, Va., the Clement Memorial

Wesleyan Methodist church at Altavista, Va., the Memorial Park Wesleyan Methodist Church at Thomasville, the Wesleyan Methodist church at Concord, the Ennis Street Wesleyan Methodist church at Farmville, Va.

He was a former general evangelist of his denomination, served on the missionary board of the conference and was serving on the camp meeting board at the time of this death.

Surviving are his wife, also a native of Roxboro, one son, Garland Stone, of Edenton, and two grandsons, Joe and Bobby.

The North Asheboro community welcomed the Stones in 1933, they rejoiced upon their return in 1944 but it was with sad hearts that they waited their coming today—a return for the final committal of a devoted husband, a proud father, a beloved pastor and a kind friend.

Host of Ministers Provide Final Tribute for Fellow

Jun. 11, 1959 – A host of ministers from the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church were present for the final tribute to Rev. D. C. Stone, who was buried last Thursday afternoon at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church. A former pastor of the church, he died on Tuesday, June 2, at a hospital in Farmville, Va.

The large delegation of ministers, led by the conference president, Rev. B. H. Phaup, the executive vice president, Rev. C. Wesley Lovin, and a former conference president, Rev. E. L. Henderson, all of High point, came from various parts of North Carolina and Virginia in respect to the memory of their fallen colleague.

Members of the ministerial delegation comprised an honor guard at the bier of the deceased minister for an hour and one half prior to the funeral service. Among those participating in the service were the Reverends Phaup, Lovin and Henderson, along with Rev. Hugh Smith of Mount Airy, and the church pastor, Rev. Paul E. Allred.

Other ministers coming here for the funeral rites were Rev. L. R. Price of Radford, Va.; Rev. Earl Gentry of Roanoke, Va.; Rev. Frank Dennard of Roanoke, Va.; Rev. Paul Ray of Danville, Va.; Rev. J. W. Stiles of Altavista, Va.; Rev. Eugene Gentry of Blacksburg, Va.; Rev. S. T. Brown of Thomasville; Rev. Melvin Gentry of Thomasville; Rev. John H. Long of High Point; Rev. M. C. Conner of High Point; Rev. E. H. Gardner of High Point; Rev. Paul Schram of High Point; Rev. W. H. Brown of High Point; Rev. E. P. Buck of High Point, Rev. Harold Rickman, of Greensboro; Rev. John Harris of Greensboro.

Also Rev. Dixon Wood of Colfax; Rev. Yancey Carter of Gastonia; Rev. Kenneth George of Clyde; Rev. Jack Phillips of Kings Mountain; Rev. Hoover Smith of Lincolnton; Rev. Carl Sparks of Lexington; Rev. Sidney Loggins of Summerfield; Rev. R. O. McAlpine of Winston-Salem; Rev. A. S. Moorefield of Winston-Salem; Rev. W. C. Lovin of Winston-Salem; Rev. Philip Birchall of High Point; Rev. Hal Brown of Tabor City; and Reverends Paul Teague, J. E. Shaw, Charlie McDowell, Roy Nanney, John Moretz and W. M. Phaup of the Asheboro vicinity.

The venerable former president of the conference, E. L. Henderson, offered the prayer for the occasion and prayed to "bless his life and his memory to the North Carolina Conference and all those who have come into contact with him." The conference vice president, Mr. Lovin, spoke the words which typified Mr. Stone's long ministry at the

Neighbors Grove church when he said that "he was young in spirit and that he loved people.

Rev. Hugh Smith, whose daughter married Rev. Mr. Stones son, spoke with a voice choked with emotion and on the theme "For we be brethren together." The conference president, Rev. B. H. Phaup, said that Rev. Mr. Stone "served his own generation."

A quartet from the Neighbors Grove church sang "Asleep in Jesus" and "I won't have to Cross Jordan Alone." He was laid to rest in the church cemetery, with the ministers with whom he had worked and served, forming a circle around the open grave.

Charlotte Church Has Lovely Memorial Day

Jun. 11, 1959 – Last Sunday was a beautiful day for memorial services at Charlotte Methodist Church, located four miles west of Asheboro.

The spacious lawn in and about the church had been closely mown, the cemetery had been freshly cleaned and put in order, with the early summer flowers covering the graves of those who had been interred therein.

Two white floral bouquets had been placed within the church in memory of W. F. (Will) Redding, who had passed away during the year, and in memory of D. T. (Dave) McCain, who died many years ago.

The pastor, Rev. B. S. (Bobby) Lyndon, spoke on "Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled," with special guest being the two doctors from Thailand, Dr. Pirote Ningsanonda and Dr. Sakol Meekangwai, who were spending two weeks in Randolph County studying the operational problems of the local health department. The two doctors are in this country under the sponsorship of the International Corporation Administration and of their own country of Thailand.

Also present for the memorial service was a newcomer to the church community, Mrs. Terry McCain, who was formerly of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mrs. McCain's husband is a native of the community and son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCain.

An announcement was made that Miss Sallie McCain would accept funds for the upkeep of the cemetery. Miss McCain has served as treasurer of this fund for many years.

After a most bountiful picnic luncheon during the noon hour, and afternoon program of singing was held. Groups participating in this part of the Memorial Day services were the Pentecostal Trio from High Point, the Russell's Grove quartet; the Cool Springs Quintet, and the Friendly Voices.

Large Group Gathers For Miller – Hill Fete

Jun. 18, 1959 – The 11th annual reunion of the Miller-Hill families was held Sunday at Mountain View Methodist church, with a large group of family members and friends in attendance.

Waymon Trotter, reunion president, presided over both morning and afternoon sessions. A picnic luncheon was spread on the tables underneath the trees during the noon hour.

Present and speaking briefly at the morning session were Rev. Gurney Ferree, retired Methodist minister, and Rev. Sam Nelson, local writer, philosopher and a minister of the Nazarene denomination. The Rev. Mr. Ferree also assisted with the singing for the morning session.

Following the morning session, there was a procession to the church cemetery where a brief memorial service was conducted by Rev. Henry Thompson, pastor of the church.

However, the formal memorial service was held in the church in the afternoon, with Ralph L. Bulla giving the memorial for William Franklin (Will) Redding, prominent member of the reunion gathering who had passed away since the last meeting of the reunion organization. Flowers were placed in the church in his honor by Mrs. Redding and Mrs. Michael Thompson.

Other members of the two families who were honored in the memorial service were Mrs. Edna Dougan Hill, Perisho Hill, Mrs. Corrina Kearns Hill, James Jason (Dick) Hill. Billy Ray Gallimore, Jesse M. Gallimore and Henry Lee Hill.

Prizes were awarded in the afternoon session to Mrs. Jason Sheffield, 85 years of age, for being the oldest person in attendance and to Clay William Trotter, 5 weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Trotter, for being the youngest person present. The child's father is serving with the Army in Africa. Another elderly person at the reunion was Mrs. Flara Rush, who was 82 years of age.

A prize was also awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Williamson, of Route 2, Randleman, for having the largest family in attendance. Their ten children, ranging in age from 15 years down to 10 months, were present with them and named in the following order of their birth, Eugene, Leness, Lawrence, Ameryles, Colleen, Bernadette, Mitchell, Phyllis Wanda, Gwendolyn and Orville Dean or O. D. Mrs. Williamson is the former Mildred Miller, daughter of the late Herbert Miller.

Singing in the afternoon session was furnished by the Hill trio, Okle Hunt and children, along with Johnny Hoover, and the children of the Rev. Mr. Thompson.

Besides Mr. Trotter, other officers of the reunion organization are vice president, Mrs. Herbert Purvis; secretary and treasurer, Miss Louise Hunt; historians for Miller family, Mrs. C. I. Case and Mrs. W. F. Redding; historian for Hill family, C. C. Harrelson; program committee, Mrs. Allen Robbins, chairman, and Charles Hunt and Okle Hunt

Many Pay Respects To Area Pastor

Jun. 18, 1959 – Open house was held Sunday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall at Balfour Baptist church honoring Rev. and Mrs. Herbert P. Miller and daughters, Ivy and Margie, who are leaving the pastorate of the church.

Mr. Miller recently resigned as pastor of the Balfour church where he had served since Nov., 1951. He will become pastor of the Boger City Baptist church at Boger City on July 1.

Many members of the Balfour Baptist congregation, ministers from other churches and friends called during the appointed time to honor the Balfour pastor and his family.

Greeting the people as they approached the Fellowship Hall were Carl L. King, chairman of the deaconate, Jerry Southern, activities vice president of the Men's Brotherhood, and Darrell Garner, a member of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School.

Upon entering the hall, the guests were registered by Martha Plummer, of the Intermediate Girl's Department, and directed to the receiving line composed of J. C. Pearce, financial secretary of the church and a charter member, Lewis Pritchard, director of the Training Union, Mrs. Joe Parson, superintendent of the Adult Department, Rev. and

Mrs. Miller and daughters, Ivy and Margie, Miss Pat Kennedy, member of the Youth Choir, Miss Patricia Cundiff, member of the Girl's Auxiliary, John Benson, member of the Royal Ambassadors, and Mrs. Luther Carter, church secretary.

Mrs. Miller was attired for the occasion in a lovely black cotton lace dress, with a beautiful orchid which was presented by Bullard's Florist.

After leaving the receiving line, the guests were directed by Mrs. Carter to the serving table which was covered with a lovely white linen table cloth, upon which had been placed a crystal punch bowl encircled with ivy and a beautiful arrangement of pastel flowers. A similar arrangement of flowers was placed on the piano, with pastel lighted candles in two three branched candelabras.

Serving punch, cake, mints and nuts were Miss Brenda Linthicum, of the single young peoples department, Mrs. Robert Collins, a teacher in the junior department, and Mrs. Carl L. King, a teacher in the adult department.

Saying goodbyes were Mrs. Blanche Brown from the ladies in their golden years, Mrs. J. C. Pearce, of the Woman's Missionary Union, and J. L. Benson, Jr., a teacher in the married young peoples department.

Miss Carol King, a Mars Hill College student who is directing their choir for the summer months, rendered many beautiful selections at the piano during the afternoon.

Mr. King, as chairman of the deaconate, presented a beautiful silver service to Mr. Miller and his family from the members of the congregation and expressed to them the love and appreciation of the congregation for the fine work which had taken place at the Balfour church during their pastorate, especially the construction of the magnificent new education building, the attaining of a standard Sunday School and the beginning of the new mission church at Randolph Memorial Park.

Also, for the many ways in which Mr. Miller helped in times of sickness and death and for the scores who accepted Christ and were baptized into the service of the church during his ministry at the Balfour church.

Serving on a committee of arrangements for the open house observance were Mrs. J. L. Benson, Jr., church organist, Mrs. Jerry Southern, teacher in the single young peoples department, Mrs. Hanford Underwood, teacher in the beginners department, Mrs. J. W. Plummer, superintendent of the beginners department, Mrs. Bill Bridges, a member of the music committee, Mrs. Harry Reid, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. H. N. Foster, a member of the Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Claude Hicks, a Sunday School teacher, and Mrs. J. C. Cundiff.

Blood Program Meant Life To Asheboro Manufacturer

Jun. 22, 1959 – One of the strongest believers in the blood program of the Randolph county Chapter of the American Red Cross is F. M. Craven, an Asheboro chair manufacturer who himself has been the recipient of 19 pints of blood.

This expression of confidence from Mr. Craven comes just prior to the final visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile for this fiscal year, on next Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23 and 24, at the National Guard Armory Building from 10 a. m. until 4 p.m.

Back in July, 1957, Mr. Craven was admitted to The Randolph Hospital for an operation for an ulcerated stomach. Just before his admittance to the hospital, Mr. Craven underwent a severe period of hemorrhaging and upon reaching the hospital, he said that his blood was down to zero."

Mr. Craven received four pints of blood at the time of the operation; he received some before the operation and some during the convalescent period. Although Mr. Craven's condition was very serious at the time of his operation, he was soon back in the active management of the F. M. Craven Chair Company which is located at 252 N. Park St.

F. M. Craven is a self-made man in the manufacture of his product. He spent over 20 years in the employment of the Piedmont and National chair companies before beginning his own business in 1940.

He started off with the manufacture of straight chairs, with cane and slated seats, and according to Mr. Craven, he is still making them. However, since the beginning of the F. M. Craven Chair Company, two different sizes of baby rockers have been added to the company's products.

With a capacity of 40 dozens of chairs and rockers a day when in full operation and with the employment of around 35 people at the height of production, the product of the F. M. Craven Chair Company is going to California, Texas, Miami, Fla., Washington, D. C. and to various other parts of the country.

Mr. Craven is a native of the Asheboro vicinity and was born, the son of Clark Craven and Reathie Haddock Craven, three miles south of Asheboro near to the site of the Prison Camp. He is married to the former Minnie Jarrell; they have four sons, Leon, Eugene, Leonard and Max, and five grandchildren.

Two of the sons, Leon and Leonard, are associated with their father in the chair company, Eugene manages the C & H. Furniture Store at 504 Sunset Ave. and the younger son Max, is a student in the local schools. Leon is also associated with his brother in the operation of the retail store on Sunset Ave. Mr. Craven and members of his family are active in the Asheboro Church of God.

F. M. Craven is a quiet, unassuming man who likes to fish and does so at frequent intervals. He is very appreciative of the fact that blood was available at the local hospital when he had a desperate need for it. Although his many friends rallied around and replaced every pint of blood which he used and to spare, he realizes that his need was immediate at the time of his operation and there would not have been enough time for the recruitment of blood from his friends before the operation.

That is why it is important that the Bloodmobile quota of 300 pints for next Tuesday and Wednesday be filled in order that blood will be available at all times for those who need it in Randolph County.

Rev. Thompson, Family Given Farewell Party

Jun. 25, 1959 – Rev. and Mrs. George W. Thompson and children, Mary Lee, Martha Jo and Alfred Kerr, were honored Sunday evening at an informal farewell party at the Fellowship Hall of Calvary Methodist church.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson, who has served as pastor of the church for the past two years, and his family will leave

Wednesday for new pastoral duties at the Morris Chapel Methodist church at Walkertown.

The church lay leader, J. C. Robbins, presided over the gathering and Mrs. Harris Sanders, Mrs. T. F. Johnston and Mrs. Ed Hardin, members of the Social Life committee of the church were in charge of the refreshments and entertainment.

Punch and cookies were served, with Mrs. Sanders presiding at the punch bowl.

The lay leader, Mr. Robbins, presented to the minister, Mr. Thompson, a love offering from the church congregation in appreciation of his services during the two-year pastorate. Mrs. E. N. Burns, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, presented to Mrs. Thompson boxes of lingerie and Miss Olga Lassiter, in behalf of the choir of the church, presented a silver serving tray to the minister's wife. Mrs. Thompson served for a time as director of the choir.

The Thompson family moved into the Calvary church parsonage on June 27, 1957, coming here from the Sedge Garden Methodist church, located between Winston-Salem and Kernersville, where Mr. Thompson had served as pastor for nearly six years.

He is being succeeded as pastor at Calvary by Rev. L. E. Mabry, whose past immediate pastorate was at the Ward Street Methodist church in High Point.

New Minister Begins Services At Calvary

Jun. 25, 1959 – Rev. L. E. Mabry, whose wife is a native of Randolph County, will begin his pastorate at the Calvary Methodist church on Sunday, June 28, and will preach his first sermon there at the 10 o'clock worship hour.

He and his wife, the former Nettie Voncannon, of near Seagrove, moved into the Calvary church parsonage at 114 Frances Drive on Wednesday.

Mr. Mabry comes from the Ward Street Methodist church in High Point and succeeds the Rev. George W. Thompson, who is becoming the pastor of the Morris Chapel Methodist church at Walkertown.

A native of Cabarrus county, Mr. Mabry served as a high school principal for eleven years before entering the ministry of the Methodist church. He was principal of the Ridgecrest high school in Stanley county at the time he left the field of education for the calling of the ministry.

He is a graduate of High Point College and received a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree from Wesley Seminary in Washington, D. C. and the Westminster Theological Seminary at Westminster, Md. He also attended the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute at Mt. Pleasant for two years, had one year at Catawba College and two years at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Mabry began his ministry on the Mt. Herman charge in South Burlington and then went to the Trinity Methodist church at Lexington where he remained for seven years. His next work was at the Stanley Methodist church near Charlotte and then he went to the First Methodist church at Canton where he remained for six years. His next pastorate was at the Newlyn Street Methodist church in Greensboro, from which place he went to the Ward Street church in High Point.

The ministry of the new pastor at Calvary has been particularly applied to the building phase of the church program. At every pastorate which he has held, he has participated in the building of a church building, an

educational building, a parsonage building or the purchase of a parsonage. An educational building costing nearly \$100,000 has just been completed at the Ward Street church in High Point.

Also, among the achievements of his ministry was the doubling of the church membership during his six years at the Canton church and the multiplying of the giving by four times.

But, since the Calvary church has a fine new church building, a fellowship hall and an adequate parsonage, the new minister expressed himself in this manner in relation to his coming to Calvary. He said, "I am looking forward to a pastorate where I can forget the physical and look to the spiritual, a place where I can devote my entire interest to the building of the membership on the spiritual side."

The minister's family at Calvary will consist only of himself and his wife. However, they have one son, Rayvon, who lives at Canton and is employed as a technician at the Champion Paper and Fiber Company, of that place. There is also one grandson, Rodney.

On 99th Birthday, She Doesn't Expect 100

Jul. 2, 1959 – "I don't want to live to be a hundred," is the surprisingly serious statement of a Randolph county native who observed her 99th birthday Tuesday.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Underwood Pritchard is "old and sick" and in her own words, "wore out." She has already spent several years in the twilight period and she seemingly has no desire to live any longer. She said: "I won't go another year."

But this amazing woman, who was born on June 30, 1860, in the vicinity northeast of what is now Randolph Memorial Park, is still very much alive. She has a keen memory and an alert mind and is aware of what goes on around her.

She objected to having her picture made, saying that "nobody would want to see that," and complainingly remarked "Ain't there anybody else 90 years old." This remark was made in reference to a lot of people coming around to see her.

However, her handshake was firm, her voice was kind and she attributed her long life to "hard work." She said: "I have always worked hard" and "it was the will of the good Lord." She also said: "I have outlived all of my people." In saying this, Mrs. Pritchard may have been remembering that as a child, she was very sickly and her mother didn't think she would raise her.

She lives with her daughter, Mrs. Eyelar Janettie Pritchard Keerans (Kearns) on Alridge Road in Archdale, just this side of the Guilford county line. Mrs. Kearns herself will be 78 years of age on Nov. 4, 1959 and has lived with three old people. She cared for her husband's mother for several years, her husband, the late Robert F. Keerans, who was older than she, was sick for a long time and now has been looking after her aged mother since Jan. 7, 1944.

Mrs. Pritchard was born the middle child of Samuel and Martha Odell Underwood. She had an older sister and brother, Mary Minnie Underwood, who married Winston Millikan, and Henry Alexander Underwood, father of W. A. and S. C. Underwood of North Asheboro vicinity. She also had a younger sister and brother, Martha Luzina Underwood, who married C. A. Voncannon, now nearly 97 years of age, and Samuel Branson Underwood, who married Janie Spencer.

Sarah Jane Underwood and William Alexander Pritchard, who lived two miles away, quietly went up to Brown's Cross Roads on a Sabbath morning a little over seventy-nine years ago, on June 20, 1880, and were united in marriage by a justice of peace. They returned to make their home for a brief period at the home of William's parents, Benoni and Temperance Cross Pritchard, near what is now the North Asheboro Drive-In Theater on Highway 311.

But Mr. Pritchard was a lawyer and the family moved about quite a bit during the ensuing years. They lived in the vicinity of Central Falls, two miles below Asheboro, in the Dresser Town neighborhood near Seagrove, at two places in Moore county and then to Biscoe where Mr. Pritchard died on Jan. 20, 1837, at the age of 80. Mrs. Pritchard continued to live in Biscoe until coming to live with her daughter in Archdale.

Besides Mrs. Keerans, there is one son, Henry Alexander Pritchard, who lives at Biscoe. William Pritchard was buried at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church, about three miles north of Asheboro and close to the place of his birth.

Sarah Jane Underwood Pritchard attended the Piney Woods School, located just east of where the Neighbors Grove church now stands, and it was perhaps at this school that she recited, as a small child, the Poem which she recently quoted again for the benefit of one who came to her bedside. She recited full length the verses which began as follows: "The lilacs are in bloom, the cherry flowers are white, I hear a sound below me, it is my friend, the swallow.

Besides the families already mentioned, she has many family connections throughout Randolph County and other areas, among who are the Trogdon, Lamb and Diffie families. Her daughter, Mrs. Keerans, was for many years the secretary of the Kearns-Wood reunion and has compiled a history of these families, as well as a history of the Pritchard, Underwood and Odell families.

Mrs. Pritchard has been confined to her bed since Mar. 30, 1958. Prior to that time, she had injured herself in three falls. Her desire to live longer is gone because, as she expressed it, "I suffer so."

But her memory goes back through the years and has evidently suffered no impairment from the ravages of time. Upon being told that she had lived a good life, she said: "I've tried to but not as good as I ought to have. Then she added: "but the best I've known."

Despite the fact that this remarkable woman doesn't want to reach the century mark of life, she is still a living reality of a long and glorious existence which must, in the natural course of events, soon come to a close. May God grant that her final days will be free from the pain which racks the natural body and that she shall soon ascend to the home, "eternal in the heavens."

Old County Bridge Being Rebuilt

Jul 6, 1959 – A bridge built in 1917 is being replaced across Back Creek west of Spero, and the Spero road is being extended all the way to the City Lake road and is being graded, re-routed and prepared for a bituminous treatment.

The first portion of the Spero road, beginning at the Balfour school, received a treatment of tar and gravel several years ago.

The 1917 bridge structure is being replaced by a modern three-barreled culvert, which will be located west of the present bridge structure.

John H. Brinkley and Co., of Thomasville, is erecting the culvert and E. R. Short and Sons of Mount Airy, are building the new road, both companies having been awarded contracts for this work by the State Highway Commission.

Prior to 1917, there was no bridge across Back Creek and the road, suitable only for carts and wagons, forded the creek a distance west of the present bridge. However, the bridge of 42 years ago was erected on the site of a sawmill, which was operated by water power by Daniel Millikan, a well known resident of that area who lived at what is now the Ernest Ferree place.

The old dam and the sluice, which operated the wooden overshot water wheel, has remained to this day a part of the bridge structure, which is now being replaced by the new culvert on the re-routed road.

The dam structure served a dual purpose during the time of its operation, both to operate the mill and to flood and enrich the bottom land east of the dam site.

A present resident of the Spero section, S. C. Underwood, had the contract for grading the road and erecting the bridge structure back in 1917. Local residents of the area, along with their teams of horses and mules, were employed on the construction at 10 cents an hour.

Due to damage from flood and hurricane, the bridge has been repaired and raised two or three times since its erection in 1917. The landscape of the community west of Spero is undergoing considerable change with the grading of the new road and the building of the culvert. The bridge, which has spanned the waters of Back Creek for 42 years, will soon pass into the relics of the past.

Rich Family Winds Up Western Trip

July 6, 1959 – Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rich and daughters, Kay, Anita and Mary Ella, have returned from a more than 6,000 mile trip to California.

The purpose of their trip was to visit Gilmer Rich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rich, who was stationed with a SeaBee outfit at Port Huenene, Calif., about 60 miles from Los Angeles. Since their return home, Gilmer has left the states for duty on the island of Guam.

The North Asheboro family, who reside in the Spero section, took the southern route on their trip to the west coast and returned by way of the middle route. Their trip across took them through the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. On the return trip, they came through California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and into North Carolina.

They visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vance at Abilene, Texas on their way to California, Mr. Vance having served with Mr. Rich in the Navy during World War II. During their trip back, they stopped with Mr. Rich's cousins, the children of the late Minnie Rich Kirkpatrick, a native of this county in Sedgewick, Kansas, and in Wichita, Kansas.

While in California they visited at Disney Land and on the return trip, they stopped off at the Grand Canyon in Arizona and at Dodge City, Kansas. They drove more than 6,000 miles and the only car trouble they had amounted to around 15 minutes.

North Asheboro Resident Is Appointed To Pastorate

Jul. 6, 1959 – A North Asheboro resident, Rev. Bill T. Payne, of 2801 Lamar Drive, has assumed the pastorate of the Giles Chapel and Charlotte Methodist churches, an appointment which was made at the recent meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church at Lake Junaluska.

The Rev. Mr. Payne took over the churches of his pastorate on Sunday, June 28, preaching at 10 O'Clock at the Charlotte Church and 11 O'Clock at the Giles Chapel Church.

However, services in the future will be held as follows: First and second Sundays, preaching at Charlotte at 11 a. m. and at Giles Chapel at 7:30 p.m., and third and fourth Sundays. Preaching at Giles Chapel at 11 a.m. and Charlotte at 7:30 p.m.

Prior to Mr. Payne's appointment to the two Methodist churches, he was serving as pastor of the Asheboro Alliance church, an affiliate of the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination group. Before that, he had served the Beaumont Avenue Alliance Church in Burlington and had worked for a year as an associated pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in High Point. He came into the Methodist conference through membership in the Archdale Methodist church.

He is a native of the Trinity area of Randolph County, the son of the late L. D. Payne and Mrs. Effie Yates Payne. His family moved to Guilford County when he was about three years of age and his mother resides at the present time in High Point. He is married to the former Frances Geraldine Patterson, also of High Point. Mrs. Payne, a graduate of High Point College, is a public school teacher of eight years experience and will teach this year in the Asheboro City Schools. The minister and his wife have one child, a daughter, Donna Gail, who will be four years of age on July 18.

Mr. Payne graduated from high school in High Point and attended for two years the Bob Jones University at Greenville, S. C. He has also had one year of study at the Nyack Bible College at Nyack, N. Y., and a year and one half of schooling at the Southern Pilgrim College at Kernersville. He will take the courses of the Supply Pastor's School at Duke University this summer and will enroll in Sept. at High Point College.

For the time being, Mr. and Mrs. Payne and daughter will continue to reside at their home on Lamar Drive. The Giles Chapel and Charlotte, churches were formerly a part of the Richland Charge of the Methodist church, along with the Brower and New Union churches. At the recent conference, the churches of which Mr. Payne is pastor were put on one charge and the Brower and New Union churches were placed together on another charge.

Youngsters Bound For, Orphanage Home

Jul.9, 1959 – Four young children, whose lives had become enter twined with the hearts and lives of the people of North Asheboro, left Monday to live at the Hephzibah Children's Home at Macon, Ga.

Although they left with a year of tragedy behind them, the four Swaney children, Richard, 13, Susan, 12, Rosa Louise, 10, and Katherine Dail, 5, went happily with the assurance that they would remain together, united in a home of excellent care, love and Christian guidance.

They went with their kind friend and benefactor, the Rev. Paul E. Allred, who had steered them through the illness

and death of their mother, the hospitalization of their father and a period in which they required constant care and attention.

They left behind them Mrs. Evlas McDowell, the neighbor from across the street who had come to regard them as her very own, the people at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church who had responded to their every need, and the people of the North Asheboro community, the other churches and industrial plants whose hearts had been touched by the tragedies which has befallen them.

Over two years ago, Dewey Swaney was the victim of an accident which left him paralyzed for life. After months of hospitalization, he was sent to a rehabilitation center in Fishersville, Va., leaving his wife and four small children to carry on without his aid and assistance.

Despite the absence of the husband and father, things went well with Mrs. Swaney and the children, they were buying a small house at 2113 Flint St. in North Asheboro, they bought a car and life seemed to be normal for them.

Then, Mrs. Swaney became ill and went to the hospital at Chapel Hill for surgery on a condition which later proved to be malignant. Around eight months later, after several trips to the hospitals, including an airplane trip to a cancer clinic in Dallas, Texas, she lost her courageous battle to live and to rear her four children.

During the time of sickness and the time of death, the Neighbors Grove preacher, Mr. Allred, the neighbor from across the street, Mrs. McDowell, the relatives, the people of the community and elsewhere threw protecting hands of care around the family and assisted them in their time of need

The care continued after the death of Mrs. Swaney and the return of Mr. Swaney to the rehabilitation center. An aunt, Mrs. Joe Maness, and her family came to live with the children while they finished out their year at Balfour school but it was evident that more permanent arrangements would have to be made.

The Rev. Mr. Allred began negotiations with his denominational orphanage at Macon, Ga. And arrangements were made to take them there after the completion of the school year. The children had come to love the Neighbors Grove church which had been so good to them and it was at their request that they be allowed to remain until after the Vacation Bible School.

A class party was held for the three girls, a Bible was given to the three older children and a Bible story book to the younger, a final liberal offering was taken for the benefit of each of the children, they placed a bouquet of flowers on their mother's grave and Richard, Susan, Rosa Louise and Katherine Dail left to join the other happy children at the Hephzibah Children's Home at Macon, Ga.

Rev. Phaup Retires After Duty As Church Secretary

Jul. 23, 1959 – Rev. W. M. Phaup, of the North Asheboro community, retired as secretary of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church which convened in the 80th annual session of the conference at Colfax Tuesday morning.

Rev. Mr. Phaup, a general evangelist of the conference and a former pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church, located in the North Asheboro community, had served as conference secretary for the past 12 years.

Although he declined to allow his name to be presented for reelection as secretary, he nevertheless received 25 votes on the first ballot for the position.

In the annual election of officers Tuesday afternoon, Rev. C. Wesley Lovin, of High Point, was elected president of the conference to succeed the Rev. B. H. Phaup, brother of Rev. W. M. Phaup, who was recently elected a general superintendent of the general conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, a position which will take him to the general conference headquarters at Marion, IN.

Rev. Mr. Lovin is a son of Rev. W. C. Lovin, a former president of the North Carolina conference and a former pastor of the Neighbors Grove Church, who upon his retirement with the adjourning of this conference, will establish a home in the North Carolina community. The newly elected president is also a brother of Fred Lovin, a resident of the North Asheboro community and a teacher in the Seagrove High School.

Rev. Dewey O. Miller of Kannapolis was elected vice president of the conference and Rev. Melvin Gentry, of Thomasville, was elected secretary to succeed Rev. Mr. Phaup. A treasurer will be named later in the conference.

Besides Rev. Mr. Phaup, those attending the conference from the North Asheboro community are Rev. Paul E. Allred, pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, his wife, who is attending as a delegate to the missionary conference, and Mrs. Harvey Bulla, who is the official lay delegate from the Neighbors Grove Church. Mrs. W. M. Phaup attended the conference on Wednesday. A conference Sunday School meeting was held on Monday evening prior to the convening of the conference on Tuesday morning and word had received that the Neighbors Grove Church was awarded a banner for having attained the most points within the conference group, with which the Neighbors Grove Sunday School is identified.

It was also reported that the Neighbors Grove pastor, the Rev. Mr. Allred, conducted the annual communion service which was held directly following the convening of the conference on Tuesday morning.

The conference will adjourn on Saturday, July 25 and the annual camp meeting, sponsored by the North Carolina conference, will begin immediately thereafter and will continue through Sunday, Aug. 2

Mrs. McMasters Honored By 85th Birthday Party

Jul. 23, 1959. — Mrs. Parthena Kimrey McMasters was honored Sunday on the occasion of her 85th birthday, the anniversary of her birth having passed Thursday, July 16.

But her six living children, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends waited until the Sabbath following her birthday to congregate together at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Dennis York, on Route 1 Staley, for a birthday dinner in her honor.

Mrs. McMasters was born in the Bethany Methodist Church community near Liberty and lived there until her marriage with Mr. McMasters on Feb. 18, 1892, at which time she and her husband moved to the vicinity of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church, between Ramseur and Liberty. Mrs. McMasters continued to live at the old homeplace after the death of Mr. McMasters until around seven years ago when she came to stay with her daughter, Mrs. York.

Besides Mrs. York, Mrs. McMasters is the mother of Floyd and Fred McMasters of North Asheboro, Mrs. Cecil Pugh of Route 1, Franklinville, Braudy McMasters of Asheboro, and Paul McMasters, who lives at the old home place in the Sandy Creek vicinity. Two sons, David and Fletcher McMasters, are dead and there are 33 grand-children and 25 great-grandchildren.

All of Mrs. McMasters children were present for the birthday celebration Sunday and also present were one brother, C. T. Kimrey of Liberty and two sisters, Mrs. Louetta Ferguson of Route 1, Staley who is 83 years of age, and Mrs. Fannie Troy of Route 1, Liberty. Absent were three more brothers, Tom, Ruffin and Addie Kimrey.

Rev. Gary Brown, young minister of the Bethany, White's Chapel, Randolph and Staley Methodist churches, and his bride of nearly six weeks, were in attendance at the birthday celebration, with the Rec. Mr. Brown offering the thanks for the sumptuous meal which was spread on the tables under the trees at the York residence. Mrs. McMasters is a long time member of the Bethany Church

The aged lady, who has lived long past her allotted three score years and ten, received many nice gifts to commemorate the passing of her 85th birthday. The birthday party in her honor has become an annual event among the members of her family.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Poole Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Jul. 23, 1959 — Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Poole, parents of eight children, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at their country-side home on Route 2, Asheboro.

Their five sons and three daughters were host and hostesses to the approximately 250 relatives, friends and neighbors who called from 2 to 4 o'clock to extend honor to Mr. and Mrs. Poole, whose actual 50th anniversary date occurred on Tuesday, July 21.

Greeting the guests at the door were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brown of Randleman. Mrs. Brown is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Poole.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Poole in the living room were their eight children, Stanton Poole of Route 2, Randleman, Gurney Poole of Route 2, Asheboro, Mrs. William (Mabel) Smith of High Point, Mrs. H. F. (Evon) Hundley of Route 2, Randleman, Mrs. Hobert (Theo) Sexton of Route 2, Asheboro, Vernon Poole of Asheboro, and the twin sons, Hinton Poole of Asheboro and Clinton Poole of Albermarle.

Mrs. Poole was attired for the occasion in a light blue lace dress, with a corsage of yellow roses.

The guests were invited into the dining room where the table was covered with a lace cloth over yellow, with a bronze candelabra holding three gold glittered candles placed in the center of the table. At one end of the table was the gold and white wedding cake, topped by a gold wedding bell and an inscription of 50 in gold letters. At the other end of the table was the punch bowl embedded in an arrangement of ivy. There was also an arrangement of ivy at each corner of the table and a cluster of white wedding bells tied with gold ribbon.

A mixed arrangement of yellow flowers, flanked by gold glittered candles, was placed on the mantels in both the dining room and the living room.

Mrs. Vernon Poole presided over the punch bowl, with Mr. Stanton Poole cutting the cake. Assisting in serving

the cake, punch, nuts and mints were Mrs. Hinton Poole, Mrs. Clinton Poole, Mrs. Joe Register and Mrs. Jimmy Williams.

Mrs. James Cagle, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Poole, presided over the guest register and Miss Cheryl Poole, another granddaughter, received the gifts. Assisting at the gift table were Mrs. Stanton Moore of High Point, a sister of Mrs. Poole, and Mrs. Jimmy Ledwell, also of High Point, a niece of Mrs. Poole.

Goodbyes were said by Mrs. Kurney Poole.

Mr. Poole who was 75 years of age on Apr. 9, was born at the place at which he now resides, the son of Ezra and Nancy Hoover Poole.

Mrs. Poole, whose face is still unlined at the age of 70 years, is the former Tinia Ann Parrish, daughter of the late Burgess Monroe and Martha Pierce Parrish, and she was born one mile south of Tabernacle Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Poole were married on Wednesday afternoon, July 21, 1909 at the home of the officiating magistrate, Bill Lawrence, in Tabernacle Township. They recall that 50 years ago, a couple got married either on a Wednesday or a Sunday, depending upon the type of wedding.

A cousin of Mr. Poole, Jule Hoover, and his wife were married on a Sunday a week and one half before the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Poole. The Pooles attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and on July 12, a week before their own anniversary celebration, they attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover at their home on Route 3, Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Poole came back from their marriage ceremony and established residence with Mr. Poole's parents in the house in which they are now residing. After a few months, they moved out and set up housekeeping in a house a short distance down the road and now occupied by their son, Kurney, and his family. However, upon the death of Mr. Poole's mother, they came back to live with Mr. Poole's father and to begin a permanent residence at the old homeplace.

In addition to their eight children, Mr. and Mrs. Poole have 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They are loyal members of the West Chapel Methodist church, located in the community in which they reside, and the pastor of the church, Rev. Ron L. Hall, and his wife were present for the golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. Poole has been a farmer all his life and has also engaged in saw mill operations and in carpentry work.

It was Mrs. Poole's request that an elaborate account of their wedding anniversary celebration not be written, saying that "we are plain, simple people and everybody knows that we are." The latter part of that statement is particularly true, because everybody does know Mr. and Mrs. Poole to be unassuming, hard working and upright citizens of the community, loyal and consistent members of the church and parents to whom their children are devoted and were proud to stand alongside of at the observance of their golden wedding anniversary on last Sunday

This Church Grows Through Faith

Jul. 30, 1959 — Rickey Lamb, a small, towheaded, barefooted youth of three and one half years of age, and thirty or more children of an unchurched area east of Asheboro are attending Sunday School each Sunday

morning in an annex of the Wade N. Wright Grocery at 930 E. Salisbury Rd.

Leading the undenominational group is a Canadian native and a former automobile mechanic, the Rev. Loren Kent, his wife and two ladies of the area, Mrs. Fred T. Roberts and Mrs. Wade N. Wright.

The small but energetic group is working hard to build a chapel in which to worship and where the children of the community can come on each Sabbath morning. A

210 x 104 tract of land on the old Cedar Falls road has been given by Mr. and Mrs. Wade N. Wright to the undenominational group, to be used as a site for the community chapel. A miniature chapel, built by the 56-year-old Rev. M. Kent and designed for the receiving of contributions for the building, set in a prominent place in the Wright grocery and those desiring to contribute may take their gifts to that place.

Walter Roberts. An Asheboro real estate man, is interested in the work in which Mr. and Mrs. Kent are engaged and he also will receive contributions for the building of the chapel.

The services in the grocery building actually had its beginning several years ago as an outgrowth of efforts which were begun separately by the Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Jarrett and the Rev. and Mrs. Kent. The Rev. Mr. Jarrett, who was pastor of the Richland Charge of the Methodist church at that time, was transferred from this vicinity two years ago.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jarrett, who traveled through the East Asheboro area on their way to the Giles Chapel Methodist church, one of the churches on their charge, recognized the fact that many of the children in the section were not attending Sunday School and that facilities for such worship were not available to many of them, so they began gathering the children together on Sunday afternoons and teaching them Bible stories and other modes of worship. At about the same time, or soon thereafter, the Rev. and Mrs. Kent established an undenominational religious movement near the site upon which they now plan to build a chapel.

However, with the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett from the Richland Charge and the eventual abandonment of the group which was organized by Mr. and Mrs. Kent, the children of the community were left again without a place in which to worship and to attend Sunday School. But the seed had been sown and the children of the community and their parents did not forget the earlier training which had been received from the two ministers and their wives.

In the meantime, Mr. and Mrs. Kent had established other religious groups in Asheboro, near Cedar Falls, in South Carolina and had also worked in other places. It was just two months ago that they came back and consolidated the two original groups into the services which are now being held in the Wright grocery building.

Besides the Sunday School period in the morning, a young people's service is held on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, followed by a preaching service at 8 o'clock.

The offerings are still meager, with only slightly more than \$24 having been received last Sunday morning. Half of this went to the support of Mr. and Mrs. Kent and the other half was placed in the miniature chapel to await the beginning of the new building. Besides the half of the Sunday morning offering, the building fund is supplemented by contributions from friends of the chapel and the receipts from rummage sales and other activities.

Mrs. Roberts is a driving force behind the movement and she solicits the contributions, sponsors the rummage sales, presides over the opening preliminaries of the Sunday School period and then takes the smaller children out for an open air discussion of the Sunday School lesson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright, who have an active grocery business on the Old Salisbury Road, are also providing substantial support for the success of the movement, as they gave the building site, and they furnish the place in which Mr. and Mrs. Kent live and in which the worship services are held.

The movement in which Mr. and Mrs. Kent are engaged is not an easy task and most certainly not being done with financial gain as its object, with Mr. Kent having received only slightly more than \$12 for his last week's work. But the middle-aged and quiet spoken minister said: "I feel that it is my calling.

Mr. Kent began his ministry back in 1942 while living in Milford, Conn. And while he was employed with the Productor Machine Co. in Bridgeport, Conn. He began holding services at that time and has been engaged in the same type of work since that time in various parts of the country.

He came to this country first as a 18-months-old child upon the death of his parents. Although he has spent most of his life in the United States, particularly in the New England states, he only received his American citizenship two years ago last Jan.. He has lived in Montreal, Canada and in 1945 he went to Nova Scotia, Canada to engage in commercial fishing. His wife is a native of Marion, N.C. but it was in Portland, Maine where the two of them met and were married.

Asked about his theological training, Mr. Kent said that he had none but that he had been a student of the Bible for twenty years. In further reference to a theological course, he said: "I am afraid that sometimes that gets in the way."

When asked to the motivating factor behind the work which he is doing in East Asheboro, Mr. Kent said that it was the desire of the group to build a new church. He said: "it is really needed and wanted." He pointed out that there is a vast number of children in the area who could be reached with the aid of better _____ . Plans at the present time are to first _____ services in it until the chapel can be completed.

Little Rickey Lamb, his brothers and sisters and his little neighbors are so anxious to attend Sunday School that sometimes they start walking from their home near Cedar Falls to meet the Rev. Mr. Kent as he comes to transport them to the services. They realize that they will be welcomed into the services at the grocery store, regardless of the clothes they wear or their station in life otherwise. The people of Asheboro and vicinity are urged to respond to their need for a suitable place where they can come and hear the teachings of the One who said: "suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

90 -Year-Old Gets License To Drive Motorcycle

Jul. 30, 1959 - A Staley resident, W. N. Poole, celebrated his 90th birthday Wednesday by successfully passing a driver's examination which will allow him to continue operating a motorcycle on the highways of North Carolina.

Although the license will permit him to drive any kind of motorcycle, Mr. Poole, in deference to his age, will continue

to operate the three-wheeled Harley Davidson "service car" which he has been driving for the past four years.

Early on the morning of his birthday, Mr. Poole appeared before license examiner Addison R. Thompson, and took the road test. He had passed the written examination the day before.

Mr. Poole is hale, hearty and a very youthful looking 172-pounder for his age. In fact, he is so young looking that this reporter, upon seeing him, thought he was the son of the man he came to see.

Besides successful passing a driving test at the age of 90, Mr. Poole has a claim to fame for the fish which he has caught this summer. By actual count, he has caught 697 fish since the season opened. He is also an avid hunter and says he can still shoot a rabbit on the run. In speaking of his hunting and fishing, Mr. Poole said: "In the winter time I hunt and in the summer time I fish.

He has had plenty of time for hunting and fishing since his retirement from business in Atlanta in 1944. He was operating three beauty shops and five barber shops in the Georgia capitol when upon the death of his wife, he decided to retire and come to Staley. He had lived for 30 years in Atlanta.

A native of Union County, near Monroe, and also a former resident of Charlotte, he came to Staley to live with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Staley. Although Mr. and Mrs. Staley have died since that time, Mrs. Staley having passed away last Apr. 7, Mr. Poole continues to live at the old homeplace with another sister, Mrs. Alice P. McLean who came from Greensboro several years ago to live with her brother and sister.

In a few days, Mr. Poole will leave off his fishing temporarily and make another one of his frequent visits to Atlanta, Ga., a place "which seems like home" to this youthful looking 90-year-old man who lived there for 30 years. He will visit in Charlotte on the return trip.

Mr. Poole wears glasses only when he is reading. Asked if he wore them when he drove his service car or _____ that he didn't because "they get in my way." As for a hearing aid, he hears very well without one. But he did say that he had been practicing on one which belonged to his sister.

He was asked the usual question, as to what he attributed his good health and his youthful looks, considering his advanced years, and he gave somewhat more of an intelligent answer when he said that he had always paid good attention to what he ate, had always got plenty of sleep and outdoor exercise and had always let the other fellow do the worrying.

Retirement? He Chose N. Asheboro

Aug. 6, 1959 - With 45 years of active ministry behind him, a Wesleyan Methodist minister and his wife came Monday to the North Asheboro community to live in their retirement at 113 Virginia Avenue.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Lovin drove down from Roanoke, Va., where on Sunday they had concluded their pastoral labors at the Second Wesleyan Methodist church of that city. They will reside in this community in a house which they bought recently, near to the home of a son, Fred Lovin.

At the recent session of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church in Colfax, Mr. Lovin was placed upon the superannuated roll at his own request.

However, how inactive he will be is yet to be determined, as appointments have already been made for him up into Oct..

Mr. Lovin and his wife had lived in the North Asheboro community prior to their coming here to spend their days of retirement. During his ministry of 45 years, the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church, located in this community, was one of the twelve charges and churches of which he served as pastor.

Other places which he served were the Gibson charge of the Wesleyan Methodist church, in Scotland county, the West Blockton church in Alabama, the Guilford charge, the First and Second Wesleyan Methodist churches in Roanoke, Va., and churches in Kings Mountain, Rose Hill, Gastonia, Kannapolis, High Point and Winston-Salem.

He also served as president of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church at two different times and for a period of six years. He was first elected president of the conference in 1929 and his son, the Rev. C. Wesley Lovin, was named to the same position this year, 30 years later.

Although his ministry has been spent entirely in the pastoral field, with the exception of the six years he was conference president, he has still held many positions of responsibility within the denomination, serving of the board of administration of the general denomination and is still a member of the orphanage board of the Hephzibah Children's Home at Macon, Ga., a position which he has held since the denomination took over the orphanage 30 years ago.

Rev. William Carl Lovin was born on a cotton farm in the lower edge of what was then Richmond County, about 3 or 4 miles from the South Carolina line. The part of Richmond county in which he was born was later made a part of Scotland county. His father was also a minister, Rev. Bryant Lovin, who preached for fifty years, first in the Methodist Protestant denomination and later in the Wesleyan Methodist denomination.

At the age of 21, Mr. Lovin went to the denominational school at Central, S. C. to complete his education. He attended the junior college for two years and it was while there that he was converted and received the call to enter the ministry. Actually, he preached his first sermon while a student at the college in South Carolina 47 years ago.

Mrs. Lovin seems to remember well his first pastorate, the Gibson charge in Scotland County, where he succeeded his father who had served the charge for 20 years. He had seven appointments, four organized churches and three mission points, to which he traveled in a buggy pulled by a black horse.

While on this first charge, he preached on Saturday afternoon, Saturday night, Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon and Sunday night during the week-ends and during the week he raised a crop of cotton to pay the house rent and a crop of corn to feed the black horse. He received a little over \$200 in cash for his first year's work.

Besides his son in this community, who is a member of the faculty of Seagrove high school, and the son who is conference president, Mr. Lovin has another son, Lowell, who lives at Kannapolis and works with a finance company in Concord. There is one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Lutz, a governmental employee in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Lovin has been married twice, first to Beulah Ramsey, of Gastonia, and upon her death to Lucy Beaty, also of Gastonia.

This genial minister, although superannuated, is still in good physical condition and looks younger than his nearly three score years and ten. He feels that his calling in the ministry was to the pastorate and says that "it has been a pleasure all the way down the line."

Possessed with a great sense of humor, he took the reference of his conference president son as being "A chip off the old block" and said that "the chip was now bigger than the block."

He was approached as to why he had not encountered many of the difficulties which have often beset others in the work of the pastorate and in places of responsibility within the church and conference. Mr. Lovin, who has often been referred to as "a trouble shooter," modestly said that he had always felt that "other people have had the same rights and privileges" as he had and that he had never tried to be a dictator within the church giving the lay people of the congregation the right to their opinion the same as the pastor.

Rev. W. C. Lovin has served his charges, his churches, his conference and his denomination with distinction and with credit. His integrity has been beyond reproach. From the cotton farm near the South Carolina line, he has gone out and carried the banner of righteousness throughout the state and the land. Now that he has come to the time of a well deserved rest, may good health and happiness remain with him and peace and serenity fill his days. The North Asheboro community welcomes him and is proud that he has chosen to live in our midst.

Hensons Celebrate 59th Anniversary with Dinner

Aug. 6, 1959 – Mr. and Mrs. J. G. (Gurney) Henson, who were married 59 years ago on Wednesday, Aug. 5, were invited to dinner Sunday at the home of their granddaughter, Mrs. Raymond Nickens, in Asheboro to commemorate the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Henson, who live just off of the Spero road, have been guests of Mrs. Nickens on the occasion of their wedding anniversary for approximately the past 10 years. Mrs. Nickens, who is their eldest grandchild, said that she hoped there could be a huge celebration next year for the 60th anniversary of her grandparents, to which all of their friends and relatives would be invited.

Present for the dinner Sunday at the Nickens residence were Mr. and Mrs. Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Nickens and son, Tommy, Mrs. Lunda Allred, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes and Bobby Whistine, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henson.

Mr. Henson is 80 years of age and Mrs. Henson is 75 years of age, both of them having celebrated their birthdays in June. They were married Aug. 5, 1900 at the home of a Justice of the Peace, Ed York, near Central Falls. They have seven living children, three who are dead, 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Both are natives of this vicinity, Mrs. Henson having been the former Cordelia Allred.

Mrs. Wallace Honored At Birthday Dinner

Aug. 6, 1959 – Mrs. J. C. Wallace, of Route 1, Asheboro, was honored Sunday with a birthday dinner at her home on the Brower's Chapel road, off of Highway 902.

Mrs. Wallace, who was 78 years of age on Wednesday, Aug. 5, was extended the honor by her ten children, all of whom were present for the birthday celebration.

They are Mrs. Elsie Garner, of Seagrove, Coy Wallace, of Route 1, Robbins, Floyd Wallace of Route 1, Asheboro, Mrs. Coble M. Maness, of Asheboro, Clyde Wallace, of Route 1, Asheboro, Mrs. Clinard Poole, of Route 2, Asheboro, Mrs. Cleveland Kennedy, of Route 2, Randleman, George Wallace, of Cedar Falls, Mrs. Frank Bulla, of North Asheboro, and Mrs. Nelson Whitaker, of Route 2, Randleman.

Also, many of the grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a few visitors were present for the family gathering. This is the second consecutive year that Mrs. Wallace's children have honored her on the occasion of her birthday.

Nelson Whitaker, a son-in-law of Mrs. Wallace, offered the prayer before the partaking of the sumptuous meal which was spread on outside tables. Mrs. Wallace received several nice gifts from members of her family.

The former Marcia Cockman, a native of Moore County, Mrs. Wallace and her family had also lived in Montgomery county before coming to this county. Mr. Wallace died several years ago.

Davis Reunion Sees Many At Homeplace

Aug. 6, 1959 - The 19th reunion of the descendants of David and Rachel Millikan Davis was held Sunday at the old homeplace on Route 1, Sophia, with many of the families of the 13 children of David and Rachel Davis in attendance.

The reunion actually had its beginning 22 years ago but three of the gatherings have been canceled, two during the war and one during the polio epidemic.

All of the 13 children of David and Rachel Davis are now dead, the youngest one having passed away two years ago, but the reunion meeting continues to be held at the old homeplace which is now owned by Garfield Davis.

The meeting Sunday was informal and consisted mainly of the sumptuous picnic dinner and a period of family fellowship. However, Rev. Bob Medford, new pastor of Marlboro Friends Meeting, was present to conduct the devotionals, offer the prayer and to make a few additional remarks.

Memorials were given for Julius Farlow and William Franklin Coe, who had passed away during the year, and plans were made to memorialize Sam Brown and Florence McKenzie at the reunion session next year, as they died recently and time did not allow the preparation of the proper memorials.

A nominating committee composed of Rufus Davis, Pearl Kearns and Harvey Farlow, presented the following slate of officers which was approved by the meeting: Otis Davis, of Greensboro, president; Stanley Farlow, of Route 1, Trinity, vice president; and Lois McDowell, of Route 1, Sophia, secretary and treasurer.

The historian committee, composed of Angie Nance, Harrison Davis and Ruth Brown, and the memorial committee, composed of Ethel Loflin, Harvey Farlow and Laura Davis, will hold over for another two years and therefore no successors were elected to take the place of these two committees.

A member from each one of the families of the children of David and Rachel Davis was selected to be responsible for

the continuation of the family history which was compiled and published up through Dec. 31, 1948

Will Davis of Rt. 1, Trinity who is 43 years of age was the oldest member of the family in attendance at the reunion.

David and Rachel Millikan Davis first lived following their marriage in the vicinity of what is now the Glenola Baptist church. It was there that their five oldest children were born, namely, Jesse, Mary Ann, Samuel, Rebecca and Cyrus. Then they moved to the present site of the family reunion on Route 1, Sophia, at which place their other eight children were born namely, Martha, Tamer, Della, Sybil, Abbie, Rodema, Gurney and Elva.

Six of their children married Farlowes, two of them married Coltranes, one married a Sawyer and four of them were never married. David Davis died on July 7, 1900 and Rachel Millikan Davis died on Dec. 24, 1902. Both were buried at Marlboro Friends cemetery.

Former Resident Honored On Ninety-Seventh Birthday

Aug. 13, 1959 - Ninety-seven year old C. A. (Charlie) Voncannon, a Randolph County native and a former resident of the North Asheboro community, was honored Sunday with a birthday celebration at The Methodist Home in Charlotte.

Mr. Voncannon, who has been living at the Methodist institution since Apr., 1955, was born on Aug. 10, 1862.

Present were two sons from out of the state, Oran Voncannon, of Orlando, Fla., and Alvis Voncannon of Burlington, Kan. The son from Kansas was himself 76 years of age on July 3. He went to Kansas over 50 years ago with his wife, the former Mamie Welborn, who has since died.

Also present for the birthday celebration were two sisters of C. A. Voncannon, Mrs. Fannie Luck, a former resident of Rt. 3, Asheboro, now residing at The Methodist Home, who is 90 years of age, and Mrs. Della Davis of Asheboro, who is 84 years of age.

In addition to Mr. Voncannon's two sons from out of the state, his five other children were present for their father's birthday celebration. They are Colon Voncannon, Mrs. Cora Shoemaker and Mrs. Callie Suits of High Point, Mrs. Leffie Shoemaker of the North Asheboro community, and Miss Alta Voncannon of Charlotte.

Many other relatives and friends were present for the birthday observance of the esteemed elderly gentleman, with a buffet luncheon being held in the entertaining rooms at The Methodist Home. One of the cakes which were served at the luncheon was baked by Mrs. Davis, the 84-year-old-sister of the honored gentleman.

Charles Andy Voncannon, son of Peter and Ann Plummer Voncannon, was born in Cedar Grove township, near the Science Hill Friends Meeting. However, two weeks after his birth, his family moved to Back Creek township, near the Charlotte Methodist Church.

His sisters reminiscence with him Sunday at the birthday celebration and the keen-witted 90-year old Mrs. Luck especially chuckled at the bringing to remembrance of the time when Mr. Voncannon broke the homemade buttons off a coat which had been made for him to attend a school in the vicinity of the Charlotte Methodist church.

Mr. Voncannon's memory is good and says that he can remember back to the time when he was four years of age, a span of 93 years ago. His sister, Mrs. Luck, also has a

clear memory while Mrs. Davis, the youngest of the Family at 84, looks and acts far younger than the age which she has attained.

A retired employee of the Southern Railroad, Mr. Voncannon spent 16 years in the employ of that company. Before entering the Methodist Home he had spent his entire life in Randolph and Guilford counties, moving to High Point in 1903 and returning to Randolph County in 1936.

He has been married twice, first to Martha Lou Underwood, who died in 1932, and then to Mrs. Jennie Jordan, who died in 1948.

Besides his children and sisters, other relatives and friends present for the birthday celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kunkel of Burlington, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin, Mrs. Lucy Smith, Mrs. Colon Voncannon, Mr. and Mrs. Paige Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Lambeth and sons, Harry Lee Jr., and Duane, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Glisson and children, Kenneth, Robert, Steve and Ann, of High Point; Donna Jo Hooper, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Matt Marshall and daughter, Marlee, of Greensboro; Mrs. Pearl P. Little and Mrs. Joe Little, of Charlotte; Mrs. O. R. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. York, J. G. Haskins, Cornie Voncannon and Ralph L. Bulla of Asheboro, and Mrs. Rebecca Parrish of the Methodist Home.

Donna Jo Hooper was a great-great granddaughter of Mr. Voncannon and therefore brought five generations in attendance at the birthday celebration.

From far and near, the family of C. A. Voncannon gathers each year for the celebration of the birthday of this grand old man. Although he is nearing the century mark of life and some of his children are approaching and have passed the age of three score years and ten, yet they still respect him as the head of the family and offer unto him the love, devotion and respect to which he is entitled.

The years of C. A. Voncannon have been filled with integrity, decency and uprightness. His conscience is clear and he can look back over 97 years unashamed. He can also look ahead to the time yet allotted him and to the time thereafter and remain confident.

Trinity Teacher May Have Record For Service In Same Class, School

Oct. 22, 1959 – A Route 1, Trinity woman, Miss Virginia Redding, is in her 35th year as a 5th grade teacher at the Trinity school.

This is perhaps the longest continuous record at the same school and with the same grade of any teacher in the Randolph county school system and perhaps at any school in this section of the state, local school authorities say.

Miss Redding actually began teaching 52 years ago at the Carraway school, which was located diagonally across the road from the home in which she grew up and the school which she herself attended as a young girl. This school has since been discontinued.

She taught at the Carraway School for 13 years and then quit teaching for five years because of the illness of her mother. Upon the death of her mother in 1925, she began teaching at the Trinity school where she has seen continuous service since that time.

When she went to Trinity, there was only one building and only one elementary teacher to a grade. She remembers

that she had 48 students in the 5th grade her first year there. The principal was R. D. Marsh of Marshville.

Since that time, a high school building has been added, also a home economics building, a cafeteria, a gymnasium and an agricultural building. There are now 25 elementary teachers and Miss Redding says that she only has 32 students in her 5th grade this year.

Miss Redding is a tall woman with an erect carriage and shows no signs of weariness from the duties of teaching which have stretched across more than a half of a century. This is evident despite the fact that two years ago she underwent operations for the removal of cataracts from both of her eyes. In fact, she only lost one month of teaching from the ailment with which she was afflicted. Last year she did not miss a day of school and also has not missed a day thus far for this school year.

Miss Redding was born in Tabernacle township in the vicinity of the Hoover Hill Gold Mine, about three or four miles north of Highway 64. Her parents were John Stanley and Eugenia Andrew Redding. Her father was a farmer and the house in which she was born was a large two-story log structure which has now practically fallen to the ground, with the large chimneys which was located at each end of the house still standing.

She was the youngest of five children and the only one still living. Her brothers were T. H. Redding and J. O. Redding, of Asheboro, and Charles W. Redding, of Route 1, Trinity, in whose home she now resides, and her sister was Mrs. Robert Blair, who lived at Frazier's Siding, in the vicinity of Archdale and Trinity, and who was the former Ocianana (Ocia) Redding.

As a very small child, Miss Redding attended the Mt. Pleasant School which was located in the Hoover Hill Gold Mine vicinity. This was a one-teacher school and she attended there until the family moved to Route 1, Trinity, in the Mt. Vernon community, with the house in which they lived still standing and adjoining the home in which Miss Redding now lives with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles W. Redding, and with her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Redding, and their three children.

When the family moved to Route 1, Trinity, Miss Redding attended the Carraway School near her home, which was at that time a one-teacher school and the school at which she was later to begin her teaching career.

After leaving the Carraway School, she attended Guilford College for two years and then attended Woman's College at Greensboro. Following her attendance at the college in Greensboro, she began teaching at the Carraway School which by that time had become a two-teacher school.

Although she never did receive her college degree, she attended summer school sessions at Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone and the University of Tennessee and took various extension courses which enabled her to gain the highest certification possible in her profession.

Methods of teaching have changed drastically during the years of her teaching but Miss Redding says that "you still can't get around the old fundamentals of the three R's. Reading, Riting and Rithmetic."

Three generations of students have passed through her class rooms and one of her students is a great-grandmother. In quiet humor, Miss Redding says that often one of her students will say "my grandpa went to school to you" or "my grandma went to school to you." She also stated

that on a recent Sunday at church, she noticed that every person in the congregation had either went to school to her or some of their people had.

She is a lifelong attendant of the Mt. Vernon Methodist church which is located near to her home. When the church took over the old Carraway School building for a community building and a church hut and erected a parsonage on the adjoining lot, she gave two tracts of land in the assistance of the development. This information was derived from some one in the neighborhood and did not come from Miss Redding or members of her family.

Miss Redding was told that it was complimentary that she had remained at the same school for 35 years but she disclaimed any credit for herself, saying it was "the goodness of the people in the neighborhood "in which she had taught. She spoke of the "fine people "in the community in which she had worked and said that was "one of the greatest pleasures "of her teaching career.

But the people of the Trinity school district will not let "Miss Virginia," as they know her, get away with not claiming or at least sharing the success of her long teaching career. Because she has not only served as a teacher but also as an advisor for her students and the people of the community and the school district. It is said in her community that no child has ever expressed a dislike for her nor has any child ever wanted to be transferred from her room.

In recognition of her service as a teacher and as a citizen of the Mt. Vernon community, the people of the community will honor her at the open house or informal reception to be held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1, from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock. At that time, the hundreds of students who have passed through her class room, the people of the Mt. Vernon community and the Trinity school district and the friends and relatives from throughout this section of the state will have the opportunity to pay her the honor and the measure of esteem which she so richly deserves.

A Quiet Providence Burial Ground Last Resting Place Of Naomi Wise

Sep. 10, 1959 - In a quiet burial ground in Providence township, northeast of the town of New Salem, the lonely grave of Naomi Wise is a reminder of a tragedy which took place one hundred and fifty one years ago.

The grave of the 19-year old girl, whose body was found floating among the willows of a turf-island in Deep River, lies in a secluded spot in the cemetery of the Providence Friends Meeting House, apart from the other graves in the peaceful burial ground.

In "The Story of Naomi Wise "or "The Wrongs of a Beautiful Girl," written by Charles Vernon in 1874 and republished by the Rotary Club of Randleman in 1944, the writer, who was believed to be Braxton Craven, president of Trinity College, stated that he did not know the site of the burial of Naomi Wise. He said: "The writer knows not the place of her grave, else would he visit that lonely place; he would place at her head a simple stone to tell her name, her excellence and her ruin; he would plant there appropriate emblems, and drop a tear over the memory of her who sleeps beneath.

Somebody did place at her head a simple stone but it only told her name and the date of her birth and death, 1789-1808, thus, Naomi Wise lies in a cemetery, characterized by its quietness and simple rustic beauty and in great

contrast to the violent manner in which her young life ended.

According to the story of Naomi Wise, she was a beautiful young orphan girl who lived with the family of William Adams in the northern part of Randolph County where New Salem now is. Although she cooked for the family and sometimes worked outdoors, she was treated well by the family and was held in high esteem by them.

Among the many young men who found Naomi Wise attractive was Jonathan Lewis, whose father, Richard Lewis, lived near Centre Meeting House, on Polecat Creek, in Guilford County. Richard Lewis, father of Jonathan, had earlier shot his brother, Stephen, to death and the Lewises were generally considered to be violent and dangerous people.

But Jonathan Lewis was a handsome man and he and Naomi Wise eventually became engaged and planned to marry. Then, Jonathan's mother intervened and sought that he marry Hettie Elliott the sister of Benjamin Elliott, for whom Jonathan was clerking in Asheboro.

But disgrace had already come upon Naomi Wise and after begging Jonathan Lewis to fulfill his promise to marry her, she then threatened him with the law upon his refusal to do so.

As the story goes, Lewis at last came to Naomi Wise and told her that he would delay the marriage no longer and that he would come on a certain day to take her to the magistrate.

The appointed day arrived and as the story is recorded, Jonathan Lewis came upon a horse and put Naomi wise up behind him and assured her that they would soon be married. But, upon crossing the ford of the river, he plunged his horse into the water until he reached the middle of the channel, turned to Naomi and in a husky voice said: "Naomi, I will tell you what I intend to do: I intend to drown you in this river: we can never marry. I found I could never get away from you, and I am determined to drown you."

The story continues with the finding of her body the next morning, the confronting of Jonathan Lewis with the crime, his confinement to jail and his escape before the day of the trial.

As the memory of the drowning faded, work came to the vicinity that Lewis was living in Ohio, had married and was the father of a child. He was brought back to Randolph County, from which county the trial was moved to Guilford County, but material witnesses had died or moved away and he was acquitted.

Upon his release, he moved to Kentucky where he died a few years later. It is said that his last days were spent in agony for the crime which he had committed and that shortly before his death, he confessed to the drowning of Naomi Wise.

A ballad had been written on the death of Naomi Wise, a mill village in Randolph was named Naomi Falls for her, later shortened to Naomi, and the story of Naomi Wise has been told and retold through the years. But, neither the earlier nor the later story told where the body of Naomi Wise was laid to rest, thus, the reason for the revival of the sorrowful event of over a century and one half ago.

After Ninety-Seven Years-He's Still Going Strong

Sep. 28, 1959 – Dr. J. D. Bulla, of Route 1, Trinity, is 97 years old today, Monday, Sept. 28, and is still active in the medical practice which he began 70 years ago.

It is likely that he is the oldest practicing physician, both in the years of his age and the years of his practice, as any doctor in the state of North Carolina and perhaps in the entire country.

This correspondent visited Dr. Bulla a week ago Sunday and in less than an hour three patients called by the doctor's country residence for examination and the issuance of medication.

The doctor keeps most of his medicine on hand in a large, old fashioned cupboard situated in one of the rear compartments of his large two storied residence and he usually prescribes, mixes and delivers right on the spot.

His mind is still keen, his eyesight and hearing are good, and his memory dates back at least 93 years to the time when he was four years of age. However, his legs are giving out on him and he can't get around like he did a few short years ago. A few days before we visited him, he had fallen in going to the mail box and had bruised his head and one of his knees. The doctor, long noted for his humor and wit, said that he didn't mind hurting his head but he didn't want anything to happen to his knee.

His physical inability in the matter of getting around has affected him most in the matter of having to leave off his duck hunting, a practice in which he engaged regularly until a short while ago. As he sits on the spacious front porch of his lovely, rural residence awaiting the patients who consistently come to his door, he says that he thinks constantly of the times when he went duck hunting. It seems to be one of the disappointments of his latter years that he had had to give up this sport which he liked to do so much.

He was born Sept. 28, 1862, in the middle of the Civil War period, and was named for the president of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis. His birth occurred at the home of his parents, Dr. A. C. Bulla and Millicent Rush Bulla, which still stands on the old highway 64 in Back Creek Township. Dr. Bulla recalled on the Sunday that we visited him that the house was built in 1843, 19 years before his birth.

His wife, the former Mattie McCrary, died in 1935 and several of his large families of children are also dead. In discussing the generation of his family, with whom he grew up on the banks of Back Creek, he said: "I've outlived them all."

In his childhood, he attended the one-room school house located at the present site of Charlotte Methodist Church, four miles west of Asheboro, near to his old homeplace, and later attended the New Hope Academy in New Hope township. His medical training was received from the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, Md. He began his practice in 1888 in the community in which he now lives. He has never left that community since he began practicing there with the late Dr. Thomas Winslow 70 years.

His annual birthday celebration, confined to the immediate members of his family, was held yesterday, Sunday, at the hut of the Mount Vernon Methodist Church, which church he still sometimes attends and at which his wife is buried.

Another year has passed in the near century life of this dean of the medical profession and he still continues, with majesty, dignity, keenest of mind and straightness of figure,

in the work which he has carried on for the past seventy years.

As we left the presence of this grand old man, who has been doctor, counselor, benefactor and friend for three score years and ten, the inevitable question was asked: "When do you plan to retire?" The answer was short but none the less emphatic: "When I die."

N. Asheboro Couple Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Oct. 1, 1959 – Friends of fifty years ago joined with those of the later years in honoring Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis on their golden wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at their home on Route 2, Randleman.

It was an informal occasion but one filled with a remembrance of the years of the past and a show of affection and esteem for a couple who have spent the greater part of their married life in the community in which they still reside.

Their four daughters were the hostesses for the anniversary occasion and the hours during which their friends called were from four to six o'clock. Many who came were surprised that this youthful looking couple had acquired the sufficient number of years to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary.

But they were married on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1909 at the home of Mrs. Davis' grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Benoni Pritchard, who lived just north of the four-mile bridge between Asheboro and Randleman.

The marriage ceremony took place at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, with the Rev. James Parker, of Randleman, officiating. Around fifty guests were present for the occasion and following the ceremony, everyone stayed for the wedding supper.

But, to go back earlier than that, Rufus Harrison Davis, known to all of his friends as Harrison, was born on Oct. 29, 1888 as the seventh child of the eleven children of Samuel Branson and Mary Ann Farlow Davis. His parents were Quakers and they lived in an area west of Sophia, the section in which he grew up and lived until the time of his marriage.

Georgia Carroll Davis was born on May 5, 1889 as one of the two daughters of John W. and Sallie Pritchard Carroll. She was born at the home of her grandparents, the same place where she was married and the place at which she grew up, since her father died when she was just a very small girl.

During their childhood, Harrison attended the one-room school at Plainfield and Georgia attended the one-room school at Spero. Both schools lasted for four months each year.

Although they lived in different communities, several miles apart, Harrison Davis and Georgia Carroll first met at a revival meeting at Davis' Chapel church, located in between the places at which both of them lived. The church has since been disbanded.

Mrs. Davis says that she didn't think much about Mr. Davis when she first saw him. However, the acquaintance later developed into a courtship which lasted for two years before the occurrence of the marriage.

According to the custom of those days, the couple saw each other about once every two weeks during the period of courtship. Sometimes Harrison would come down to see Georgia in a buggy and sometimes he would walk. Mr.

Davis said that folks didn't mind walking several miles fifty years ago.

After the marriage, the couple went to the Sophia area to live in a small house on the Charles Hobbs farm which is now known as the Carr Redding place next to the Marlboro Friends Meeting House. Mr. Davis worked on the place for 70 cents a day on the "dry days," with the newly married couple getting their house rent free and the use of a cow. However, Mr. Davis didn't get pay for the days that it rained. For the summer months, the pay was raised to 75 cents a day.

Their residence at the Hobbs place lasted for nine months and then they came to reside at the home of Mrs. Davis' grandparents, the Pritchards, where they lived for the next eight years.

Their next house was the place in which they now live and which Mr. Davis help to build over forty years ago. He wasn't considered a carpenter at the time he helped to build the house but he did take up the trade later. According to Mrs. Davis, he became a carpenter when the children left home and wasn't there to help him raise tobacco, as his years prior to that time had been spent farming. He retired from the carpentry trade three years ago this coming Dec. and now stays at home, plants a garden and raises flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been members of Giles Chapel Methodist church for over 30 years, despite Mrs. Davis saying that Mr. Davis still has some Quaker in him. Mr. Davis has served as superintendent of the Sunday School and on almost every official board within the church group. At the present time, he is serving as a member of the cemetery committee. Mrs. Davis was awarded a life membership in the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church in May 1958 and has also been active in the work of the church.

At the open house observance Sunday afternoon, the guests were greeted at the door by one of the daughters, Mrs. J. N. Gillis, of North Asheboro, who presented them to her parents who stood just inside the door. The other three daughters, Mrs. Harlan Hackett, of Route 1, Climax, Mrs. Robert G. Southall, of Laurinburg, and Miss Oleta Davis, of Washington, D. C., assisted in receiving in other parts of the house. Mr. and Mrs. Davis also have one son, Raeford Davis.

Mrs. Davis was attired for the occasion in a sapphire blue crepe dress with a large yellow orchid.

In the dining room, the table was covered with a hand crocheted cloth over yellow and centered with a gold four-tiered cake with a crystal punch bowl at one end. The cake was flanked by yellow tapers, tied with yellow roses, ribbon in silver holders and yellow satin streamers extended from the center to outer points of the table. Gold punch, cake squares and other party delicacies were served by Mrs. Erman Trogdon, Mrs. S. G. Arthur, Mrs. Russell Hackett and Mrs. Reuben Davis, of High Point.

On the buffet was an arrangement of yellow flowers in a crystal container, with yellow tapers on each side.

In the living room was an arrangement of yellow flowers and tapers in copper containers. Elsewhere in the house were marigolds, yellow dahlias, and yellow roses.

The Davis family had made a request that gifts not be brought but among those which were presented notwithstanding the request was a lovely plate on which was painted a cluster of yellow roses and inscribed as follows; "Harrison and Georgia Davis, 1909-1959." The plate

was hand painted by Miss Laura E. Davis, of Archdale, a cousin of Mr. Davis

Thus, Harrison and Georgia Davis have passed fifty years of their lives together. They are youthful looking, well preserved and with very little sign of gray in their hair. They are happy and contented and indications point to many more anniversaries in the years to come.

Celebrate 70 Years Together

Oct. 1, 1959 – Sixty nine years ago, Sept. 30, 1890, a Randolph County couple drove to Greensboro in a two-wheeled cart and was united in marriage.

This couple, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown, live at 1019 North Fayetteville Street and are happy, contented and in reasonably good health as they now approach their seventieth year of marriage, the years of which are Biblically considered a lifetime within themselves.

A small celebration was held Sunday, with their pastor, Rev. Paul E. Allred, of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, and part of their five sons and seven daughters and their families in attendance.

It was appropriate that the Neighbors Grove pastor attend their anniversary celebration, as their lives have revolved around this particular church. They have loyally supported it, their children have grown up in it and they still attend its services.

Their health has not been so good in the last few years but they are still up, around and active for people of their respective ages. Mr. Brown is 86 years of age and Mrs. Brown is one year younger. Although Mr. Brown quit his public employment only three or four years ago, he can still be seen mowing the large yard which surrounds his North Fayetteville Street residence.

It took two days to make that trip sixty nine years ago. The road was muddy and they got a late start, therefore failing to reach Greensboro in one day.

Upon their return, they set up housekeeping in the vicinity of Central Falls, from which vicinity Mr. Brown had originated. Mrs. Brown, however, is not a native of Randolph County. She came from Indianapolis, Ind., with her parents to this county seventy three years ago in 1886

Although their wedding anniversaries have been on the quite side, it is the hope of their friends and the community in which they reside that a large public observance of their seventieth wedding anniversary can be held when that milestone has been reached on next Sept. 30.

It is thought that no other couple in this part of the country has been married as long as Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

To this couple, who have lived together so long in our midst, we extend our heartiest congratulations upon the passing of their 69th wedding anniversary and we express our gratitude for what they have meant, first to their large family of children, their grandchildren and their great-grandchildren, then to the church in which they have spent their lives and lastly to the community where they have lived honestly and without dissension with their fellow man.

Mrs. Pritchard Laid To Rest

Oct. 15, 1959 – Mrs. Sarah Jane Underwood Pritchard, who was 99 years of age, was laid to a well deserved rest Tuesday afternoon in the cemetery of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church.

She died in her sleep in the early hours of the morning Monday at the home of her daughter in Archdale and at the

time of her death was the oldest known living person in Randolph County.

A native of Randolph County, she was born on June 30, 1860 not too far from the place where she was buried, in the vicinity northeast of what is now Randolph Memorial Park. Her parents were Samuel and Martha Odell Underwood.

She was buried beside of her husband, William Alexander Pritchard, who died on Jan. 20, 1937 at the age of 80 years. In attendance at the final rites in her memory was her 97 year-old brother-in-law, C. A. Voncannon, former North Asheboro resident who now lives at The Methodist Home in Charlotte. Mr. Voncannon married Mrs. Pritchard's younger sister, Martha Luzina Underwood.

Sick, blind and helpless, Mrs. Pritchard had no desire to live any longer. She told this correspondent last summer at the time of her 99th birthday: "I don't want to live to be a hundred." She also made this prediction: "I won't go another year."

However, despite her sickness and suffering, she maintained her memory and keenness of mind until the very end.

A few days before her death she expressed the desire that she would go to sleep and not awaken. The last wish of this woman who came close to the century mark was granted and she died easily and without any notice shortly past the midnight hour. Thus it was with her life, she had been at the midnight hour for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Eyelar Janettie Pritchard Keerns (Kearns), who lives on the Alridge Road in Archdale, and a son, H. A. Pritchard, of Biscoe. Also surviving are four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Keerans had taken care of her mother for 15 years and had rendered loyal and devoted service in this respect. The daughter herself will be 78 years of age on Nov. 4 of this year.

Sarah Jane Underwood and William Alexander Pritchard were married on June 20, 1880 and following their marriage they lived for a brief period with Mr. Pritchard's parents, Benoni and Temperance Cross Pritchard, who lived just beyond the four mile bridge between Asheboro and Randleman. Afterwards, they lived near Central Falls, below Asheboro, near Seagrove, in Moore county and finally in Biscoe where Mr. Pritchard died.

But for the final resting place for both Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, they were brought back to the community in which they were born and reared, to be buried among the friends and kinsmen of their childhood.

Officiating ministers for the funeral service of Mrs. Pritchard at the Neighbors Grove church Tuesday afternoon were Rev. Clyde Auman, associate pastor of Centenary Methodist church in Winston-Salem, a long time friend of the family, Rev. George Hunter, a Presbyterian minister in Archdale, and Rev. Paul E. Allred, pastor of the Neighbors Grove church. The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Pritchard, sang "Rock of Ages" and "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms."

Despite the ravages of time and disease, Mrs. Pritchard's countenance was unlined and did not show the marks of the years which she had lived. She was beautiful in death as she was in life and her philosophy of living was summed up three and one half months ago, at the time of her 99th

birthday, when she said that she had not lived "as good as I ought to have but the best I've known."

A long span of life and an unparalleled record of living for a Randolph County native has come to an end.

Large Crowd Present For the Methodist Church Rally Day

Oct. 15, 1959 - Three hundred and ten persons were present for the annual Rally Day service Sunday morning at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church.

This number more than exceeded the goal of 300 which had been set for the annual observance.

Charles Cranford's class, with 57 in attendance, had the most people present while Mrs. Paul Allred's class with 48 in attendance had the next largest attendance. These two classes reversed themselves in the offering attainments, with Mrs. Allred's class having the largest offering and Mr. Cranford's class having the next largest offering.

Mrs. Harvey Bulla, who brought 14 people to the Rally Day observance, was awarded a prize for bringing the most people to the service. Fourteen people stood up as having come to the service at the request of Mrs. Bulla. The check which was given to Mrs. Bulla for this achievement was turned back into the church to be applied to the organ fund. All of the loose offering at the Sunday School and church service Sunday went towards the payment of the organ which was purchased several months ago.

Elmer Davidson, who won the first prize last year, was also given a prize for having brought next to the largest number of persons this year, having run Mrs. Bulla a close second by bringing 13 persons to the Rally Day service.

A four weeks old child, Annette Ingold, who was carried in the arms of her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb, was given a prize for being the youngest person in attendance. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Ingold, who live with Mrs. Lamb on Humble St.

A prize for the oldest person present went to John H. Brown, 86 year-old North Asheboro resident and a long time attendant at the Neighbors Grove church. Mr. Brown remembers that he first came to the Neighbors Grove church over 75 years ago when it was known as the Piney Woods church and was located a short distance east of its present location.

Also participating in the service Sunday was Rev. W. C. Lovin, who was concluding a series of evangelistic services at the church, and Sam Allred, special singer for the revival services. Mr. Lovin spoke briefly on "Some of the Things that Make a Sunday School Important."

Visitors To N. Asheboro In Eighties

Oct. 15, 1959 - Two octogenarians, who lived on adjoining farms in Davidson County, are visiting with relatives in the North Asheboro vicinity and both are recuperating from broken hips.

Eighty-seven-year-old Robert Dunning is staying with his son, Walter Dunning, and family on Newell St., having come here from the home of another son in High Point. He originally came from near Denton in Davidson County. He is suffering from a broken hip and leg.

A mile or so away, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb W. Davis on Route 1, Asheboro, is Mrs. Nora Daniel, mother of Mrs. Davis and who is 80 years of age. Mrs. Daniel and her family lived on the farm next to Robert Dunning and his

family in the Denton area. She is also suffering from a broken hip.

Both Mr. Dunning and Mrs. Daniel are in wheel chairs.

North Asheboro Has Ten On 1959 Asheboro Grid Squad

Oct. 22, 1959 — Ten boys from the North Asheboro community are included on the varsity football squad of Asheboro high school, five of whom have been listed among the starting eleven for this football season.

They are Tommy Hicks, right halfback, Morris Thomas, right tackle, Glenn Dawson, left end, Mickey Strayhorn, fullback, Ed Burrow, left halfback, Johnny Moody, guard, Richard Carter, Guard, Robert (Snake) West, quarterback, Bobby Allred, guard, and Jerry Hall, center.

In addition to these ten varsity players, five more boys, Clinton Dunning, William Rush, Jerry Davis, Bobby Bulla and Roger Robbins, are playing with the Junior Varsity team. Also, several boys from the North Asheboro community are playing on the Fayetteville Street team.

These boys from the North Asheboro community form an integral part of the football teams of Asheboro high school and are continuing a practice which has been established by other boys from the community in past years.

Many boys from the community have been vital factors in the success of the Blue Comet teams and two years ago one North Asheboro youth, Benny Vuncannon, was named to the all-state football squad.

Seven of the boys on the varsity squad this year are natives of the North Asheboro community and attended the Balfour school.

Tommy Hicks is the only North Asheboro senior on the football squad this year, thus assuring the community of responsible representation in the next few years. Tommy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Bud) Hicks, is in his third year as a member of the varsity squad and played JV ball before joining the regular squad. He has developed into one of the best backs on the squad and scored twice in the game with Morehead. In the game with Concord, he picked up 90 yards.

Morris Thomas, one of the team's top linemen, has been a member of the varsity football squad beginning with his freshman year in high school. He played on the Fayetteville Street team before he entered high school. The six feet, 245-pounder is considered the strongest player on the varsity squad.

Following the game with Fayetteville this year, he was mentioned on the Greensboro Daily News Check list of outstanding players. Occasionally used as a punter on the kick-off, he is easily one of the most valuable players on the team. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thomas, he is a member of the junior class.

Glenn Dawson, also a junior, is in his second year as a member of the varsity squad but played with the JV team in the 9th grade and before that was a member of the Fayetteville Street team. In his end position, he has caught several passes thus far this season and was on the receiving end for the winning touchdown pass in the game with Fayetteville. He is six feet, one inch tall, weighs 170 pounds and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dawson, of the Spero section.

Ed Burrow, 180 pound sophomore and son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burrow, is in his second year as a member of this varsity squad. A fast moving halfback, he played an

especially good game against Fayetteville. He did not play JV ball but was a member of the Fayetteville St. team.

Ed is a brother of Scott Burrow, who was an active member of the Blue Comet backfield two years ago.

Mickey Strayhorn was the substitute fullback at the beginning of the season but was moved up to the starting position when the regular fullback was injured. He has retained the starting position since that time, with the original fullback player since being switched to halfback.

Mickey has been very effective in the fullback position since he became a member of the starting team and the 190 pounder is rarely thrown for a loss. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Strayhorn, he is a sophomore and is in his second year as a member of the varsity squad, except for playing two games with the JV team last year. He also played with the Fayetteville Street team while in the 8th grade.

Johnny Moody, a 275 pound junior, is an active member of the reserve squad and is expected to see considerable more action next year. However, he was very much in evidence during the Troutman game this year and made many of the tackles in that game. This is his second year to play on the varsity squad. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moody, he played JV ball in his freshman year and before that was on the Fayetteville Street team.

Richard Carter, a probable starter next year, his senior year, has dressed for the varsity team for two years. He played on the JV team during his freshman year and on the Fayetteville Street team while in the 8th grade. He weighs 215 pounds and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Carter. In the game with Troutman this year, he saw considerable action.

Robert (Snake) West, a member of the sophomore class, is a reserve quarterback and is in his first year as a member of the varsity team. He played JV ball in the 9th grade and was on the Fayetteville Street team in the 8th grade. Weighing 160 pounds, he played in right much of the game with Troutman and scored one of the touchdowns. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy West, Sr., and a brother of Lacy West, Jr., an All-State basketball and baseball player from the North Asheboro community.

Bobby Allred, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Allred, is considered one of the most promising freshman football players in high school. He dresses with the varsity squad this year but also plays in some of the games with the JV team. He played on the Fayetteville Street team last year. In the game with Troutman this year, he played in much of the game and threw a key block which enabled the Blue Comet quarterback to score. He weighs 180 lbs.

Jerry Hall, a 180 pound center, is playing his first year of varsity football. He played JV ball last year and occasionally plays with the JV squad this year. He is a junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood E. Hall and came to Asheboro in the 7th grade from the Oakland school in Roanoke, Va.

Celebrates 80th. Birthday Working Busily At Her Home

Oct. 29, 1959 — A Central Falls seamstress celebrated her 80th birthday on Tuesday, Oct. 27, by working busily at the trade in which she has been engaged for the past 50 years.

Mrs. Ida York, who planned to retire nearly 25 years ago, told this reporter Sunday that she would be working as usual on her birthday, "if I'm living."

Asked if a celebration would be held when her birthday arrived, she said that her children used to set her a birthday dinner but then she added: "I don't want them to this year."

Thus, this attractive, handsomely dressed and youthful looking woman for her age reached her four score years and ten sewing on the dresses at which she has become very proficient and skilled in making over the past half of a century.

Mary Ida York, she was also a York before she was married, was born in Randleman on Oct. 27, 1879, the daughter of Clark and Rebecca Ringstaff York and the oldest of their eight children which reached maturity, all of whom are still living.

When she was six years old, her family moved to Central Falls, in which vicinity she has lived continuously since that time.

At that time, there was no bridge across Deep River and in order to get on the other side of the river, one had to ford it below the mill dam or cross over in a boat.

There was no school building either, with Mrs. York's first schooling being received at classes which were held in the community building which served as both church and school. Later, a school building was erected on a street which was called "Buck's Row" and Mrs. York attended that school. She remembers that one of her teachers was "Uncle Billy Stevenson." He was a well known teacher during that period and was noted for "chanting geography."

Mrs. York grew up a short distance southeast of Central Falls, at a place where her youngest brother, Rollis York, now lives. She was married in 1897 to Frank York, who died in 1944. They started housekeeping in a small house located on the place owned by A. M. Diffie, at which place Mrs. York herself has now lived for 60 years.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. York, four of whom are still living. They are Paul York, who resides with his mother, Lesley York, of Greensboro, Mrs. Alice York Searce, wife of a Methodist minister in Danville, Va. and Colon York, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mrs. York started making dresses for other people around 50 years ago. However, she had done her own sewing before that time. In fact, she made her own wedding dress.

She don't remember exactly how she got started as a seamstress but thinks that it was probably by making dresses for her neighbors. But, anyway through the years the volume has increased and she hasn't been out of any sewing to do for a long time. In fact, one of her customers is already having Mrs. York make her dresses for next summer, with the fear that Mrs. York would be tied up then and not able to make them.

This quiet spoken woman has made all kinds of dresses, including many wedding dresses and also some "burying dresses." In speaking of the latter dresses, she said that she sometimes had to make them on Sunday. She used to go by pictures in making dresses but now uses patterns.

Asked if she had ever worn a ready-made dress herself, Mrs. York said that she had owned three in her lifetime. One was sent to her by one of her children and the other two she bought herself. The reason she bought one of them was because she was so busy making dresses for other people that she forgot to make herself one to wear to the homecoming at the Giles Chapel Methodist Church.

She had once said that she was going to quit making dresses when her youngest child, Colon, graduated from high school. But that event happened nearly 25 years ago

and she is still at it. Now, it is hard to get a definite answer from her as to when she will quit.

She works steadily during the day at her sewing and even though she likes very much to read, she reserves that pleasure for the night and when her day's work is done. But don't get the idea that this most active octogenenarian stays "cooped up" in the house all of the time. Because she gets about quite a bit, visits a great deal and is an active member of 60 years standing at the Central Falls Methodist church.

Therefore, we have given you the story of "Ida York," as she is known and affectionately spoken of in the Central Falls area. But, since her health is still good, indications are that the story of this beloved woman is far from being finished and that she will live on and even continue her sewing for many years to come.

Balfour Baptists New Pastor Has Long Record of Service

Dec. 10, 1959 – The Rev. William Clyde Bearden, a native South Carolinian, born in the mountainous region near the North Carolina line, assumed the pastorate of the Balfour Baptist church on Sunday.

He had a few weeks earlier accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate from the membership of the church.

Although having grown to young manhood in the adjoining state, the handsome 39 year-old, six foot three, 200pounder has spent his ministry of 17 years in the state of North Carolina.

He came to the Balfour church from the pastorate of the Mt. Home Baptist church near Morganton, where he spent eleven years and five months. At that church last year, a new church auditorium costing \$114,000 was completed and is considered one of the most beautiful church sanctuaries in Burke County.

Mr. Bearden, his wife and their son, Harold, moved into the Balfour Baptist parsonage last Thursday. The new minister preached his first sermon as pastor Sunday morning at 11: o'clock. His subject was "We Would See Jesus." In the afternoon from 2:30 to 4 o'clock, the minister and his family were honored at a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Just prior to coming to the local pastorate, Mr. Bearden finished out two years service as moderator of the Catawba River Baptist Association and previous to that time had served for nice years as the associational treasure. During his residence in the Morganton area, he attended Gardner-Webb College and Lenoir Rhyne College, graduating from the latter place in 1952.

In 1955, he toured Europe, the Near East and the Holy Land and attended the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in London. This trip, which included 14 countries and three continents, was a gift from his congregation at the Mt. Home church.

The new Balfour pastor was born at Mountain Rest, S. C., and when he was two years old his family moved to Greenville, S. C., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bearden, now reside. However, his father being a machinist in the mills of that area, the family moved to various places in South Carolina, including Keowee, Seneca, Abbeville and Greenwood.

It was at Keowee and Seneca that Mr. Bearden attended high school, later graduating from the North Greenville Academy, a Baptist institution in Tigerville, S. C.

Born into a Baptist home and having grown up in the Baptist church, the new minister said that he knew as a junior boy that he was going to preach some day. Even though his actual preparation for the ministry did not begin until he reached the age of 20.

His first pastorate was the Bailey Memorial Baptist church, in Greensboro, now known as the Immanuel Baptist church. He remained there for two years and then became pastor of the Thrift Baptist church at Paw Creek, near Charlotte, where he remained for four years.

His next pastorate, at the Mt. Home church, began simultaneously with his enrollment at Gardner-Webb College at Boiling Springs. At this school he was awarded the Suttle Medal for being the best Bible scholar at the school. At Lenoir Rhyne College, he was president of the Baptist Student Union.

Following his graduation from college, Mr. Bearden taught school for three years at the Mull elementary school in Burke County. His attendance at college and his teaching career took place during the first seven years of his pastorate at the Mt. Home church.

Besides the erection of the new auditorium at the Mt. Home church, the old auditorium of the church was renovated into an educational plant and other additions were made during the eleven years pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Bearden. There were also 500 additions to the church membership and the budget was multiplied five times.

Mr. Bearden is married to the former Essie Jackson, of the Sumner section near Greensboro. She is a graduate of the Sumner high school and the Bristol Business College in Morganton. Their son, Harold, is 17 years old and has enrolled in the 11th grade at Asheboro high school. During the residence of the Bearden family in the Morganton area, Harold attended the Salem high school where he played football for the past three seasons.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Mr. Bearden has had considerable evangelistic experience and has conducted many revival meetings in various areas of the state.

He was a member of the Burke County Ministerial Association and served as vice president of that group for one year.

Since leaving college, he has had some theological training at the Southeaster Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Members of the Balfour Baptist congregation were enthusiastic over the coming of Mr. Bearden to the pastorate of their church. They feel, along with the people of the North Asheboro community, that the church will continue a fine record of progress under his experienced leadership.

Balfour PTA Hear TV Manager

Dec. 19, 1959 – Urging television teaching as a means to relieve the crowded schools of an "expanding population," William Alspaugh,, production manager of Television Station WUNC-TV, spoke to the Balfour Parent-Teachers Association Thursday evening on "The Educational Possibilities of Television "

Alspaugh, who described his station as the educational facility of the Greater University of North Carolina, with studios in Greensboro, Raleigh and Chapel Hill, also recommended television as a means of teaching the illiterate people of North Carolina, those who by reason of age and other sensitivities would be permitted to receive

instruction in the privacy of their homes instead of participating in a public group.

The meeting Friday evening was presided over by Alvas Smoot, P.T.A., president, who also introduced the speaker. The program was arranged by W. E. (Bill) Bridges, vice president and program chairman.

Devotions for the meeting were conducted by Mrs. Mary Wade Farlow's 2nd grade and this room also won the attendance banner for the meeting, with 17 parents and friends in attendance. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Doyle Brown, publicity chairman, in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Hoite Morton, whose father died on the day of the meeting. The treasure's report was made by Mrs. R. B. McElhannon, associational treasurer, who reported a balance of \$830.09 in the treasury after several items of disbursement.

President Smoot thanked the Balfour parents and teachers for their cooperation in making the P.T.A., membership drive a successful one. A goal of \$425 had been established as the amount to be realized from this drive, with over \$500 actually being received. The president also thanked Tracy Saunders for his help in arranging for a sign to be erected at the school, with no expense to the school.

A beautiful new television set, which was purchased by the P.T.A., was on view at the meeting. Announcement was made of the drive of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club for the securing of old clothing, canned goods and toys for the Christmas needy and mention was also made of the Christmas parties to be held at the school on Friday, Dec. 18, sponsored by the grade mothers and room representatives.

The speaker, Mr. Alspaugh, described the beginning of the television classroom, saying that North Carolina was among the first of the states to begin this experiment. He spoke of the educational stations in Georgia, Maryland and Kentucky but said that the one in this state contacted a greater area, going as far west as Bristol, Tenn., and east to Wilmington.

He said that four subjects, 8th grade mathematics, 9th grade general science, United States history and World History, were being taught and that for this school year more than 25,000 students were enrolled in both the official and unofficial schools.

The general intent of the program is to inform, the speaker stated, and that the entertainment portion of it was incidental. However, he said that the sponsors of the program did not object to the entertaining feature even though they did not expect to hit as many people as Gunsmoke.

An advantage of the program, according to Alspaugh, was that it did not have to conform to sponsors. He said also that it did not have the closeness of the teacher to the students but that proximity to students did not necessarily mean good students. He said that three out of four subjects taught on television were definitely above those of previous instruction, particularly mathematics. But he stated that more concentration on the part of the student was required.

Two other uses of television teaching were pointed out by the speaker, those of instruction of very small children and for the benefit of medical students. He said that the very small children are very close friends to television and that their instruction therein would be very easy and that now surgical operation could be performed on television and

that it would not now be necessary for medical students to crowd around the old theater in the operating room as in the past.

Christmas Season Is The Time Of Giving

Dec. 25-28, 1959 – This is Christmas and the time of giving.

Gifts have been exchanged during the past few days among various groups and organizations.

Bonuses and Christmas baskets have been presented to employees of the industrial plants of Randolph County.

Christmas treats have been distributed to the Sunday School members of the churches in the county.

The needy of this area have received food, clothing and toys through the efforts of the Christmas Cheer committee from the Lion's club and the Asheboro Junior Chamber of Commerce.

On tomorrow, Christmas Day, the height of the seasonal giving will be reached when the homes of Randolph County will resound with laughter and joy at the gifts which will have arrived here the breaking of the Christmas dawn.

But, there has been a different kind of giving throughout this past year in Randolph County and the years which have preceded. That is the giving of life's blood to heal and to save mankind and in this happy, joyous time of Yuletide giving we wish to make mention of this noblest gift of all.

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, after all the Christmas giving is over, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the National Guard Armory building in Asheboro from 11 a. m., to 4:30 p.m., seeking once more for blood donors and hoping to bolster the blood for this area.

However, before this visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile and during this Christmas season when recognition is being given to the Greatest Gift of all mankind, we wish to make mention of the Randolph County citizens who have followed the example of our Savior in the giving of their life's blood to heal the sick and afflicted and to help preserve human life.

Many people have responded to the need for blood in Randolph County, especially the repeat donors who have given blood time and time again. It is these donors that we wish to honor in a special way and in so doing trust that new donors will come forward to assist these repeat donors in the furnishing of the blood needs for this county.

According to the records of the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross, three people have contributed four gallons or more blood to the local blood program. They are Mrs. William H. (Mary) Bailey, of Route 3, Asheboro, John S. Scaro, of Franklinville, and Joseph Edwards, of Route 1, Thomasville.

Nine people, Jerry M. Shuping, David E. Suggs, J. E. Irvine, Earl Hegan, Lloyd Ferguson, Travis J. Deaton, William H. Bailey, and Fred R. Tonkins, have given three gallons or more of blood.

Two gallons of blood and more have been given by the following people: Joseph Anderson, Otis Bailey, Sam J. Burrow, Jr., James M. Byrum, Mrs. Hazel T. Cameron, Harris Coffin, Charles E. Crowell, Arlie F. Culp, Jr., Waldo B. Durham, L. V. Godwin, Otis A. Jones, Merrill W. Hall, Lawrence T. Hammond, Claude Henson, Keith G. Hodgins, R. G. Holmes, H. J. (Hank) Klepacki, Wilbern L. Knight, George Ledwell, J. A. Lowrance, Gilbert C. McCain, Robert McElhannon, Richard A. McKellar, Robert L. McKenzie, James R. Marlowe, Irene Lanier, Hurley Overman, John Columbus Parris, Jr., J. T. Pugh, Jr., Philip M. Pulliam,

Arthur E. Roberts, Carl Stout, Floyd Stout, James M. Stout, Richard A. Streigel, Viola B. Turner, Claude F. VanWerry, James David Verner, Robert Roe Varner, Jr., Ashley Alvin Walker, and Robert R. Walker.

One Gallon and more of blood have been given by the following people: William Taft Alcon, Jasper R. Allred, Norman M. Allred, C. C. Andrews, John W. Arnold, Hugh Arthur, Fletcher C. Auman, Mrs. W. P. (Francis) Auman, A. V. Autrey, Jr., Mrs. Sarah K. Bailey, Lloyd W. Baird, Albert J. Ballinger, Thomas G. Barber, Mrs. Marion Barksdale, John W. Barnes, Mrs. Annie Lou Batten, Paul Beach, Boodie H. Bean, Fletcher Beck, Miss Netia Bezella, Ronald E. Riddle, C. H. Bliss, Cecil E. Boling, Allen M. Bowman, Vance W. Bowman, William S. Brady, Charles L. Braswell, General P. Bray, Robert S. Bridgers, Thomas A. Brookshire, Doyle R. Brown, Ervin C. Brown, Herman H. Brown, Mrs. H. H. (LaRue) Brown, Everett Worth Bulla, Ralph L. Bulla, John C. Bunch, Carvey Bunting, C. H. Bunting, Arthur Ferree Burkhead, Edward H. Burkhead, and Vorus Byrd.

Also, Graham E. Cain, J. H. Campbell, Scotty Carper, Charles E. Carroll, Ervin James Carter, William A. (AB) Carter, Artis B. Caviness, Jr., Lottie M. Caviness, Marvin T. Caviness, Mrs. Dorothy W. Chandler, Clyde C. Chisholm, Mrs. Melba Clark, Richard S. Clark, James Monroe Combs, Boyd L. Comer, Bobby Lee Cooper, Charles M. Copple, Erman Cox, Marvin E. Cox, E. Max Cranford, Alton Watkins Craven, Robert S. Cross, George C. Crowley, Mrs. Estelle Crutchfield, Raymond E. Curran, Sam Current, Dennie M. Davis, Harvey C. Davis, Martin E. Davis, Zeb W. Davis, Glenn A. Dawson, Mrs. Annie R. Dennis, Dale P. Dickerson, Kenneth O. Dodson, Charles C. Dorsett, and Don W. Durham.

Also, Wilbur Eugene Eaton, Mrs. Celia Elliott, Joseph B. Elliott, Lloyd H. Elliott, Martin T. Farlow, H. W. Faucette, Charles Richard Fields, Jack R. Fields, Franz X. Fischer, Dr. Hugh Fitzpatrick, Elbert Flowers, Winfred M. Flynt, Earman F. Fogleman, Millard P. Freeman, Carl F. Garner, Cyrus Roby Garner, Jerry Glasgow, Walter Hampton Gordon, Clyde D. Graves, Bobby Green, Otis G. Grimsley, Donald D. Hagerty, Jr., Rev. Raymond Hahn, Mrs. W. G. (Selma) Hamilton, John A. Hardin, Warren Hawkins, F. J. Hawthorne, John H. Head, Ed Headen, Robert W. Hedrick, J. B. Hefner, C. W. Henley, W. L. Hobson, Jr., Wade Worth Holland, Jeff Hollingsworth, J. E. Hopkins, Willis W. Horton, Bobby Howell, Olan Hubbard, Charles F. Hughes, Robert W. Hughes, W. F. Hughes, Mrs. William H. Hughes, Jr., Donald D. Hunsucker, M. M. Hunsucker, and Leroy Hunt.

Also, Henry L. Ingram, Jr., Joseph F. Jacoby, Robert D. Jarrett, Bobby L. Jones, C. T. Jones, Wendell H. Jones, Bill Jordan, Henry P. Kime, Carl L. King, Mrs. Portia S. King, Rochie L. King, Wayne King, Woodrow W. King, Dewey C. Kizer, Steve H. Knowles, Ed F. LaChance, William D. Lambe, James R. Lane, Leon Ledwell, Roy A. Lemmons, Charles B. Lewallen, Jr., Mrs. Dorothy L. Lewallen, W. K. Lewallen, Argus B. Lineberry, Lester D. Little, Freeze Loflin, Orville J. Lowdermilk, Robert M. Lowe, Howard L. Luther, Clarence McElhannon, John A. McGlohon, Mrs. Dorothy McKeel, Thomas Peter McKellar, James L. McKenzie, Colon L. McNeill, Edgar McNeill, John D. McNeill, Burnett G. Maness, James R. Maness, Mrs. Ruby Lee Margolis, James T. Martin, Clayton Milks, G. Edward Miller, James H.

Moore, James W. Moore, Ted F. Moran, Mac D Morgan, Wescott Moser, and Thad Moser.

Also, Mrs. Clara Mae Nance, Dr. Walter E. Neal, Samuel O. Newby, Esco T. Owens, Donald J. Paisley, Mrs. Eunice Parsons, Kelly F. Pasour, Mrs. F. M. Patterson, William E. Perdue, Jack Pierce, Orville S. Piersol, George M. Poe, Richard Powell, Jessie L. Presnell, William G. Presnell, Lawrence T. Prevatte, Mrs. Collen Pridgin, Charles E. Pugh, John W. Pugh, David M. Pulliam, Venice U. Pulliam, Mrs. Helen S. Ragsdale, William M. Rawls, James W. Redding, Walter C. Redding, Fred F. Reese, Obed Reightzel, James Richard Renigar, James M. Rich, William E. Ridge, Ruby A. Robbins, Warren W. Rose, Mrs. Rachel Gilmore Rosine, Arthur Ross, Jr., Mrs. Cornelia Coltrane Ross, Robert C. Rush, Arthur R. Russell, Jr., Philip A. Sandford, Edgar S. Satterfield, Mrs. Myrtle P. Saunders, Robert E. Saunders, Dale Scott, Robert L. Shamberger, Odell Shaw, Jr., Joseph Henry Sheets, Kenneth Sink, B. D. Smith, Junior Clayton Smith, Dr. Melvin B. Smith, Paul A. Smith, Glenn Southern, T. B. Staley, Joe R. Stilwell, Lee J. Stone, James O. Surratt, Harold C. Surratt, Mrs. Christine Swaim, Robert Swaim, Oscar L. Swanson, W. L. Swiggett, and Howard C. Swink

Also, Albert G. Taylor, Earl C. Taylor, John Craven Taylor, Paul Smith Tedder, Bennie D. Tew, Carlton L. Thomas, Earl W. Thomas, Horace H. Tillman, Frank Toler, Jr., H. H. Underwood, George P. Upton, W. Kennard Vernon, Mrs. Frances Lane Vestal, Ollie Wilson Vick, Joe F. Voncannon, George W. Voncannon, Alton P. Wall, John Randolph Wallace, Miss Dorice Mae Waters, Paul F. Wiles, Harold B. Willis, David Robert Wilson, Robert A. Wise, John S. Wood, Charles W. Woodell, W. B. Woodlief, Clarence L. York, Stephen B. York, Jr., Mrs. Thelma S. York, Paul Young, and Alan G. Yow.

North Asheboro Couple Have Spent Past 50 Years Together

Dec. 25-28, 1959 – A hard working North Asheboro couple will have been married for fifty years on the day after Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 26.

It was a cold wintry day on Sunday, Dec. 26, 1909 when Alfred Allen (Allen J.) Jordan and Sarah Annie Stokes were married at the home of the bride's parents, Richard Stokes and Dora Phillips Stokes, in Coleridge.

On Saturday afternoon, the day after Christmas of this year, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan will be honored by their children at an informal "open house" at their home at 121 Marshy street from 2 to 5 o'clock. The open house occasion, to which all of their relatives and friends are invited to attend, will follow a family dinner at the Jordan residence at noon.

The wedding of nearly fifty years ago occurred at 10 o'clock on that cold, Sabbath morning and when asked as to who attended the holiday event of a half century ago, Mrs. Jordan replied: "The house was full." The bride of fifty years ago wore a white, silk dress which at that time cost an "expensive" 25 cents a yard.

Many of the wedding guests stayed for the wedding dinner and the group gathered again that evening for a singing which lasted until 11 o'clock that night.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. P. Soots, at that time pastor of the Baptist church at Coleridge, and his bride of two months to the very day was also present for the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan. The Soots,

who now live in Goldston, have been invited to the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan.

For their first wedding night, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan stayed at the home of Mrs. Jordan's parents in Coleridge. But the next morning they got into an open buggy, pulled by a mule, and began the long, cold trip to the home of Mr. Jordan's parents, Ellis Jordan and Francener Mcneill Jordan, located between Asheboro and Central Falls.

Soon afterwards, they established their first residence in the old Piney Woods school house which was located in the vicinity of the residence of Mr. Jordan's parents.

But to go back for a few years prior to that time, Mr. Jordan, who changed his name from Alfred Allen to Allen J. because of a similarity of names in the Jordan family, was born 70 years ago, on July 28, 1889, in Moore county, about one mile south of the Union Grove Baptist Church and the same distance from the Randolph County line.

When he was about four years of age, his family moved to Randolph county, in the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church section near Seagrove where he attended the Flint Springs school and the "Simmon Glade" school or what was also known as the "Possom Trot" school. Later, the family moved to the vicinity between Asheboro and Central Falls.

Mrs. Jordan was born 68 years ago, Oct. 12, 1891, in Chatham County, in the section between the Beulah Baptist Church and the Fall Creek Baptist Church and she first attended the Jones school in Chatham County. Later, when the family move to the Moffitt's Mill section in Randolph County, she attended the Antioch school. The family then moved to Coleridge where they were living at the time of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan.

Mrs. Dora Phillips Stokes, the mother of Mrs. Jordan, is still living in Ramseur at the age of 87 years. Mrs. Jordan's father was a Civil War veteran.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have spent most of their married life in the vicinity north of Asheboro but have lived for brief periods in the Lane's Mill section on Little Brush Creek and the Creeks Mill section on Big Brush Creek below Coleridge and also in Ramseur.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, six of whom are living. They are Winfred Jordan, of Route 2, Asheboro, Burnice Jordan and Alton Jordan of Asheboro, Mrs. James Tatum, Ray Jordan and Leon Jordan of North Asheboro. One daughter, Eveline, died at the age of four years. They also have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Fifty years of marriage for Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have been characterized by hard work and plain, simple living. They still work hard, despite two severe heart attacks which have been suffered by Mr. Jordan in recent years. They grow a good garden during the summer months and store their freezer full of food supplies for the winter months. Mr. Jordan has always been noted for his large woodpile and this year is no exception as he has already cut 30 loads of wood for his own use. He also plans to start cutting pulpwood after Christmas. However, this practical man, who has been a farmer, a sawmill worker, a laborer and who in his own words, has always done "mule work," is not confining himself entirely these days to the material aspects of life. For he has in recent years become proficient in the growing of roses, gladioli, dahlias and other beautiful flowers.

The felicitations of the North Asheboro community and those of their relatives and friends elsewhere are extended

to Allen and Sarah Jordan as they approach their fiftieth year of marriage. They are substantial, unassuming, hard working citizens who are held in high regard by the people with whom they are associated and among whom they live. Our sincere congratulations to them as they pass this milestone of their lives together.

Retired Friends Minister, Wife Celebrated Their Anniversary

Dec. 28-31, 1959 – Rev. Benjamin Harrison (Ben Harrison) Millikan, a distinguished looking, silver-haired Randolph county native, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at their home on Route 1, Snow Camp.

Friends and relatives from far and near came to extend their best wishes and to felicitate this retired Friends minister and his fine looking and handsomely dressed wife who served more than a score of churches during their active ministry of around forty years.

Ben Harrison Millikan was born three score and ten years ago at the old Millikan homestead in Back Creek Township. His parents were Benjamin and Adele Farlow Millikan. The elder Ben Millikan was the father of 14 children, all of whom are dead except for his namesake and the next to the youngest child, the Rev. Ben Harrison Millikan.

The elder Ben Millikan once served as high Sheriff of Randolph county and while serving in this capacity officiated at the county's only legal hanging. For his participation in this hanging, he was for many years denied admittance to the membership of the Friends Meeting, which his son has so conscientiously served throughout the years. But the church group relented before his death and he was allowed to come into the religious circle with which his family had been traditionally identified.

Mrs. Ben Harrison Millikan was the former Sallie Pearl Andrew, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Thomas F. Andrew. Her father was a veteran Friends minister and at the time of her marriage the family was living in Chatham County, near to the town of Staley. She was one of eight sons and daughters of the Rev. and Mrs. Andrew, all of whom are still living.

The marriage of the Rev. and Mrs. Millikan took place on Dec. 23, 1909 at the home of the bride's parents. The vows were spoken before Rev. Albert Peele, a Friends minister from Guilford College, and according to the bridegroom of fifty years ago, it was "a nice home wedding." The bride of fifty years ago, who looks youthful despite being a year older than her husband, was too busy Sunday afternoon getting ready for the host of friends and relatives who were to come to express her opinion of the wedding fifty years ago or to give the reporter other information which he would like to have had from her.

Asked if he was a minister at the time of their marriage, Mr. Millikan quickly replied, "far from it". But in 1918, the call to preach was heard and after one year of preparation at the Cleveland Bible College in Cleveland, Ohio, the active ministry began. The earlier educational training had been received at the town of Guilford College where Mr. Millikan's father had moved his family for six years for the purpose of giving them the benefit of the schools in that vicinity.

The first pastoral work for the new minister and his wife came at Galax, Va., with service at the churches of Mountain View, Center Valley and Reavistown. After that

was the Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting and the churches of Deep Creek, Harmony Grove, Union Cross and Forbush. Then the church at Mount Airy which was followed by four churches near Goldsboro, namely, Nahunta, New Hope, Oakland and Hood Swamp.

After the tour of duty in the eastern part of the state, the Millikans came to the Centre Friends Meeting just over into Guilford County, across the Randolph county line, and then the Archdale Meeting House in this county, followed by the Piney Woods church near Hertford. Then to historic Cane Creek and Providence in the Alamance county area, back to Galax to the church in town, then Pilot View in Yadkin county and a second call to the work at Deep Creek. The last place of service came at the South Fork Friends Meeting, near to where the Millikans now reside.

Asked if he had actually retired, Mr. Millikan, with a wry face, said: "I don't like it but I will have to say it." However, the grey-haired minister, who still retains the eloquence and the fervency of the years of the past, has not completely retired and is still subject to invitations to the pulpit, although not available for active pastoral work.

Looking back over his ministry of four decades, he recalls the more than 500 penitents during the first two years of his active ministry and he also has the consolation of always having "preached a full gospel."

This fine looking and distinguished appearing couple were in fine form Sunday as they greeted their relatives and also the friends which they had acquired through the years of their service to their fellow man, their church and to their God. They were a most gracious pair as they stood just inside the door of their well kept home to welcome the people who called during the appointed hours of their golden wedding reception.

On a more personal note, we salute you, both Ben Harrison and Pearl, on the passing of your fiftieth year of marriage. We appreciate the contribution which you have made to the family, to which we also belong, and we look with admiration upon the exemplary lives which you have lived. As you pass this milestone of your marriage and as you also go into the period beyond your allotted years, may peace and happiness be yours now and forevermore.

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Dual Celebration Observed By Route One Sophia Area Couple

Jan. 7, 1960 – A dual celebration was held for the Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Bulla, of Route 1, Sophia, who were married fifty years ago on Dec. 29, 1909.

The first one was held in Burlington on Sunday, Dec. 27, where eleven years of their half century of married life had been spent and the second and larger one was held Sunday, Jan. 3, at the Marlboro Friends Meeting House.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thomas, of Route 1, Burlington, were the hosts for the first celebration, to which relatives and friends in that area were invited to attend.

Their daughters, Mrs. John W. Dyer, of Route 1, High Point, and Mrs. John R. Albertson, of High Point, were hostesses for the informal occasion last Sunday afternoon which was held in the basement rooms of the historic old meeting house near to where they live and the church with which they are affiliated.

Besides the two daughters, the 76 year-old minister and his 73 year-old wife have a son, Johnny Bulla, of Phoenix,