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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,

Arizona, an internationally known golfer, and also seven grandchildren. Another son, Meredith Bulla, died in 1942.

Although a native of Randolph county, who long ago came back to his native soil, the ministry of Baud Bulla extended through seven states before his leaving of the pastorate of the Holly Springs Meeting House nine years ago, at which place he retired from the active ministry of his denomination.

At the time he left the Holly Springs pastorate, the congregation there had offered him a place with the church for as long as he lived. But he had been there for six years and felt that his work was over at that place. However, he still regards his work at Holly Springs as one of the most satisfying of his ministerial experience.

He and his wife, who was also once a licensed minister, have held pastoral work in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin. Besides the Quaker faith, with which they began and with which they ended their active labors, they have also been affiliated with the Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness and Apostolic Holiness denominations. Mrs. Bulla often occupied the pulpit of the various churches and her husband said that "she has been a better preacher than I've been."

Churches other than the Holly Springs congregation at which the Rev. and Mrs. Bulla have served in Randolph county have been the Marlboro church, scene of childhood recollection for Mr. Bulla and where members of his family are interred, supply work at the Plainfield Friends Meeting House close to where he grew to young manhood, and the Science Hill Friends Meeting House.

It was on Nov. 12, 1883 that Baud Baxter Bulla was born into the home of Daniel Webster (Danebb) Bulla and Leticia Allred Bulla at the old Watson Redding place four miles west of Asheboro. There were ten children in this family and five out of the six surviving ones, Mrs. Lena B. Cole and Miss Lillie Bulla, of Charlotte, Mrs. Bird B. Brookshire, of Randleman, Robert Bulla, of Sophia, and Oscar Bulla, of Graham, were present for the golden wedding celebration on Sunday. One sister, Mrs. Jennie B. Welborn, of Gunnison, Colo., was unable to be present.

When Baud Bulla was four weeks old, his family moved to the Plainfield community where they first lived in a log house until the large house which is still standing could be built. Although living on a farm, Daniel Webster (Danebb) Bulla was principally a sawmill operator and Baud Bulla remembers that he began operating a boiler at the sawmill by the time he was 12 years of age.

Mr. Bulla attended the Plainfield school as a small boy and then, after being out of school for a few years, he enrolled at Guilford College. Then after another interval of being out of school, he became a student at God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

It was at this latter school that he became acquainted with Eva Dovie Taylor who had enrolled at the school a few weeks earlier and who was to become his wife before they left the school four years later.

Mrs. Bulla had been born in Santa Ania, Calif. on Oct. 11, 1886, the daughter of Levi and Elizabeth Taylor. Her parents were originally residents of Ohio but before her birth had come to California because of her father's health. But when she was a small child the family moved back to their native state and was living in Piqua, Ohio at the time she felt the call of Christian work and enrolled at the school in Cincinnati, Ohio.

They were married a short while before they left the school which they had attended for four years.

The wedding occurred at Troy, Ohio where they had planned to be married in a Nazarene church by a Presbyterian minister. However, the plans of these soon-to-be-ministers failed to materialize and they were married at the home of friends, with the gentleman of the house being a magistrate and officiating at the marriage. They remember that the weather was 16 degrees below zero, so cold that the street cars had quit running and they had to walk the mile and one half to the site of their wedding.

Immediately after leaving school, they took their first pastorate at Harrisville, Ohio, a town which has since been swept away by flood waters. Their active ministry continued since that time, with a few brief intervals, until their retirements nine years ago. They have lived at their present residence for the past 19 years. Mrs. Bulla is still carried as a member of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

Asked as to what he was doing since his retirement, Mr. Bulla with dry humor said that he was doing "about as near nothing as I can." But, actually, this man whose ministry extended across the country hasn't quit work and he is still engaged in pursuing the causes which have kept him busy all of these years.

Retirement for Mrs. Bulla has been far from what the work implies. She has spent her time, particularly the last five years since an illness forced her to disband her more active duties, in making quilts for missionary enterprises overseas. She has no record of how many quilts she has made but the number would probably go into the hundreds. Last year she made 28 regular size quilts and 17 baby quilts. Her quilts go out through the facilities of the Oriental Missionary Society in Los Angeles, Calif., the World Vision Corp. and other groups,

But, according to a friend from Burlington and people in the Sophia area, the quilt making for missionaries is not all that Mrs. Bulla has done to alleviate mankind and to help spread the gospel. They cited many other types of service which has been rendered by this youthful looking, pleasant appearing woman who felt the call many years ago to definite Christian service. Eva Bulla's work is far from being over and she continues steadily and consistently in response to the challenge which she heard over a half century ago.

A prominent Friends minister and a former official in the Society of Friends also spoke of the unselfish service of Baud Bulla and of his persistence in putting the welfare of the church ahead of his own personal gain.

Thus, Baud and Eva Bulla, known for their compassion, their benevolence and their interest in their fellow man, have celebrated the fiftieth year of their marriage.

New Era Began For Baptist Mission

Jan. 14, 1960 - A new year and a new era began on Sunday, Jan. 3, for the congregation of the Friendship Baptist Mission of the First Baptist Church as they occupied their new building on Uwharrie Street.

Open house commemorating the beginning of services in the new structure and the moving to a new site will be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17, from 2:30 to 4:30. Friends of the mission congregation are invited during that time to inspect the new building.

Designated as one of the new churches and missions of the 30,000 movement of the Southern Baptist Convention,

ground for the new building was broken in the summer months of 1958.

The Friendship Baptist Mission began in Mar., 1953 under the sponsorship of the First Baptist Church in Asheboro, under whose supervision the mission still operates.

It was at that time that a small group of members from the First Baptist Church met on a Sunday afternoon in an old hosiery mill building in Dogwood Acres to establish a mission at the request of a Dogwood Acres group who had been holding worship services in the same building in which the mission was established.

Sunday School and worship services were begun on the following Sunday morning under the auspices of the sponsoring church, with only a small number in attendance. In fact, the attendance was small and somewhat discouraging for the first two years of the holding of the services, with interest picking up and a gradual increase beginning after that time.

An indication of the momentum which the struggling little congregation reached by the time they moved into their new building was seen in the 105 persons who were present for the Sunday School assembly at the new site on Sunday, Jan. 3.

But getting back to the beginning nearly seven years ago, the old hosiery mill building in which the group began their services consisted of one room on the ground floor and a basement. Part of the ground floor room was later partitioned off for class rooms.

One of the many inconveniences which the mission group encountered was the leaking of the basement and very often during wet weather the basement rooms had to be cleared of water before classes could be held. Neither were there any plumbing facilities and drinking water was derived from a five gallon container.

Soon after the beginning of the mission in early 1953, the First Baptist Church purchased the property on which the mission services began and also started negotiation for the securing of a pastor for the young group.

Rev. Robert Hunsucker, a native of Asheboro, was secured to lead the mission congregation and he remains as the pastor of the Friendship Baptist Mission at the present time. Loyal service has been rendered by this dedicated mission pastor as he has led his congregation in the Sunday morning worship services, the Wednesday evening prayer services and the visiting among the people, in addition to working five and six days a week at a local textile plant.

Mr. Hunsucker preached on the first Sunday in the new building on "The Uncut Pages of Life" and in reference to the occupying of the building for the first time, he spoke of the "six years of patience and love together" by the members of the congregation.

About three years following the establishment of the mission, the congregation took over their own expenses and also started a fund which would be used towards a new building. By the time of the completion of the building, this fund had reached approximately \$5,000.

In 1957, the deaconate of the sponsoring church moved to help the mission find a suitable plot of land on which to erect a building to meet their needs. After considering a tract of land in the Dogwood Acres area, it was decided to purchase the present site of the mission on Uwharrie street.

Nolan Burrow, an Asheboro contractor, was secured for the construction of the new building, with the plumbing and

heating contract awarded to the Asheboro Plumbing and Heating Company and the electrical work to the Vick Brothers Electric Company. Total bids amounted to \$33,100, excluding the furnishings which will bring the total value of the building to approximately \$50,000.

The L-shaped brick and block structure is 34 feet wide and is 92 feet long in one direction and 75 feet in the other one. It is the first unit of a proposed three unit building and consists of a chapel, 14 class rooms, rest rooms and a small kitchen. Specifications for the structure were drawn up by Ronald Biddle and Bob Hedrick, local architects and members of the First Baptist Church, without charge.

The building was erected under the supervision of two building committees, one from the First Baptist Church and one from the mission. The one from the first Church consisted of Cecil Lane, chairman, Worth Lomax, Fletcher Skeen, Mrs. Allen Reavis and Miss Rilla Spoon and the one from the mission was composed of Earl Oglesby, chairman, Bill Cross, Johnny Efir, Ed Turner and George Coble.

A group from the First Baptist Church has assisted in the conduct of the mission since its beginning in Mar., 1953. Among those who have served at various times during this period have been Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oglesby, Ray Connell, Mrs. Lloyd Brown, Mrs. Eli Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Deaton, Mr. and Mrs. George Maner, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond York, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam West, Mrs. Otis Grimsley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glass, Frazier Nance, Mrs. Barbara Miller, George Byrum and Leonard Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oglesby have served continuously at the mission since its beginning. Sam West is presently in his third year as superintendent of the mission Sunday School. Enrollment at the school is 106.

Much credit is due the members of the First Baptist Church, who have left their own church to work with the people at the mission, and also to the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rev. Charles E. Neal. However, they have been ably assisted by the following workers who came from within the mission, namely, Mrs. Bill Cross, Mrs. George Byrum, Mrs. James Blackwell, Mrs. George Coble, Mrs. Carolyn Dunn, Bill Oglesby, Mrs. Elmer Edmonds, Mrs. Eloise Canoy, Mrs. Samuel West, Mrs. Robert Hunsucker, Mrs. Rozine Davis, Mrs. Margie Cross, Mrs. Beulah Patterson, Mrs. Leona Maness, Bobby Weaver and Johnnie Efir.

Eighty year-old "Teen" Hutson is the oldest member of the mission group with the range of ages going on down through the nursery group.

Establishment of the Friendship Baptist Mission has not been easy and during the earlier years of its existence the workers often became discouraged, but they remained loyal and steadfast and these traits, coupled with the "patience and love" referred to by their pastor, have resulted in the accomplishment which has been brought to pass.

Many Assisting With Campaign

Jan. 14, 1960 - The 1960 March of Dimes drive of Randolph County was efficiently organized by a native Coloradian, here only for a year and a half in a three days whirlwind tour of the county.

Accompanied by your correspondent, young Mel Anderson who is Minister of Education at the First Baptist church, secured his committees and named his local

chairmen all in two afternoons and evenings and one Saturday morning, with all areas of the county being covered except one and a contact made for that section.

Mel Anderson is a native of Salida, a small town of about 5,000 people located just this side of the Continental Divide in the middle of the Rocky Mountain area. He is a graduate of the Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, Colo., and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. His wife is the former Barbara Kinlaw, a native of Columbia, S. C., and they reside at 1028 Macon St., along with their 15 months old son, Vernn Aubry.

Upon his acceptance to head the new March of Dimes drive, broadened this year to include crippling arthritis and birth defects as well as polio, your correspondent, who was also recently named to succeed E. S. Millsaps as chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of the National foundation, offered to accompany Mr. Anderson on his tour of organizing the county.

We passed up the bowl games of the last day of the year and started out that afternoon, with Farmer as our first destination. We inquired at Hammond's Store for the home of J. F. Barrier, principal of the Farmer school, and after talking with Mrs. Barrier, we stopped by to pay our respects to the Farmer chairman in last year's drive, Mrs. Keith Hammond. From the Hammond residence, we went to Polly's Flower Shop where Mrs. Charles Bescher, manager of the floral shop, agreed to head up the Farmer March of Dimes drive for 1960.

We then drove through the winding county side, with its nostalgic remindance to drive chairman Anderson whose earlier years was spent on a cattle ranch, and into the scenic beauty of Jackson Creek. After visits with Worthy Andrews at Andrews Store and with J. M. Yates at Yates Store, we set out again, past the Pierce's Chapel Primitive Baptist church, past the Tabernacle Methodist church and on to the home of Robert Spencer, principal of the Tabernacle school, where we also greeted Mrs. Spencer and their fine looking young son. From the Spencer residence we went to the home of Arthur Thomas, who is president of the Tabernacle Lions Club, at which place we made further arrangements for a return trip to the Tabernacle area.

On to Trinity township, past the area in which one of Randolph's two covered bridges is located, and to the very lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hendrix and their two sons, T. R. Jr., and Kenneth. The Hendrix family have long worked for the cause of polio, as their eldest son, T. R. Jr., was once stricken with this dreaded disease. However, the young man has fully recovered and is now a medical student at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem. The elder Mr. Hendrix, who is in the cotton vating business in High Point, is a native of Asheboro and has many relatives here.

We stayed longer than we intended to at the Hendrix residence and therefore had to postpone our plans to stop in Archdale, saving that for our final tour on Saturday.

On the second day of the tour, we headed south and stopped first at Seagrove. Trying first to locate last year's chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Auman, we ended up at the town hall talking with the genial Mayor Ray Hogan, who is also chief of the volunteer fire department

Mayor Hogan offered his assistance and also promised to seek the aid of the fire department to help Mr. and Mrs. Auman with the Seagrove drive. We drove to the pottery

operated by the Aumans and not finding them there, we went on to Brower township and the vicinity of Erect.

Teague's Store was our first stop, next to the school building where the construction of a new cafeteria is in progress, and after making our manners to Ernest Teague, owner and manager, we went to the home of his son, Charles Teague, where he agreed to continue as the polio chairman for that area. Mr. Teague also referred us to Paul Auman, head of the Seagrove Grange which serves the Brower, Seagrove and Pisgah areas, for further help from that organization. After observing the three healthy looking sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teague, we left to go by Moffitt's Mill on our way to the town of Coleridge.

Being New Year's Day, the store in Coleridge was closed but the barber shop was open and we stopped there for a nice chat with friends who were congregated inside. We then paid a visit to the home of last year's chairman, Lynn Albright, owner and operator of the Coleridge Store and also chairman of the Randolph County School Board. From the Albright home we went to Charles Davis' garage below Coleridge for a talk with Mr. Davis, who is also a member of the Lions Club in Coleridge.

Ramseur was next on the list and in that place Mrs. I. F. Craven most graciously consented to be the March of Dimes chairman for the Ramseur area. We felt that we were extremely fortunate to secure for chairman in that section a person who is so greatly esteemed in the town in which she lives. Visits were also made while in Ramseur to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Maness and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hardin, The latter couple operate Hardin's Florist in Ramseur.

Of course, Franklinville was our next stop and after inquiring as to directions at the new recreational center in that place, we went to the home of the principal of the school, Yates Holland. Mr. Holland was sick with a sore throat but he still agreed to continue as the Franklinville chairman for the 1960 new March of Dimes. That ended our tour for Friday afternoon and evening.

Next morning, Saturday, we headed first for Randleman and the home of last year's drive chairman, Jack Lamb. This most estimable gentleman gladly consented to serve again this year and manifested great interest in the promotion of the drive throughout the month of Jan..

Leaving Randleman with everything in good hands, we reverted back to Archdale, with the Guil-Rand Fire Department as our destination. Chief Clyde Wilkerson, of the two-county fire department, showed us around the most efficiently kept department, with its well equipped fire fighting and rescue squad divisions, and also offered to bring the matter of polio solicitation to the attention of his group.

We then drove down Highway 62, past the Centre community, through Climax and Julian and to the town of Liberty. We went to the office of Gerald Parker, recently arrived young attorney and town solicitor, and not finding him there, we visited with Perry and Mae Smith in their store before going to the Parker Home in another part of Liberty. We found Attorney Parker at home with his wife and two children, Jerry and Laura Marie, and before we left he had assumed the leadership of the drive in the Liberty, Staley, Julian and Climax areas.

Liberty was our last official stop for the day but we took the opportunity of being in that area to stop in the Staley vicinity for a visit with Mrs. Lucy Henderson on Route 1,

Staley. Lucy herself was stricken with polio six years ago and has been unable to walk since that time. She is a pretty young woman who spends her waking hours in a wheel chair and is most grateful for what the March of Dimes and the polio foundation has meant to her.

The tour was over and Chairman Anderson had organized well. Your correspondent, invited that evening to an oyster stew at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Banner Whitehead on Route 1, Sophia, was directed by the drive chairman to make two further contacts on the way to the Whitehead residence. One of these, Colon Allred, of Worthville, was contacted by telephone from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Davis on Route 2, Randleman and the other one, Mrs. Emily Pugh, of the New Market area, was contacted at the Whitehead home, as she was a guest also at the oyster stew.

With the county areas well organized, Mr. Anderson could now concentrate his efforts on the city of Asheboro and confidently expect to reap great benefits for those afflicted with polio, arthritis and the children who would be born into the world with birth defects.

The Only Living Baptist Charter Member Celebrates Her 85th Birthday Sunday

Jan. 21, 1960 – The 85th birthday of the only living charter member of the First Baptist church of Asheboro was observed Sunday in an attendance at the morning worship service of the congregation which she helped to organize in her home over 57 years ago.

Mrs. G. W. Berry sat in her pew and heard the church pastor acclaim her contribution to the beginning of the church organization and also make appropriate recognition of the reaching of her four score years and five.

She probably thought of more than 1,200 of the church today in contrast to the group of seven who came into the organization on that Thanksgiving eve of nearly six decades ago.

Her mind must have gone back to the small, four-room dwelling in which she lived at the present site of the Buttercup Ice Cream Co., on West Salisbury St., and she must have wondered if those seven people who gathered there on that night of Nov. 29, 1902 could have even imagined that out of that humble dwelling could have come the imposing church structure of today, with a \$300,000 educational building to be erected in the near future.

Mrs. Berry and her husband, who died nearly nine years ago, came to Asheboro around the turn of the century from Morristown, Tenn. Both were of the Baptist faith, Mrs. Berry having joined the church at approximately the age of 13 and Mr. Berry having come in following their marriage. Since there was no Baptist church in Asheboro at that time, Mr. and Mrs. Berry attended the First Methodist church which was located a short distance up the street from where their house was situated.

According to Mrs. Berry, there were only a few Baptists in Asheboro at that time and neither did the people of that faith enjoy the standing, the prominence and the acceptability which is attributed to the Baptist of today.

About two years after Mr. and Mrs. Berry moved to Asheboro, a Baptist preacher knocked at their door. Mrs. Berry said that he was a little red-headed man, odd and peculiar looking but "I was still glad to see him. He was the Rev. J. D. Newton, son-in-law of the founder of the Mills Home Orphanage in Thomasville and he came to Asheboro

from that city. He didn't know a soul in Asheboro but Mrs. Berry remembers that he said that the Lord spoke to him and told him to come to Asheboro.

The Rev. Mr. Newton spent the first night at the Berry residence and came back two or three times before the actual organization of the church occurred. Charter members besides Mr. and Mrs. Berry were W. W. Jones, Mrs. R. I. Dickens, J. C. Ingold, R. L. Deaton and J. L. Pounds, Mr. Newton became the first pastor of the church and came over from Thomasville once a month at a salary of six dollars a month. Mrs. Berry's description of Mr. Newton, as she remembers him across the years, is that "he wasn't much of a preacher but he was a good man." By not being much of a preacher, she means that he couldn't speak well.

But this is getting away from the story of Mrs. Berry and is turning out to be a story of the First Baptist church. But, actually, Mrs. Berry's story is also a story of the First Baptist church. She saw it start in a small, drab beginning, watched it struggle to get on its feet and is still with it today, an institution of influence and outreach, worldwide in its scope, message and mission.

When the first church building was erected, Mrs. Berry often swept the floors and cleaned the building and her husband tramped through the snow, the rain and the sleet to fire the furnace and keep the building warm.

She was one of the six charter members of the Woman's Missionary Society and in recent years one of the circles of the greatly expanded missionary group has been named the Angeline Berry Circle in her honor. Members of the circle visited her on the evening before her birthday and presented her with a flower.

In the earlier years the preacher always stayed at Mrs. Berry's home and she described this situation by saying "my home was the preacher's home."

The Berry family later moved to various places and Mrs. Berry always took her church letter with her. But she "brought it back home" where it remains today and she sat, erect and proud, Sunday morning beside of a small great-granddaughter, eighty years and one month younger, as the best wishes of the entire church congregation were extended to her. Discussing the church and its progress following the service, there seemed to be mistiness in her eyes and she spoke softly as she said: "It feels pretty close to me.

Angeline Hollifield Berry was born on Jan. 17, 1875 in Jefferson County, East Tennessee, near the town of Dandridge. She was one of eleven children, including two sets of twins, and she and a younger brother, who lives in Morristown, Tenn., are the only members of the family left. She was married to her late husband nearly sixty-five years ago. He was a native of Georgia and came to Tennessee to work in a roller mill, the same reason for which he and Mrs. Berry came to Asheboro.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Roy H. Berry, who was killed in an accident in Boydton, Va., ten years ago, Mrs. Calvin G. Frazier, of North Asheboro, with whom Mrs. Berry resides for a greater part of the time, Mrs. J. B. Dodson and Winfred Berry, both of Durham, and Joe D. Berry, of Broadway. There are six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Berry may be regarded as being somewhat old in years but as far as attitude, disposition and general outlook, this is far from being true. Perhaps she summed it up best

when she said humorously: "I ain't got old and grouchy yet." Her general health is good; she walks around, visits among her children and does light housework. She visited her brother in Tennessee a year ago last fall.

She is living gracefully, surrounded by the love and affection of her family. They vie with each other for her presence and the small great-grand daughter, Cindy Kirkman, especially dislikes to share her beloved great-grandmother with the other members of the family.

Mrs. Berry has assured herself of a place of love, respect and esteem among the members of her family, the church which she helped to start and among the friends with whom she has been congenial, pleasant and kind. As the peaceful shadows beckon and the sunset years converge, she treads towards the end of life's pathway, reaping the benefits of the years in which she worked and served.

City, County Citizens Okay Ballot On School Financing

Jan. 25, 1960 - Over 400 city and county school patrons cast a unanimous stamp of approval on a \$3.5 million bond issue to improve the county's educational structure following a public hearing here last week.

An overflow crowd, packed into the county courtroom to hear school administrators and the county commissioners present a program of improvements for city and county schools, expressed complete approval for a bond issue to finance the necessary projects, and indicated that support for a bond referendum would be organized.

With Commission Chairman Ira McDowell presiding, the meeting presented City School Superintendent Guy B. Teachey and County School Superintendent W. J. Boger to explain the programs for their systems.

Also appearing as a speaker was Charles W. McCrary, Asheboro industrialist and State Board of Education member who told the assembled throng of the potential construction of a four county Industrial Training school here.

Included in the referendum, expected to be initiated in the immediate future, would be \$350,000 for the industrial education center, \$1, 802, 115 for county schools, and \$1, 347,885 for city schools.

For the city schools, as discussed by Superintendent Teachey, the requested funds would be "used to meet pressing needs for the immediate future and to provide one or more sites in line with anticipated needs which will develop within the next few years."

The Commissioners noted, during the discussion, that financing the bond issue could be accomplished without an increase in the present tax rate.

"Approximately \$250,000 per year would be required to meet the indebtedness payments after all bonds are sold, as they mature serially over a 20-year period," it was said.

"Under the county's present valuation, this payment would require a maximum tax levy of 25 cents per \$100 valuation," the audience was told, "but no tax rate increase may be necessary the first year since regular school capital outlay levies can be reduced while the county's jail and revaluation program are being financed."

Then, the Commissioners added, "No tax rate increase for future years would be expected, certainly not more than five to eight cents, since the county then will have completed its jail and revaluation projects."

School building and site projects proposed for the city administrative unit include a junior high school and equipment, another elementary school and site, two sites for future expansion, a warehouse-office building and two site improvement projects.

County school projects were - - as could be expected from the larger system - - more lengthy. They included:

Four classrooms, sewage disposal improvement and additional land for Franklinville High; four classrooms, an agricultural shop, and elementary library, a covered passage-way to the cafeteria, and a change in toilet locations for Farmer High; toilet room renovations and agriculture building heating system for Seagrove High.

Also four classrooms for Brower school; moving the old cafeteria building, increasing water supply, improving school grounds, renovating toilets and installing auditorium seats for Tabernacle school; two classrooms, elementary library, toilet renovation, gym dressing room renovation and future agriculture building (When enrollment permits) for Coleridge High.

Also, extensive renovation in both elementary and high school classrooms, gym dressing room renovation and agriculture building heating system for Ramseur; conversion of classroom to library, toilet renovations, cafeteria walkway and increased water supply for Staley school; two classrooms, cafeteria renovations, kitchen enlargement and toilet renovation for New Market Elementary school.

Also, four classrooms, high school library, old cafeteria renovation, elementary library, gymnasium heating and toilet renovation for Liberty High; four classrooms, gymnasium, conversion of present auditorium into library and agriculture building heating system for Grays Chapel High.

Also, four classrooms, home economics and agriculture departments, conversion of present departments to classrooms, covered walkway, and gymnasium dressing room renovation for Trinity High; library, re-floor classrooms and toilet renovation for Trinity Elementary school; four classrooms, assembly, phys ed building, auditorium renovation (To classroom, health room and storage room), and toilet renovation for Archdale Elementary school.

Also, construct sand filter bed and improve school grounds for Trinity Negro Elementary; five classrooms, library, and assembly or multi-purpose room for Caveness Elementary; and four classrooms and covered walkway for Randolph high school.

The hearing was called to order by Chairman McDowell, who stated that he was "encouraged by the number of people present."

"This meeting is for your information." He said, "We want you to have the facts and then make up your minds."

McDowell introduced Superintendent Teachey, who told the assembly that in the last ten year, Asheboro schools "have had a phenomenal enrollment."

"We have to have more space for the students we may expect in the future," he said, "as it's now impossible to keep up with what we need."

After the distribution of summary sheets, giving in detail the city system needs, Teachey explained the future program.

Following the city superintendent came McCrary, who led discussion on the vocational school. McCrary was introduced to the group by McDowell, who cited the

speaker as being responsible for the funds that have been appropriated by the state for such centers.

According to McCrary, the industrial center is - according to federal authorities - "the best school of its type."

He also discussed authorization of funds for the center, from the legislature, including the recent statewide bond issue. "These schools," he said, "are supplements to the public high school."

It was noted that the school would serve four counties, Anson, Stanley, Montgomery and Randolph, with free tuition to Randolph residents who attend. Those from out-of-county would be charged tuition fees for their instruction.

Admission to the vocational school would be open to both adults and high school students, the latter splitting their attendance between regular studies and industrial training.

Referring to the proposed bond issue, McCrary admitted "studying this for many years," and said, "The only way we can make any progress is through a bond issue. We are already way behind."

"The county is due for a big increase in population." "The audience was told," and we are doomed to failure if we don't get behind this issue. It's not a partisan affair; it's for the school children.

That last remark brought heavy applause and cheers from the crowd.

Later, Superintendent Boger told the assembly of projects that have been approved for county schools in the event funds are secured from a bond issue.

The program, though, will not "provide everything needed," Boger said.

After the three educators had spoken, R. Lynn Albright, chairman of the county board, and W. Frank Redding, Jr., city schools chairman, spoke briefly, confirming the previous remarks and noting that the "plans have been well laid out."

Redding told the audience; "Financing seems to be and is the only plan. Both boards have requested a bond referendum, and the county commissioners were very wise. They don't want to call for a vote unless the people think it is the proper thing to do. I personally, feel that this is the only plan."

Later came questions from the crowd, which - by show of hands - was composed of more residents of the county administrative district than from the city area.

Sample questions included one of the instructors for the industrial school, with McCrary explaining that they would be "imported" or come from local industry.

Paul Bell of Randleman asked about future needs for the Randleman schools. "We are having an explosion in population, too." He observed. If the issue failed, McDowell explained, Randleman schools are still being provided for with capital outlay funds, which would eventually provide some facilities over a great period of time, answering a query from John Sanders.

Attorney Larry Hammond, commenting, drew cheers from the crowd with the statement that "It is up to us to see that this is not defeated."

Hammond also commented on plans for gymnasiums, Cafeterias and gymnasiums. "The primary object," he said, "is to see that children have a place to sit down. Proposals don't prove that too much money is being allocated for these phases of the projects."

Another comment from a Randleman citizen came from former mayor John Rice, who said that "It is gratifying to

see that Asheboro and Randolph county are joined together in an undertaking for schools."

McDowell, discussing the tax rate portion on the program, asked for questions, and found the audience apparently understanding the matter, which indicates no tax rate increase necessary to finance the issue.

The meeting wound up with a call for a show of hands on support of the issue. Not a hand raised against it.

Old Time Resident Writes To Newspaper

Jan. 28 1960 - (Editor's Note - A resident of Randolph County, many years ago, W. G. Bell of Terre Haute, Indiana, wrote to the Courier-Tribune this week relating portions of his family background in the county. His letter is republished as older residents may wish to correspond.)

Editor,

The Courier-Tribune

Being a native of Randolph County, I sometimes wonder what things look like in the place where I was born and lived until I was eight years old. Most of my relatives came to the north as soon as they could get away after the Civil War but my parents remained because my mother's father and mother were getting quite old.

Grandfather died in the fall of 1878 soon after father commenced to get ready to go north and (grandmother too) a sale was arranged for grandmother owned the farm on the Uwharrie river. All the business was cleared up and we left the old neighborhood on Sunday morning, Mar. 9, 1897. One of the neighbors took us to Greensboro in two covered wagons (an all day trip). Most of our folks came to Knightstown, Indiana but we went on north to Fairmont, Grant County. My grandfather was John Stuart born in 1797. His father was born in 1766. Grandfather's farm was in the area of Lassiter's Mill, a flour mill, sawmill, general store and post office.

My father was Alson Murphy Bell. Will in North Carolina, he was a reader of the Courier and continued to be a reader for quite a long time; then things changed; many died and he stopped it. He lived to be 86 years old.

Today is my wife's birthday (85). Feb. 24, I will be 89. We have been married for over 66 years. I am inclosing a piece of silver for trouble of mailing me a copy of the Courier and the trouble of reading this letter. My eyes are not so very good.

With best wishes to everyone, I am...

W. G. Bell

This Stricken Randolph Youth Sees A Real Meaning In March of Dimes

28 Jan. 1960 - "The March of Dimes is really wonderful. What would people like me do without them? I just wish everyone could understand the importance of the March of Dimes. There will continue to be people who will need their help."

The above lines are excerpts from a letter written to E. S. Millsaps, retiring chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, from Clendon Richardson, 20-year-old Route 4, Asheboro youth who was stricken with polio six years ago.

The letter to Mr. Millsaps was neatly typed out by the paralyzed youth on an electric typewriter without the use of his fingers, hands and arms, using instead an aluminum rod

fastened to an impression of his teeth and which he operates with his mouth and tongue.

Reason for the writing of the letter was that Clendon, knowing what the March of Dimes and the polio foundation had meant to him, had not seen anything in the paper about the March of Dimes drive for this year and he was writing Mr. Millsaps to find out why something was not being done. Although he didn't realize it when he wrote the letter, the organization of the 1960 March of Dimes drive in Randolph county was being effected in Mr. Millsaps' office on the very day that the letter from Clendon arrived.

Howard Clendon Richardson was a happy, normal and healthy 14-year-old boy on that July day back in 1953 when he first developed the symptoms of polio. His chest hurt him for two days before he was admitted to the Griffin Clinic in Asheboro where he remained for one night before a spinal tap revealed the dreaded disease. An ambulance rushed him to the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro but by the time he left the Asheboro clinic his senses were completely gone and paralysis had set in over his husky young body.

Clendon and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hester Lee Richardson, were living at the time of his sickness at the old Richardson home place about a half of a mile to the rear of the brick house on the Flag Springs road in which they now reside. At that time his only brother, Leonard, now an employee and official of the B. B. Walker Shoe Company in Asheboro, was serving as a tank operator with the Army in Germany.

In the spring before the young boy was stricken with the paralyzing disease from which he has never regained the use of his body, he had completed the 8th grade at the Seagrove school without having missed a single day throughout the eight years he had attended, the same record accordingly that his brother, Leonard, had attained for 12 years before him.

As is normal with a lot of boys his age, the "best thing" he liked to do was to go squirrel hunting every afternoon after school and after his chores had been done. He had been carrying a gun since he was about nine or ten years old.

But all of that was changed when he became sick on that summer day in 1953 and upon his arrival at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro, he was put in an iron lung where he remained for many months. When he was able to be removed from the iron lung for brief periods at a time, he was placed on a rocking bed to help with the breathing which to him had become impossible to do entirely on his own. Because, as he said "I couldn't take a breath. I just couldn't. I didn't have any muscles to breathe with."

Clendon Richardson has now learned to breathe again and he was helped immeasurably in this by being sent by the polio foundation to the Vanderbilt University Respiratory Center in Nashville, Tenn. for a period of three months.

It was at this place that he was taught to "frog breathe," a method which has helped him greatly. However, the youth does not yet breathe all of the time on his own, as he remains under a chest respirator during the nights and part of the time during the days. But he only goes into the iron lung now when he is sick or afflicted with a cold,

He stayed at the polio hospital for three years and 14 days. He never left the hospital during that time except in the latter months of his stay when his condition permitted him to be taken out on some automobile rides. During the

time he was in the hospital his parents and his brother's wife visited him regularly and upon his brother's return from Germany and his discharge from the Army he also joined the other members of the family in their consistent visits to the bedside of the polio, victim. While at the hospital he completed two years of high school work, the 9th and 10th grades.

Things didn't look right when Clendon came back to his Route 4, Asheboro home and his mind probably took him back to the days three years earlier when he roamed the woods and hunted with his gun and his dogs. But from within the sick room things took on a more familiar hue with the placing of the iron lung, the rocking bed, the chest respirator and the auxiliary generator to keep it running in case of power failure, all of which were provided for him by the polio foundation.

He also had the electric typewriter given to him by Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Griffin, of Asheboro, and which is suspended over his bed on a metal frame. His electric wheel chair, which to him is a pair of legs on wheels, was presented to him by his parents, his brother and sister-in-law as a Christmas gift in 1957 and which was delivered just prior to his return from the respiratory center in Nashville, Tenn. Since there is no telephone service in his home, a two-way radio has been purchased for him by the polio foundation so that he can communicate with the Randolph County Sheriff's Department or the Asheboro Police Department in case of an emergency.

A resume of the average day of Clendon Richardson finds him waking up in the morning at about 8 a.m. when he has breakfast in bed with his mother feeding him.

He is unable to lift his hands and arms with which to bring the food to his mouth. He eats good and if he keeps gaining weight he will have to be outfitted with another one of the corset appearing garmets which encircles his body. At one time during the most serious part of his illness, his weight dropped to around fifty pounds. He weighed around 110 pounds at the time he was stricken.

After breakfast he has his bath and for this procedure he is placed on an ambulance stretcher and rolled into the bath room. For the actual process of bathing, he is placed on a frame which is lowered into the tub.

Following his bath, he is brought back to his bed, placed again under the chest respirator and for the remainder of the morning he is busy with a full round of correspondence which is carried out on his electric typewriter.

He is got up at noon and is placed in the electric wheel chair which he operates with the slight amount of strength which is left in his left wrist. This strength is marshaled by the strapping of his arm above the elbow to the chair itself.

His afternoons are spent with his mother who does hosiery inspecting in her home and in company with his nieces, Karen Jean, Doreen Ann and Pamela Dawn who live next door with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Richardson. Karen Jean, the eldest of the three nieces, is of a great help to Clendon in the running of errands for him and helping to lift and move his hands, feet and legs.

An event which has brought great happiness to Clendon is the arrival on Sunday morning, Jan. 10, of a baby brother, Colon Leonard Richardson, Jr., to the three little nieces and their proud uncle joins with the parents and grandparents of the new baby boy in rejoicing over this most happy event.

Clendon goes back to bed and his chest respirator in late afternoon or early evening and he looks at television until fairly late at night.

However, his daily routine is interrupted somewhat on Sunday afternoons when he is taken out on days that the weather is good for automobile rides through the county side, and twice recently he was taken up in an airplane from an airport near Franklinville. This young man, normal in his outlook and years, is also a drag race enthusiast and is often taken to the races in this vicinity.

In the summer months, he spends his afternoons outdoors and often goes fishing at the pond on W. A. (Ab) Carter's country place which is located in the vicinity.

Various churches in the vicinity, particularly in the Flag Springs Methodist church where the Richardson home and Clendon's young friends have parties in his home, especially at Christmas. In the fall Clendon was taken to North Wilkesboro to visit with a friend who had an adjoining bed at the Greensboro polio hospital and during the Christmas holidays a young lady friend who was a patient with Clendon at both the Greensboro hospital and the respiratory center in a Nashville, Tenn, came to visit him from her home in Kannapolis.

Clendon Richardson does not feel sorry for himself and to all appearances is enjoying life to the fullest extent. This reporter did not detect any self pity when the afflicted youth had his father bring forth from a closet and proudly display the 22-caliber rifle which has now been laid aside for over six years. This gun, still clean and well kept, is a symbol of the normal young boyhood which Clendon left years ago but this gallant youth is not looking back but instead has his focus on the new and different life which lies ahead of him.

In this new way of life to which he has become so well adjusted, much credit is due to his parents, his brother and sister-in-law, the church groups and his many relatives and friends. But Clendon Richardson, keen and intelligent, realizes more than anyone else that this new way of living would not have been possible without the support of the March of Dimes and the polio foundation. That is why he asked this question in his letter about the March of Dimes, "What would people like me do without them?"

His letter, unsolicited and written without the knowledge of anyone connected with the polio foundation and the March of Dimes is herewith quoted in its entirety:

"Dear Mr. Millsaps:

I just thought I would write you a few lines as I have been thinking about the March of Dimes but I haven't seen anything in the paper about it. Isn't Jan. the month for the March of Dimes? If so why isn't there anything being said about it? I sure would hate to see the March of Dimes go down for they have really helped me a lot and I am sure they have helped others as they have me. There will continue to be people who will need their help. So, I think we should do as much as possible to get all the money we can, don't you agree? Is there anything that I can do to help? Will it be okay for me to write a letter to the paper? I want to do anything that I possibly can. Will you please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help? Let me know about writing to the paper as soon as possible for I want to write them before too much longer. I am afraid that if we don't work harder than ever that the March of Dimes will not do as good as it has been doing. The March of Dimes is really wonderful. What would people like me do

without them "I just wish everyone could understand the importance of the March of Dimes. If they could I think we could get more money.

I will close, please write me as soon as you possible can and let me know what I can do to help. If I wrote the paper is there any special thing you would like for me to add in my letter?

Clendon Richardson

Faith And Courage Built West Bend

Feb. 4, 1960 – A church congregation with great faith and courage and a diligent pastor who adhered to the highest precepts of his calling are responsible for the recently completed Educational Building of the West Bend Methodist church for which an open house observance will be held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 7, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The West Bend church began its existence over a half a century ago and prior to the completion of its new and more adequate facilities in the latter part of last year, the church congregation was scattered throughout three buildings on the church grounds.

Open house for the new building has been originally scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31, but was postponed for a week because of the inclement weather. Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will serve as hostesses for the open house occasion and will serve refreshments in the church parlor. The general public is invited to come and inspect the facilities of the new building during the hours which have been scheduled.

The first service in the new building was held on Sunday, Nov. 1, one year following the beginning of construction. The pastor, Rev. Kenneth M. Johnson, who came to the church in 1955, preached the first sermon in the new edifice. On the Saturday before the first service, an auction sale was held to dispose of the old church building, the church hut, a dwelling house owned by the church and smaller buildings.

Estimated cost of the structure, which contains a total space of 11,785 square feet, has been placed at \$91,456. This figure is exclusive of the furnishings which have been placed in the building. Upon completion of a church sanctuary in the future, the entire building, without furnishings, will be valued at more than \$160,000.

The new building is of a contemporary design and consists of a fellowship hall, a chapel-library combination, 13 class rooms, a youth activities room, church parlor, office, pastor's study, sacristy, kitchen, storage rooms and a utility room. The building, erected on a split level plan, is composed of three main sections, children's youth and adult class rooms, with the fellowship hall which serves as a temporary sanctuary at the center.

The large fellowship hall is built with wooden arches and is enclosed on either side by large sections of glass. None of the class rooms are of the same size and this arrangement enables the classes to be placed according to the number of people which are in each class. Class rooms for the children are large and colorful, with special provision having been made for the babies of the church. There is a crib room with beds, rocking chairs, play pens, hot and cold water, a bottle warmer and a food warmer.

The chapel can be converted into a library with sliding doors. The pastor's study has an interior of cypress panel, with filing cabinets, book cases and attractive furnishings. Forty nice windows in the building are covered with drawn

drapes matching the color arrangement in each of the rooms. Practically all of the drapes were made and paid for by the women of the church.

General contractor for the new building was J. R. Graham & Son, of High Point. Clarence Pugh was the foreman for the construction of the building. Asheboro Plumbing and Heating Company did the plumbing and heating and the electrical work was done by the Asheboro Electric Company. Architects for the building were John R. Hartlege and Associates from Salisbury.

William Pitkin, of Asheville, has been secured as the Landscape Architect and although an adequate plan has been drawn for the landscaping of the grounds, this work has not been finished yet and is a project for the future.

Committees concerned with the erection of the new building were as follows: building, R. Buren Lanier, chairman, E. E. Burns, Clarence Davis, D. L. Hill and Harvey Kearns; furnishings, Richard Paisley, chairman, Mrs. Moody Hoover, Harvey Kearns, L. E. Pettis, Jack Rich and Mrs. Clarence Sherrill; grounds, Joe Rich, chairman, Clarence Anger, W. H. Dwiggin, B. D. Greene, Harvey Kearns, C. C. Paisley and Darrell Robbins; and memorial gifts, Oscar Sowers, chairman, Mrs. Athel Cox and Mrs. L. H. Morgan.

The new building had its beginning in June, 1952 when the official board of the church elected a committee to study the prospects for a new church building. This committee was composed of S. E. Davidson, W. L. Cox, C. C. Paisley, Harvey Kearns and D. L. Hill. A building fund was also started that same year and Arthur L. Hartsell was elected as the treasure for the fund.

Study of a long-range building program began on July 23rd, 1956 with the election of a building committee which served during the construction of the building. After careful studies had been made, it was decided to erect an educational building first and a sanctuary at a later time. A ground breaking ceremony for the building was held on Sunday, Nov. 9, 1958.

The history of the West Bend Methodist church began in the summer of 1909 when a Sunday School was begun in the home of the late Dan Presnell. The meeting place was later changed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Davidson where services were held until a church building was erected the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson donated two acres of land for the church building and the cemetery.

West Bend got its name from its location in the bend of the old Albemarle Road. First trustees for the church were Brazilla Robbins, Dan Presnell, Gurney Davidson, J. E. Walker and W. P. Wood. Until a regular minister was assigned to the church, the minister of the First Methodist church in Asheboro directed the newly formed congregation.

Ministers of the West Bend church in the order of their pastorates have been C. A. Wood, R. A. Taylor, J. D. Gibson, Walter B. Thompson, Fred W. Cook, T. A. Plyler, J. A. Howell, O. P. Routh, L. T. Edens, E. C. Widenhouse, M. G. Ervin, Roy J. Barnwell, Fred H. Shinn, Ralph H. Taylor, W. F. Cooley, R. Odell Brown, P. F. Snider, C. L. Grant, J. A. Howell, Don Payne, S. W. Taylor, H. Glen Lanier, Joe T. Melton and the present pastor, Kenneth M. Johnson.

The church was a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, prior to unification in 1939. In the past 50 years, it has associated with the following circuits; Asheboro First, Randleman Circuit, Deep River Circuit, Asheboro Circuit,

Cedar Falls Charge, Richland Charge and in 1945 West Bend became a station church.

In 1939, Sunday School rooms were built to the original church building and in 1947 a church hut was erected. The property next to the church, consisting of land and a dwelling house, was purchased in 1953 and was utilized for Sunday School space. All of these buildings were disposed of in the auction sale of last Oct. 31.

That auction sale, disposing of all of the old buildings, is symbolic of the transition which has taken place at the West Bend church. Under the leadership of the young, energetic Kenneth Johnson, "old things are passed away" and there is a renewed beginning for the latter half of their century of existence in a beautiful, new and adequate church building. Situated on the highest level and with a commanding view of the straightened highways 49 and 64, a new period of progress has begun for the church which was formerly in the west bend.

They Celebrate Birthdays, By The Fours

Feb. 18, 1960 – A brother and a sister, born on the same day, ten years apart, were honored at a family birthday dinner Sunday at the youth Building of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church.

They were Herbert Smith, resident of the North Asheboro community, and his sister, Mrs. Loche Blake, of Route 2, Randleman. Mr. Smith was 40 years of age and Mrs. Blake reached the half century mark on Wednesday, February 17.

Also honored at the family celebration were Mr. Smith's daughter, Nina, who was 13 years of age on Feb. 16, and Mrs. Blake's granddaughter, Sheryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blake, who was 4 years of age on Feb. 13.

The birthday celebration had been planned as a surprise to Mr. Smith and Mrs. Blake but had to be revealed shortly before their arrival at the Youth Building in order that they would understand the reasons for coming out in the snow and ice which covered the ground on last Sunday.

A sumptuous meal, consisting of ham, chicken, peas, corn, beans, candied yams, hot biscuits, cake, pie, coffee and cold drinks was served cafeteria style, with the group eating at tables placed in the basement of the building. There was also a huge birthday cake which was brought by Mrs. Robert Green, a sister of Mr. Smith and Mrs. Blake.

Rev. Paul E. Allred, pastor of the Neighbors Grove church, was a special guest and he offered the prayer before the meal. Ralph L. Bulla, the North Asheboro correspondent for The Courier-Tribune, was also present and made pictures of the group.

Herbert Smith and his wife, the former Angeline Pritchard, have five daughters, Mrs. Delma Ruthledge, Martha, Gloria, Nina, and Wanda, and one son, Roger and Mrs. Smith and all of the children were present for the birthday celebration, with the exception of Martha who was on duty at the Randolph Hospital as a nurse's aid.

Mrs. Blake and her husband have two children, Paul Blake, of Route 2, Randleman, and Linda, of the home, and Mr. Blake and the two children were present Sunday along with Mrs. Paul Blake and children, Sheryl and Michael.

Mrs. Robert Green, sister of Mr. Smith and Mrs. Blake, and her daughter, Patricia, were present and Clarence Smith, a brother of the two honored persons, was also present along with his wife and two children, Martin and Deborah.

Three additional persons were present, Bobby Allred, son of the Rev. Mr. Allred, Cathy Burns, a little girl who stays with the Herbert Smiths during the week, and Delma Ruthledge, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith.

Hostesses for the delightful family occasion were Mrs. Herbert Smith and Mrs. Robert Green.

Bailey's Grove Placed Under Guidance Of Asheboro Church

Feb. 25 1960 – The Bailey's Grove Congregational Christian church, established in the North Asheboro community a half a century ago, will come under the protecting and guiding care of the newer but stronger Asheboro Congregational Christian church on the first Sunday in Mar. of this year.

Negotiations for the Bailey's Grove church to be considered as a "Mission of the Asheboro Congregational Christian church" began on last Dec. 7 at the request of the Bailey's Grove congregation. The matter received a favorable vote at the annual meeting of the congregation of the Asheboro church on Jan. 10.

However, several meetings were held prior to the vote of Jan. 10 and more meetings have been held since that time to work out the final plans for the assumption of leadership and guidance by the Asheboro Congregational Christian church.

Rev. Clyde Fields, pastor of the Asheboro congregation, will serve as supply pastor of the Bailey's Grove church and will assist the North Asheboro congregation in times of sickness, death, funerals and in other ways that are possible. He will preach his first sermon as supply pastor on Sunday morning Mar. 6, at 9 o'clock and each Sunday thereafter at the same time. The Sunday School services will be held each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Fields said that the purpose of the Asheboro church in bringing the Bailey's Grove congregation into their church "as a mission project" was to furnish them leadership, moral support and guidance until they can take their place in the conference on their own strength and leadership.

A man who has worked closely with the two churches in the relationship which will begin on Mar. 1, Rev. L. M. Presnell, Pastor-At-Large of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian church and a former pastor of the Bailey's Grove church, said that the plan of the Asheboro and Bailey's Grove church to cooperate for the benefit of the North Asheboro church "has been in the hearts and minds of the people of both churches for a long time." He also said that "the Asheboro church has felt a deep sense of interest in the Bailey's Grove group and wants to help them minister to the people of the North Asheboro community.

The Bailey's Grove church has been without a pastor since the Rev. Robert Bennett resigned the pastorate of the church in Oct. of last year. For many years prior to the Bailey's Grove church coming under the leadership of the Asheboro Congregational Christian church, the church had been a part of the pastorate of the Sophia and Flint Hill Congregational Christian churches.

On Sunday, Feb. 21, a joint group from the Asheboro and Bailey's Grove churches canvassed the North Asheboro community, contacting particularly those people who did not attend church and extended to them an invitation to come to the Bailey's Grove church. However, they pointed out that their census of the North Asheboro community was not

in a competitive spirit by any means and that they felt that the community was large enough to include also the Bailey's Grove church, which has been a part of the North Asheboro community for over fifty years now. A second canvass of the community will be conducted Sunday, Feb. 28.

In connection with the census of the North Asheboro community, literature concerning the Congregational Christian church was left at the home visited.

In the pamphlet which was distributed, the principles and program of the church were related, also telling of the merger of the Congregational Christian church and the Evangelical and Reformed church which is now awaiting final consummation which requires the approval of two-thirds of the local congregations of each denomination. The church, upon its eventual merger, will be known as The United Church of Christ in the United States of America and will consist of about 8,000 local congregations with about 2,200,000 members.

After the Dec. 7 meeting of the Bailey's Grove congregation concerning their desire to become a mission project of the Asheboro Congregational Christian church, the matter was referred to the Board of Deacons of the Asheboro church on Dec. 13. The Board met on the following day with the members of a committee from the Bailey's Grove church to consider the matter.

Members of the Bailey's Grove committee were composed of Mrs. Pearl Bailey Allred, a member of the church of forty years standing, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stout.

The Asheboro Board felt that a definite need existed in the matter and appointed a committee composed of Lester Pritchard, Ralph Smith and A. B. Caviness, Jr., to work with the Bailey's Grove committee in seeking a working agreement between the two churches.

The two committees met on Jan. 18 at the Bailey's Grove church following the approval of the congregation of the Asheboro church to work out the details of the project and present in addition to the two committees were the Rev. Clyde Fields, pastor of the Asheboro Congregational Christian church, and Rev. L. M. Presnell, Pastor-At-Large of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Church.

Following the meetings of these two committees, the matter was again brought before the two churches, for approval and the joint committee met again after the approval of the two congregations to complete the final plans for the mission project.

At the meeting of the two committees, it was brought out that the church land of the Bailey's Grove church comprises about 163 feet facing North Fayetteville Street and extends in depth for the block, consisting also of the church cemetery. On the church land there stands a modern brick veneered building, erected in 1955, and valued at more than \$25,000.

The first church building at Bailey's Grove consisted of a brush arbor which was erected in 1909 and served as a place of worship until the church was built. Sunday School was conducted in the arbor during the summer months but was forced to disband during the winter.

On June 18, 1910 the church was organized under the leadership of Rev. T. F. Sechrest, a resident of the community, who became the first pastor of the church. During the summer of 1910 Mr. Sechrest held a revival meeting at the church and was assisted by Rev. A.

Lamonds, of Star; Rev. M. M. Bussey, of Atlanta, Ga.; and Rev. Co. O. Oakes, an evangelistic singer from Gonzales, Texas.

Charter members of the church included Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Sechrest, W. D. Bailey, John H. Conner, Joe Henson, J. C. Pritchard, C. H. Hall, Lena Lamb, Mrs. Addie Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Canoy and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bailey, Mrs. Canoy and Mrs. John W. Bailey are still living in the community in which the church is located, with Mrs. Bailey, 88 years of age, living next door to the church in the home of a daughter.

W. D. Bailey, one of the charter members, donated the land for the site of the church and it was from him that the church received its name.

In addition to Mr. Sechrest, pastors at the church have included a Rev. Mr. Thompson, Parker W. Fisher, Edward Wherenburg, Samuel M. Penn, John Q. Pugh, B. H. Lowdermilk, A. E. Maddren, Avery Brown, Gale Brady, L. M. Presnell and Robert Bennett.

Joe Henson was the first superintendent of the Sunday School at the Bailey's Grove church.

Mrs. Pearl Bailey Allred, a member of the joint committee of the two churches and a granddaughter of the donor of land for the building of the church, has an outstanding record of loyal service at the church. Until her resignation recently, she served continuously with the exception of one year as secretary and treasurer of the church since 1933. She has been a deaconess since 1929 and a member of the Board of Trustees since 1939.

Mrs. Allred also served as treasurer of the building committee which was formed in 1950 and consisting of herself, Eli Cole, Gurney Henson, Mrs. Lillian Underwood, Mrs. Claude Dunlap, Otis Millikan and Miss Nada J. Robbins, now Mrs. Oscar Hill. Erection of the present church building began on Apr. 2, 1955 with Herman Underwood as the building contractor. Cornerstone for the new building was laid on May 22, 1955 and the first service in the building was held on Sunday, Sept. 25, 1955.

A major factor in the raising of funds for the construction of the new building was the Ladies Aid of the church which was organized in May, 1950. Special attention needs to be directed to Mrs. Marietta Baldwin, a member of the church, who directed many of the money raising projects.

Bailey's Grove church has had many ups and downs in its half century of existence. But with all of its struggles, 32 loyal, consistent members remain in the church fold. These members, realizing their insufficiencies in numbers and assets, have most wisely petitioned a larger and more stronger church to help get them on their feet. Now, Bailey's Grove looks to the future and a time when the church will gain a place in the community, the conference and more than anything else earn a place in the Kingdom of God.

Randolphians Generosity Aids Burned-Out Family

Mar. 3, 1960 - A story of widespread generosity resulted from a four-minute radio appeal by a North Asheboro minister for a family of seven whose trailer home was consumed in flames.

A week ago last Thursday, the trailer in which William Guinn, his wife and their two sons and three daughters lived on Route 2, Randleman, near the North 220 Drive-In Theater, burned completely to the ground.

The ages of the children range from nine years for the oldest to eight months for the youngest. The fire which started from a flooded oil burner enveloped the trailer so quickly that there was hardly time to get the youngest child out of the trailer before the flames consumed it.

Everything burned except the clothing which the family wore at the time of the fire. Mrs. Guinn, on her way out of the trailer with the baby, picked up a box which she thought contained clothing only to discover later that it contained magazines.

Walter Stowe, to the rear of whose property the family lived, visited the parsonage of the Calvary Methodist church and told his pastor, the Rev. L. E. Mabry, that he wanted to give some money in the name of the church for the burned out family. The Rev. Mr. Mabry and his wife took Mr. Stowe's money and along with some things of their own went to see about the conditions of the Guinn family.

They found that the Guinns had rented a small three-room house on Poplar St. and that they were living in a practically bare house. They found that the entire family had already spent two or three nights, huddled around a heater in one of the rooms, with no bedding, beds or furniture anywhere else in the house.

The Mabry's were alarmed at what they saw and immediately decided to appeal to Radio Station WGWR for help. Radio officials asked Rev. Mabry to make the appeal himself and he went on the air for a brief period Thursday afternoon and the talk was rebroadcast by tape two or three times after that.

The response was immediate and terrific. For 24 hours the Mabry telephone didn't stop ringing and the calls came even after that. Groceries, bedding, beds, mattresses, stoves, clothing and money literally poured in. The minister had asked for one cook stove and he got five. Things came in so fast that finally the request had to go out asking that no more larger articles be brought as there was no place to put them. The house couldn't hold any more.

Around 10 last Sunday night a man came by the parsonage from Greensboro, said he had heard the radio appeal while driving through Asheboro and had with him a huge box of clothing and other supplies for the burned out family. According to Mr. Mabry, stuff came from all over Randolph County. He said at least 25 good suits were brought for Mr. Guinn.

The Guinn family came here about a year ago from Mount Airy. For a while they operated a curb market across from the drive-in theatre but had discontinued this operation because of Mr. Guinn's health. According to the family, they had money stored in the trailer to pay a hospital bill at the time of the fire and it was burned along with the rest of the property. However, along with the other things which have been brought in, Mr. Guinn has had the offer of a job when his health will permit him to take it.

The minister, whose appeal brought about the deluge of gifts, will continue a propriety interest in the family and will assist them during their period of rehabilitation. Mr. Mabry said that he read about the fire in the paper but along with the other people of this area had allowed it to pass unnoticed until it was called to his attention and he went to find the deplorable conditions which actual existed.

Asheboro Friends Meeting To Lay Cornerstone Of New Worship House

Mar. 3, 1960 – A service of consecration and the laying of the cornerstone of the sturdily built new structure of the Asheboro Friends Meeting will be held Sunday, Mar. 6, at the site of the new building at the corner of East Kivett and South Main Streets.

The service of consecration will begin at 11 a.m., in the worship room, beautiful in its simple designing, non-symbolic appearance and its following of the traditional Quaker lines of architecture, with Seth B. Hinshaw, former Minister of the Asheboro Friends Meeting and now Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting, giving the address of consecration.

Also participating in the service of consecration will be Algie I. Newlin, Clerk of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Clyde Hinshaw, Clerk of the Southern Quarterly Meeting, and John Kemp, Clerk of the Asheboro Friends Monthly Meeting.

Recognition will be accorded during the service to the two living charter members of the Asheboro Friends Meeting, Nettie Lewallen and Fannie Johnson. Presiding over the service of consecration will be the Minister of the Asheboro Friends Meeting, Bascom G. Rollins.

At the conclusion of the service in the worship room, the cornerstone of the new building will be laid in a service to be held on the west front side of the building.

Ground breaking for the new building was held on Sunday, Nov. 2, 1958, the first service in the new building was held on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1960 and open house, planned for Sunday, Feb. 14, was moved up to Sunday, Feb. 21, because of bad weather.

A building committee was named in Oct., 1953 and a fund started towards the building of a new worship room at the old site of the Asheboro Friends Meeting on Hoover St. A three-story brick educational building, containing twenty classrooms, had been erected at the Hoover St., site in 1948, the plan at that time being to remain at that site.

However, a decision was later made to build on a new site and in early 1956 a tract of land, containing two and one-half acres, was purchased at the corner of East Kivett and South Main Streets and plans were formulated for the erection of a new building on that site.

A new building committee was formed in Feb., 1956 and was composed of Van Neal, chairman, Lloyd Kemp, Bill Underwood, L. B. Cagle, Tilmont Slack, Carlton Thomas, Stelle Fagg, J. C. Stevenson, John Kemp, Treva Neal, Novie Cagle and Bertha Councilman.

The Asheboro Friends group housed for the first two years of their existence at temporary sites and then in a small frame structure of their own, have now a building which is a credit to this entire area and one which has been built to last through the years of the future.

The L-shaped brick building, extending into a smaller T-shape on the west end, has exterior dimensions of 40 by 187 feet for the educational building. Its split level design is built to conform to the slope of the land on which it is erected and all entrances to the building are on the ground level.

Colonial in appearance and resembling the architectural designs of the Quaker churches of the earlier years, four huge white columns flank the front porch of the towering structures. Constructed of brick, concrete, steel and slag blocks, the building is strong, sturdy, well erected and has been built to withstand the ravages of both time and the elements.

The interior walls are of plaster and are partitioned off with slag blocks. The ceilings have acoustical plaster on metal laths and there is no reflection of sound therein. Floors throughout the building are constructed of concrete and steel and are covered with asphalt tile except in areas which are covered with carpet.

The worship room, including balcony, rostrum and choir loft, has a breathtaking beauty in its simple architectural lines and quiet worshipful dignity. It is devoid of ornaments, pictures and other fixtures and is equipped with Colonial type pews with a white and African mahogany finish. The worship room is air conditioned, its plastered walls are painted in a pastel bluish green shade, its floors are covered with tile, with carpet in the aisles and in front of the rostrum and the seats in the choir loft are elevated. Its seating capacity is 400 or more and at night its recessed lighting adds even greater beauty to the room. One's voice is stilled upon entering this beautiful room of the Asheboro Friends Meeting (illegible).

The educational building is comprised of a fellowship hall, 23 class rooms, 7 rest rooms, church parlor, library, church office and pastor's study. The fellowship hall has a seating capacity of over 350 and is also used as an adult assembly. Other departments also have their own assembly rooms.

New furnishings prevail throughout the Sunday School department. Each department has its own color design which is followed throughout the rooms of the department. Color schemes for the educational building were compiled by a color expert representing one of the paint companies. Matching drapes are at all of the windows in the educational building.

The pastor's study is finished in cherry paneling and across a hallway, finished in yellow pine paneling, is the church parlor, a veritable scene of beauty and splendor. The parlor walls are painted in beige, with the same color being followed in the nylon carpet on the floor and the draw drapes at the windows.

The furniture is of a contemporary style except the tables which are of French Provincial. Pieces in the room include two love seats, a couch and matching chair, an odd chair, a desk, a drop leaf table and two chairs, a drum table and two end tables.

The building, which includes 20,000 square feet of floor space, also has a modern kitchen of considerable space, fully equipped, and an automatic, gas fired hot water heating system. The heating system of the building is so arranged that the different sections of the building can be heated separately.

S. E. Trogdon and Sons of Asheboro were contractors for the construction of the building and actually drew up the original plans for the building. Following the approval of the plans by the Asheboro Friends meeting, an architect from Raleigh, Charles W. Davis, applied the finishing touches to the plans for the building.

In contrast to the commodious facilities and the current strong membership of the Asheboro Friends Meeting, the group had a very small beginning back in June, 1913. At that time a number of Friends families, who had originally come from older Meeting Houses such as back Creek, Science Hill, Hopewell, Marlboro and Cane Creek, were living in Asheboro and asked Ada Lee, a woman Friends minister from Archdale, to come and meet with them.

Ada Lee came down and preached to a gathering of Friends and others at the First Baptist church. A month later

she came back for another meeting with them, this time at the Presbyterian Church. In Sept. Ada Lee was called to become the first Minister to the newly organized group and upon an invitation from the Presbyterian Church, the Sunday School and prayer meetings of the group were held at that church. A separate meeting was held for worship and the Friends met for this purpose in the old armory hall which was located on Sunset Ave.

Soon after the organization of the group, another woman Friends Minister, Milner Angel Cox held a successful revival meeting for the group which helped them get off to a good start.

In 1915 the group organized themselves into an independent Monthly Meeting and in the same year erected a small frame structure on Hoover St., on a lot which was given to them by C. J. Cox and Virgil Presnell.

Later a basement was added, six Sunday School rooms were built, a small annex erected and in 1948 the educational building was constructed. Worship at the same site continued through Sunday, Dec. 27, 1959 when the last service was held at the old site.

The Asheboro Friends Meeting began with 16 charter members and one associate member. The members were Eleazer (?) Winslow, Hannah Winslow, Albion Lowe, Mattie Lowe, Ida Phillips, Elwood Cox, Mary A. Cox, Irvin T. Cox, Milner A. Cox, Leonta Cox, Nettie Lewallen, Eli H. Bean, Fannie Johnson, Ella Bowman, Carrie Skeen and Evangeline Rush and the associate member, Virginia Lowe. Several more members were brought in at the first Monthly Meeting of the group.

First Clerk of the Monthly Meeting was Elwood Cox, with Evangeline Rush as the assistant. Other clerks have been Cephus Bowman, L. D. Mendenhall, Albion Lowe, E. E. (Eugene) Lewallen, J. S. (John) Tillman, Ella Bowman, Coy Hamilton, L. Braxton Cagle, Van Neal and the present clerk, John Kemp. Cephus Bowman and Albion Lowe served as clerks at two different times.

Ministers of the Asheboro Friends Meeting have been Ada Lee Stanley, evidently Ada Lee married following her first visit to the Asheboro Friends group, and Elwood Cox, Milner A. Cox, Eli Reece, Joseph Peele, Fred Ryan, Alvin C. Barrett, Thomas F. Andrew, Clarence Macon, George Moore, Calvin L. Gregory, John M. Permar, Herman A. Parker, D. Virgil Pike, Seth B. Hinshaw, David O. Stanfield and the present Minister, Bascom G. Rollins.

A vital factor in the activities of the Asheboro Friends meeting throughout the years of its existence has been the woman's group of the Meeting which is now known as the United Society of Friends Women's Society of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting. The group was organized in 1916 and at that time was known as the Ladies Aid Society. Ella Bowman was the first president. Only three charter members of that group, Fannie Johnson, Nettie Lewallen and Callie P. Wood, are still living. Callie P. Wood, who had served at various times as head of the woman's group, is now in her third year as president of the United Society of Friends Women's Society.

From the Ladies Aid Society, the name was changed to Woman's Missionary Society and upon the reorganization into circles a few years ago, the present designation was given to this strong organization of women in the Asheboro Friends Meeting. Six adult circles, the Quaker Maids and a youth and children's group now are included in the woman's organization.

There are 133 women enrolled in the organization, 80 of whom are active, and in addition to supporting home and foreign mission projects, a total of \$6,687.71 was raised towards the building of the new Asheboro Friends Meeting House. Carrie Hammond has been treasurer of the Woman's group for 8 years.

A part of the Quaker's Faith is contained in the following paragraph: "Friends as a religious people are concerned to live in simplicity and sincerity, to speak and to practice the truth, to maintain a clean and quiet type of life, and to proclaim their faith by deed and action rather than by words and phrases."

Asheboro Friends have exemplified this part of the Quaker creed during their 46 years of existence as a group of Friends in this area. "By deed and action," they have firmly established themselves as a part of the religious life of Asheboro and have contributed their share to the spiritual uplift of the community.

It was also by deed and action and through the cooperative effort that they were able to erect the fine, substantial structure which is being consecrated on next Sunday. A building which reflects faith, diligence, perseverance and more than anything else the sterling character of the group of people known as the Asheboro Friends.

Writer Has Busy Weekend

Mar. 10, 1960 – A tour of the snow covered territories of eastern Randolph county, visits with four persons afflicted with polio, an attendance at the W.O.W. fish fry, an attendance at the early morning worship service at the Bailey's Grove church and other stops along the way highlighted the week-end activities of the North Asheboro correspondent, who actually spent most of the time outside of the boundaries of the community in which he resides and supposedly writes.

Beginning early on Thursday evening with a visit to Mrs. Anna Lee Bescher Kelly, at that time a patient at The Randolph Hospital but who normally resides with her husband and son in the new Salem area above Randleman.

Mrs. Kelly is a pleasant, cheerful young woman who has been afflicted with polio since she was a small child. She walks only with the aid of braces and crutches. However, she was in the hospital because of reasons other than her polio affliction.

Late Friday afternoon brought a visit to Larry Butler on Woodland St., in Asheboro, a young Negro boy who has been afflicted with polio since he was 18 months old. He lives with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Butler, and three brothers and sisters. His father is a career man with the U. S. Navy.

While out Friday evening a visit was also made to good friend Glenn Phillips at The Randolph Hospital and a stop at The Big Deal on North Fayetteville St., for a chat with friends from Randleman.

Late Saturday morning found your correspondent driving along the snowy scenes on Highway 64 east and then on Highway 49 to the progressive and growing town of Liberty. This place was bustling with activity despite the snow and ice which still lay on the sidewalks and streets of the town.

Attorney Gerald Parker was holding down a dual job of tending to his law office and also baby sitting with his husky

young son, Jerry. Across the hallway, Editor Jim Parker of The Liberty News was getting ready to leave but this aggressive and capable young newspaperman most courteously waited to talk for a while.

Subsequent calls were made on W. P. Stamey, a most revered and honored gentleman, at The Chatham Bank and Guy Smith at the Liberty Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Smith, a former employee of McCrary hosiery Mills in Asheboro, is now president of the Liberty Building and Loan Association, and also employed at the Liberty Hosiery Mill. He is also a former member of the Town Board.

A visit to the venerable Roy Reitzel, former Mayor of Liberty, was made before going out to the farm residence of Coy Fox, who lives near the Alamance county line. Other people with whom we conversed were singer Bob Loman at Johnson's Inc., a men's shop in Liberty, Charlie Brower at Brower's Store, Jack Shoffner in his hardware and miscellaneous store on main street, Mrs. Beulah Ward in The Progressive Store and with Police Chief Clarence Hinshaw.

Reluctantly we left this friendly and hospitable town and came back through Stanley where a visit was made to comfortable and well furnished home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Siler, Mr. Siler was not at home and after a good visit with Mrs. Siler, the return trip to Asheboro was made in time for the fish supper sponsored by the W. O. W. at their meeting hall on Chestnut St. Carl Stout and his associates had prepared a delicious supper which was enjoyed by everyone who partook of it.

Arising early Sunday morning for the early morning worship service at Bailey's Grove Congregational Christian church and a fine sermon by the Rev. Clyde Fields, pastor of the Asheboro Congregational Christian church. This was the first Sunday of their existence as "a mission project" of the Asheboro Congregational Christian church.

After regular church services and luncheon, the Galaxie Ford was on its way again, this time seeking out two more polio patients who were on the list for attention and equipment.

A stop was made at the Randolph Service Station and gathered inside were Tally Cox and his son Joe Dean, of Route 1, Ramseur, and Tally's brother-in-law, Glenn Davis, of Coleridge, along with the operator, Claudie Hayes.

After seeking information as to the location of the two persons we were trying to find, we went on to Coleridge and on towards Bennett looking for the first one, Mrs. Laura Bell Cain, a young woman who lives with her husband, Harlin Cain, and two young sons, 20 months and four weeks old, on Route 1, Ramseur. Mr. Cains's father, Glenn Cain, operates a store between Coleridge and Bennett. Laura Bell Cain, a most attractive young woman, has been afflicted with polio since early childhood and continues to wear a brace on one of her legs.

We came back towards the Ramseur area and stopped at the Parks Cross Roads Christian church where we again saw Tally Cox and son, Joe Dean, along with Clyde Patterson and Marvin Caviness, who's a road section foreman. These gentlemen, with Mr. Caviness operating a huge motor grader, were clearing the snow off in front of the church and in the driveways, getting ready for a group of singers from Bob Jones College in Greenville, S. C., who were going to appear at the Parks Cross Roads church Sunday evening.

As a result of further information derived from these gentlemen and additional information from the people in the vicinity of the Church of God of Prophecy between the Parks Cross Roads church and Ramseur, we went on to the home of the last polio patient on the list, Ella Jean Staley.

She is a young Negro girl of 18 years of age who lives with her mother, Esther, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Staley, just off the Ramseur-Staley road near Goldston's place. Ella Jean was struck down with polio when she was six years of age and has been unable to walk since. She only went to school a few months in her life. However, she has taught herself to read and write and derives her reading material from the library. But with her reading, listening to the radio and looking at television, she still leads a lonely life in the small home of her grandparents at the end of the road.

Tired, but with the satisfying knowledge of having traveled a large portion of our county, seen a large number of its citizenry, particularly the visits to four of its more unfortunate ones, we finished up our activities for the weekend.

Father And Daughters Are Presented Attendance Awards From Giles Chapel

Mar. 17, 1960 – A father and his two pretty teenage daughters were recently presented with awards at the Giles Chapel Methodist Church for 10 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School.

Esco T. Owens and daughters, Barbara and Evelyn, who live two doors from the church on Route 2, Asheboro, headed the list of 17 perfect attendance awards which were presented recently in the annual presentation of attendance awards for the Sunday school of the Giles Chapel Church.

Each of the three members of the Owens family had attended Sunday school for 10 years without missing a Sunday, as qualifications for perfect attendance at the Giles Chapel Sunday school do not permit an absence for sickness, death or for any other reasons.

Attendance awards were also presented to an entire family in the church, Olan Hunt, his wife, Golden, and two sons, Gary and Ronnie, who had each attended four years without missing a Sunday.

Other awards for perfect attendance included Betty Jo Dixon, six years; S. E. Trogdon, Sr., superintendent of the Sunday school, three years; Deborah Johnson, four years; Patricia Dixon, Roger Dixon and Mrs. Lillie Mae Beane, two years; and Ervin Yow, Kay Rich, Mrs. Lula Trotter and Bernard Burms, one year.

The awards were presented by Mrs. Esco T. Owens, who is secretary of the Sunday school. Howard Owens, eight year old son and only other child of Mr. and Mrs. Owens, had attended for five years without missing a Sunday until this past year when he missed a Sunday because of being sick with the measles.

The Sunday of the first snow this year the Sunday school service at the Giles Chapel Church was called off. However, not taking any chances on their attendance record, the Owens family was there anyway with the Sunday school superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Trogdon, Sr. Notwithstanding the fact that the meeting had been called off, a service was held with the families participating.

The perfect attendance record of Mr. Owens and his daughters began back when Barbara Owens was only three years old. She doesn't ever remember having missed a Sunday at Sunday school. Twice during the ten year period, Barbara has been a patient in the hospital and a clinic in Asheboro but each time she has recovered sufficiently to be back in Sunday school on Sunday morning.

Both girls are talented musicians, playing the piano and they have also been singing together as a duet for the past six years. Barbara also sings as a soloist. Barbara is an eighth grade student at the Fayetteville Street School in Asheboro while Evelyn, who is 18 years of age, is a senior at Asheboro High school.

Esco Owens, an employee at the Central Falls plant of Klopman Mills for the past 19 years, is a member of the Board of Trustees at the Giles Chapel Church. Evelyn is an assistant teacher of one of the classes, while Barbara is treasurer of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Incidentally, Mrs. Owens has at two different times been presented with attendance awards, a one year award at one time and two year award at another time.

Young Asheboro Man Leaves For Dodger Team Training

Mar. 17, 1960 – A young 19-year-old North Asheboro baseball player, who has also excelled in both football and basketball, left early Sunday morning to begin spring training with the Los Angeles Dodgers teams in Vero Beach, Florida.

Benny Voncannon, star athlete at Asheboro High School, member of an all-state football squad and all – conference in football, basketball and baseball, left his modest asbestos shingled home at 322 Saunders Drive, his wife and his two young sons and his parents to begin his training with the Atlanta Crackers, a Double A team in the Southern Association from Atlanta, Ga.

He will play with the Atlanta Crackers until assigned to another club, probably following spring training.

The young North Asheboro baseballer feels that he will be sent then to a Class D. Club, as he was assigned to the Double A club originally because of his salary rating. He was first assigned to a Double A club in Victoria, Texas, but was switched to the Atlanta team when the Texas team was sold to the New York Yankees.

Benny was signed up to the Los Angeles Dodgers the last of Aug. in last year. Handling the negotiations was M. B. (Pat) Murrow, a Dodgers scout from Siler City. However, an official of the Dodgers farm clubs and other officials of the Dodgers organizations were also a part of the signing of young Voncannon.

His wife, the former Martha Lou Thomas, and their two young sons, Benny, Jr. (Benjie) and Edward Scott (Eddie) will remain here for the time being or at least until he is permanently assigned to a baseball club. His wife and two sons and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Voncannon, of Route 2, Randleman, accompanied him to Greensboro Sunday morning where he caught a train for the training site at Vero Beach, Fla.

Benny Voncannon, now a six foot, three inch stalwart, weighing over 200 pounds, began his formal baseball career at the age of 13 years, playing at that time on a team in the local Pony League. However, he had played

baseball with the neighborhood teams prior to that time. He has always lived in the vicinity of North Asheboro.

He played successively with the Asheboro High School team for four years, the American Legion team and with the Ramseur team in the Deep River League. While with the Ramseur team he played in the state semi-pro tournament in Roxboro and it was there that he was observed by one of the Dodger scouts. But before that, he had been watched while playing with the American Legion team.

The curly-haired giant recalls his early ball playing days in the North Asheboro community and pays tribute to his coaches in those early days, especially Clarence Smith, a veteran Little League coach and a man who has worked for a long time with the youth teams of this area.

Benny played football, basketball and baseball throughout his four years at Asheboro High School. He was a member of the all-state football team in his senior year in 1958 and was a member of the all-western team in his junior year. He was a member of the all-western in basketball in both his junior and senior years and he was a member of the all-conference team in baseball for two years during his high school career.

He played in the outfield and pitched during his high school days and with the other teams in the communities but it is understood that he will train as a catcher with the team with which he will now be affiliated.

For the past year and a half, he has been employed with the National Carbon plant in Asheboro.

North Asheboro has always followed with pride the athletic achievements of this young native son of the community. The people of the community and the people of this area will continue to follow his career with great interest as he leaves to pursue it in other sections of the country. But whether he advances to great heights or remains on a lower level, his family and friends will continue to be proud for what he has already accomplished and for the fine young man that he is.

North Asheboro The Sports Center?

Apr. 14, 1960 – With the selection of Miss Gail Harris as a member of the all state basketball team and the signing up of Ronnie Henson by the Chicago Cubs. North Asheboro has in reality become the sports center of North Carolina.

Gail's selection brought the number of all-state honors to come to the North Asheboro community up to five and Ronnie's leaving for spring training near Phoenix, Ariz. Sunday meant that four North Asheboro boys are now in spring training camps operated by the big baseball organizations of the country.

Other all-state honors have been won by Larry Bulla in basketball, Benny Voncannon in football and Lacy West in both basketball and baseball.

Gail Harris is the first girl in Randolph county history to achieve all-stardom in basketball or any other sports for that matter. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, of Route 2, Randleman, she is 16 years old and a junior at Asheboro high school. The Harris family moved here from Greensboro when Gail was a small child and she attended the Balfour school before going to the Fayetteville Street School in Asheboro and the high school.

She has played basketball since a 7th grade student and was a starter on the varsity squad in her freshman year in high school. Her height is five feet and five inches and she has consistently practiced basketball throughout her playing

career. She laughingly said she practices "every day of my life."

She has a brother, Ronald, who is stationed with the Air Force in San Antonio, Texas and at this time she thinks she will study nursing upon completion of her high school work.

Larry Bulla, North Asheboro's first all-state player, just this weekend completed six months of Army training at Ft. Knox, Ky., came home Sunday morning and left again Monday evening to join his baseball team the Burlington Indians, in the final days of training at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Larry made all-state in basketball in his senior year at Asheboro high school and upon his graduation enrolled at Elon College where he was a member of the basketball team. While in his second year at Elon, he signed up with the Cleveland Indians and for his first year of professional baseball he played with a club at North Platte, Nebraska. Last year he played with the Burlington Indians at Burlington and it is this team that he went to join this week.

While stationed with the Army at Ft. Knox, Larry played basketball with Fr. Knox service team which won 22 games and lost none during the season.

Benny Voncannon, North Asheboro's all-state player in football, is presently in spring training with the Los Angeles Dodgers at Daytona Beach, Fla. and does not know definitely yet what team he will be assigned to upon the completion of spring training.

His father, J. D. Voncannon, his wife and his brother, Johnny, recently visited him at the training camp and report that he is getting along fine. This will be Benny's first year to play professional baseball.

Another North Asheboro boy, Joe Teague, is also in spring training at Daytona Beach, Fla., and he too this year is going out with the club in Burlington, the same team with which Larry Bulla played last year. Joe signed up with the Cleveland Indians at the same time Larry did and both boys played the first year with the club in North Platte, Nebraska. However, after the first year, they were separated and Joe played last year with a club in Selma, Ala.

Ronnie Henson was an outstanding player in basketball and football as well as baseball at Asheboro high school and it was only last week that he signed the contract with the Chicago Cubs, for which club he left for the training camp near Phoenix, Ariz. on last Sunday.

Lacy West, the other all-state player mentioned earlier in this article, is attending East Carolina College at Greenville where he was very prominent in basketball circles this past season.

So, with six outstanding athletes from the community, North Asheboro can easily lay claim to being the sports center of North Carolina.

Old Central Falls School Now Community Building

Apr. 7, 1960 – The Central Falls school building, for many years a place of training for the children and the youth of the community, is continuing its facilities through plans of the Central Falls Lions Club.

Disbanded two years ago as a part of the school system of Randolph County, the building was purchased on Jan. 20 of this year by the Central Falls Lions Club.

With a 290 foot frontage on the Central Falls road or highway 49A, the first school building was erected on the site shortly after the turn of the century. The present building was erected around 35 years ago.

The Lions Club plans to pay for the building by having public suppers once a month. The first of these suppers, a fried chicken affair, will be held Saturday, Apr. 9, from 3 p.m., to 8 p.m. They will be held there-after on the first Saturday night of each month.

Since purchasing the school building, which consisted of four rooms at the time of purchase, a partition has been removed and two of the rooms have been arranged for a meeting place and a dining area. Another room has been set up as a kitchen and the fourth room is yet to be utilized. Other repairs and changes have been planned for the future.

It is the desire of the Lions Club that the building belongs to the community and that it be used for the benefit of each person in the community.

Some of the plans for the building include the equipping of the structure for the children and the adults of the community; the opening of the building one or more nights per week for the children of the community with adult supervision; to have a community get together at least once a month; and to offer the building for church and private meetings when needed or wanted for a small fee which will take care of the gas, lights and etc.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Central Falls Lions Club was held Tuesday evening in the community building. Plans for the chicken supper were discussed at this meeting. Several other matters were also taken up at this meeting, including the naming of a nominating committee, composed of Jesse Sykes, Russell Kirkman and Thomas Reeder, to present a slate of officers at the next meeting which will be held on the third Tuesday night of this month.

The roster of the Central Falls Lions Club includes the following members, Byron Bristow, Charlie Fagg, George Hughes, Millard Jordan, Russell Kirkman, Glenn Lineberry, Thomas Reeder, Ollie J. Rich, Elmer Routh, Jesse Sykes, Edward York, R. B. York, William Carter, V. R. Johnson, Arlie Cox and Reuben Allred.

Officers of the club are president, Byron Bristow; 1st vice president, Elmer Routh, 2nd vice president, William Carter; 3rd vice president R. B. York; secretary, Arlie Cox; treasurer, Glenn Lineberry, lion tamer, George Hughes; tail twister, Thomas Reeder; immediate past president, Russell Kirkman; and the board of directors, Jesse Sykes, Edward York, V. R. Johnson, Millard Jordan and Russell Kirkman.

The Central Falls Lions Club is on the move and the old Central Falls school building has once again been brought into service for the children and the other people of the community.

Miss Hackett Honored With Ceremonies

Apr. 21, 1960 – Expressions of love and esteem have been showered on a young North Asheboro woman who will leave the community the latter part of this week or the first of next week to assume a position in Marion, Ind.

Miss Louise Hackett, who has accepted a position as assistant registrar at Marion College, was honored twice last Friday evening, first by the bank at which she was employed and later in the evening by the people of the church which she attended and the neighborhood in which she lived.

On the following day she was presented with a gift from the Junior Girls class at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church, of which class she has been serving as the teacher.

A dinner in her honor was held early Friday evening at The Thompson house by the employees of the Bank of Randolph where she has been employed for the past nine and one half years. At this dinner she was presented with a pen and pencil set and a blouse by her fellow employees.

Following the dinner at the Asheboro restaurant, she was driven to the youth Building of the Neighbors Grove church where a surprise party greeted a young woman who had no idea that anything else was on tap for that evening.

Around fifty people from the Neighbors Grove church, neighbors and friends had gathered for this event in honor of Miss Hackett. Although Mrs. Fred Lovin, Mrs. Ray Jordan, Mrs. W. C. Pritchard, Mrs. McKinley Pritchard and Mrs. Paul Allred were the hostesses for the affair, it was actually a joint undertaking of the people who have known and loved Miss Hackett through the years of her life in the church and the community.

Games were played and refreshments were served at the conclusion of the evening's festivities. Miss Hackett was presented with a green carnation corsage by the hostesses and from the whole church she was presented with a clock radio, a leather writing case and with a number of individual gifts from among those present.

On Saturday afternoon, at an Easter egg hunt held by members of her Sunday School class, she was presented with a Scofield Bible.

Daughter of J. R. Hackett, of 311 E. Balfour Ave., and the late Mrs. Peace Staley Hackett, Miss Hackett has been a lifelong resident of the North Asheboro community. She attended the Balfour school and graduated from Asheboro high school.

Following her graduation from high school, she worked in the offices of Hudson-Belk for three and one half years and then became employed at the Bank of Randolph where she has been since that time.

Besides serving as a teacher in the Sunday School, she has also been serving as the church clerk and as the secretary to the quarterly conference at the Neighbors Grove church. Until last year she had served as the secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School for many years and she has also been active in Wesleyan youth work and the Woman's Missionary Society.

No person has ever left the North Asheboro community with more expressions of regret than Miss Louise Hackett. No person will ever be missed more in the church in which she has been a most faithful member and in the circle in which she has moved. She has been universally liked and has conducted herself in such a quiet, unassuming yet gracious manner that she has claimed the affection and respect of all those who have come to know her. Her friends and acquaintances, with one accord, wish her well in the new undertaking and the new location which she has chosen.

Role In Couple's Lives

Apr. 21, 1960 – A church choir leader for over 35 years and his wife, who has played the piano even longer than that, passed the 50th anniversary of their marriage on Wednesday, Apr. 20.

Music and singing have played a big part in the marriage life of 78-year-old Walter A. Cox and his wife, Rosie, who is 72 years of age. The couple reside on Route 1, Seagrove, near the Antioch Congregational Christian church.

Walter has led the singing at the Antioch church since 1924 and Rosie has played the piano there since 1918. There are over 200 song books to be found in their modest frame structure. There is also a piano, a small organ, a violin and several harmonicas.

On the three visits of this reporter to their home, each time they have gone into the front part of the house where Rosie has played the piano and the organ and Walter has sung the songs he has sung for the past half of a century.

Something pertaining to singing enters into practically every conversation of this singing man from Brower township. It paved the way for his acquaintance with this correspondent 20 years ago and it has figured into every encounter with him since that time. Possessed of a keen memory, he remembers the first song that Rosie played at Antioch and he remembers the first song which he led.

In reference to the first time Walter led the choir at Antioch, he was told by a singing teacher to raise up one heel if he got nervous and if he was still nervous after that to raise up the other heel. Walter did as he was told but said that he was still nervous, even after he had raised up both heels.

Walter started learning to sing at the age of twenty and he said at that time he didn't "know a note from a rabbit trap." But he learned the notes and still likes to sing the notes through on a song before he sings the words. His advice on singing is to "learn to sing the notes, get the tune in mind and then apply the words."

Although Rosie has played the piano at church for over forty years and has accompanied her husband even longer than that, she doesn't sing herself. Walter spoke for her when she was asked about her singing and said: "she ain't got much voice."

A quick speaker and a keen witted man, Walter does most of the talking for the couple but usually looks to Rosie for confirmation of his statements. Many times during a conversation, he will inject questions of the following nature: "Ain't that so Rosie?" "Didn't she, Rosie?" "Do you remember, Rosie?" "How did that sound, Rosie?" and etc.

The lives of Walter and Rosie Cox have been filled with music but ironically there was no music on their wedding night of 50 years ago. They were married at the parsonage of the Wesley Memorial Methodist church in High Point and the spinster daughter of the officiating minister refused to play for the wedding, saying, "I have played at so many weddings and I've never got married yet, so I can't do it."

Walter Arthur Cox was born on Dec. 12, 1881, about one mile east of the residence in which he and Rosie now live. His parents were Simon and Rebecca Needham Cox. He worked on the farm until around 1895 when he went to High Point to begin working at Snow Lumber Co., at wages of 75 cents a day. He remained in High Point for 12 years and also worked at the Adam-Millis Hosiery Mills.

Twice during that twelve year period, Walter came back to the Antioch community in which he was born. One time was to rest and the other time to teach a subscription school at Antioch. It was in the year 1907 and the school authorities had decided not to have a school that year but instead to save the school appropriation to apply on a new school building for the next year.

However, Walter's father wanted Walter's brothers to attend school that year so Walter taught a subscription school for 40 days during the months of Jan. and Feb.. His father boarded him and Walter said he was paid "little or

nothing "for his two months of teaching. At that time, according to Walter, you could get a good teacher for \$20 a month. Walter himself had first attended the free school at Antioch, then had gone to Professor John Miller at Shiloh and after teaching the subscription school, he later went to Professor Frank Wright at the Shiloh Academy.

Walter met Rosie while working in High Point. She lived on one hill and he boarded across the way on another hill. Rosie had been born on Feb. 25, 1888 in Davidson county, near Thomasville, but had come to High Point with her people at the age of 4. All of the neighbors wanted to name her at the time she was born so she ended up with these names, Rosa Etta May Wrihtenberry. But with Walter's repeated references to "Rosie," no one ever thinks of her having any other name.

The two of them met when Rosie attended a wedding at the house in which Walter boarded. Walter didn't attend the wedding but peeped through the door and upon observing Rosie asked another boarder, "who is that red faced girl?" "Asked as to why she later went with Walter after his making that remark, Rosie said: "he didn't let that be known for a while.

After a courtship during which they attended services at the various churches in the city, Rosie belonged to the Wesley Memorial church and still does, Walter asked Rosie's father for her hand in marriage. They were married on a Wednesday evening after the Wesley Memorial minister, Rev. J. Edwin Thompson, had cut the weekly prayer meeting short, with Rosie's father accompanying them to the wedding site in a carriage Walter had rented for the occasion. Her mother didn't go with them because as Walter jocularly remarked, "she knew Rosie was making a bad step."

Walter and Rosie lived in High Point with Rosie's people for eight years following their marriage and then came back to Walter's home territory on Route 1, Seagrove where they lived with Walter's people for a year before their own house was built. They have since lived on their 172 acre farm which extends from Richland Creek to Crooked Creek.

During the fifty years of their marriage they have, in Walter's words, "been apart three nights," at a time when Rosie was in the hospital. The clue to their happiness and contentment with disclosure, began estimating how many times they had kissed and said; "wouldn't it run way up yonder." He further made this statement; "we've never been so mad but what we could kiss." In discussing further their amity with each other, Walter said, "we've quarreled "but before he could go any farther, Rosie said, "peaceful quarrels," and then Walter elaborated further and said, "Rosie won't quarrel with me, she is not much to quarrel."

Although Rosie doesn't say much and Walter does most of the talking, one has the feeling that Walter depends strongly and leans heavily upon the woman to whom he has been married all of these fifty years. This is seen in the fact that he calls upon her often for confirmation of his statements and looks to her for assurance in what he says and does.

Walter and Rosie are widely known throughout the eastern part of Randolph County, in Asheboro and elsewhere. In a friendly, interested manner, Walter inquires about the people with whom he meets, their relatives, their background and other things about them, especially as to whether they can sing or not. He usually knows more about

a person's relatives than the person knows himself. In discussing his wide acquaintance, he said "them I don't know, I try to get acquainted with."

One further example of Walter's wit was revealed when he told about a preacher who visited him and Rosie one day. Before the preacher left, he said "I believe I'll read the Bible if you can find one." Walter didn't say anything then but he has thought about it since that time and he said if he had it to go over again he would have said, "yes, we have got one down yonder in the barn in the hay."

Queried as to their favorite songs, Rosie said that she had played for the public so long that they were all her favorites. But Walter, music minded as he is named over several songs that have evidently meant much to him through the years. As he talked, one after another song would be mentioned and a few of those were "Meet Me There," "Precious Memories," "Haven Of Rest," "O' My Everlasting Portion," "Sweet' Bye and Bye," "Zion's Hill," "Grace Is Free," "My Latest Sun Is Sinking Fast," "O Why Not Tonight," "What Can Wash Away My Sins," and "When You Have Believed."

Actually, Walter said that any old song was pretty. However, he recognizes the appropriateness of a song and the last time we were there, the Sunday before Easter, he hunted up a song which would apply to the approaching Easter Day. After hunting through many of the song books which were laying on a table, he came up with "Hallelujah, We Shall Rise."

But the song which we like to associate with Walter and Rosie and the one which Walter sang the last two times we were there was "Zion's Hill." We may see Walter and Rosie many more times before they go to join the celestial choir in the heavens above but we shall always remember them, Rosie, gray-haired and slightly stooped over the organ keys, and Walter standing strong and upright, his hair parted in the middle, and singing these words: "Some day beyond the reach of mortal ken, some day. God only knows just where and when, the wheels of mortal life shall all stand still, and I shall go to dwell on Zion's Hill."

Couple Are Injured In Saturday Accident

Apr. 28, 1960 - Walter and Rosie Cox, who were the subjects of a feature article in last Thursday's issue of the Courier-Tribune entitled; "Music and Singing Have Filled Their Lives," were in an automobile accident last Saturday morning and Rosie is still a patient at the Randolph Hospital.

The accident caused the couple, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Apr. 20, to miss Sunday School last Sunday for the first time in years. Walter had not missed Sunday School at the Antioch Congregational Christian church in 12 years and he only missed one Sunday at that time. Rosie had not missed in the memory of the Antioch people.

At the time of the big snows earlier this year, Walter and Rosie went to Sunday School on their farm tractor, Walter doing the driving from the tractor seat and Rosie standing up behind him on a plank which had been placed across the back of the tractor.

Walter has been the choir leader at the Antioch church since 1924 and Rosie has been the pianist since 1918. Both are well known throughout the southeastern part of Randolph County and in other communities.

Walter was uninjured in the automobile accident which occurred on South Fayetteville Street but Rosie suffered painful injuries about the eyes and head.

Writer's Trek Sees Birthday, Celebration, And Some Sadness

Apr. 28, 1960 – A birthday celebration, a family reunion, a bereaved family and a hospital patient comprised a mixture of sorrow and gladness on the itinerary of the North Asheboro correspondent as he traveled many miles in the bright sunshine and early summer heat of this past weekend.

A variance of the journeying through Randolph County brought about a Saturday evening snack in Staley, the Sunday noon meal on Route 1, Seagrove and the Sunday night repast in Archdale.

The weekend itinerary began early last Saturday afternoon down Highway 902, turning off and going past Bethel Friends church and the Walter Stout place and into the road on which the sale of the W. B. (Willie) Brown property was in progress. The sale was being conducted by J. D. (Dewitt) King and was attended by people from Asheboro and from the vicinity in which the sale was held.

The tour continued beyond the sale site, turning to the right and then crossing the Pleasant Ridge road and coming into Ramseur by way of the Brooklyn section.

No stop was made in Ramseur and the trip continued to Liberty and beyond where the first stop was made at the turkey and chicken farm of Coy Fox. Then to the Liberty home of Attorney Gerald Parker and family and after that a stop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. June Lowe.

Leaving Liberty and coming down the Siler City highway to Staley where three or more delightful hours were spent. First a visit with that grand old man of Staley, Herbert L. Staley, who at the age of 81 years is retiring as registrar of the Staley precinct, to which position he was appointed in 1920

An unusually nice visit was enjoyed with Mr. Staley at his home during which time pictures were made of him and also of him and his 39-year-old mule. After a long conversation and the making of the pictures, Mr. Staley accompanied us to the place about a mile out of Staley where he was born and also to the old mill site on Brush Creek which was once operated by Mr. Staley's grandfather, John Staley.

It was at this place that we met up with Spurgeon and Vernon Langley, bachelor brothers who own the picturesque old mill site and who live in the old house across the road from the mill site. Spurgeon Langley is the Postmaster at Staley and is assisted in the handling of the mails by his brother, Vernon. The Langley brothers plan to build a new house in the future.

Back to Mr. Staley's residence and after dropping him off, a call was made at the home of Mrs. Ida Holmes where Mrs. Holmes was found with her pretty niece, Miss Nancy Brown. Nancy prepared toasted sandwiches and made delicious lemonade while we conversed with her aunt, Mrs. Holmes.

Reluctantly we left the Holmes residence and went on to the J. T. Warren Store where a brief visit was made with Mr. Warren who in turn directed us to the residence of O. B. Cooper. Mr. Cooper holds a most interesting profession in

the estimating of timber for various lumber companies. He has been doing this kind of work around forty years.

The next morning, Sunday, a visit was first made to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lemmons, whose little girl, Teresa Jane, had passed away on Friday at The Randolph Hospital after a short illness. Mr. and Mrs. Lemmons, who reside at 1502 North Fayetteville St., have two other daughters, Carlene and Gail, who attend the Balfour school. Our deepest sympathy goes out to this family in their time of sorrow.

Then a stop at the Randolph Hospital for a brief visit to "Rosie" Cox, who was injured in an automobile accident the day before. Rosie and her husband, Walter, had observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday before the accident and were the subject of a feature article by this correspondent in last Thursday's issue of The Courier-Tribune. We met Walter in the hospital corridor before going in to see Rosie and this 78 year-old man was heartbroken at the accident which had befallen the woman to whom he had been married for fifty years and from whom he had only been apart for three nights prior to the accident.

We left the hospital and went to 410 Peachtree St., where preparations were underway for a birthday celebration for Mrs. Jethro Jarrell who on Wednesday of this week passed her 77th birthday. Mrs. Jarrell was beautiful Sunday in her birthday attire, including a corsage of pink carnations, and we were happy to pay our respects to her and to the members of her family. We were sorry we could not stay for the birthday dinner but we had already accepted an invitation to attend the Hayes reunion on Route 1, Seagrove.

The reunion meal was about to get underway when we arrived and it was a happy reunion crowd who had gathered under the old oak tree and on the spacious lawn of the John Hayes homeplace, now owned by a son, Burgess Hayes. It was a most gracious group of people and we enjoyed our time with them immensely.

A short stop back at home and we were on our way again, this time to the other end of the county and to Archdale. This time we were accompanied by Benton Burgess who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clell Smith while we visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. (Joe) Coffield and their four children, ranging in ages from 4 to 8. Mr. and Mrs. Coffield were delightful young hosts and Mrs. Coffield had prepared a most delectable buffet supper for the enjoyment of her family and guest.

This visit ended too soon and the weekend too was over. A weekend in which we had come into contact with joy and sorrow, a birthday celebration and a time of reunion and a weekend in which we had mingled with some of the best people which Randolph County affords.

81 – Year – Old Staley Man Retiring As Registrar

Apr. 28, 1960 – Herbert Leonidas Staley, an 81 – year – old election registrar in Staley is retiring this year from the post to which he was first appointed in 1920. He had served continuously since that time with the exception of two terms.

Mr. Staley first served the year women began voting, taking the place of a registrar who had moved from the precinct. The old registrar came back a few years later and served again as registrar for a period of two years.

The only other break in the forty years service of Mr. Staley was around 1940 when there was considerable talk about a man holding two offices, as Mr. Staley was also serving as the clerk and treasurer for the town of Staley. So, he turned the books over to his daughter who served for a two year period. However, Mr. Staley says that he still did the work.

Asked as to how the women responded the first year they were allowed to vote, Mr. Staley said that although they "wasn't in for it" still most of them took advantage of the privilege and registered and voted.

History means a lot to Herbert L. Staley and he has several old documents in his possession. In discussing the new registration which has been called for the Staley precinct, he said that he had a Certificate of Permanent Registration and he wondered if that would still hold good.

He called to his daughter, Mrs. Richard Parks, who with her family resides with him, and asked her to bring from an old wallet the certificate which was issued to him under the Grandfather Claus Act in 1904.

The certificate reads as follows: "I, Joe C. Reece, Registrar for Columbia township of Randolph County, do certify that on this day, H. L. Staley, of white race, of Randolph County, Columbia township, age 25 years, took and subscribed the oath required by law and has this day registered on the Permanent Roll as a voter in said township, ward or precinct, in accordance with Section Four, Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina, This the 22 day of Oct., 1904, Joe C. Reece, Registrar." At that time there was no Staley precinct and the territory now included in Staley precinct was included within the boundaries of Columbia township.

Questioned as to the conduct of the elections in the Staley precinct, Mr. Staley said there had been "a fight or two" but went on to say that they had been "pretty peaceable."

Getting back to the origin of this veteran elections official and member of the administrative body of the town of Staley, he was born about a mile from the present site of Staley. Before the interview for this story ended, he took this reporter to the dwelling in which he was born and also to an old mill site established by his grandfather.

His birth occurred on Dec. 22, 1878 and his parents were John W. Staley and Margaret Minerva McMasters Staley. His grandfather was also named John Staley and he originally came from Chatham County. At one time, the Staley family owned 1,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Staley. Herbert Staley's mother was raised in the vicinity of the old Talc Mine near Staley, in which vicinity was located a post office which was called Soapstone Mountain.

When Herbert Staley was about 11 years old, the family moved to what is now the heart of Staley and at a site which is now the residence of Carl Allred. Mr. Staley's on home is a part of this original property and is located only a short distance to the south.

The father of Herbert Staley was a land surveyor and Mr. Staley himself has carried on this profession partially during his lifetime. He still does surveying sometimes for a half day at the time.

Besides Herbert, there were four other children, in the John W. Staley family, namely, C. M. Staley, A. M. Staley and two daughters, Etta and Annie, who were later married to men by the name of Fox. C. M. Staley and his two sisters were school teachers at one time during their lives and all of the children, except Herbert, attended college. Herbert

first attended the old Shady Grove school near to where he was born, which was a one-teacher school, and next went to the Staley school, across the road where the family next lived, also a one-teacher school. He also attended a subscription school in an old store building in Staley during the time the school was closed down while the school funds were being saved for a new building.

He also attended the Winterville High School in Pitt County, near Greenville, at which place one of his sisters was teaching. He went there for three and a half years and acquired what is now equivalent to a high school education. At the conclusion of his high school education, the school committee at Shady Grove wanted him to teach and upon his refusal, they asked him what he wanted to go to school for if he didn't intend to teach.

Mr. Staley, married in 1913 at the age of 35 to the former Minnie Brooks, humorously remarked that "I married young." Born to he and Mrs. Staley, who is now deceased, were two daughters, Mrs. Parks, and Mrs. Frank Green, of Norfolk, Va. There are six grandchildren, two of whom are the Parks children who reside with Mr. Staley.

Upon his refusal to teach school following his high school days, Mr. Staley took over his father's farm and in speaking of the farm, he said he was "raised on it and stayed on it." He has a mule named "Jim" who is 30 years of age. "Jim" has been in Mr. Staley's possession since he was five years old and according to Mr. Staley, "me and the mule will live together until one of us goes on." The mule seems to have an affectionate place in Mr. Staley's heart and he still works with the mule hauling up wood and doing other chores.

Although in his 82nd year, Mr. Staley is in reasonably good health and active for one of his advanced years. He doesn't wear glasses except when reading. In speaking of his glasses, he said: "they are in my way."

He attends the Baptist Church in Staley and was church treasurer for over a quarter of a century. He served as town clerk and treasure from 1907 until 1944 and then rounded out a half century of service with the town of Staley with service on the cemetery committee.

The story of Herbert Staley has been one of the service to his community, his church, his town and county. With a lifetime of good works behind him, he still remains on the scene, basking in the respect and affection of his fellow citizens and friends. The last of his family to survive and one of the last of his generation, he remains to inspire a younger group to set for themselves also a record of service for mankind.

Mrs. Jarrell Is honored On Birthday

Apr. 28, 1960 – Mrs. Jethro Jarrell, a native of Randolph county, was honored Sunday on the occasion of her 77th birthday at a family gathering at her home at 410 Peachtree St.

Many members of Mrs. Jarrell's family and also friends came together in what was originally planned as a surprise birthday dinner for Mrs. Jarrell. But Mrs. Jarrell learned of the "surprise" earlier in the week and upon being asked how she found out about it, she said: "I've had them before."

Mrs. Jarrell, whose birthday actually came on Wednesday, Apr. 27, presented an attractive figure for her birthday celebration. Her white hair shone like silver, she was dressed in a new and very smart looking dress and she

wore at her shoulder a corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. Jarrell has been blind for many years.

She is the former Mary Hinshaw, daughter of the late Sherman and Ida Faulkner Hinshaw, and who was reared in the vicinity between Central Falls and Worthville. She lived on the farm until becoming a young woman and going to work in a hosiery mill in High Point. It was while in High Point that she married Jethro Jarrell on Dec. 21, 1905. However, Mr. Jarrell was not a High Point man but lived in the same vicinity in which Mrs. Jarrell and her family lived.

The Jarrells lived in High Point only a short time after their marriage and then came back to their native Randolph county. They have lived at their present residence since Dec., 1915. They have four children, Mrs. Glenn Rich, Mrs. I. O. Hamilton, Mrs. Winfred Jordan and Paul Jarrell, and six grandchildren.

Joining with Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell in the birthday celebration Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jarrell and daughters, Betty and Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hinshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hinshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hinshaw and children, Bobby and Teresa, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith and children, Gloria, Nina, Wanda and Roger, Mrs. Fannie Pritchard, Miss Fairy Pritchard, Mrs. Dawson Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Clegg Pritchard.

Cornerstone Laying Is Feature Of Friends Open House Sunday

May 5, 1960 – The opening of the meeting house and the laying of the cornerstone featured special services at the new building of The Asheboro Friends Meeting on Sunday.

Seth B. Hinshaw, former Minister of the Asheboro Friends Meeting and now Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Yearly meeting, was the speaker for the occasion.

Bascom G. Rollins, present Minister for the meeting, presided over the special service, led in the responsive reading for the opening of the meeting house and recognized the presentation of special gifts.

Greetings were brought from Clyde Hinshaw, Clerk of the Southern Quarterly Meeting, and Algie I. Newlin, Clerk of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting, and also participating in the service was John Kemp Clerk of the Asheboro Friends Meeting.

Mrs. Fannie Johnson, 75 year old charter member of the Asheboro Friends meeting, was escorted to the platform by Van Neal, chairman of the building committee, and she presented the building for its formal opening. The building was declared open by Algie I. Newlin and accepting the building for the local meeting was John Kemp.

Ruth R. Hodgkin, daughter of the local Minister, sang "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings."

Mrs. Nettie Lewallen, the only other living charter member of the Asheboro Friends Meeting, was unable to be present because of illness.

The cornerstone laying on the west front side of the building was followed by a buffet luncheon in the fellowship hall of the magnificent structure of worship.

First service in the new building was held on the first Sunday of this year and the formal opening of the building, scheduled for Sunday, Mar. 6, was moved up to the first Sunday in May because of the bad weather at the time of the original planning.

Before moving into the new building at the corner of East Kivett and South Main Streets, members of the Asheboro

Friends Meeting had worshipped since 1915 in a frame structure on Hoover St. Organization of the group took place in 1913.

Mrs. Gelbach Ends Fifty Years

May 12, 1960 – Mrs Mary Gelbach, with a half of a century of dedicated service behind her, rounded out fifty years of nursing on Tuesday, May 10.

In looking back over her years of nursing and retracing her decision of fifty years ago to become a nurse, this North Asheboro woman, youthful and vigorous at the age of 79, said, "I'd do the same thing."

She came out of a cotton mill, with only twelve months of formal schooling, to prepare for her life's work and after fifty years she has no regrets, saying, "nothing that I could have done would have given me the joy which nursing has."

Her only daughter has followed in her footsteps and attained the highest rating before the state nursing board, but the daughter has quit nursing to maintain her household and to rear two sons and it is Mrs. Gelbach who carries on the profession which she began a half of a century ago.

Asked if she had any plans for quitting the profession, she laughingly said, "no." "I don't want to quit," she said. "I would love to die with my uniform on but I know the time is coming when I will have to quit and I want to step out gracefully. I want to quit before I become careless and forget to give my medicines."

That latter statement reflects the professional character of Mary Gelbach and describes in a great sense her long tenure of duty. She has always had a strong feeling of responsibility towards the carrying out of her professional duties and it has never been said that Nurse Gelbach was caught asleep on the job.

A deeply religious woman and the teacher of a woman's Bible class at the Calvary Methodist church, she spoke of her faith in connection with her profession and she said, "I have felt close to God in the sick room."

Mary Etta Harrell was born July 13, 1889 in Montgomery County, near Steeds, the daughter of Miles Jordan and Henretta Jane Brown Harrell. When she was one year old, the Harrell family moved to Worthville where the large family of children grew to maturity and the elder Harrells lived until their deaths.

The young Mary Etta Harrell went to work in the cotton mill at Worthville at the age of nine years. At that time she had only been to school for twelve months. She worked for twelve hours a day, going to work at 6 a.m., and working in the evenings until 6:40, having forty minutes for lunch. For these long hours of work she was paid the amount of \$2.40 for two weeks of work. The work day on Saturdays was not as long as the other days, as she only worked until 4 p.m., on that day.

She worked in the cotton mill until she was almost 20 years of age. But early in her life, even as a child, she wanted to be a nurse. However, according to Mrs. Gelbach, she "worked and dreamed but didn't see any way out."

But life wasn't all dullness and work. She attended Sunday School and came under the Christian influence of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Hubbard who were living in Worthville at that time. Dr. Hubbard was the superintendent of the Sunday School and he and Mrs. Hubbard also established a circulating library which proved to be a great help to Mrs. Gelbach as a young girl working in the cotton mill. She liked to read and she got books out of the library and also

borrowed them from her neighbors to read. She especially remembers reading Ben Hur at the age of 18 and says she has seen the play three times since that time.

There came a time, however, when the circumstances changed for young Mary Etta Harrell and she received the opportunity to begin the nursing profession which she had dreamed of as a child. Dr. C. E. Wilkerson, a young surgical doctor, and his wife moved to town and procured a house for the recuperation of patients. One day in the presence of Dr. Wilkerson, Mary Harrell mentioned that she would like to be a nurse. Later Dr. Wilkerson told her father that he and his wife would like for her to work with them. She began her employment in a nursing capacity on May 10, 1910 or fifty years ago.

Shortly after that another opportunity arose and this was in the field of education. Information came to her pastor from the Brevard Institute concerning "likely" persons who needed a chance at an education. She was approached and in her dilemma at not having funds with which to go, Dr. Wilkerson asked her why she didn't go, saying that he would go on her note for the money.

She borrowed the money and went that first year, enrolling in the 7th grade, Brevard at that time did not go beyond the high school courses. The next year she was able to work her way and she continued in that manner for the remainder of the four years in which she remained at the school. She also worked during the summers with Dr. Wilkerson and also with Dr. H. B. Hiatt, a physician in Asheboro.

After four years of high school and at the age of 24, she entered nurses training in Baltimore, Md. Her training was received at the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, the Woman's Hospital and Mercy Hospital. She passed the state board in Maryland in June, 1916 and later worked for a time at the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital and the Woman's Hospital.

She was married in 1913 to J. K. Gelbach, a native of Baltimore, and five weeks after their marriage her husband sailed with the Army for France. Her two children, David and Jane, were born in Baltimore and the family lived in Maryland until 1928 when they came to North Carolina, first to Worthville, then to Asheboro and in 1930 to North Asheboro where Mrs. Gelbach has lived since that time. Mr. Gelbach passed away in 1941.

Both of her children are married now and there are four grandchildren. Her daughter, now Mrs. John McGlohon, graduated in nurses training at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte and achieved the highest rating mark upon going before the state board. Her son is a well known photographer of Asheboro and other vicinities.

In coming back to this county, Mrs. Gelbach became the first nurse to register at the Court House in Asheboro. She has done most of her nursing since coming back from Baltimore at The Randolph Hospital, although she has had a few cases at the High Point Hospital and at St. Leo's in Greensboro.

She remembers that she was paid \$40 a month after she had passed the state examination and that was the better pay for nurses at that time. During her nursing career there has always been a great need for nurses and she says, "I have never had to ask for work." Since she has passed the age for retirement, she is only doing private duty cases and does not hold a regular job of nursing. She doesn't work the 3rd shift any more, saying, "the young women will have to do

the night duty." However, she likes the second shift, from three to eleven, and perhaps prefers it to the first. Shift, seven to three.

She chuckles as she recalls the early days of nursing with Dr. Wilkerson fifty years ago. She especially remembers the appendectomies which he performed on kitchen tables. She remembers one in particular which was done on the table in the kitchen, one which had ruptured. After finishing the operation, Dr. Wilkerson told his young nurse that if she didn't stay with the patient, he would die. She was due back at school in Brevard in two days but she stayed for two weeks with the patient anyway. There was no place for her to sleep so she took a pillow and a quilt and slept on the floor beside of her patient. She laughed as she told this story and said that now days she would say, 'no bed, no nursing.'

There were many hardships and inconveniences in those days and she remembers another case when she took Dr. Wilkerson's horse and buggy and drove out into the country to change the dressing of a patient. She recalls that on this trip she drove the buggy between two trees, got stuck and had to walk a distance to get someone to cut the trees so she could get out. It never occurred to her to quit. Because the cotton mill days were behind her and she was enjoying the work of which she had dreamed.

Mary Gelbach has lived a life of consecration to the profession to which she has been called. No nurse has ever rendered a finer or more devoted service. She has never shirked her duty and she has never neglected a patient. She has been conscientious and has upheld the highest traditions of the profession to which she was trained.

Although her hair is a glittering white, she has a youthful voice and walks with a quick step and an upright figure. She faces life bravely and courageously, despite the long years of toil and training, the years of widowhood and the years of service and she remains today, a gallant figure, undaunted and unafraid.

She lives alone in her most pleasant and nicely furnished home at 2106 North Fayetteville St., and it is suggested that upon her 71st birthday this coming July 13 that the patients she has nursed through the years send to her cards or other expressions to convey their appreciation for the loyal and efficient service which she has rendered for the past fifty years.

Couple Spend Weekend Visiting In Maryland

May 12, 1969 – A north Asheboro couple spent a long week-end visiting with relatives in Hagerstown, Md. and sightseeing in that vicinity and in Gettysburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Beane left the community last Thursday morning on their way to Hagerstown, Md. where two of Mr. Beane's brothers live. Formerly a third brother lived there but has now moved to Baltimore, Md.

They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Beane and sons, Douglas, 9 and Frederick, 3, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beane. The brother which has moved to Baltimore is Worth Beane. All of the Maryland Beanes are former residents but have lived away from here for several years.

Owen Beane works at the Fairchild Airplane factory and Clarence Beane is manager of a department store. Worth Beane formerly worked at Fairchild but, according to reports brought back by the North Asheboro Beanes, there

has been a big lay-off at the Fairchild factory and Worth was among those to be laid off.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Beane had a nice visit with their relatives and on Sunday morning attended church services with them at the Christ Lutheran church. This was especially important in view of the fact that both of them have honor recognition for 14 years of attendance at Sunday School, with Mr. Beane having 11 years of perfect attendance.

For Sunday luncheon all of the Beanes went to Frederick, Md, to the Peter Pan Inn, a historic site which dates back to 1796. It was estimated that 1,000 people ate lunch there on last Sunday. The inn was a famous stopping place in the early days for wagon trains carrying produce between the north and the south. It was the site of a prison camp during the civil war period and guns were mounted in the vicinity during that conflict.

During their visit, the North Asheboro Beanes and their relatives visited at Camp David, Md., site of President Eisenhower's vacation retreat, and also visited the battle field at Gettysburg and in the vicinity of the President's farm home.

On their return home on Monday, they stopped for lunch at Natural Bridge, Va.

Former Resident Visiting With Randolph County Relatives

May 26, 1960 – A former Randolph County resident, gone from the county for the past forty years, spent last week visiting with relatives and friends among the scenes in which he grew to young manhood.

Charlie F. Brown, a native of the Millboro section, had been gone so long that he did not recognize two brothers he had not seen in that time and the only familiar sights were the store building at Millboro and the spring at the old homeplace "down on the river" near Millboro.

Now a resident of Elko, Nevada, the only people Mr. Brown has seen from Randolph county during his long absence have been his sister, Mrs. Myrtle Tysinger, of Millboro, and members of her family and a former school mate, Fred Redding, also of Millboro.

Mrs. Tysinger, with whom her brother and his wife stayed during their visit in this vicinity, first visited her brother twelve years ago and went again to see him three years ago along with a grandson. Mr. Redding visited with his boyhood chum around two years ago.

Mr. Brown actually left Randolph County over fifty years ago when at about 1908 he left here to work on a farm in Indiana. He didn't come back until 1919, following his discharge from World War I, and he only remained for a few days until he returned to Nevada, from which place he had volunteered for service in the Army a few days after war had been declared.

After going to Nevada from Indiana, he remained there for a brief period and then went into Canada where he stayed for two years. He came back and was working in a mining village at the time war was declared. He volunteered along with a number of his friends and saw active service in France and also served in the Army of occupation.

He was wounded three times and was the recipient of a Purple heart and two oak leaf clusters. He was also awarded a medal for qualifying as an expert rifleman, an achievement which he attributes to "shooting squirrels as a boy on Deep River."

It was while serving with the Army in France that word was received by his parents in Randolph County that he had been killed in action. Government officials even notified his father to send in his insurance papers so that they could settle the claims. But his sister, Myrtle, with whom he visited last week, contended that her brother was not dead and in about three months it was learned that a mistake had been made and that he had only been wounded. The false rumor came out of a mix-up in Mr. Brown's identification tag.

As he had enlisted in the Army from Las Vegas, Nevada, it was to that place that he returned after the short visit with his relatives in Millboro in 1919. However, he later went to Elko, a small town of 8,500 located 350 miles from Las Vegas, where he has spent a greater part of his years as an automobile salesman and dealer. But earlier, he had filled out an unexpired term as an assessor and was elected for a term to that office.

Close to his heart have been matters of a military nature and throughout the years he has been active in the affairs of the American Legion. He has served as post commander, Adjutant General, service officer and was recently awarded a certificate for 40 consecutive years of membership.

He also served as chief of the Selective Service Board during World War II. He was a member of the Nevada Peace Officers Association for three years.

Son of the late James R. Brown and Louella Julian Brown, he will be 70 years of age on Oct.. Besides his sister, Mrs. Tysinger, he has two brothers, Cicero Brown, of Lake Worth, Fla., and Rufus Brown, of Fayetteville. On this trip to Randolph county and North Carolina, he first visited with his brother in Florida, leaving Nevada on May 5. He had retired from his business a couple of months ago. His brother, Cicero, came on up from Florida while he was here and he will remain for a four weeks visit. Charlie Brown and his wife left Tuesday for the return trip to Nevada.

Mrs. Charlie Brown is a native of Texas but has live in Nevada since she was seven years of age. The town in which Mr. and Mrs. Brown now live has mining interests, gambling and extensive cattle raising. It has an altitude of 5,200 feet and is very dry. That is one reason why they had to leave for home so soon, in order to irrigate their garden, flowers and other vegetation. They had only arrived here on Sunday, May 15.

Forty years is a long time to stay away from the place in which one is born and this youngish looking 69-year-old former resident plans to come back more often now that he is retired. Both he and his wife enjoyed their visit tremendously and even though things and people were strange to begin with, it didn't take Charlie Brown long to renew and remember his life of over fifty years ago.

Dr. Bernard Boyd Speaker At The Hopewell Friends 1960 Homecoming

May 26, 1960 – Dr. Bernard Boyd, chairman of the Department of Religion at the University of North Carolina, delivered the address at the 31st annual memorial and homecoming day Sunday at the Hopewell Friends church.

Many former members and friends joined with the Hopewell group, returning to the church which was established in 1885 and where a new church building was erected in 1950.

It was a beautiful bright sunny day and the bed of verbena on the east side of the church building was in full bloom.

Present for the occasion were 89 year-old Mrs. Belle Hussey, of Route 3, Asheboro, who joined the church 75 years ago, and her four sisters, Mrs. Nettie Lewallen, of Asheboro, age 87, twins Mrs. Ida Kearns, of High Point, and Mrs. Ada McMaster, of Asheboro, age 79 and Mrs. Sallie Voncannon, of Asheboro, age 74.

Children of Calhoun and Barbara Jane Phillips VonCannon, the late Mr. VonCannon told his children at the time the first church at Hopewell was built that he would like for his children to help keep it up as long as they lived in the vicinity and his five daughters were on hand doing just that last Sunday. The ladies have one brother, W. W. VonCannon, who lives in San Point, Idaho whereas a sister Mrs. Crissie Allred, died not too long ago.

Also present for the memorial and homecoming Sunday were three people, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Dawson, of Route 3, Asheboro, and Mrs. Clyde Wood, of Asheboro, who have been present at all thirty one of the homecoming occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson are still active members of the church but Mrs. Wood's principal interest is the annual memorial and homecoming day.

After the Sunday School period at 10 o'clock, conducted by Everett Nance, superintendent, the memorial service followed at 11 a.m., with the pastor, Larry McEntire, presiding. Boyd Hinshaw served as pianist for all of the services during the day.

Special music was rendered by the Hopewell Trio and by Nancy and Elroy Cox during the morning service and by other singers during the afternoon service.

Max Bell recognized various people during the morning service, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dawson who attended the services from their home in Martinsville, Va. Mr. Dawson is a former resident of the Hopewell community. It was during this part of the service that Mrs. Hussey, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Dawson and Mrs. Wood were recognized.

At the conclusion of the morning service, the congregation proceeded to the cemetery where there was singing and a prayer. A picnic luncheon followed, with Mrs. Cornie Hinshaw offering the prayer of thanks.

Everett Nance, president of the memorial association, presided during the afternoon session, with Mrs. Cornie Hinshaw giving a memorial to W. F. Newsome, deceased. Announcement was made during this part of the meeting of the revival meeting to be held June 12-19, with Rev. Jack Tebbs, a Friends Minister from Greensboro, as the evangelist.

Those in charge of the memorial and homecoming Sunday were Everett Nance, president, Allene Cornelison, secretary and treasurer, Rosa Dawson, Mary Allred and Pearl Hussey, program committee, and Allene Cornelison, Denzil Walker and Carl Luck, grounds committee.

During the election of officers, Max Bell, Beulah Garner and Phyllis Strider were named as the program committee for next year and the name of H. W. Hammond was added to the grounds committee. The other officers were reelected.

Flowers in the church Sunday were in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hammond by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hammond and Carol. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams by the children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allred by the children and Peggy Nance by Everett and Chloe.

Large Crowd Present To Observe Anniversary Of Melvin Julians

May 19, 1960 – A hundred or more guests were present for the celebration of the 40th, wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Julian Sunday at their home on Route 1, Franklinville, between Millboro and Worthville.

Present were their five children, Mrs. Glenn Taylor, of Arlington, Texas, Mrs. Virgil Lane, of Greensboro, Mrs. T. A. Toomes, of Route 1, Randleman, Mrs. Hal York, Jr., of Asheboro, and Melvin Julian, Jr. of Route 1, Franklinville, and a large number of other relatives, neighbors and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian were married on May 12, 1929 at the home of the officiating magistrate, J. A. neighbors. They were accompanied by Miss Mabel Prevost, now Mrs. Virgil Redding, of Lone, Washington and Jack Elmore. At the time of their marriage, Mr. Julian was 17 years of age and Mrs. Julian was 16.

There acquaintance had developed when both of them went to work at the cotton mill in Worthville on the same day, Mr. Julian at the age of 14 and Mrs. Julian at the age of 13. Upon establishing the fact that Mr. Julian didn't know Mrs. Julian before they went to work at the mill, Mr. Julian humorously remarked, "I still don't know her."

Mr. Julian is the son of Isaac Julian and Henrietta Dunlap Julian and he was born at the old homeplace which is the site of his present residence. However, the old house has been done away with and the present residence was built in 1935.

Mrs. Julian is the former Kathleen Robbins, daughter of Thomas F. Robbins and Emma Millikan Robbins and she was reared mainly in Back Creek township, the place of her birth. However, the family lived for a brief period in Worthville.

The Julians have not lived far from their present residence since their marriage forty years ago. They lived first with Mr. Julian's parents, then in Worthville, later coming back to the home community of the Julians before moving back to the old place where they now reside.

They have both been employed at the cotton mill in Worthville practically since they went to work there on the same day over forty years ago. Mr. Julian is one of the supervisors at the plant while Mrs. Julian does various jobs throughout the mill under the supervision of her husband. Mrs. Julian tells the story that several years ago her husband "fired her but later took her back. In speaking of their relationship, Mrs. Julian said "he is the boss at the mill and I'm the boss at home.

In addition to their employment at the Worthville mill, the Julians have also been operating a dairy farm for several years. They are known among their relatives and friends as a hard working couple who apply themselves diligently both at home and at the plant at which they are employed.

Mrs. Julian has always been known to do a "man's job" and on last Sunday was walking on a cane because of having hurt her leg recently in a fall in the barn. But that didn't prevent her from assisting in the preparation of the huge picnic repast which was served to their guests on a long arrangement of tables which had been placed on the front lawn. There was chicken, ham, vegetables, deviled eggs, pickles, salads, cakes, pies, lemonade and other eatables, which go into a delicious picnic dinner. All the

guest had to do was to come, eat and enjoy the food and the fellowship.

But, despite the leg injury, the hurry, the work and the cooking of the huge amount of food, Mrs. Julian appeared on the anniversary scene looking young, refreshed, vigorous and most attractively attired in a white dress, she was wearing a corsage of red carnations.

J. E. "Doc" Groce, well known Worthville resident, offered the prayer before the eating of the sumptuous meal and afterwards the chorus from the Mountain View Baptist church in Asheboro rendered several numbers in song.

Sr. Melvin and Kathleen Julian passed their 40th anniversary mark and went into the last decade before the celebration of their golden anniversary year. They have worked hard, prospered well and are enjoying life to the fullest. They are still young and will be comparatively so when they reach the half century year of their marriage. Their friends honor them upon the reaching of this anniversary and reserve further honors for them in the years to come.

Troy Millikans Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sun.

May 19, 1960 – With their nine children standing alongside of them, Mr. and Mrs. Troy W. Millikan celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, May 15, at their home on Route 1, Sophia, in the Plainfield community.

A reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Millikan was held from three to five o'clock, with the two sons and seven daughters, who stood beside of them, serving as hosts and hostesses for the occasion.

One other person stood in the receiving line and that was Mr. Millikan's twin brother, Gurney W. Millikan, who came from his home in Savannah, Ga. to assist his brother and sister-in-law in their anniversary celebration.

Approximately 300 persons called between the appointed hours to join in the anniversary observance of the two people who have spent nearly all of their lives in the vicinity in which they still reside.

Troy Watson Millikan was born on Mar. 4, 1881 at the same site at which he now lives, the son of Azel and Ann Spencer Millikan. He and his twin brother, Gurney Wilson Millikan, were the youngest of nine children and at the ages of 79 they are the only surviving members of the family.

Lillie Blanche Pearce, wife of Troy W. Millikan, was born 10 years later than her husband on June 21, 1891, the daughter of Newton and Xantippe "Dink" Farlow Pearce and also one of nine children. Her family lived a mile or so across the woods from the Millikan homeplace, about two miles southwest of Sophia.

In trying to establish the first acquaintance of Mr. Millikan with his wife, the usually reticent 79-year-old man said "my mother delivered Blanche." Further questioning brought out the fact that Mr. Millikan's mother was a midwife and in that capacity delivered many of the newly born babies in the community in which she lived.

So they grew up, Mr. Millikan in the Plainfield community and Mrs. Millikan in the general area of the Plainfield Flint Hill and Marlboro communities. They both lived on farms and they both attended the Plainfield school. Mr. Millikan said that he attended the Plainfield school three or four months a year until he was 19 years of age when he entered the preparatory school at Guilford College where he remained for two years.

He spent nine months in Savannah, Ga., where a sister and two brothers lived and then came back to enter the general mercantile business with his brother, Arch Millikan, in Randleman. He was living there at the time of his marriage.

But to get back to the courtship and marriage of Troy and Blanch Millikan, it seems that Mr. Millikan had waited all through the years of his young manhood for the girl child which his mother had helped to bring into the world. At about the time she reached the age of 16, he decided that she was a "pretty girl" and that he had waited long enough. So, he began the courtship which lasted approximately three years and resulted in their marriage on Wednesday, May 11, 1910.

The beauty which attracted the young Troy Millikan of over fifty years ago has remained through the years and Blanche Millikan was still pretty as she stood with her husband and nine children, attired in an aqua blue lace dress and with a yellow orchid at her shoulder, at last Sunday's anniversary celebration.

They were married at the bride's home in "a very nice little home wedding" which was attended by several people in the community. They especially remember the "belling" which was given them on their wedding night at the home of Mrs. Millikan's parents. After first asking permission from the bride's father, who told them to go ahead with the "belling" "if they didn't damage the property, the participants rent the air with noises from various instruments which they had in hand.

After having finished with the noisy part of the "belling," the group called the roll of the old men of the community. The name of the old Quaker, Tint Farlow, was called and a voice answered, "Thee knows I am here." The name of John Jarrell, who operated the telephone exchange, was called and another voice answered, "hello."

After spending their wedding night at the home of Mrs. Millikan's parents, the couple went to Randleman where they remained for a year before they came back to the old Millikan homeplace to care for Mr. Millikan's mother.

They have been there every since and it is there their nine children were born and raised to maturity. The children, in the order of their birth, are Watson Millikan, of Randleman, Mrs. Halcie Millikan Beeson, of Route 1, Sophia, Azel Millikan, of Sophia, Mrs. Lola Millikan Davis of Route 1, Sophia, Mrs. Marie Millikan Hill of Route 2, Trinity, Mrs. Ina Lee Millikan White, of Route 3, High Point, Mrs. Hazel Millikan Davis, of Route 1, Randleman, Mrs. Bernice Millikan Davis, of Route 1, Randleman, and Mrs. Betty Jean Millikan Ridge, of Route 1, Sophia.

There are 35 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The youngest daughter, Betty Jean, and her husband, Joe Ridge, and their four daughters live with Mr. and Mrs. Millikan. An unmarried brother of Mr. Millikan, Joseph Millikan, lived with them until his death several years ago.

Mr. Millikan was a farmer, a sawmill operator and a wheat thresher before his retirement 11 years ago. He started operating a dairy farm in 1937 and this work is still being carried on by his son-in-law, Joe Ridge. Four more of his sons-in-laws and one son operate dairies also.

Mr. and Mrs. Millikan worked hard during the upbringing of their large family but have now quit the strenuous work in which they engaged for so many years. They now confine their efforts to helping with the minor duties of the household, assisting with the care of the four

granddaughters who live in the house with them and Mr. Millikan also helps with some of the smaller chores on the outside.

They have traveled somewhat in the last few years, visiting in Georgia, Texas, Kansas and other places. They attend church regularly at the Plainfield Friends Meeting, the place of their membership, and also at their mother church, the Marlboro Friends Meeting.

Troy and Blanche Millikan have lived quietly, without pretense and fanfare. But yet, they have been held in the highest regard, as was evidenced by the large number of people who came last Sunday to honor them with full respect and esteem.

But that which has been outstanding in the married life of this honored couple has been bestowed upon them by their two sons and seven daughters. Despite the discipline which might have been administered in the days when they were growing up, the children of Troy and Blanche Milliken hold them in the highest respect and they were proud as they stood beside of their parents at last Sunday's celebration.

Children Of Millikans Give Them Open House

May 19, 1960 – The nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Troy W. Millikan honored them at an open house Sunday afternoon at their home on Route 1, Sophia.

Approximately 300 guests called during the appointed hours between three to five o'clock.

Upon their arrival, the guest were greeted at the front door by Mr. and Mrs. Rom L. Pearce, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Millikan, who introduced them to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. Millikan, their two sons and seven daughters and Mr. Millikan's twin brother, Gurney W. Millikan, of Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. Wade Pugh, a granddaughter of the honored couple, and Mr. Pugh presided over the guest book.

Assisting in the gift room where there was a large display of lovely gifts was another granddaughter, Mrs. Jimmy Short, and Mr. Short.

In the dining room, the table was covered with a hand crocheted cloth over yellow and centered with a lovely three-tiered gold trimmed cake. There was a crystal punch bowl at one end of the table and gold branched candelabra at the other end

Gold punch, cake squares and other party delicacies were served by another granddaughter, Mrs. Theodore B. Pugh, and the other granddaughters.

Presiding over the punch bowl were Mrs. Watson Millikan and Mrs. Azel Millikan, daughters-in-laws of Mr. and Mrs. Millikan.

On the buffet was a lovely arrangement of yellow mums and gladiolus flanked by tapers in gold containers. Yellow mums and roses were used throughout the house. The flowers were arranged by Brookshire's Florist in Randleman, Mrs. Cletus Brookshire, the manager of the florist, being a niece of Mr. Millikan

Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Brookshire.

Mrs. Millikan was attired in aqua blue lace, with yellow orchids at her shoulder.

Sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Millikan and hosts and hostesses for the open house occasion were Watson Millikan, of Randleman, Azel Millikan of Sophia, Mrs. Colbert Beeson and Mrs. Wilfred Davis, of Route 1, Randleman, and Mrs. Joseph Ridge, of Route 1, Sophia

Among the out of the community guest present were Mrs. A. W. Scott, a brides maid at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Millikan fifty years ago, and Mr. Scott of Badin, Gurney Millikan, his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Millikan and their two children Troy and Virginia of Savannah, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fentress of Pilot Mountain, Mrs. Maye Fentress Reades of Guilford College and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Frazer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson, Rev. Charles and Cora Lee Johnson, Mrs. Nellie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pearce and Mrs. Annie Cox Harrell, of Greensboro.

Also Mrs. Lena Cole and Miss Lillie Bulla, of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartness, of Statesville, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Farlow, of Bahama, Mrs. Mae Ellison, Mrs. Scovia Poston and daughter, Rada, of High Point, Mrs. John Menius, Mrs. R. C. Lewallen, Mrs. Betty Rocasing, J. D. Ross, T. Fletcher Bulla, Ralph L. Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Beeson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moody and children, and Mrs. Edna Kemp, of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Mac McMahon and children of Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bulla, of Graham, and Mrs. Aubrey Kirby and son, of Winston-Salem.

Funeral Held Wednesday For Mrs. Fannie Luck

Jun. 16, 1960 – Mrs. Fannie VonCannon Page Luck, age 91, was buried Wednesday afternoon in the city cemetery in Asheboro, following funeral services at the Flag Springs Methodist church at 2 o'clock.

A native of Randolph County, Mrs. Luck died Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock at The Methodist Home in Charlotte where she had been living for seven years. Her death in the infirmary at the home followed a long period of illness.

Officiating at the final rites were Rev. Roy L. Eubanks, pastor at Flag Springs, and Rev. Giles Bowman, a former pastor. Coming over from The Methodist Home for the funeral service was the superintendent and a group of ladies who reside there. A tribute to the life of Mrs. Luck from the Rev. Mrs. G. G. Adams, minister at the home, was read by one of the ministers officiating at the funeral service.

Pallbearers were Charles Hughes, Joe Hughes, Billy Hughes, Billy Auman, Bill Luck and Bobby Luck, all step-grandsons of Mrs. Luck.

Mrs. Luck was the daughter of Peter and Ann Plummer Voncannon and she was born in the Western part of the county at Carraway, coming with her family to Asheboro at about the age of 12 years.

She was one of eight children, one dying in infancy. The others were Wilson Voncannon, Charles A. Voncannon, who died last year at the age of 97 years, Mrs. Lou Voncannon Pritchard, Mrs. Ellen Voncannon Tucker, Mrs. Della Voncannon Davis and Milton Voncannon, Mrs. Davis of Asheboro is the only surviving member of this family and she will be 86 years of age on next Sept. 10.

The deceased was married twice, first to William (Billy) J. Page on Jan. 25, 1894, who died on June 13, 1911. She was next married to Charles T. Luck on Aug. 26, 1916, who died on July 10, 1932.

There were no children to either marriage although there was one adopted daughter, Mrs. Carlton Cole, who is now deceased.

Surviving in addition to the sister, Mrs. Davis, are five stepdaughters, Mrs. D. A. Cornelison, Mrs. Frank Auman,

Mrs. Bertha Auman and Mrs. Mamie Hughes, all of Asheboro, and Mrs. Hattie Dennis, of Seagrove; and two stepsons, Ivey Luck, of Seagrove, and Everett Luck, of California. There are also surviving 12 step-grandchildren, 9 foster grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Luck was living in Seagrove at the time of her marriage to Mr. Page. Her father serving as superintendent of the lumber plant there and Mr. Page, a resident of Asheboro, was employed as bookkeeper for the lumber plant. After living at Seagrove for a while following their marriage, they moved to Hemp, now Robbins, and then to Asheboro.

Following Mr. Page's death she became matron of the Methodist Protestant Children's Home which had been established in Denton in 1910. She was with the children's home when it moved to High Point and remained with that institution for approximately six years.

She came back to Asheboro after that and was employed as a hostess at the old Central Hotel. It was while working there that she married Mr. Luck and moved to his home in East Cedar Grove township. She remained there for a greater part of the time until she entered The Methodist Home seven years ago.

During her lifetime, Mrs. Luck had been one of Randolph County's most active women. In addition to serving as a matron at the children's home and working as a hostess at the hotel, she taught school at two different times in her life. She had also served as an election registrar and manifested an interest in the conduct of the government and a participation in voting up until her death.

She had attended school in her childhood at the Redding's school, later the Charlotte school, west of Asheboro and also the Gold Hill School northeast of Asheboro. Later she also attended a summer school which was held at the site of the Fayetteville Street School.

"Aunt Fannie Luck," as she had been familiarly known throughout the years, never lost sight of her native county and she came back regularly to visit here even after going to The Methodist Home to live. The fact that a large crowd attended her funeral service indicated that she had not lost contact with the people whom she loved nor had they forgot the person who had meant so much to them.

A long useful life came to an end with the passing of "Aunt Fannie Luck." She was useful in the church where she held her membership, the one in which the final words were said for her on Wednesday. In the last years the Flag Spring church had stood by "Aunt Fannie Luck" just as she had stood by the church in its earlier years.

She was useful in the civic affairs of her community and county and she was useful in the contacts with her neighbors and friends. Many came to pay their respects at her passing and to attest to the goodness of one who had helped them over the hard places. "She was a leader," as one person expressed it, and it can also be said that she was a credit to the day and age in which she lived.

Miller – Hill Families Gather At Mountain View Methodist Church

Jun. 16, 1960 – Morning and afternoon sessions, with dinner on the grounds featured the 12th annual reunion of the Miller and Hill families Sunday at the Mountain View Methodist church.

A large crowd was in attendance at both sessions, with the church auditorium being filled to overflowing for the afternoon session.

Waymon Trotter, of Route 2, Asheboro, was elected to his third two year term as president of the annual gathering. All of the other officers of the reunion organization were also re-elected to the full term of office.

They are vice president, Mrs. Alma Miller Purvis, of Asheboro; secretary and treasurer, Miss Louise Hunt, of Route 2, Asheboro, program committee, Okel Hunt, Charles Hunt and Mrs. Allen Robbins, all of Route 2, Asheboro.

Rev. Sam Nelson, 79 - year old resident of Route 1, Sophia was the speaker for the morning session and according to many observers his remarks were well received by those in attendance. Also present and participating in the session were Rev. Henry Thompson for nearly 12 years the pastor of the Mountain View church, and the Rev. Everett Wright.

A memorial service and singing took place during the afternoon session following the luncheon on the church grounds. A brief business session was also held at the beginning of the session.

Four members of the two families, Jason Sheffield. Mrs. Annie Davis Cranford, Mrs. Jessie Hill Foster and Troy R. (Dan) Hill, were honored in the memorial service. Mrs. William F. Redding gave the memorial for Jason Sheffield and Mrs. Cranford while her sister, Mrs. Allen Robbins, spoke in memory of Mrs. Foster and Dan Hill.

Flowers in the church were presented in memory of Jason Sheffield by his children, in memory of Mrs. Cranford by Mrs. Redding, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Annie Hughes of the Hughes Bouquet Shop, and in memory of the late John F. and Angeline Miller Jarrell by his daughters, Mrs. Redding and Mrs. Robbins, and his granddaughter, Mrs. Michael Thompson.

Mrs. Betty Sheffield, of Asheboro, widow of Jason Sheffield, was presented the prize for being the oldest person in attendance. She is 86 years old.

Richard Hayes Garren, four weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Garren, of Route 2, Asheboro, was awarded the prize for being the youngest member of the two families present. Coincidentally, the infant's sister, Clara Mae, was awarded the prize for being the youngest person present at the meeting of the Rich reunion 13 years ago at the Mountain View church. This was one year before the beginning of the Miller-Hill reunion. The two children are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Crotts, of Route 2, Asheboro, and great-grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller.

Among the singers present were the Gospel Quartet, the Central Trio, the Harmonettes from the Mountain View church and the Townsend Sisters, Soloists were Billy Ferree, Ted Trogdon and Brenda Allred.

Writer Occupied With Graduation, Homecomings, And Other Activities

Jun. 16, 1960 – Graduations, homecomings, memorial days, a tea and a reception have kept the North Asheboro correspondent on the go since the first of the month. The very first day of the month a trip was made to Staley to take a gift to Miss Nancy Brown, a 1960 graduate of Liberty high school, and to explain to her the reason for not attending her graduation on the following night.

The reason was the graduation of co-worker Darrell Garner as salutatorian of his class at the Franklinville high school. This young man also served as president of his senior class. The Garner family, including Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garner and three other sons, David and twins Stan and Steve, live on Route 1, Asheboro but attend the Balfour Baptist church in this community. The Balfour pastor, Rev. W. C. Bearden, was also present for the graduation ceremony.

Saturday afternoon, June 4, found this correspondent going down Route 4, Asheboro to the home of polio patient Clendon Richardson.

It was a hot sunshiny afternoon and Clendon was out on the lawn in his electric wheel chair getting a sun tan. Clendon was observed again last Friday afternoon sitting in a car on North Fayetteville street waiting for the parade of the contestants in the Queen of Randolph pageant.

That evening, following the visit to the home of Clendon Richardson, was spent attending the beauty pageant in Randleman in which many beautiful girls, both juniors and seniors, took part. Miss Pat Christenberry, daughter and niece of good friends Gilbert Christenberry and John Wood, was the winner in the senior division and Miss Teresa Raby was the winner of the junior division. Notwithstanding the assertion of C. Henry King in Monday's issue, one film out of the several rolls which were supposed to have been made was salvaged. A young Central Falls girl, Miss Anita Reeder, also participated in the contest.

The next morning found your reporter at the annual homecoming and Memorial Day services at the Charlotte Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. Bill T. Payne, spoke in the morning service and the Rev. Ron L. Hall, pastor of the Asheboro Circuit of the Methodist church, was scheduled to speak in the afternoon service.

The rains came just prior to the picnic luncheon on the church grounds and since this most enjoyable part of the annual observance was missed, the afternoon service was passed over for a trip to the northern and northwestern part of Randolph County, accompanied by brother-in-law, Glenn Dawson.

The first stop was made at the Route 1, Sophia home of ailing Jessie Whitehead and her husband, Banner. It saddened this reporter to see this remarkable woman, usually so hospitable and so concerned for the welfare and enjoyment of others, lying on her bed to receive the steady stream of visitors who came to inquire as to her condition and to manifest their regret at her illness.

The doors of the residence of Jessie and Banner Whitehead have always been opened wide to their host of friends and acquaintances and now that Jessie is sick and Banner is distressed, the people are still coming to return in a small way the many courtesies of the past. Mrs. Eyelar Janettie Pritchard Keerans (Kearns) was not at home when we stopped at her Archdale residence. This 78 year-old woman is now released from her confinement since the death of her 99 year-old mother. Mrs. Sarah Jane Pritchard, who passed away following the observance of her birthday on last June 30. Mrs. Keerans has her house up for sale and according to information received from a neighbor she plans to enter the Methodist Home in Charlotte.

A brief stop was then made at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwards, aunt and uncle of Glenn Dawson. The couple formerly lived in Virginia but since Mr. Edwards

retirement have lived in Archdale. Mrs. Edwards is the former Roella Lowdermilk and was reared below Ulah.

After a stop at the home of the Joe Coffields, the Sunday afternoon excursion continued to the Mt. Vernon Community "Hut" where a tea in honor of Mrs. Gilbert R. English was in progress. Mrs. English, active for a long time in Mt. Vernon Home Demonstration Club and the county home demonstration organization, is now serving as president of the North Carolina Home Demonstration Clubs and the Sunday afternoon tea was given in her honor by the home club and the people of the Mt. Vernon community.

Many people from the Mt. Vernon community, the county and the state passed by the receiving line to greet Zeola Sikes English, who has been so useful to her community and to the local, county, district and state organizations of her home demonstration groups.

A trip through the Mt. Vernon community would not be complete without a visit to the venerable doctor of the community, 97 year-old Dr. J. D. Bulla. He was sitting in his usual rocker on the front porch of his spacious residence, attending to the patients who still beat a steady path to his door. One patient left as we arrived and two more remained for the receiving of medication. The doctor said that the patients had been coming since the early hours of the morning. After the patients left, we talked and reminiscenced of the years in the past. We discussed the graduation of the doctor's grandson and namesake, Jeff Bulla from the medical school at Chapel Hill on the following morning and the inability of the doctor to attend. Then the doctor spoke up and said that there was only one place that he would really like to go. The answer came quick and it was emphatic: "duck hunting." The doctor has never become reconciled to having to quit this favorite sport and one in which he engaged until just a few years ago.

The days following were comparatively quite and filled with things routine, broken only by the annual Queen of Randolph pageant on Saturday evening at the high school auditorium.

Nancy Everall, former resident of the community, was one of the five finalist and Nancy Brown, the 1960 Liberty graduate who lives in Staley, was also one of the contestants. The winner, Miss Sylvia Williams, is a sister of a North Asheboro resident, Mrs. Jimmy Tatum.

Sunday, June 12, however, arrived with another full schedule. The annual homecoming and memorial service was held Sunday morning at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church, with a former pastor, Rev. Carl V. Sparks, coming back to preach the sermon. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, Joyce, who is now grown-up at the age of 17, attractive and a rising senior in the Central Davidson County high school. Tribute was paid in the service to L. J. Hill, long time Neighbors Grove member who had passed away during the past year. The Neighbors Grove pastor, Rev. Paul E. Allred, spoke of Mr. Hill's faithfulness and his loyalty to the church in which he worshipped for so many years. He especially referred to his participation in the revivals and he had a desire to he said of him, "he loved revivals and he had a desire to see souls saved." Tribute was also paid to the late Rev. D. C. Stone, a former pastor of the church who is buried in the church cemetery. Mrs. D. C. Stone was present for the services and also the son, Garland who is now operating a motel and restaurant business in Edenton.

A stop then by the Balfour Baptist church where the commencement exercises for the Vacation bible School had just been concluded. According to the pastor, Rev. W. C. Bearden, and other workers, the school had been most successful, with an enrollment of 180. Average attendance for the school had been 171.

In the Balfour bulletin, it was noted that the Mission Vacation Bible School would be held Monday through Friday, with classes each day from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

A quick lunch and a hurried trip to the Mountain View Methodist church west of Asheboro in order to be there for the afternoon session of the 12th annual reunion of the Miller-Hill families. This was the second year to attend this reunion gathering and the invitation from the sisters, Mrs. William F. Redding, and Mrs. Allen Robbins, was greatly appreciated. The attendance at the reunion also afforded a period of fellowship with good friends Sam Nelson and Henry Thompson, the latter having been pastor at Mountain View for nearly 12 years.

However, the good fellowship with the Millers and the Hills and their kin people had to be broken off in time to allow an attendance at the silver wedding anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. Watson Millikan at their lovely home on Shaw St. in Randleman. This was a most gracious affair, well planned and attended by a group of congenial people. Incidentally, Mr. Millikan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Millikan, of Route 1, Sophia, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last month. A visit was made to the homes of Alton Culver and Tom Lassiter before the return trip to Asheboro.

Monday a friend of long standing came by, an Asheboro native, 1st Lieutenant Bob Poole, of the U. S. Air Force, who has been assigned to duty in Germany.

On that same evening he and his wife and their two daughters were leaving for a point in New Jersey where they would leave by plane on Wednesday for the new duty in Frankfort, Germany. Bob will be assigned to duty at the big air terminal in Frankfort as a weather observer. His last duty was in Bryan, Texas and while stationed at that place he was afforded the opportunity of attending Texas A. & M. College where he was recently awarded a Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in meteorology. It was good to see this good friend and to know that he is doing so well in the Air Force.

Word came on Tuesday that "Aunt Fannie" Luck had passed away. This well known Randolph county native had spent the last years of her life at The Methodist Home in Charlotte, at which place her brother, C. A. (Charlie) Voncannon had also lived until his death at the age of 97 the latter part of last year Mrs. Luck was 91 years of age.

One more trip, this time to attend the annual Red Cross dinner at Cedar Falls Tuesday night, and if you are still with us, we'll go to press.

Carolina Baptist Camp Begins Annual Services

Jun. 16, 1960 – The Carolina Baptist Camp Meeting began services Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the second annual series of services held by the group.

Services are being held each morning during the week at 10 o'clock and each evening at 7:30 and on Sunday afternoons at three o'clock in a large tent located on

Highway 220 midway between Asheboro and Randleman and at the site of the old Midget Race Track.

They will continue through The Sunday afternoon service on Sunday June 26.

Speaker for the services this week will be Rev. Harold Sightler, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church in Greenville, S. C. He spoke in the initial service Sunday afternoon and will speak in the evening services during this week.

Speaking in the morning services throughout the series of services will be ministers of this area who are associated with the camp meeting group. It is announced that several Baptist churches of this vicinity are cooperating in the evangelistic effort.

The Rev. Mr. Sightler, speaker for this week's services is the organizer of the church in South Carolina of which he is still the pastor. At the time of its organization in July, 1952, there were 168 charter members. The church has seen outstanding growth and at the present time has over 1,100 members.

Speaker for the second week of services at the camp meeting, beginning Sunday afternoon, June 19, will be Evangelist Ed Corn, of Hendersonville. He will continue through to the close of the meeting.

Singing from Thursday evening through the remainder of the week through both weekends of the meeting will be the Gospel Trio from Concord, Singing at the other services of the meeting will be other visiting singers and local groups from the participating churches.

Camp meeting officials directing the progress of the services are president, Rev. Harold Leake, pastor of the Mountain View Baptist church in Asheboro; vice president, Rev. Gurney Harrelson, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist church in Randleman; secretary, Rev. W. M. Belcher, pastor of the Central Falls Baptist church; and treasurer, Howard Boling.

Young Minister Fulfills His Mission

Jun. 23, 1960 – A young Methodist minister moved from Asheboro on Wednesday, leaving behind an indelible impression upon the people with whom he has been associated during the five years of his residence here.

Rev. Kenneth M. Johnson, who is challenged by the impossible, refuses to take no for an answer, does not believe in defeat and regards pessimism as something to be avoided, is leaving the pastorate of the West Bend Methodist church to become the pastor of the Oak Summit Methodist church in Winston-Salem.

On Saturday evening before his farewell sermon on the following morning, the beautiful chapel-library of the church's new \$100,000 educational plant was dedicated and named The Kenneth M. Johnson Chapel in his honor. This was a fitting tribute to a man who has been directed into using the talents, the ability and the energy which God has given him.

Kenneth Johnson was a junior at Davidson College and was singing professionally when called into the ministry in June, 1951. He had been for twelve years a member of the Johnson Family Singers at the time of his decision to enter the ministry of the Methodist church.

The Johnson Family Singers, composed of himself, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnson, his sister, Betty, and his twin brothers, Jim and Bob, dissolved the family singing group when Kenneth went into the ministry. Betty, a singer

of popular songs, is still singing professionally and is a well known member of the entertainment world.

Last year Kenneth Johnson and his family came together again for the recording of a popular stereophonic RCA-Victor Album, "Sing Hymns With The Johnson Family Singers." Before that time they had also appeared together at two different times for the singing of hymns on the Ed Sullivan Show.

Kenneth Johnson has always moved fast and events really happened fast when he received the call to preach in June, 1951. He preached his first sermon in his home church, the Pleasant Grove Methodist church near Charlotte, on Sept. 16, 1951 and on Oct. 2 of the same year he preached his second sermon on the McKendree charge of the Methodist church near Mooresville where he had been assigned as the pastor.

Six weeks later he was married and during that year in college, his senior year, he carried a full load, did practice teaching, conducted 14 funerals, participated in nine revivals and finished in the upper third of his class.

He continued to move fast and upon being next assigned to the New Mt. Vernon and Shady Grove churches in the northern part of Davidson county, he attended Duke Divinity School during his three years at those churches and also directed the construction of a \$72,000 building at one of the churches on the charge. At Duke he was named a winner in the Divinity School's annual preaching competition.

Since coming to West Bend, he has not only led the church in an overall building program but he has participated in other activities of his denomination, particularly in the youth work of the church. He has taught in several leadership schools and has served as district director of youth work.

He has been one of the more popular ministers in the Asheboro area, has participated in the activities of the community and has appeared in speaking engagements before many religious and civic groups.

When Kenneth Johnson and his wife, the former Evelyn Guyton, of Union, S. C., and their three children, Martha Lynn, Kenneth, Jr. and Robin Brent, leave Asheboro this week, they will actually be leaving the county of Mr. Johnson's birth. He was born in the Pleasant Ridge community in this county, his mother being the former Lydia Craven, a native of Ramsey.

An elder sister, Doris died before the birth of Kenneth at the age of 18 months and is buried in the cemetery of the Pleasant Ridge Congregational Christian church. The family moved from this county when Kenneth was six months old.

The dedication and naming of the chapel-library in his honor was a complete surprise to the minister. The congregation of the church had gathered for a covered dish supper in honor of the minister and his family and before eating he was called into the chapel for the dedicatory service which was led by the Rev. Cecil Hefner, pastor of the First Methodist church.

Before the order of service at the dedicatory service and the actual naming of The Kenneth M. Johnson Chapel, the following tribute to the minister was read: "Five years ago the Western North Carolina Conference in the usual manner assigned West Bend church a new minister. The church membership showed interest in their new occupants of the parsonage but expected only normal leadership and sermons from the pulpit.

"Rev. Kenneth Johnson, inspired by his attractive and devoted wife, Evelyn, and their energetic and lovable children, looked West Bend over, saw her needs and immediately began to advocate a revolutionary progressive program that startled the most ambitious of our membership. Kenneth's energy and keen interest led him into the homes of the church family and to a close check on those living in other places. In his lost and found campaign he greatly reduced the membership, and like Gideon, who reduced his army to 300, began to work with and inspire those remaining on the church enrollment. Kenneth's practical, realistic mind, inspired by Divine guidance, first rejuvenate the Methodist Men's Club and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. His influence with the young people was invigorating. He not only preached growth, expansion and activity to the membership, but was ever alert and watchful for an opportunity to discuss his ideas and plan for church expansion to individuals and Methodist groups wherever he happened to be. With his help the church increased its budget from \$9,575.00 for the year 1954-55 to \$25,081.90 for the year 1959-60. This increased budget inspired outside assistance to a point where the new church with all its facilities, was made possible.

Surely, great things have taken place at West Bend during Kenneth Johnson's ministry. The moving into our new building was a notable event and one long to be remembered by our congregation and friends.

"Our church with its modern and adequate facilities is equipped to serve this community in a most satisfactory manner for years to come. We feel that not only do we have the physical facilities, but of even greater importance to our spiritual welfare, we have enjoyed dedicated leadership.

We wish to give credit to whom credit is due, and in so doing would say that our pastor has furnished superb leadership for our congregation. This leadership has been the main contributing factor to the tangible results we now see.

"We reluctantly consent for our beloved pastor to move on to greater responsibilities and pray that good health will permit him to build for God's Kingdom for years to come. Before he leaves our midst, the people of West Bend, acting through the Official Board of the church, wish to pay to him a special and lasting tribute for his unselfish devotion to God's work in our community.

"The Chapel/Library is a part of our church for which Kenneth has a special attachment. Because of this and because it is a Sacred place to be dedicated to Divine worship, meditation and study, we believe is especially fitting that this chapel be named in his honor."

After the supper the minister and his family were presented with gifts from the congregation as a whole. On the next morning, at his final service, the minister preached on the subject: "The Preacher's Task." But actually no tasks exist for this minister who feels that you can do anything if you work hard enough at it.

Even though he has announced in the bulletin Sunday morning that "the morning service today will be led by our former pastor, who has been appointed to the Oak Summit church, Winston-Salem." And that technically his official tenure at the church had ended, he was still out Sunday afternoon watering the shrubbery which had recently been placed at the church.

Kenneth Johnson's interest in that which surrounds him will never end and it is that perception which has enabled

him to leave his mark on the people and the life of this community. Obstacles have never meant anything to him and it is due to his persistence, his optimism and his inspiration that Asheboro and the surrounding community is better off for his having been there.

Annual Routh Reunion Attracts 100

Jun. 30, 1960 – The annual reunion of the Lafayette and Martitia Ward Routh family was held Sunday at the Fellowship Hall of the Grays Chapel Methodist church. The family group began holding meetings in 1954.

Approximately 100 people were in attendance for the annual affair which was originally scheduled to be held at the old home place on Route 1, Climax. But rain moved the gathering in doors and therefore the facilities of the new Grays Chapel building were required to accommodate the large number of Rouths in attendance at the meeting.

The Lafayette Routh family originally consisted of eight sons and four daughters and the seven of them who are still living were present for the family gathering on Sunday.

One of the daughters, Mrs. Ollie Routh Luther, came all of the way from Miami, Fla., to attend the gathering, her first visit in two years. Mrs. Luther and her husband, I. D. Luther, also a native of this county, have been in Florida since 1927 and have operated a retail furniture store there since 1933.

Other children of Lafayette and Martitia Ward Routh present at the reunion Sunday were Clyde Routh, Route 1, Franklinville, Cicero Routh and Clarence Routh, Randleman, Mrs. Verla Kirkman, of Randleman, Mrs. Eula Lineberry, of Route 1, Climax, and Mrs. Elsie Pugh, of Route 4, Greensboro.

In this family the eight boys were first born in this order, Malcolm, Oscar, Ernest, Erastus, Lester, Clyde, Cicero and Clarence and then came the girls, Ollie, Verla, Eula and Elsie. Lester died at the age of 18 months but the other deceased sons, Malcolm, Oscar, Ernest and Erastus, died after reaching maturity.

The widows of the deceased members of the family who are still living, Mrs. Malcolm Routh, Mrs. Erastus Routh and Mrs. Ernest Routh, now Mrs. Annie Sluder, were also present for the family gathering. The widow of Oscar Routh is also dead.

Soon after their marriage over 80 years ago Lafayette and Martitia Ward Routh built a log house on the site where the old homestead still stands of Route 1, Climax. This log house consisted of two rooms downstairs, an attic upstairs and an attached shed where the cooking and eating was done. It was in this dwelling that all of the children, except one, were born.

The log house has been added to at least twice, the logs have now been covered and the structure is the imposing farm home of Mrs. Eula Routh Lineberry, her husband, Bennie H. Lineberry, and their family.

At the time the Rouths were growing up their post office was Grays Chapel and they attended the Lineberry School. The address was later changed to Route 1, Millboro and then to the present Route 1, Climax.

The head of the family, Lafayette Routh, was a farmer and also was employed at a government still, using the latter employment as a supplement to the farm income with which to support his wife and large family of children.

The meeting Sunday opened with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie," after which Mrs. Betty Pugh Marley, of Route 4,

Greensboro, pronounced the invocation. Mrs. Marley was in charge of the meeting which effected a formal organization for the first time, electing Clarence Routh as president, Mrs. Marley as secretary and Mrs. Bernice Routh Kearns, of Route 1, Franklinville, and Mrs. Eloise Lineberry Shives, of Route 1, Climax, as members of the program committee.

It was decided to hold the reunion at the same place next year, with the date to be scheduled to correspond with Mrs. Luther's annual visit from her home in Miami, Fla. She usually times her visit to correspond with the furniture show in High Point.

Howard Kerns said the prayer before the consuming of the sumptuous meal which was spread on the long tables in the lovely new building in which the meeting was held.

Following the meal and the period of fellowship, the group assembled in the Grays chapel church building for a program of singing by a trio composed of Mrs. Worth Routh, Mrs. John Allen Brown and Mrs. Johnny Routh. The meeting ended with the entire group singing "God Be With You Until We Meet Again."

Places represented at the reunion were Asheboro, Route 1, Sophia, Liberty, Route 1, Julian Route 2, Randleman, Siler City, Route 1, Franklinville, Miami, Fla., Bennett, Robbins, Randleman Route 1, Climax and Greensboro

Lighted Park Holds First Game; Named For President

Jun. 30, 1960 – The Clarence Smith Park, with 43 large lights gleaming overhead, was opened for its first night game Tuesday evening through the efforts of the North Asheboro and Central Falls Recreation Boosters Club.

Named for Clarence Smith, a North Asheboro resident who has worked for many years in the development of an athletic program for the youth of the community, the building of the Little League park has progressed rapidly since the formation of the boosters club a few weeks ago.

The first Little League game was played on the field on Wednesday, June, 22 and the lights arrived and were installed on the following Friday. It was estimated that 209 people were in attendance at the opening night game on Tuesday. Coming together for that game were the Klopman Mills team, Asheboro plant, coached by Clarence Smith, and the L & L Cleaners team.

Randolph Packing Company located in the vicinity of the Little League ball park donated land on a ten years lease for the use of the ball field. Soon afterwards the North Asheboro and Central Falls Recreation Boosters Club was organized for the initial purpose of securing lights for the field.

But plans of the club have been expanded for the future development of a picnic area and other recreational facilities. Memberships in the club are on a fee basis and by-laws for the club have been drawn up and a number of directors elected.

Officers of the club are W. I. (Bill) Carroll, president; Doyle Brown, vice president; Carl Murray, secretary; and J. L. Benson, treasurer. Directors are Ed Hutchens, Alvas Smoot, Bill Hasty, Clarence Smith, Stacil Brown, Jerry Southern, John Rich, Neal Cockerham, Joe Church, Sam Caviness and Paul Parks.

The club is availing its facilities to the use of the American Little League which comprises the northern area of Asheboro, including the following teams, Klopman Mills,

Asheboro plant, Klopman Mills, Central Falls Plant, L & L Cleaners, the Elk's Club and the Bur-Mills team.

Officials of the American Little League are Ed Hutchens, president; Doyle Brown, vice president; Jerry Southern, secretary and treasurer; and Frank Bulla commissioner.

A concession stand has been built at the park through the efforts of local workmen and was in operation at the game Tuesday evening.

Clarence Smith, for whom the park was named, has coached the youth of the North Asheboro community in various athletic programs for approximately 15 years. He, more than any other person, has been responsible for the excellent athletic program which now exists in the area and directors of the newly organized club felt that it was fitting that the Little League Ball Park be named for him.

In recent years many all-state positions and other athletic honors have come to the North Asheboro community and the recipients of these honors attribute their success to the early coaching received at the hands of Clarence Smith.

Fifth Annual Reunion Of Tyson And Dawson Families Is held On Sunday

Jun. 30, 1960 – The 5th annual reunion of the family of Ulysses Tyson and Roxanna Lowdermilk Dawson was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hinshaw on route 5, Asheboro.

All of the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dawson were present, in addition to several of the grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Rev. Larry McEntire, of Greensboro, pastor of the Hopewell Friends Meeting, joined with the family in the annual gathering. The only other person outside of the family present was Jimmy Fetner, of Asheboro.

The Hopewell cemetery is the family burying ground for the Dawson family and is located in the vicinity in which the family lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards, of Archdale, were present for the family reunion. Mrs. Edwards is a sister of the late Mrs. Dawson and is the only living aunt of the Dawson children.

There was no formal program, with the group enjoying a sumptuous meal at the lunch hour and a period of family fellowship.

Family members in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hinshaw, Route 5, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hinshaw, of Climax, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hinshaw and children Michael, Joe, Kathy and Kenneth, of Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hurley and son Randy, of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Val Thornburg and Wade and Judy Thornburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Dawson of Route 3, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dawson and Glenn, Jr. and Tyson Dawson, of Route 2, Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Pike and son, David of Route 1, Snow Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dawson, of Martinsville, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lieber and sons, Charles and Martin, of Route 4, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hinshaw and children, Susan, Scarlett, Johnny and Darrell, of Julian, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen and sons, Billy and Steve, of Greensboro.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Whitehead

Jul. 4, 1960 – Mrs. Jessie Davis Whitehead, a well known resident of New Market Township, was buried Saturday

afternoon in the cemetery of the Marlboro Friends Meeting House, of which place she was a birthright member.

She died Thursday afternoon at her home on Route 1, Sophia, after a serious illness of three months. She was 75 years of age.

A native of the Cedar Square section north of the place at which her life came to an end, she was married on Aug. 12, 1909 to Banner J. Whitehead, a native of Alamance County, who survives her at the age of 85 years.

She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Arrington, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Jennie Welborn of High Point. She was the youngest child of David Stanton and Elizabeth Spencer Davis and except for the first five years of her marriage she spent her entire life in that vicinity in which she was born and in which she died.

Three friends, Bobby Medford, York Teague and Isaac Harris, ministers of the Friends faith, officiated at the final rites. The Cedar Square quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Jody Coltrane, Sonny Davis and Bobby Hiatt, some of the young people which she loved so much, sang two songs, "Tomorrow May Mean Goodbye" and "There is a Wonderful Country, Somewhere."

Pallbearers were Kenneth Pugh, D. S. Davis, Branson Davis, Robert Davis, Fred Browder. David Davis, Will Coltrane and Henry Crotts, all of whom were neighbors and friends.

Two significant statements were brought out by the ministers in their prayers and their eulogy. One gave thanks "for every kind, loving and generous deed "while another one referred to the "love, devotion and concern."

These statements characterized the life of Jessie Whitehead. Her life had been spent in concern for others and many had been the recipient of her kindness and hospitality. The home which she and Banner had maintained for over half a century had been a hospitable place, to which their large number of friends had always been made welcome.

For a period of years, before they had become less active, Banner and Jessie Whitehead had invited a group of the older people of the community to partake of their hospitality at Thanksgiving and similar group of the younger people to come at Christmas. During their 45 years of residence at the place where Jessie died, friends, relatives and acquaintances found the Whitehead doors wide open and they came continuously to visit and to fellowship with this beloved couple.

These visits continued, even more regularly, after Jessie's illness, as the friends came out of concern for her condition and to help make pleasant her last days.

May the people still come, to comfort the aged and lonely man as he sits in his rocker and remembers the happy days which he and Jessie spent, dating back through the past 50 years.

Son Of Local Pioneer Visits In Randolph

Jul. 4, 1960 – An Enid, Okla., doctor, whose great-grandfather was a pioneer Randolph County doctor and in whose family there have been eight doctors. Visited recently with relative in this vicinity.

Dr. Mike Dougan, accompanied by his wife, their two children and his wife's parents, paid a brief visit recently with Ernest Clark in Asheboro and with members of the Dougan family west of Asheboro.

He is a great-grandson of Dr. Arch Bulla; one of the earlier doctors of this area who lived in Back Creek township.

His grandmother was Margaret Bulla Dougan and two of her brothers, A. M. Bulla and J. D. Bulla, his great-uncles, were doctors, with Dr. J. D. Bulla still living on route 1, Trinity, at the age of 97 years.

Coming on down on that side of the family, Dr. A. M. Bulla's son, Dr. A. C. Bulla, has recently retired as the medical officer in Wake County after a long tenure of service and Dr. J. D. Bulla, II, grandson of Dr. J. D. Bulla, has recently been awarded his medical degree at the medical school of the University of North Carolina.

Going back to the paternal side of Dr. Mike Dougan's family, his grandfather, McKay Dougan, and his grandmother, Margaret Bulla Dougan, left Randolph County many years ago in order that McKay Dougan might practice medicine in the Indian territory of Oklahoma, They took with them their three children, Arch, Harvey and Etta.

Margaret Bulla Dougan didn't like the Indian Territory and soon came back to Randolph County with her three children. McKay Dougan remained in Oklahoma and upon becoming a young man; Arch Dougan rejoined his father, studied medicine and became a doctor also.

Dr. Arch Dougan married after going back to Oklahoma, resided and practiced medicine in the town of Carmen, and became the father of three children. He died two or three years ago and one of his three children is Dr. Mike Dougan, who visited here recently with relatives.

Ernest Clark, with whom the doctor and his family visited in Asheboro, was a first cousin of Dr. Arch Dougan and in his younger years went to Oklahoma and worked on the doctor's ranch farm. The members of the Dougan family, including Joe, Glenn, Tom and Wade Dougan and their sister, Mrs. Essie Dougan Routh, are first cousins of Dr. Mike Dougan, as their father, Harvey Dougan, was a brother of Dr. Arch Dougan.

The Oklahoma visitors visited with Dr. J. D. Bulla at his Route 1, Trinity home and went on to High Point to visit with Everett and Wade Marsh sons of Mrs. Etta Dougan Marsh, sister of Dr. Arch Dougan, the Messrs. Marsh also being first cousins of Dr. Mike Dougan.

Sunday School Convention Gathers For Annual Meeting In Tabernacle

July 7, 1960 – The Tabernacle Township Sunday School Convention, which began meeting before the turn of the century, held its annual meeting on the fourth Sunday in June at the High Rock Baptist Church.

Waymon Trotter, who served a term as president 18 years ago, was again elected to serve as president for the coming year.

Other officers named this year were Tommy Trogdon, vice president; Mrs. Carrie Staley, secretary and treasurer; Jones Peacock, adult worker; Mrs. Louvenia Hill, children's worker; and Max Small, young people's worker.

Churches comprising the Sunday School convention are the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Mt. Gilead Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church, Tabernacle Methodist Church, Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, High Rock Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, Westfield Baptist Church, and Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting.

In connection with the convention on the fourth Sunday in June, a Sunday School institute is held by the same group on the fourth Sunday in Oct. of each year. The institute will be held this year at the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church. The convention next year will be held at the Bethel Baptist Church.

A record book which was begun at the 12th annual meeting of the Sunday School convention on July 18, 1909 is still being used by the convention, although there are only a few pages left in the journal for the recording of the minutes. On the flyleaf of the record book is this inscription: "This book is the property of the Tabernacle Township Sabath School Association bought July 20, 1909. J. C. Hoover, Secretary"

It was noted that J. C. Hoover served as secretary and treasurer up through the convention of 1919 and during that time, with the exception, he recorded the meeting as a "Sabath School Conention" instead of a Sunday School Convention and he spelled Sabbath with one b in contrast with the use of two letters in the word today. Evidently that was the mode of spelling in that day, as Mr. Hoover appeared to be a man of considerable knowledge and penmanship.

The records of 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 are missing from the record book and after the meeting of 1924, at which time a new secretary, Mrs. J. M. Cameron, appeared on the scene, the annual meeting was referred to thereafter as The Tabernacle Township Sunday School Convention.

According to the records, the convention was an all day affair up through the meeting of 1935, after which it seems that the meeting reverted to just an afternoon session, The Sunday School Institute, held at a different time of the year, seems to have started in 1926.

As mentioned before the recorded meeting in 1909, Benjamin Lanier was listed as the president and J. C. Hoover as the secretary. However at that meeting, J. W. Welborn was elected president, with Mr. Hoover retaining his position. Mr. Lanier was named as the vice president.

The Convention that year was opened by song service and prayer by the Rev. F. L. Fiddler. Addresses were made by Elijah Moffitt, president of the state and county associations, Professor E. J. Coltrane and the Rev. Mr. Fiddler.

The collection that day amounted to \$1.06, with 60 cents being used to purchase the record book which is still being used and 46 cents to be used for the expenses of the convention. However, pledges that day amounted to \$6.50, distributed as follows among the four of the churches, Mt. Gilead \$2, Poplar Ridge \$1.50, Mt. Zion \$2, and Mt. Shepherd \$1.

Mt Gilead led in the report of average attendance at the convention of 1909, reporting an average attendance of 88, Pleasant Hill was second with 68 and Mt. Pleasant was third with 49.

Beginning with the 1909 convention, presidents who have served have been Benjamin Lanier, J. W. Welborn, Lea A. Briles, G. E. Hoover, J. F. Hughes, L. C. Smith, L. E. Hoover, E. M. Briles, E. C. Crowson, E. D. Skeen, W. A. Shore, John Hill, Dallas Rush, Waymon Trotter, Allen Nelson, Mrs. E. P. Walker, Enos Skeen, E. R. Klass, Guy Hughes, Charles B. Walker, and Robert Green.

Many of the presidents have served for several years in succession while others have served at different periods.

Names of secretaries in the recorded minutes in the journal which were started in 1909 have included the following, some of whom have been assistant secretaries, J. C. Hoover, Mrs. J. M. Cameron, Verda Briles, Mrs. John Hughes, Ruth Lowe Kearns, Lillian Myers, Pearl Hoover, Lucy Fuller, Marie Gallimore, Kathleen Younts, Mrs. Eugene Walker, Essie Myers, Louise Smith, Mrs. G. R. Kindley, Mrs. Charlie Thomas, Ruby Briles, Mrs. Charles Walker, Mildred Younts and Mrs. Carrie Staley.

Some of the outside speakers at the convention and the institute have been Elijah Moffitt, Professor E. J. Coltrane, David Farlow, Rev. A. S. Raper, Capt. J. L. Parkin, S. F. Lassiter, T. J. Finch, L. Farlow, F. Farlow, J. V. McCombs, L. M. Morgan, Rev. Joel Trogdon, Lula Andrews, F. M. Wright, L. F. Ross, M. Sharp, Dr. J. D. Gregg, D. C. Coltrane, Miss Hope Hubbard, Miss Dora Redding, Rev. G. W. Buck, R. L. Pope, Lee Keeams, Miss Bertha Presnell, S. G. Richardson, John M. Presnell, J. H. Hurlley, J. O. Redding, Dean P. E. Lindley, Rev. Roscoe B. Fisher, Rev. Gurney B. Ferree, Rev. Charles Johnson, Rev. Cora Lee Johnson, and many other speakers within the Tabernacle district and other places.

Recitations were used frequently during the programs of the earlier years and in 1912 five of those were rendered by young people in attendance. They were entitled as follows: "Life's Lessons" by Pallie Parrish, "The National Sin" by Ima Finch, "The Absent One" by Bingham Welborn, "Kindness And Appreciation" by Sallie Varner, "Jesus Giveth His Beloved Ones Sleep" by Flodo Kearns, "Nickle Behind The Bar" by Dalton Smith, "A Little child Drowned" by Pearl Crowson, "The Christian Ambition" by Fannie Morgan, and "The Tramp Redeemed" by Ollie Johnson. The following year, 1913, Bessie Morgan recited "Saint and Sinner" and Mamies David recited "Our Gift to the King."

During the secretaryship of J. C. Hoover, it was noticed that the name, now known as Kearns, was spelled as Keeams. After the lapse of the four years in the keeping of the minutes and the advent of the new secretary, the name was recorded in the present day version.

It was noticed in the first recorded years of the holding of the convention that some of the Sunday Schools did not run through the entire 12 months of the year. Some of them ran the year around while some of the others did not run but four to six months out of the year.

Some of the names not heretofore mentioned but which have been familiar to Tabernacle township residents through the years were found in the record book and we are including them as follows, A. W. Welborn, S. D. W. Pierce, W. C. Briles, U. G. Wall, Jr., J. W. Varner, Thomas Gaddis, Mark Briles, Oscar Hughes (Hughes), George Frazier, A. R. Keeams, Frand Fuller, C. H. Phillips, Carry Keeams, Ed Farlow, Scott Rush, Sarah Walker, Frank Cashatt, Mary Davis, Julius Keeams, Marcus Briles, G. L. Cashatt, Gurney Hoover, R. W. Prevost, A. W. Younts, R. C. Plummer, O. P. Walker, R. W. Thayer, W. C. Lanier and Moleta Morgan.

Also Frank Hunt, J. M. Cameron, Mrs. E. M. Briles, Mrs. B. F. Morgan, Mrs. Ivey Thomas, Sam Crotts, Mrs. S. W. Hughes, Mrs. Everett Smith, Remmy Summey, Charles Hughes, Pearl Kearns, Arch Briles, Mrs. Melvin Pierce, G. W. Summey, Carl Rush, Allen Prevo, Estella Thomas, Mrs. Lee Younts, G. W. Andrews, Miss Lois Robbins, Miss Virginia Rush, J. W. Jester, E. W. Kindley, Miss Mary Robbins, Eugene Kearns, Miss Mary Ledwell, Mrs. E. T.

Kearns, Miss Pearl Gallimore, Donald Fuller, Mrs. I. S. Thomas, Sam Myers, Miss Cletus Sumner, Pearl Cashatt, John Myers, Imogene Sumner, Jewell Marsh, Margaret Farlow, Marie Gallimore, Evelyn Smith, Tulah Summey, Bernice Gallimore, Jewel Pierce, C. L. Haltom, Marie Parrish, C. L. Maiden, Ruby Arnold, Mrs. Ruby Osborne, Mrs. Blanche Kennedy, Rev. Milner Angel Cox, Carlene Gallimore, W. G. Barker, Mrs. Dessie Coggins and Patsy Hoover.

Also, Miss Lalia Briles, Charles Hoover, Rev. Henry Thompson, Jones Peacock, Mrs. Dave Snider, Miss Ruby Walker, Sam Arnold, E. E. Hough, Robert Ennis, Carl Crotts, Fletcher Millikan, Walter Ward, C. B. Loflin, Lawrence Crews, Theresa Snider, Cecil Hill, Winfred Hunt, Ed Hughes, John Younts, Roy Ward, Mrs. James Smith, Glenn Loflin, Coy Loflin, Tom Kearns, Jessie Hoover, Will Jester, Warren and Jewel Pierce, Webb Meredith, Rev. Vernie Stanley, Odell Rush, Peggy Thomas, Maxine Miller, and many other names which time and space do not permit mentioning.

Landmark For Half Century Fading From County Scene

July 14, 1960 – The Country Holiness church, whose services were discontinued several years ago, is being leveled to the ground and will soon cease to exist even as a church building.

Built around 55 years ago, the church once consisted of an enthusiastic congregation and was the scene of many "big meetings."

With its razing, a landmark is passing cut of existence and there will be a blank space on the bend of the road between Randleman and Worthville where the church building has stood for over a half of a century.

The large cemetery which was started before the building of the church, is still being used. It is said that the man who donated land for the cemetery made it plain that it would be "free burying ground." Since there have been no restrictions, many have been buried there, with the interments still occurring.

The cemetery was first started as a burying ground for the family of Sam Trogdon, with perhaps some of the family of John Robbins also being buried there. It is reported that Mr. Trogdon thought he was burying on his own land which adjoined the cemetery but discovered later that the burials had been made on the land of John Clapp. It is further reported that Mr. Trogdon offered to take up the bodies which had been buried but that Mr. Clapp declined the offer and in turn donated the land for the cemetery.

The Country Holiness church actually got its start in a tent meeting which was held by evangelists Charlie Johnson and Clark Frazier, with Spencer Brower serving as the singer.

Afterwards, the building which is now being torn down was erected with the assistance of John Slack and his father, Jim Slack, Lyndon Stalker and the sons of King Stevens.

The building was constructed out of lumber which came from the old Methodist church building in Naomi and it is thought that the lumber had been used in another church building before that time. The lumber is still good and has been sold to Boyd Henley, who is tearing the building down and will use the lumber again in a building in New Salem. Lumber in the old building was sold to Mr. Henley for \$50.

After organization of the church around 55 years ago, it flourished greatly and some of the older people of the community remember the revival meetings which were held in a tent on the church grounds. There was a large Sunday school and the church was considered to be a most substantial rural congregation.

But the church attendance and also the interest diminished when another Pilgrim Holiness church was established in Randleman and the country church was reorganized as a unit of the Randleman church.

So, around 25 years ago, the regular services at the church were discontinued. At about that time another church, the Midway Wesleyan Methodist church, was organized and a building erected a short distance from the Country Holiness church.

However, the church was still used for funerals and memorial services until a few years ago. With the leaving off of services altogether, the church building deteriorated greatly. The benches were taken out, the floor had been condemned and as with the rule in empty building the window lights were broken out.

But with the building still standing, the Country Holiness church remained a symbol of spiritual achievements and the more prosperous years of the past. Many people retained their ties with the place where they had known god and the place where their loved ones were laid to their final rest.

When the building is eventually brought all the way to the ground and cleared away, the symbol then will be gone and only the graves will remain.

Roamin' Randolph County

July 14, 1960 – A tour which took this correspondent to the four corners of the county began in the late afternoon following Independence Day.

Supper at Sherwood Drive-In, on Highway 49 west of Asheboro was followed by a tour of Oakwood Acres, a beautiful new 312 acre development just west of the Mack Road, accompanied by Kermit Briles, the owner and the developer.

On to the Pisgah area in Union township, a stop at Lacy Strider's store, past the covered bridge and on to the Mt. Lebanon Baptist church, pastured by Rev. D. C. Sullivan.

Thence across to the other road and a visit to the vicinity of the Callicutt's Memorial church. This is a small sturdy structure built on the site of Callicutt's cemetery, constructed by members of the the Callicutt family and used for funerals, the reunion of the family and other special occasions.

A visit to the home of V. L. Callicutt, long time highway employee, also resulted in an acquaintance with Mr. Callicutt's 86 year-old uncle, Charlie Callicutt, who was out working in the cool of the evening with the old time mowing scythe, the type which he had used through out the years.

Coming back to Asheboro the spacious stone structure of the Hoyt Callicutt residence stood gleaming in the early night-fall with the High Pine Wesleyan Methodist church building and parsonage a little farther up the road, Rev. John Moretz is pastor of this church which has long stood as a spiritual bulwark in that community.

The southeastern part of the county was the object of our tour the next afternoon and the early part of the afternoon found us on Route 2, Seagrove, right at the Moore county line. This was directly south of the Riverside Baptist church

and the stream over which a low bridge has been built, following the fording of this body of water for many years.

The Riverside church, located in the extreme southeastern part of the county, is pastured by Rev. Griffin Bailey, a resident of Ulah, and the church premises and cemetery were well kept and cared for.

While in the vicinity below the church a brief visit was made with Edwin Wrenn at the large farm home at which he resides with his mother and sister. Coming back towards Erect by way of the Bennett road a stop was also made by Garner's Store and Station, operated by the Rev. Amos Garner, who is engaged in a successful pastorate at the Calvary Baptist church west of Asheboro. One other stop, at the home of F. F. Gatlin on Route 1, Seagrove, was made before arriving at Teague's Store in Erect.

This store, at which a horseshoe game had been in progress all the afternoon, is always the focus point of interest for the people of Erect and surrounding vicinities. There is also a buzz of activity at this place and the store that afternoon was tended by Lewis Teague, son of the owner and operator, Ernest Teague.

Archdale, Trinity and surrounding countryside became the places of interest for this journeying correspondent on the next afternoon. After making a number of visits in both Archdale and Trinity, the trip continued south of Trinity, bearing in an easterly direction and coming by Miller's Mill, located on a branch of Uwharrie River.

This mill, said to be 99 years old, was operated until around eight months ago by Ed Miller, who died in Mar. at the age of 80 years. Living up on a high knoll west of the mill is Garland Auman, a son-in-law of Mr. Miller, and his family. The Miller's Mill road came out at the residence of Dr. J. D. Bulla and into the prosperous Mt. Vernon community, in which community also lives Mrs. Gilbert English who is this week presiding over a meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs of North Carolina at Raleigh in her capacity as state president.

The fourth day of the Randolph County tour began with the first stop being made in the industrial village of Cedar Falls. Going north towards Grays Chapel the next stop was made at Charlie Walker's store in the bustling community of White's Memorial. Across from the store is located the White's Memorial Baptist church, of which the Rev. Jack Sherron, of Cedar Falls, is the pastor. One wing of the church has been extended, adding extra space to the facilities of the church.

Taking a road east at the crossroads, one which this correspondent had never traveled before, we soon came to a sign which directed to the Cool Springs Baptist church, a short distance off the road which we were traveling. Going to the site of the church, we found the grounds and the cemetery well kept and the church very trim, both on the inside and out. A nice carpet was laid in the aisles of the church auditorium.

Getting back on the road which we were traveling, we soon came to Kidd's Place, operated by C. W. Kidd, at which the old Brower's Mill is located. The mill, now operated by Mr. Kidd, is believed to have been started before the Civil War. Mr. Kidd's store, station and dwelling is built alongside of the mill dam and waterfall and his back lawn, extending alongside of the mill pond, is beautifully landscaped and is a most restful spot. The mill has also been known as Pugh's Mill and the Sandy Creek Mill, on which stream the mill is located

Going along the dirt road on which the mill was located, we soon came into the tar and gravel road on which the White's Chapel Methodist church and the Sandy Creek Baptist church are located.

We turned left and before long we were at the Sandy Creek Church, where the Southern Baptist churches received their origin in Nov. and Dec. of 1755. Three church structures are located at this site, the original Sandy Creek church, the church of the Primitive faith and the Sandy Creek Missionary Baptist church. This is indeed a historic, religious site and one which is deeply revered by members of the Baptist faith.

The Melancthon Lutheran church is located a short distance past the Sandy Creek church just before reaching Highway 49A, with this church having been disbanded for regular services but the cemetery still being used and in good condition.

On to Liberty and visits with many friends and associates at that place. In trying to find the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. (Sam) Davis, we found ourselves at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith, Mrs. Smith being the sister of our across the road neighbor, O. W. Flynt. This information was not known at the time of the stop at the Smith residence.

The last stop in Liberty and a most interesting one was made at the Coy M. Fox Poultry Farm, at which place is also located the Fox Turkey Ranch. Coy Fox is perhaps Randolph country's largest poultry dealer and in the season also raises several thousands of turkeys.

Leaving Liberty in the direction of Staley, we detoured towards the Alamance county line for a visit with Mrs. Lucy Maie Henderson, one of Randolph county's polio patients, and then stopped in Staley for a visit with friends there.

From Staley we went into the Brown's Cross Roads community, past the J. V. Langley store, on into the Parks Cross Roads community and over to Highway 13 at the Randolph Service Station, operated by Claudie Hayes. This community, in which the Coxes, the Burgesses, the Allens and the Greens live, is one of the most progressive sections in Randolph County. Thus ended the fourth day of the county tour.

The fifth and last day of this correspondent's travels over the county began in a westerly direction on the old Highway 64, with the first two stops being made at the homes of Waymon Trotter and Mrs. William F. (Ida) Redding. Going on past the newly brick veneered auditorium of the Bethel Baptist church and turning right at the John Cameron place, we went up the Hoover Mill Mine road to the auction sale of the Tennyson Hunt property. Tennyson Hunt, before his death, was a skilled machinist and a man of various other talents and there was a large crowd at the sale of his tools and other equipment.

Located a short distance past the Tennyson Hunt resident is the brick building of the Mt. Pleasant Methodist church, of which the Rev. James Allred is the pastor. The other covered bridge in Randolph county is located to the west of the church and although the bridge has been put out of service, it still sets majestically across the muddy waters of the Little Uwharrie.

Coming back past the sale site and to Highway 64, the trip continued on towards the Davidson county line, stopping just short of the line at the Midway Store and Station, owned and operated by Ray Myers and his two sons, Harold and Dallas. This is a fine business at a good

location and we enjoyed a good visit with the two Myers sons and Carl Nance, an old acquaintance who, happened to be in the place at the time of our visit. Carl Nance, who formerly lived nearer Asheboro and who is related to many people in the Asheboro vicinity, now lives in the extreme northwestern part of the county, near the Pleasant Hill Methodist church.

Turning directly north at the store, we went on to Prevost's Store, operated by our old friend, Allen Prevost, school teacher, former resident and operator of a store in Ulah.

Mr. Prevost lives in a house with a most spacious lawn just across from the store and just beyond him lives his brother-in-law, Charlie Myers, and his family. Jimmy Myers, a young handsome lad, is spending the summer months with his parents on vacation from the State School for the Blind at Raleigh.

Taking the right hand road at Myers residence brought us out at the Fuller's Mill road and crossing the one lane bridge and going up the road a short ways we came to the home of Baxter Younts. Mr. Younts was attending a funeral at the Tabernacle Methodist church but we talked with his son, Paul Younts, 1958 graduate of Trinity high school.

Upon coming back by Fuller's Mill, we found that it is still operated by Dewey Kennedy, serving the farm people of that area. One more stop, at the home of Arthur Thomas on the old Highway 64, and our vacation tour of Randolph County had come to an end.

On Saturday, July 2, following the burial of Mrs. B. J. Whitehead at the cemetery of the Marlboro Friends meeting House, we met up with an old acquaintance, Mrs. Milton Crawley, the former Beulah Rich, of the Sophia community. Mrs. Crawley, who was with her husband at the time of our encounter, now lives with her family, consisting of her husband and two children, in Atlanta, Ga. It had been many years since we had seen this former Randolph resident and it was good to meet up with her and to become acquainted with her husband

Young Minister Aids Community In Establishing White's Chapel Park

July 21, 1960 – The vision of a young Baptist minister and the cooperative effort of a community has resulted in the erection of the White's Memorial Ball Park, one of the most adequate of its kind in this general area.

The Minister, 29-year-old Jack Sherron, did not stop with the visionary effort in the establishment of recreational facilities for the White's Memorial community, he pitched in and installed the seventy-two 300 watt lights himself, adding to these lights three 500 watt flood lights on last Saturday.

In addition to serving as pastor of the White's Memorial Baptist church since Aug. 1952, the Rev. Jack Sherron is also a veteran lineman with the Randolph Electric Membership Corporation and therefore used his skill in installing the lights at the ball field.

The ball park is the home field of two teams from the community, White's Memorial Team No. 1 and White's Memorial Team No. 2, with these teams and four others, sponsored by the Pugh Oil Company and the communities of Worthville, White Hall and Holly Springs, comprising the Bush Creek League.

Idea for the building of the ball park originated around five years ago with the Rev. Mr. Sherron who felt the need for a

recreational outlet for the young people of the White's Memorial community. First concrete effort towards the realization of the ball field began with the gathering of scrap iron by the men of the community, which was sold to start the fund with which to accomplish their purpose.

Solicitation was also made at the homes of the community and the White's memorial women have worked long and hard in behalf of the community project. They have cooked, sold cakes at auction sales and have operated the concessions stand.

Actual work on the field began around 14 months ago. At that time the moving of the dirt on a two-acre tract of land donated by Charlie Walker for the laying out of the field began. Before that time the ball team had played on a tobacco field adjacent to the present ball field.

Mr. Walker, who operates the community store, gave the wooded area located a short distance southwest of his store for the establishment of the community project, with the provision that the land will revert back to him if it is not used as a ball field over a period of three years.

But there doesn't seem to be much chance of Mr. Walker getting his land back, as the ball field was widely used last season and is getting plenty of use this year also.

Sometimes two or three hundred people and more attend the important games of the Bush Creek League and the all-star games similar to the game which was played last Saturday night.

Clarence Pugh, manager of White's memorial Team No. 1, was a key figure in the building of the ball park and other members serving on a committee for the establishment of the park were Dempsey Lawson, Billy Cook, Charlie Walker, Willie Kidd, Dewey Amick, Walter Lineberry and Joe Tom Cross.

Lumber for the grandstand behind home plate was donated by Fred Davis. The grandstand is substantial and well constructed, as Mr. Davis told the committee not to leave out one piece of lumber which was needed in the building of the seats. Total cost of the entire project, not including donated labor, was approximately \$1500.

Managers for the teams in the Bush Creek League are Clarence Pugh for White's Memorial No. 2, Richard Pugh for Pugh Oil Company, Ed Tysinger for Worthville, Brad Slack for White Hall and Joe Stout for Holly Spring.

The first half season of play ended with White's Memorial No. 2, Worthville and Pugh Oil Company in a tie for first place. Pugh Oil Company won the play-offs and met the All-Stars composed of players from the other teams, in the game last Saturday night. Pugh Oil Company beat the All-Stars 17-9.

Indicative of the community spirit which resulted in the building of the field, paying for its construction as the work progressed and the cooperation generally among the people of the community is the keeper of the score board, 79-year-old James Wesley Webster, who also helped to cut the timber used in the grandstand and assisted in its construction.

The field is a large fenced in area, well graded, grassed outside of the base enclosures and is comparable to any of the baseball fields in this general section, including the ball parks in the various cities of this vicinity.

It is used for softball games around four nights a week and is also the site of get togethers of the community and the White's Memorial church.

In speaking of the attendance at the ball games, the Rev. Mr. Sherron said "there are more people there than at church." Because on his first Sunday at the church in Aug., 1952 there were 37 people in attendance. At the present time the attendance is in the neighborhood of 130.

The serious minded young minister made his profession of faith in Feb. of 1951 before becoming the pastor of the White's Memorial church in the summer of the next year. However he immediately began holding prayer services shortly after his profession of faith.

Jack Sherron never attended church prior to his marriage to the former Laura Snider, a native of the Siler city area, he has had no formal ministerial training but at the present time he is preaching twice every Sunday except the fourth Sunday night, he conducts prayer service every Wednesday evening and usually teaches a Sunday School class on Sunday morning. He works at his job with the R.E.A. during the day studies and visits among the people of his pastorate during the evenings, except on Monday evening which he reserves for his wife and their two daughters Jackie and Patricia, and the things which he needs to do on his own.

With the duties which have been placed upon him the quiet-spoken preacher does not have time to attend the games which are played in the field which he helped to create and in which he, along with the people of the White's Memorial community take a great deal of pride. But he speaks freely of the need which it has filled in the community and of the greater fellowship which has resulted because of its existence.

The White's Memorial community Jack Sherron, Clarence Pugh, Charlie Walker, James Wesley Webster and all the others, particularly the women, have plenty of reason to be proud of the White's Memorial Community Ball Park and there is talk now of building a community house in the future.

The community, once a remote area between Cedar Falls and the Grays Chapel community, is now beaming with pardonable pride, bursts out at its seams on the nights of its ball games and is generally taking its place among the more progressive communities of Randolph County.

Opening Of New Fellowship Hall 1960 Milestone In Church History

July 28, 1960 - The Fellowship Hall of the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, the fourth building in the 153 years history of the church, was opened to the public on Saturday evening, July 23.

At that time a ham supper was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church.

The second building of the Mt. Olivet Church, erected in 1874, is still standing and in use as Sunday School rooms. The present sanctuary of the church, built in 1926, was erected directly in front of the 1874 building and is attached to the older building.

Begun around the first of the year, the new fellowship hall has dimensions of 30 feet wide and 48 feet long and has been constructed south of the Sunday school rooms and is separated from the main building by a paved sidewalk. It consists of a large assembly room, with fireplace, a kitchen and two rest rooms. Approximate cost of the building is \$9,000.

Earlier, the church building had undergone an extensive program of renovation, including a new roof, a new steeple,

sheet rock and paint on the inside, remodeling of the pulpit and the painting of the church on the outside.

It was in 1813 that the Mount Olivet Methodist Episcopal Church South was founded by Rev. Enoch Spinks, a local preacher, who gave forty acres of land for the erection of a church building and the laying out of a cemetery.

According to a history compiled earlier by Miss Mae Wrenn, a present member of the church, "the first building was unceiled, unheated, and unlighted. Hand-dressed lumber and homemade nails were used in its construction. The history by Miss Wrenn continues as follows: "During the summer, camp meetings were held. Log sheds and tents housed the worshippers for two weeks. Negro slaves accompanied them to do the cooking. They were also members of the church, always sitting in the rear pews. For lighting the camp, pine knots burned on four foot scaffolds, covered with dirt."

Eighty-nine year old Mrs. Cora Tysor Wrenn, mother of Miss Mae Wrenn, remembers the old church building even though regular services had been discontinued in the building at the time of her birth in 1871. Mrs. Wrenn is the oldest living member of the Mt. Olivet Church, with her 86 year old brother, Herbert Tysor, being the second oldest living member.

The original Mt. Olivet Church was located off of the main road and for that reason and the need for a new building, it was decided in 1874 to build a new church on the public road.

Merrit Sugg, grandfather of Mrs. Wrenn and Herbert Tysor, gave one and three fourths acres of land for the new site which was located next to the Mount Olivet Academy and around a mile southeast of the site of the original building.

Incidentally, Rev. Enoch Spinks, the founder of the church, was the great-great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Wrenn and Mr. Tysor and Miss Mae Wrenn, the great-great-great-granddaughter of the Rev. Enoch Spinks, still has in her possession a book of Sermons compiled by John Wesley in 1810 and which was purchased by the Rev. Mr. Spinks from Jacob Hill in 1819 for the price of seventy-five cents. This information was gleaned from an inscription which is still visible on the fly leaf of the book.

But to get back to the second church building on the site, the lumber for the building was given by Alfred Brower and the original tract of land was sold, excepting for the cemetery plot. The burials continued in the cemetery at the original site long after the moving of the church and it was only around 1913 that a cemetery was started at the new church site. Land for the new cemetery was given by Lewis Sugg, son of the man who gave the land for the building of the second church.

The second church building was a one-room structure and was erected with hand-dressed lumber. The two forty foot and the two thirty foot sills and the ten foot corner posts were hand-hued and the two doors were handmade.

At the completion of the building in the year following its beginning, the dedicatory sermon was preached by Dr. Braxton Craven founder and president of Trinity College.

Alfred Brower, who gave the lumber for the second church building, was a prominent citizen of that area and it was for him that the township of Brower gained its name. At one time he operated Brower's Mill and the Richland Mill and was engaged in various other enterprises. His daughter, Laura Hoover, was the first organist of the new church, she

was a teacher in the Sunday School and was also the first president of the Missionary Society. Upon the death of Alfred Brower, he was buried in a wooded area, now owned by a member of the Wrenn family, and his funeral service was held in the colonial mansion-appearing home in which he lived below the Wrenn residence. The house has since burned. A grandson of Alfred Brower and also a namesake is the present treasurer of Duke University.

The first funeral to be held in the Mt. Olivet Church after its removal to the new site was that of Mrs. Mary Sugg Tysor, mother of Mrs. Cora Tysor Wrenn and Herbert Tysor, who died in 1876 while her children were still young. The first wedding occurred several years later with the uniting of Miss Lydia Brown and Jim Marley. Some of the Sunday School superintendents who served during the earlier years were Mae McCoy, Charlie West, Rufus Brower, T. J. Wrenn and L. O. Sugg.

The third milestone in the life of the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church occurred in 1926 with the decision to erect a new sanctuary in front of the second church building and to convert the latter building into four class rooms. This new building was completed in 1929 and Dr. Gilbert Rowe of the Duke University Divinity School, preached the dedicatory sermon.

Thus it was 34 years later, in 1958, that the Mt. Olivet congregation again decided to enter into a period of change and improvement. They decided to renovate the present church building and to erect a Fellowship Hall. The renovation was soon affected and now the Fellowship Hall has been completed and put into use.

A building committee, composed of Clay Sugg, chairman, Charles Teague, Edwin Wrenn, Aldie Hunter and Wayne Sugg, with Miss Golda Tysor as secretary and treasurer, supervised the construction of the new building. Rev. A. R. Davis is the pastor of the church and other churches on his charge include the Rehobeth, Maple Springs and Concord Methodist churches. Mrs. Wayne Sugg is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Mt. Olivet Church.

It is expected that the new building will be used frequently by the various organizations of the church and it is thought that the building will be especially advantageous to the young people of the congregation. In connection with the youth work at Mt. Olivet, people within the church still talk of the qualities of leadership which were manifested by the late Mrs. Mary Tysor Deaton, a teacher of the young peoples class, whose death occurred within the past few years.

The Mt. Olivet Methodist Church is situated directly below the Brower school in the community of Erect on Route 1, Seagrove in Brower township.

The church building, constructed on the architectural lines of the era in which it was erected, sets in a shady secluded spot on one side of the road, with the cemetery, peaceful and in a quiet repose, across on the other side.

Many former members and friends of the Mt. Olivet Church came last Saturday night for the opening to the public of the new Fellowship Hall and to partake of the delectable ham supper which was prepared and served by the ladies of the church. After the supper, several of them stayed to reminiscence and to enjoy the fellowship characteristic of the former years.

Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, formed in a primitive setting 147 years ago, has therefore completed its fourth phase of development in its contribution and service to the people of

the Erect community and Brower township. Although retaining its link of honor and respect to the forebearers and the members of the early church lying in the original burying ground a mile away to the northwest and to those just across the way from the present site, the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church congregation yet forges ahead to assume a new place in the spiritual welfare of the church and the community.

Final Rites Are held For Gurney Millikan

Aug. 4, 1960 – Gurney Lee Millikan, the 14th and last member of a well known Randolph County family, was buried Saturday evening in the cemetery of the Marlboro Friends Meeting House.

He was the youngest child of Daniel Washington Millikan and Annie L. Cross Millikan, who mainly reared their large family in Back Creek township, coming to Asheboro for a few years for the education of their younger children.

Daniel Washington Millikan was born on Jan. 8, 1828 and his wife, Annie L. Cross, was born May 3, 1843. They were married on Dec. 22, 1859.

Their fourteen children were born in this order, Frances Eugenia, Nancy Jane (Nan), Sarah Lou, Benjamin F., Thomas Azel, Sis and Alfred Russell, twins, Rachel Elmira (Em) and Louise Elvira (Vide), twins, Mary Louvina, Robert Arthur, James Garfield, Daniel Walter and Gurney Lee.

Sis, twin to Alfred Russell, died at the age of three years and eleven days and was evidently not given a formal name, as Sis is the only name which appears in the family records. It was noteworthy that the second set of twins were born in succession to Dan and Ann Millikan.

One other child, Benjamin F. also died at the age of nine months. All of the others lived to maturity and most of them to a fairly old age. Gurney, the last one to die, was 73 years of age.

Daniel Millikan was one of seven children, the others being Milton, Azel, Rebecca, Benjamin, Nancy and William Penn. They were the children of Benjamin Millikan and Sally Williams Millikan. Out of this family, three of the children, Milton, Nancy and William Penn, went out west and settled in Indiana. The four who remained here, Daniel, Azel and the twins, Benjamin and Rebecca, all married and had large families of their own, all of whom are now dead with the exception of Troy and Gurney Millikan, twin sons of Azel and Rev. Benjamin Harrison Millikan, son of Benjamin.

Randolph Native Observes 99th Birthday Wednesday

Aug. 11, 1960 – A Randolph County native now residing on Route 1, Bear Creek, became 99 years of age on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Mrs. Ella Craven Pope, whose mind often reverts to the more fruitful years of the the past, lives with her 70-year-old son, Luther Pope, with whom she has been staying since before the death of her husband, James Livingston Pope, in 1921. Mr. Pope was 69 years old at the time of his death.

Besides the son, Mrs. Pope also has four daughters, Mrs. Emma Johnson of Route 2, Ramseur, Mrs. Evelyn (Evie) Causey of Route 4, Greensboro, Mrs. Myrtle Burgess of Route 2, Ramseur and Mrs. Nannie Cox of Route 1, Ramseur. Another son, Charlie Pope, died several years ago.

Until about five years ago, Mrs. Pope's mind was clear and she visited frequently among her children in the communities in which they live. But a blood clot resulted in somewhat of a vacuum of the present and she spends much of her time living in the resourceful and useful years of a life which is now approaching the century mark.

Strongly religious by nature and training, she recently repeated the Lord's Prayer, word for word. She spends much time in prayer and still leans heavily on the faith which has sustained her through nearly a hundred years of existence.

Her health is good and until Feb. of this year she had never been a patient at a hospital. She fell at that time and cut her head, causing her to go to the hospital to have it sewed up. However, she did not have to remain overnight.

She eats heartily, feeds herself, and has only missed one meal. She gets up and down by herself, her face and figure are full and she does not look like a person who has lived nearly a century. Her hair is not completely white. She does not suffer at all from the illness with which she is afflicted.

Mrs. Pope receives devoted care from twin granddaughters, Mrs. Harold Cooper of Route 1, Bear Creek, and Mrs. Carter Thompson of Route 2, Siler City. These twins, identical in feature, are daughters of Luther Pope and their mother died when they were 22 months old. They don't remember their own mother and their grandmother, Mrs. Pope, helped to care for them. They regard her with great affection and are caring for her very tenderly. In referring to their relation to her and the fact that their mother died when they were so young, they said, "she is our mother."

As she lives in the years of the past in which there is the memory of two identical granddaughters. It is a little hard for Mrs. Pope to recognize the twins whenever they are not together. Sometimes she thinks it is a stranger who has come into her presence whenever they appear singly. Therefore the twins try to come together as they minister to the needs of the aged grandmother who has meant much to their lives and has replaced the mother they never knew.

Living in the home with Mrs. Pope and helping also in the responsibility of her welfare is her son and his second wife, to whom he was married following the death of the mother of his twin daughters.

On Aug. 10, 1861, Eleanor Elizabeth (Ella) Craven was born to Yancy Craven and Keziah (Kezie) Mann Craven in the southeastern part of Randolph County, a short distance west of the Concord Methodist Church, located at that time at the present site of the Concord cemetery.

She was the middle child of a family of nine children. A brother, I F. Craven, died last summer, leaving her the sole surviving member of her family. Other children in this family included Rev. Wesley Craven, a Methodist preacher, Charlie Craven, William Craven, Mrs. Melissa Rains, Mrs. Emma Brown, and Mrs. Almeda Vestal. One daughter, Laura Eudie, died at an early age. Some members of this family also lived to an advanced age.

Ella Craven lived at the old homeplace near the Concord church until her marriage to James Livingston Pope at the age of 24. Her husband was born at a place at Buffalo Ford, directly across from the present site of the Randolph Service Station between Ramseur and Coleridge, and was living there at the time of their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope lived at Buffalo Ford following their marriage and at various places in this county and also for four years in the edge of Chatham County.

The religious training which Mrs. Pope received from her father and mother in the family home has remained with her and is still very much in evidence as she enters the year which will make her a hundred. According to information from other members of the family, Yancy and Kezie Craven took time out each morning and night for Bible reading and prayer and it is that early training which is manifested itself in the lives of their children. Besides the son, Wesley Craven, who was a Methodist preacher, I. F. Craven, who died last year, was a strong Methodist layman not only in his own local church but in the district and conference as well.

While living in the Ramseur area, Mrs. Pope took her children to the services to all the churches in the community. Since the churches at that time did not have regular church services every Sunday, she would go with them from one church to the other, wherever the services were being held.

For the benefit of the children of the community who were not able to traverse the distance to Sunday school, she conducted classes on Sunday afternoon at the old Pine Hill school and it is said that seven preachers have come out of those classes on Sunday afternoon.

True to her Methodist upbringing, Mrs. Pope has retained her church membership through the years at the Rehobeth Methodist Church in the southeastern part of Randolph County. She has been a member of that church for over 60 years, although since living in Chatham County she has attended a Baptist church. Her husband and her son are buried at Parks Cross Roads Christian church and it is there her remains will be taken when her earthly existence has come to an end. The Parks Cross Roads Church is one of the places she and her children attended in the earlier years. Although her affiliation and loyalty has been with the Methodist church, the denomination has never actually mattered with this devout woman, it is the worship and the allegiance to God which has counted with her.

As the years advanced and her eyes grew dim, it was necessary for Mrs. Pope to read her large print Bible with a magnifying glass but with this difficulty she continued in the daily reading and worship which she learned as a child at the family fireside. She especially read in the New Testament and her granddaughters mentioned that many of the passages were marked for special emphasis.

Ella Craven Pope does not read the New Testament any more but she still speaks to the Creator in whose service she has spent her earthly years. Some day, not too far in the future, she will make the transition to the place upon which she set her sights many years ago. It will not be a strange place because of the environment in which she has lived and it is expected that many familiar faces and sounds will greet her as she arrives there after her long sojourn on earth.

Spero Residents Sadly Witness Bridge Collapse

Aug. 25, 1960 – Early Monday evening Spero residents living in the area around Back Creek stood and watched their new culvert type bridge wash away by the fierce

torrent of twenty-five foot waters brought on by the flash flood of that afternoon and evening.

For years the people of that area had petitioned for a new tar road to replace the dirt road which had served them since 1817 and the cart and wagon road before that time.

A bridge was built across Back Creek in 1917 and before its structure the creek was forded.

But last year, under the points system, the road became eligible for a bituminous treatment and before receiving this treatment the road was graded, re-routed and the 1917 bridge structure was replaced by a modern three barreled culvert, raising the height of the road to about thirty feet from the bed of the creek.

The old bridge was torn away after the culverts had been placed. The road straightened and re-routed a short distance south of the old bridge structure. The entire distance of the road, extending from the end of the tar and gravel road coming from Highway 220 at Balfour School and going into the City Lake road, a distance of approximately two miles, was finished and opened to the public late last fall.

This reporter, with seven acres of bottom land lying just below the culvert structure, was the first to reach the scene Tuesday evening. By that time the water had risen at least twenty-five feet on the east side of the road and the water was going through the culverts with such rapidity that the splash on the west side looked like Niagara Falls.

Incidentally, the bottom lands were completely covered, even on the higher side.

Soon thereafter the people began gathering to watch the whirling cesspool on the upper side and the mighty upsurge on the lower side. Soon also it became evident that the tremendous pile of dirt which was placed on the three large culverts last year was being undermined and that all of the water passing underneath the road was not going through the culverts.

The automobiles continued to pass over, even through the drivers were warned of the impending danger.

It was noticed that one automobile stopped to let two ladies out and then raced across the bridge as rapidly as possible. The two ladies walked across, seeming to think there was less danger that way. All of the automobiles which went across in the last few minutes before the road crumbled went as fast as possible.

However, it soon became obvious to all that the road would soon collapse and only at that time did the cars stop. In a very few minutes after the last car had passed over, with the people standing solemnly by on both sides of the structure, the pavement simply dropped out of sight, the only stir being a large spray of water which shot upward.

In all probability, the highway department will soon fill the two huge gaps which was left in the road but there was still a feeling of sadness as the proud new structure folded together and became a part of the angry waters of the usually slow moving stream of Back Creek.

Dr. Bulla Celebrates His 98th Year As Physician

Oct. 3, 1960 – On Wednesday, Sept. 28, Dr. J. D. Bulla, venerable Route 1, Trinity physician, reached his 98th year and when this reporter and photographer visited him on Sunday before his birthday it was business as usual with the aged doctor.

One patient was being attended to in the living room, another one was waiting on the front porch while another car was driving up in the front yard.

It was then mid-afternoon and the doctor estimated that he had seen around fifteen patients up to that time of the day. They had started early in the day and some of them had come from a distance and from adjoining counties.

Members of the family were gathering by that time for the annual birthday celebration to be held at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church hut in late afternoon and this reporter has not yet learned whether the doctor got away from his patients in time to attend the celebration of his 98th birthday.

We watched as the doctor attended to the lady with "ring worm" or a skin affliction on her arm. The application of medicine was made before she left and she carried a bottle of the same type with her. When her husband asked the doctor what he charged, Dr. Bulla said "one George Washington" and told the lady if the medicine didn't cure her to come back and he would return the "George Washington" to her.

The doctor is noted for the curing of skin diseases, for which he has worked out a formula of his own. It is understood that the doctor has passed this formula on to members of his family, particularly a grandson, Dr. J. D. Bulla, II. Who is now serving his internship, in order that it may continue to serve mankind.

Jefferson Davis Bulla was born on Sept. 28, 1862, in the middle of the Civil War period, and was named after the president of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis.

He attended the one-room school in the community in which he was born and grew to young manhood, later attended the New Hope Academy in the township by that same name and received his medical training from the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Bulla began the practice of medicine in the year 1888 in the community in which he now lives. He has practiced there continuously since forming a partnership with the late Dr. Thomas Winslow 72 years ago.

Living with him in the commodious country residence which he built many years ago are his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Bulla, and his daughter-in-law assists him in the receiving of his patients and the dispensing of the medicines. His wife died in 1935 and several of his children are also dead.

The doctor doesn't drive a car any more, he has had to give up duck hunting and he is slightly unsteady on his feet. Otherwise, he seems to be in good shape physically and walked out of the house in fine fashion to have his picture made.

He objected, somewhat, at having his picture made, saying that folks were getting tired of seeing his picture in the papers, but agreed to pose if he could keep his hat on.

Our annual visit with the doctor was over and we left, still amazed as we were years ago at the agility, the keenness of mind and the remarkable character of this physician who is close to the century mark.

We thought too, as we left, that nothing we could write or nothing that any one could say would sum up the situation as well as the words of the husband of the lady who had the skin affliction. He said, as we waited for the doctor to dismiss the other patient, that "when the doctor goes, he will be the worst missed man in the whole country."

North Asheboro Couple Are Married For A "Lifetime"

Oct. 6, 1960 - A north Asheboro couple, "married for a lifetime," Passed the 70th anniversary of their marriage on Friday, Sept. 30.

In the observance of this anniversary, Mr and Mrs. John H. Brown, of 1019 North Fayetteville St., have thus been married the number of years Biblically allotted to the life span. No other couple in this area is known to have been married as long as Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

A special service, honoring the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, was held Sunday at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church. It is in the church that the couple have spent most of their married years and it is there that they have reared their children.

The entire service Sunday morning was dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Brown. The sermon was delivered by a son, Rev. S. T. Brown, Sr., pastor of the Memorial Park Wesleyan Methodist church in Thomasville, who spoke on the subject: "Our Future Home."

Several other members of the family participated in the service, including a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Smith, who is the church organist.

A luncheon, to which family members, church people and friends were invited, was held in the Youth Building of the church following the morning service. A brief program was held in this building, with a trio, including two daughters of the couple, singing "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

It is silver threads outwardly for Mr. and Mrs. Brown, as the hair of both of them has turned white.

But, otherwise, they are alert, youthful thinking and very aware of what is going on around them. Mr. Brown is 87, Mrs. Brown is 86 and they were married at the ages of 17 and 16 respectively.

This long married couple remain very active, despite some seizures of bad health in the last few years. On last Friday, the actual date of their wedding anniversary, Mrs. Brown accompanied a school teacher daughter, Miss Vestha Brown, to the district teachers meeting in Salisbury. Mr. Brown, who only quit public work about four years ago, still works around the premises despite the protestations of his family.

The wedding of seventy years ago occurred in Greensboro on Sept. 30, 1890. On the day before, the couple had left their homes, his near Central Falls and hers near Randleman, to travel to the wedding site in a two-wheel cart, characteristic of the form of travel in those days.

Their acquaintance had developed a few years before that time, shortly after the coming of Mrs. Brown and her family from Indianapolis, Ind. She was the former Dora Gertrude Wright. Mr. Brown is a native of Randolph county and has always lived here.

Mr. Brown first saw his wife at the Giles Chapel Methodist church, as she sang a song with her sister in a duet. He was attracted to the young girl at the meeting, although Mr. Brown says that he did not see her again until a year later.

The feeling which developed at that meeting over seventy years ago was still evident Sunday during the observance of the wedding anniversary and the slightly built, white-haired -man beamed and smiled, his eyes twinkled and his face glowed as he recalled the three score and ten years of his marriage to Mrs. Brown.

Earlier, in the church service, as he and Mrs. Brown were presented to the large number of assembled friends and

relatives, the usually quiet spoken Mr. Brown brought to memory the "many happy years" and also the "years of sorrow and disappointment." However, he added philosophically that is the "way of Life" and that attitude to a great extent characterises the personalities of both these people who have "lived a lifetime together."

Mrs. Brown has come into the golden years with a beauty outwardly and also character wise, acquired only through the serenity and contentment which fills her life. This is due, to a great extent, because of the love and devotion which she has received from the members of her family. Seldom is Mrs. Brown seen in public except that she is escorted by one or more of her eight daughters.

Many things could be written about the seventy years of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown. But nothing could be said or written which would exceed the respect and honor which they have received from their large family of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, with only one, a little girl, dying at the age of 14 months. The twelve living are S. T. Sr., Clarence, Randolph, Lewis, Ernest, Mrs. A. M. (Gertrude) Jordan, Mrs. W. C. (Eva) Pritchard, Mrs. Leonard (Lovie) Hooker, Mrs. Clarence (Edith) Smith, Mrs. Sam (Estha) Caviness, Maudie and Vestha Brown.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Brown reared an adopted child, Vera Dee, now Mrs. Fred Lovin. However, Mrs. Lovin is a part of the large united family the same as the other children and neither she or the Browns feel but that a blood connection exists.

Next important in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, besides their closeness as a family group, is their loyalty to the church. They met in the church and they have been active in the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church for most of the years of their married life. They brought their children up in the church, a son and a grandson are ministers and their 70th wedding anniversary was appropriately observed in the church. Then too, Mrs. Brown still remembers the early childhood days in Indianapolis, Ind., when she attended three Sunday Schools on the same Sunday.

Back in 1917 when the second building of the Neighbors Grove church was erected, Mr. and Mrs. Brown mortgaged their home as a security for the financing of the building. Through the years they have supported the church, financially and otherwise, and it was there, in their usual place, they sat Sunday morning in the observance of their 70th wedding anniversary.

The church and their family have been the predominant factors in their seventy years of marriage and it is within the realm of these two institutions that Mr. and Mrs. Brown are living out the twilight years of their time on earth. As Mr. Brown expressed it, there have been years of happiness and years of sorrow and disappointment. But, through all of the time, they have been sustained and nurtured by the church and have found consolation and gratitude with the circle of their large family group.

Minister, Wife, Honored On Silver Anniversary

Dec. 1, 1960 – The Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Allred were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary by members of

their congregation Saturday evening at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The Allreds came to Neighbors Grove in Aug., 1957, from a pastorate near Lexington. Before that time they had served churches in other parts of North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama.

The silver anniversary celebration Saturday evening came as a surprise to the Allreds, who thought they were coming to a class party and then found representatives of the entire church group on hand to greet them.

A buffet supper was served, with the honored couple, members of their family and special guests sitting in reserved places.

A white three-tiered wedding cake, topped by a miniature bride and bridegroom, was placed on the main table, with vases of white chrysanthemums and lighted candles on all of the tables which were placed in the lower part of the youth building. A large white bell was suspended over the table on which the gifts were placed.

Eddie Allred of Lexington and Bobby Allred, the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Allred, were present for the occasion, along with Eddie's wife and their infant daughter, Cathy.

Three colleagues of Rev. Mr. Allred were also present for the occasion. They were the Rev. C. Wesley Lovin of High Point, president of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Rev. W. C. Lovin, a former conference president and a retired minister now living in the North Asheboro community, and the Rev. W. M. Phaup, a general evangelist of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference and also a resident of the North Asheboro community.

Rev. Mr. Lovin served as master of ceremonies for the celebration and the other two ministers also participated in the program which was planned for the occasion. Fred Lovin a member of the church congregation sang two songs, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Clarence Smith, church organist.

Rev. Mr. Lovin talked briefly concerning the "Home," referring to the home as the oldest institution in existence and discussing things which go to make up a good home. He also paid tribute to the honored couple and for their contribution to the church and the community.

Gifts, including several pieces of beautiful silver, were presented to Rev. and Mrs. Allred from each of the classes of the Sunday School and from other individuals. A gift from the Rev. B. H. Phaup of Marion, Ind. General superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination, and Mrs. Phaup, was brought to the anniversary celebration by Miss Louise Hackett, former member of the Neighbors Grove congregation now residing in Marion, Ind.

Both the minister and his wife spoke appreciation for the gifts and the occasion.

The Allreds were married at Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Allred's home. Rev. Mr. Allred is a Randolph native, the son of Stanley Allred and the late Rose Thornton Allred.

Silver Vase Is Memorial To the Rev. H. H. Robbins

Dec. 1, 1960 – A silver vase, given in memory of the Rev. Henry Haywood Robbins, was presented Sunday evening to Charlotte Methodist Church, where the veteran minister attended services in early boyhood.

The donors, Mrs. Mae Robbins Penny, of Washington, D. C., a niece, was unable to be present. The presentation in her behalf was made by the Rev. Cecil G. Hefner of First Methodist Church in Asheboro and a pastor of the late Rev. Mr. Robbins during his days of retirement at Kannapolis.

The memorial address was also given by Rev. Mr. Hefner. His scriptural text was: "Isaac, who digged again the wells of his father, Abraham." The Rev. Bill T. Payne, Charlotte Church pastor, accepted the vase for his church.

Henry Haywood Robbins, a native of Randolph County, spent his early boyhood days at the family home, not far from the waters of Back Creek. He was the tenth of twelve children born to Franklin Clarkson Robbins and Sarah Helen Dolugan Robbins.

Of this group, Henry Haywood was the last, passing away on Oct. 14, 1959, just a few days short of his 89th birthday. He died in Kannapolis where he had gone into retirement in 1941 from the pastorate of the Mt. Mitchell Methodist Church.

His childhood was spent in Back Creek township, he went to the one-teacher school in the vicinity and he attended services at nearby Charlotte Church, the scene of the presentation ceremony Sunday evening. His more formal training for the ministry was received in Upland, Ind., where he graduated in 1903.

He was admitted to the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in 1904 and in addition to the church from which he retired in 1941, he served as pastor of 17 North Carolina communities, including Badin, Charlotte, Statesville, Asheville, China Grove, Landis, High Point, Murphy, Salisbury, Gastonia, Granite Falls, Cornelius, Cliffside, Avondale, Randleman, Balls Creek and Concord. His ministry extended for a period of 55 years.

The wife of Henry Haywood Robbins, who was the former Mary Rhinehardt Correll, survives him along with five children, Henry Haywood Robbins, Jr., of Charlotte, Robert Weaver Robbins of Pensacola, Fla., Mrs. Burt Powers Johnson, of Ardsley, N. Y., Mrs. Sarah Helen Hockenbery, of Miami, Fla., and Edwin Boyd Robbins, of Ft. Wayne, Ind. One son, Albert Banks, died in early childhood.

Speaking in the memorial presentation Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Hefner spoke of Robbins as being "a dedicated man, courageous and unafraid, who preached the word in and out of season." He referred to the late preacher as being "a beloved minister of Christ" and he prayed to "raise up more men of the caliber of the Rev. Henry Haywood Robbins."

Among those attending the presentation service were three nieces, Mrs. Beulah R. Bulla of Asheboro, Mrs. Ernest Bunting of Randleman and Mrs. Melvin Julian, of Route 1, Franklinville.

Rare Heart Disease Confines Local Girl

Dec. 8, 1960 - A rare heart disease has suspended the school and church activities of a blonde ten-year-old girl and has caused at least a temporary confinement to her home at Stowe Ave.

But this withdrawal from these activities has not dampened the enthusiasm and the vibrant interest of Sherry Lee Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Scott, and she spends her time happily engaged with her dolls, her books and with two constant companions, a maltese cat named Charcoal and a Persian cat named Midnight.

Sherry Lee's last day at school, in a fifth grade class at Lindley Park School, was Nov. 8 but there had been absences before that time. She has been in the hospital three times since June and in and out of hospitals for many years of her life.

She has been to the Chapel Hill Hospital one time this year and has gone to the Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., twice, the last time in Oct. There she was seen by a high ranking heart specialist and at her last visit underwent a catheterization of the heart.

Her ailment is a pulmonary hypertension type, characterized by weakness and shortness of breath. It consists of an obstruction between the heart and lung and research into the various aspects of the disease has thus far been limited.

A straight "A" student Sherry Lee did her lessons for a time and sent them in but now, due to her condition, she has left them off temporarily and is concentrating her interest on her dolls, the books and Charcoal and Midnight.

She loves music and upon her confinement to the house her parents negotiated with some of the local dealers for a piano, hoping that through this instrument the tension under which she lives would be relieved. It was soon learned, however, that a piano would be too tiring and now Sherry has her sights set on a small Chord organ which could be placed by her bedside.

But her father, the Industrial Arts teacher at Asheboro High School, is entering a Greensboro hospital the latter part of this week for an operation and it appears now that the organ will have to wait until a later time.

Her father going to the hospital brought about an early trimming of the Christmas tree and as this reporter left the house Sherry Lee was busily engaged in getting the silver tinted evergreen tree ready for her father's departure.

She was happy and excited and putting all of herself into this activity as she does all of the activities in which she participates. She is a remarkable young girl, has read a great deal, she converses in a most informative manner, is very perceptive and maintains an interest in all that goes on about her.

She was active in Sunday School and Girl's Auxiliary work at the First Baptist Church before her illness and has received many cards, letters and other tokens from her friends in the church and elsewhere. She watches for the mail man each day and appreciates very much the messages which he brings her.

Sherry Lee Scott has always been full of life bubbling over with joy and happiness, and retaining at all time a keen knowledge of the happenings around her. Her illness has not deterred her, as she has most courageously put it aside to continue in the same joyous manner in which she has spent her young life.

Balfour Baptist Mission Observes Groundbreaking

Dec. 22, 1960 - A Baptist mission, started less than two years ago, broke ground Sunday for the first unit of a church plant to be located between Asheboro and Randleman.

Sponsored by the Balfour Baptist church, the mission held its first service on the first Sunday in May, 1959. Services began in a dwelling house, situated south of Randolph

memorial Park, and have been held there continuously since that time.

Construction on the new building began on Tuesday of this week. Contractor for the unit is Troy Hackett, a general contractor and member of the Balfour church.

The building will consist of a temporary auditorium, class rooms and two rest rooms. It is proposed to build other units later.

Erection of the building is being made on a lot 205 feet by 500 feet, fronting Highway 220, and located two blocks from the present site of worship. Estimated cost of the building is \$18,000.

At the time of the beginning of the mission church, Carl L. King was put in charge of the Sunday School, with the Rev. Talmage Smith associational missionary of the Randolph Baptist Association, conducting the preaching services. Mr. King continues to serve as superintendent of the Sunday school but in Oct., the Rev. B. L. Gupton, of Greensboro, was called to serve as the mission pastor.

Serving with Mr. King as a missions committee from the Balfour church are A. G. Memory, W. W. Snider and J. C. Pearce. The building committee for the new project is John Harris, chairman, Carl L. King, W. W. Snider, Gilbert Underwood and J. C. Pearce.

The mission church was started as the result of a survey made in Feb., 1959 by the Department of Church Development of the Baptist State Convention, assisted by a group from the local church.

The ground breaking service Sunday was conducted by the Rev. W. C. Bearden, pastor of the sponsoring Balfour church. Reading the scripture was the mission pastor, the Rev. B. L. Gupton, and leading in the prayer was the Rev. Talmage Smith. Several members of the mission group and the sponsoring church participated in the symbolic spading of the ground. The service was concluded with the singing of the Doxology.

Trotters Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Dec. 29, 1960 – Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Trotter of Route 2, Asheboro, both 70 years of age, quietly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 24, the day before Christmas.

The passing of their fiftieth wedding anniversary was marked in somewhat the same fashion as their wedding of fifty years ago, as they were quietly married at the home of R. L. Kearns in the community in which they lived.

Magistrate William Lawrence, a great-uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony with only the necessary witnesses in attendance. The day was Saturday, the same day of the week as their golden anniversary, and the time was at 10 o'clock in the morning.

It was snowing last Saturday as this reporter talked with Mr. and Mrs. Trotter and when asked about the weather of fifty years ago, Mr. Trotter said, "It wasn't snowing but it was pretty cold." The Trotters rode to their wedding site in a "two horse buggy" pulled by two mules.

Mr. Trotter was born on Carraway Creek, the son of Ross Trotter and Lena Miller Trotter. Mrs. Trotter, was the former Nancy Hill, daughter of Clark Hill and Emily Yates Hill, and she was born at Ridge's Mountain, two or three miles from where Mr. Trotter was born. These sites were all located west of Asheboro and with the exception of a brief residence in Asheboro directly following

their marriage they have spent their entire life in that vicinity.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Trotter were raised on farms and schools which they attended included the Mt. Shepherd School, the Belvidere school, Locust Grove school, and Mt. View school.

They lived with Mr. Trotter's father in Asheboro for six months after they were married, then moved to a house on the W. F. McCrary farm west of Asheboro and have lived in that area since that time. Mr. Trotter has engaged in farming but mostly has been a sawmill man. Mr. and Mrs. Trotter belong to the Mt. Shepherd Methodist church.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Trotter and they include Mrs. Ruth Routh, Route 2, Asheboro, Clifford Trotter, Route 2, Asheboro, Mrs. Ina Routh, Route 1, Franklinville, John Trotter, near Cedar Falls, Reese Trotter, Route 2, Asheboro, James Neely Trotter, Route 2, Asheboro, and Mrs. Delores Dunn, of Route 2, Asheboro. There are 25 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Trotter are well respected in the neighborhood in which they live, they are considered good neighbors and their many friends and relatives join in extending to them the very best of wishes as they celebrate their golden wedding anniversary during this Christmas season.

Well – Known Couple Celebrate Fiftieth

Dec. 29, 1960 – A couple, well known to the lower part of Randolph country, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.

The actual anniversary date for Mr. and Mrs. A. C. (Bige) Lowdermilk occurred on Dec. 24 but the formal observance was held on the following day at their home on Route 1, Seagrove.

Similar to their wedding day of fifty years ago, the fiftieth anniversary came this year on Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. Lowdermilk recall that on the following day, Sunday and also Christmas Day, they ate a turkey dinner with the bridegroom's parents.

This year, a half of a century later, their hospitality was extended to a great host of their relatives and friends who called at their home between the hours of 2 p. m. to 6 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowdermilk were born and reared more or less in the same vicinity and have known each other practically all of their lives. He was born as Abijah Clayton Lowdermilk, son of James Lowdermilk and Mary Parks Lowdermilk, and she is the former Coney Belle Spencer, daughter of Esau Spencer and Susie Trogdon Spencer.

Mr. Lowdermilk, familiarly known as Bige, lived with his parents in the Yow's Mill section until he was 21 years of age. Mrs. Lowdermilk, who was named Coney after Solomon Cone, the Greensboro industrialist, was born at Why Not where she spent a greater part of her younger years. At the time of her birth, Solomon Cone was a salesman furnishing goods to her merchant father and seemingly developed an interest in the young daughter of the man with whom he traded. Mrs. Lowdermilk later changed the spelling of her name to Conie.

Mrs. Lowdermilk's mother died when she was nine months old and her father passed away when she had reached the age of three and one half years. She was brought up by her sisters, all of whom have now passed away except for the oldest, 88 years-old Mrs. Minnie Spencer Stuart, of Why Not, who was present for the golden wedding anniversary.

Attending the Why Not Academy and then enrolling at Elon College for one year, Mrs. Lowdermilk became a school teacher and taught Miller's school near Trinity, a school in Moore county, the Simon Glade school and was teaching at Blaylock's School west of Seagrove at the time of her marriage.

Mr. Lowdermilk attended the free school at Old Cross Roads School and the Why Not Academy. Upon reaching 21, he left his father's home and went to High Point to work in a furniture plant, with the purpose of getting enough money to go out west.

He went to Anadarko, Okla., then to North Kansas and after a brief visit back home, he returned to Sapulpa, Okla., at that time part of Indian Territory and not yet incorporated into statehood. He spent around six years in all in the western part of the country.

The courtship between the couple, however, had started before the first trip west and continued through those years by correspondence. It reached its culmination when Mr. Lowdermilk returned from Oklahoma and they were married on Dec. 24, 1910 at the home of Mrs. Lowdermilk's sister, the late Mrs. J. A. Monroe, at Why Not.

For the nuptial event, Mr. Lowdermilk bought a new rubber-tired buggy at the McCrary-Redding Hardware in Asheboro and it was in this vehicle that they rode to Mr. Lowdermilk's parents on the following day.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. Stowe, a Methodist minister who at that time was pastor of the Why Not and Pleasant Hill churches, at which churches the couple attended. Mr. Lowdermilk's grandfather gave the land for the founding of the Pleasant Hill church and it is there his people, reaching back into many generations, are buried. Although Mrs. Lowdermilk attended the Why Not church at the time of her marriage, her grandfather, Alex Spencer, had helped to start the New Hope Methodist church, Northwest of Seagrove.

Three children, Abijah Craston Lowdermilk, of Lakeland, Fla., Mrs. Susan Lowdermilk Burroughs, of Raleigh and Orville Lowdermilk, of Central Falls, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lowdermilk. There are also six grandchildren, a boy and girl in each of the three families, and one great-grandchild. One of the grandsons, Paul Burroughs, is a junior and a pre-med student at the University of North Carolina.

Following the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lowdermilk fifty years ago, they started housekeeping at a place which Mrs. Lowdermilk had inherited from her parents. They still reside on the same land but have since purchased the adjoining R. L. Albright place and alternate between the two houses on the 325 acres of land.

They have reside there since their marriage, with the exception of two years, 1920-22, when they lived in Armory, Miss., and Springdale, Ark.

Mr. Lowdermilk has engaged in farming during his lifetime, except for brief periods working in lumber in High Point., Oklahoma and for the time he lived in Mississippi and Arkansas. He is now retired and has his land in the soil bank.

His main occupation during the past few years has been the setting out of pine seedlings and figures that he has set more out for a man of his age than any other person in the state of North Carolina. Due to his interest in the growth of trees, he was invited to the Governor's Conference on Forestry about two years ago.

He is interested in getting legislation passed which would exempt land from taxation which has been set out in pine seedlings, with a provision that a certain percent would be paid to the state when the trees were cut. In the interest of this legislation, he has visited forestry groups in some of the southern states and has written concerning the matter to other states in the south.

Mr. Lowdermilk has always maintained a strong interest in politics and classifies himself as "a Jeffersonian Democrat." He was active in the past primary campaign of Dr. I. Beverly Lake for Governor of North Carolina.

The guest who called to pay their respects to this highly revered couple on the Christmas Sunday afternoon of their wedding observance were served lime sherbet and ginger ale, from a plastic punch bowl embedded in a block of ice, cake squares and colored open sandwiches in the shapes of wedding bells, Christmas trees and stars. There was a white three-tiered wedding cake, topped by a golden wedding bell. Mrs. Lowdermilk was attired in a gold lace dress and wore a purple orchid as a corsage. Mr. Lowdermilk wore a gold talisman rose as a boutonniere.

At the ages of 76 and 73, respectively, Mr. and Mrs. Lowdermilk are very active and alert, both physically and mentally, and were most gracious hosts as they received the people on the day of their golden wedding anniversary. Many came to greet these two people whom they had known through the years and to wish them well as they begin the second half century of their married life.

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Brothers, 91 And 86, Take Out Insurance Policies

Jan. 5, 1961 — Two elderly brothers, aged 91, and 86, with a hopeful view toward the future years, were issued health and accident insurance policies here last week.

George Riley Hooker and his younger brother, James Hardy (Jim) Hooker, of Route 2, Randleman, were issued the policies subject to the underwriting company, National Bankers Life Insurance Company.

However, they fulfilled the initial requirements as put to them by the company's agent, W. H. Trogdon, and, according to the brothers, there is no foreseen reason why the policies will not be made permanent.

George Riley Hooker, who came to this vicinity three years ago to reside in the home of his brother, Jim, a resident here for forty years, did most of the talking about the insurance policies. In fact, it was he who originally applied for the policies, taking his younger brother in only under a group plan. Jim disclaimed having anything to do with the policies.

When asked as to why he took out the policy, the elder Mr. Hooker said, "just a foolish idea I had." But he later stated that he had spent several hundreds of dollars for hospital bills when he broke both legs and hips in an accident and it is thought that this contributed to the application for health and accident insurance.

Jim Hooker's wife has recently come home from having spent several months in the hospital and this too may have had something to do with the request for insurance. Neither of these reasons, however will stand up under a statement made by George Riley's niece, who said "he was talked into it."

But George Riley Hooker and James Hardy Hooker are both in reasonably good health and can normally look forward to several years of usage for their insurance policies. Both are retired from active employment but still get around very good and spend their time splitting wood, of which there is an abundance around the premises. There is no complaint except that George Riley said his eyes were bad and that his brothers's back was out of fix."

George Riley, in commenting that he had heard that people work themselves to death, said "that is a lie, it ain't killed me." He said that he had worked hard most of his life", in mines, on railroads, in granite quarries and in cotton mills.

The Hooker brothers were born in Patrick "County, Va., but came with their family to Stokes County in this state during their earlier years. Jim Hooker lived in Stokes County until he brought his wife and children to Randolph County in 1921 but George Riley Hooker went back across the Blue Ridge mountains into Virginia at the age of 20 and has lived and worked in many places since that time. His wife died in 1955 and although he has three sons and two daughters he prefers to live in the home of his brother, Jim.

Jim Hooker, who engaged in farming until his retirement, is the father of five sons and two daughters. He and his wife have been married for 63 years.

Dimes Funds Aided Ramseur Girl Stricken With Polio

Jan. 9, 1961 — As the Randolph County New March of Dimes campaign enters its second week, a six-year-old, Route 2, Ramseur girl and her parents are thankful that money from past campaigns was on hand when the small child was admitted to the hospital with polio on Oct. 1, of last year.

Theresa Fay Kivett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Monroe Kivett, is Randolph county's first polio victim in several years. She was admitted to Cone Hospital in Greensboro where she was pronounced ill with polio.

Five days later she was taken to the Central Carolina Convalescent hospital in Greensboro where she remained until Dec. 22.

Theresa Fay's parents are good, hard working and respectable citizens in the community in which they live. But they did not even begin to have the money for the hospital bills which started piling up. The Kivetts are tobacco farmers, with a small allotment, and they live in a two-room log house, which has been covered with brick siding, and which is located at the end of a wood's road.

The afflicted girl's parents assumed the responsibility for the bill at Cone Hospital but were not able to assume the financial responsibility at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital, which institution is not sufficiently endowed to operate without receiving their payments promptly. It was necessary too that the child receive treatment immediately in order to lessen the effects of the dreaded disease with which she had been stricken.

Even with the prompt treatment which she received, her right arm is still helpless and she stumbles frequently with her right leg. Since being discharged from the hospital she has been receiving home treatment in order to strengthen the afflicted parts of her body.

Three days before being admitted to the hospital, she came home from her first grade classes at the Ramseur School, complaining of neck and shoulder pain and

intermittent headache. Before entering the hospital her right arm had already dropped to her side. Her right shoulder had also dropped slightly and part of her stomach had suffered a slight paralysis.

It is interesting to note that the child had received four injections of Salk vaccine before her illness, the doctors say that if it had not been for these injections her attack would probably have been fatal.

Upon her admittance to the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital, the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was asked to assume the financial responsibility for her treatment at the hospital. The foundation, having been made aware of the urgency of immediate treatment, agreed to assume the responsibility until further arrangements could be made.

Forty-four days later financial responsibility was transferred to Crippled Children's Section or the North Carolina Board of Health but by that time the foundation owed \$752 in hospital bills, doctors fees and the purchase of equipment.

That was not all of the expense of treatment, as the Kivetts had assumed the responsibility of the Cone Hospital bill, a hospital insurance had taken care of some of the expenses and this still does not include the remainder of the cost which was assumed by Crippled Children's Section.

Mr. and Mrs. Kivett said that they could have only taken care of the expenses by selling their small farm and doubt if that would have been sufficient.

Theresa Fay is now at home and is up and around. However, she has not yet gone back to school and it is not expected that she will re-enter this year. She has braces for her right arm and hand and also her left hand. She formerly wore a collartype brace around her neck.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was able to guarantee immediate treatment for this little girl only because the people of Randolph County had supported the March of Dimes drives for funds in the past years. If this treatment had not been made available at the time when it was so urgently needed, Theresa Fay Kivett might not today be playing around the two-room log house in which she resides with her parents.

New March of Dimes funds are not only needed to meet emergencies such as this, but are also needed regularly to pay for treatment and buy equipment for Randolph County's patients of former years. There will always be a need to help those who cannot help themselves.

Dream Becomes Reality As Lutherans Dedicate New Educational Building

Jan. 9, 1961 — After years of planning, a dream became a reality with the cornerstone laying and consecration service Sunday for the new educational building of the Saint John's Lutheran Church, located at 505 South Park St., Asheboro.

It was four years ago last June that definite steps were taken for the initiation of a building program for the erection of the new structure. However, there had been preliminary thought and study of an educational building previous to that time.

The two-story brick and block structure, attached to the old church building and containing a foyer, church office, pastor's study, library-conference room and lounge, nine classrooms, two kitchenettes, six toilets and several

storage closets, was completed the last week in Dec. and was officially used for the first time on Sunday, Jan. 1.

The cornerstone laying and consecration service, exactly one week later, brought a feeling of culmination and a sense of realization to the congregation who had grown beyond the walls of their original structure.

In addition to the construction of the new building, the original church building has been completely renovated, including the tiling of the basement, painting of the interior and exterior of the building, rebuilding the church steeple, covering the building with a new roof and effecting other repair and changes in the existing church structure.

A budget of \$81,500 was set at the beginning of construction and when the entire costs of the building and renovation have been compiled, it is expected that the total cost will come close to the original budget figure. Money on hand to be applied to the paying of the building and renovation will soon reach \$24,500, with the remainder to be financed from the congregation, a commercial loan and a loan from the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Dr. F. L. Conrad, president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, who came as secretary of the synod over twenty years ago for the ground breaking of the first church structure and who was present for the ground breaking of the new educational building last May, was present again Sunday to participate in the cornerstone laying and consecration service.

He was assisted by the Rev. W. David Wise, under whose pastorate the Saint John's Lutheran Church initiated and has brought to completion the erection of the new educational building.

The cornerstone laying, conducted by Dr. Conrad, took place Sunday morning at 10:30, with the church pastor giving a history of the building program and reading a list of the articles which were placed within the cornerstone.

The official consecration of the renovated church building and new educational building and the dedication of gifts took place at the worship service beginning at 11 o'clock, Dr. Conrad officiated at the consecration service and the dedication of gifts and delivered the morning sermon. The service was in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Wise.

An informal open house was held Sunday afternoon from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m., following the cornerstone laying and consecration service in the morning, at which time members and friends of the church congregation inspected the new building.

In June, 1956, the church council of Saint John's Lutheran Church began the building program which would, four and one-half years later, result in the completion of the adequate new building which was consecrated for service on last Sunday. First action was the setting aside of the first Sunday of each month as "Building Fund Sunday" and the naming of committees to plan for an educational building. Since the church itself had not so long ago existed as a mission congregation, it was felt that financial assistance for the new building would be needed from the Board of American missions of the United Lutheran Church in America. In order that this assistance might be granted, the mission committee of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod granted the congregation mission status for consideration of a church extension loan.

The next year, 1957, saw plans for the new structure developing under the guidance of the church pastor, in

conjunction with E. W. Wagoner, the North Carolina Synodical Church Building Consultant, the Board of American Missions, Division of Church Extension, and J. J. Croft, Jr., an Asheboro architect.

By Jan. 1958, the building fund had reached \$4,000. In the fall of that year, a building fund campaign was conducted, in which more than \$ 16,000 was pledged for a two-year period. Many hours of study, planning and the holding of meetings in the interest of the new building were taking place and more than 200 items of correspondence had been transacted with the Board of American Missions, the North Carolina Synod and the architect.

On Apr. 3, 1960, the congregation voted by a two thirds majority to proceed with plans for the building of the educational building and the renovation of this present churchbuilding on a proposed budget of \$81, 500.

Contracts for its construction were made on a bid basis and were awarded to General Contractor, J. E. Allred; plumbing and heating contractor, Center Plumbing and Heating Co.; and electrical contractor, Ideal electric Co.

Ground breaking for the new building was held on Sunday, May 22, 1960, at 3 p. m., on the church grounds and construction began on the following day. Members of the building committee were John U. Kennedy, chairman, Reese M. Stout, L. M. Ritchie, Walter Preimats, and the pastor, Rev. W. David Wise. Members of the furnishings and decorating committee Mrs. Shelby V. Morgan, Mrs. W. M. Geering, Mrs. Charles B. Faries, Mrs. W. J. Bowman, John U. Kennedy and the pastor, Rev. W. David Wise.

Following closely every phase of the building program its beginning to its completion, has been the Rev. W. David Wise, the pastor at Saint John's. He came to the church in Feb., 1954 from the Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church in Concord. A graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College at Hickory and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, B. C., his first pastorate was the Saint Mark's Lutheran Church near Salisbury.

Son of a Lutheran minister, he is married to the daughter of a Lutheran minister, the former Alice Ridenhour. They have two children, Robert David, 9, and Rebecca Elizabeth, 3.

Besides bringing the building program of Saint John's Church to a successful completion, the 36-year-old minister has received into the membership of the church congregation nearly 150 new members and has seen the church budget increase from, \$6,000 in 1956 to \$18,000 in 1961.

Articles placed in the cornerstone at the Sunday morning service included a New Testament, a copy of the congregation's Constitution, a copy of the history of the church, a copy of "The Lutheran" for Aug. 10, 1960 containing a write-up and picture of the May 22, 1960 ground breaking service, a copy of the latest Annual Report Booklet of the congregation which contained a membership roll of the congregation, a copy of "our Venture IN faith" booklet. And other related items used in the 1958 building fund campaign, a copy of the preprinted bulletin used on the day of the ground breaking, May 22, 1960, a copy of the printed bulletin used on the day of the cornerstone laying and consecration service, Jan. 8, 1961, copies of various newspaper publicity in The Courier-Tribune. The Randolph Guide and The Greensboro Record, several coins bearing the date, 1960, and a copy of the North Carolina Lutheran

for July 1960 which contained a write-up and picture of the educational building addition.

Gifts dedicated at the consecration service included an altar service book given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Faries, Jr., in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Faries, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Michael B. Snavely; an altar vase given by Mrs. W. M. Geering in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Kemper Goodwin; an altar vase given by Mr. and Mrs. John U. Kennedy in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kennedy and W. E. Hall in honor of Mrs. W. E. Hall; an altar candlestick given by Mrs. J.E. Ingram in memory of J. E. Ingram and by Mrs. Virgil Williams in memory of Mrs. Howard Dunlap; and an altar candlestick given by Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Vanhoy, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bunch, Mrs. Ida Harsch, Mrs. Alton Kearns, Mrs. Hal York and Miss Carrie B. Raney.

A survey which resulted in the beginning of Saint John's Lutheran Church was made in Apr., 1938, with the first service of the congregation being held on Oct. 30 of that same year. The church was officially organized in June, 1939.

Serviices for the congregation were held at the Park Street School, the Carolina Theater, the Asheboro Presbyterian Church and the agricultural building before a lot was purchased and the church building was erected at the South Park Street site in 1940. Total cost for the church building at that time was \$19,500.

Construction of a church parsonage on Holly Street, directly to the rear of the church building, was begun in the fall of 1941 and was completed in Feb. 1942. Total cost of the parsonage at the time of its construction was \$6,690.

Polio Victim Aiding 1961 Dimes Drive Through Movie

Jan. 12, 1961 – Clendon Richardson, who is perhaps Randolph County's most celebrated polio victim, is participating to a great extent in the county's New March of Dimes campaign for 1961

The 21-year-old young man, who suffers an almost complete paralysis from the neck down as a result of a severe attack seven years ago, resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richardson, on Route 4, Asheboro.

Since his return home from the polio hospital three years following his attack, Clendon Richardson has consistently manifested an interest in the funds for the treatment and the equipment which was necessary for his rehabilitation to a new way of living.

But this year, his interest has taken a more concrete form and he is making two major contributions to the New March of Dimes drive. He has submitted himself to a movie of his daily activity and he is typing out a letter, without the use of fingers, hands or arms, to all of the churches of Randolph County, appealing for aid to the drive.

The movie entitled: "A Day in the Life of Clendon Richardson," was made by Dwight Thomas, a Guilford college student and local photographer, in cooperation with the Rev. W. C. Bearden, director for the 1961 New March of Dimes drive, and Ralph L. Bulla chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of the National Foundation.

The movie depicts the life and activity of Clendon Richardson from the time he is awakened in the morning to the time he goes to sleep at night.

It shows him in the bed, being fed, while he is typing reading and looking at television: it shows him being rolled

on a stretcher to the bath room for his daily bath: it shows him with members of his family during the social period; it shows him in the iron lung, on the rocking bed and with the chest respirators; and on the way to the fish pond and his outside outings.

The letters to the churches, approximately 150 in all, have already been typed out by the process of an aluminum rod which is fastened to an impression of his teeth and which he operates with his mouth and tongue. They will be sent out this week, along with a picture of himself typing in each letter.

The pictures, along with the making of the movie, were donated by Photographer Dwight Thomas.

But it was the March of Dimes which carried him through over three years of hospitalization, including a trip to the Vanderbilt University Respiratory Center in Nashville, Tenn., provided him with an iron lung, rocking bed, wheel chair, chest respirators and other equipment and has maintained his equipment, provided him home attendant care and other services since his return from the hospital.

For this reason, Clendon is donating his services to the 1961 Drive.

The movie of Clendon was shown at the meeting of the Asheboro Lions Club last Tuesday evening and arrangements are being made for its showing at other places. Those interested in procuring the movie are asked to contact Rev. Mr. W. C. Bearden, pastor of the Balfour Baptist church in North Asheboro.

One – Time Racing Fan Finds It Could Happen To Him

Feb. 16, 1961 – A Route 1, Trinity choir singer and civic worker will leave next Saturday for Daytona Beach, Fla. where he will participate in the stock car races at the Daytona International Speedway.

Larry Thomas, a 24-year-old Randolph county native, will thus be joining two other Randolph residents, the famed father-son team of Lee and Richard Petty, of Randleman, who will also be driving in the Daytona races.

This will be Larry's second year to drive in the races at the Florida speedway. Last year his car was a part of the 37-car pile-up which occurred in the first lap of the race in which he was participating. At the time of the crack-up, his car was running at 130 miles per hour.

He will enter this year in the 250-mile sportsman and modified race which will take place on Feb. 25. It is also possible that he will enter the 50-mile sportsman and modified race on the preceding day. The races which have been in progress since Feb. 1 will come to a conclusion with the Grand National Race, the Daytona 500, on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Larry will be driving the same car which was wrecked last year, a 1956 model Ford, powered by a 1957 Thunderbird motor and consisting of several reinforcements and late model parts. He figures it will do 150 miles per hour on the straightways and said that last year it was rated the second-fastest sportsman car in the trial runs which were held to determine the starting procedures. Speed of the car for this qualifying test was 135 miles per hour.

Assisting young Thomas in the building of the car and the preparation for the Daytona races have been his mechanics, Billy Younts, Wade Younts, Lloyd Younts and Reitzel Briles. Part owner of the car is Gilbert Briles. It is

expected that some of these men and perhaps others will accompany him to the Daytona races.

Larry Thomas started in stock car races four years ago. He began with the hobby class at the Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem and besides his participation in the Daytona races a year ago he has also participated in the races at Martinsville, Va., Fayetteville, Greensboro and at the Tar Heel Speedway. He has won the points standing in the hobby class at Bowman Gray and at the Tar Heel Speedway and has been in the winnings in the races which he has entered since the beginning.

Before beginning an active participation, Larry was an enthusiastic racing fan and has handled automotive equipment since he was a small boy. He formerly drove a school bus and was also a truck driver. As to the future in racing, he doesn't know. That will probably depend on how he makes out in the forthcoming races.

Currently, he is considering the possibility of entering the Grand National Races and has a late model car equipped for that type of race. A third car, a 1937 Ford, completes his racing vehicles.

An open-faced young man of muscular build, weighing 210 pounds, Larry Thomas is in contrast to one's preconceived ideas of a stock car racer. He holds a responsible position in the offices of Thomasville Chair Company, he is a consistent church member and also takes part in civic activities.

He is a member of the choir and an usher of the Tabernacle Methodist Church where he attends regularly, only missing three or four Sundays a year. He has long been active in the Tabernacle Lions club and at the present time is serving as the program chairman for the club. Incidentally, AT LAST Monday evening's meeting of the club, he showed movies of last year's races at Daytona Beach, including a film of the crack-up in which his own car figured.

Born as the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas, he still lives with his parents in the home in which he was born, located on old Highway 64, two miles from the Davidson county line. However, the household has been increased by two, including now his wife, the former Emily Hedrick, of Holly Grove, to whom he was married six years ago this coming June, and their daughter, Leah Jane, who will be five years of age in June. Larry is a graduate of the Davis-Townsend high school in Davidson County.

The garage at the Arthur Thomas residence, at which Larry's stock cars are kept, is one of the more familiar places in the Tabernacle community. As a rule, in the evenings, Larry, his mechanics, some of the neighborhood people and other passers-by will be found there.

A great deal of interest is shown in the racing activities of this young man who is Tabernacle's native resident.

Many will be following the progress of the black Ford, with its red wheels and white top and the big numbers 92 emblazoned on its sides, as it lines up for the races in Daytona beach, Fla. Next week.

But, irregardless of how the young driver, Larry Thomas finishes in the races, he will come back to his native Tabernacle community with the same respect and regard with which he is now held.

Mar. 2, 1961 - A tragedy beset woman expressed appreciation for kindness and help extended to her in time of accident, death and hospital convalescence prior to leaving The Randolph Hospital and Asheboro on last Monday for her home in Anderson, S. C.

Forty-one year old Mrs. Ruth Hilley was critically injured on Sunday, Jan. 15, in the Browns Cross Roads Community three miles east of Ramseur in an automobile accident which claimed the life of her 18 -year-old-daughter, Gaynell.

Another automobile, occupied by four Negroes, came across the highway in the path of Mrs. Hilley's automobile, resulting in the accident in which all of the Negroes were also killed.

Mrs. Hilley and Gaynell were returning from Duke Hospital, en route to their home, where they had visited another daughter of Mrs. Hilley, 16-year-old Shelia Hilley, who was undergoing plastic surgery at the Durham hospital at the time.

Shelia Hilley had been to Duke Hospital many times in the past ten years since she, herself, had been run over by an automobile. She has lost her eyesight as a result of that accident ten years ago and has been receiving surgery to her face since that time. She is now a student at the State School for the Blind in South Carolina.

Mrs. Hilley's husband, Noah Hilley, is a maintenance worker. There is still another daughter, 11-year-old Jackie, a sixth grade student, and it was the need of this growing school girl and the blind daughter for their mother that was pulling Mrs. Hilley homeward.

Except for these considerations, "two daughters who need me," Mrs. Hilley might have been a little reluctant to leave. Because as she sincerely expressed it, "it is a mighty nice place around here." Both she and her husband have discussed in what manner they may convey to the people of this area their appreciation for the assistance which they have received.

This reporter went to visit her in behalf of the blood program of Randolph County; she had received six pints from the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Mrs. Hilley was grateful for this donation of blood and a sister, Mrs. H. C. Scott, a former nurse of Aiken, S. C., visiting her at the time, said that it saved her life.

But it was soon learned that this pleasant appearing woman, calm and serene despite the sorrow which has come into her life, had many other things for which she could thank the people of Asheboro and vicinity.

She was especially indebted to The Randolph Hospital where she had been brought from a critical state well on the road of recovery. Her surgeon, Dr. George B. Johnston, she regards as being wonderful and she also spoke of the services of her other doctors, Dr. Robert E. Williford and Dr. J. T. Barnes. She praised the staff at the hospital for the treatment and care which she received during the six weeks she spent as a patient there.

At the time of her admittance at the hospital, she was suffering from a dislocated hip, fractured ribs, a skull fracture, her right knee was badly damaged and her right chest crushed.

The Hilleys also spoke of the kindness of Mel Anderson, Minister of Education at the First Baptist Church, and of the goodness of the other ministers and churches. They appreciated the gifts, flowers, the prayers and said that many came by to say "I want to do something," Mrs. Hilley

Tragedy behind her, Woman Leaves Randolph Hospital

said that she had been by-passing Asheboro for the past ten years on her way to Duke Hospital, not realizing what a nice place it was, but went on to say, "I'll stop from now on."

Mrs. Hilley's husband, her two daughters and her four sisters visited her regularly during her stay at The Randolph Hospital and they, along with Mrs. Hilley, found a second home in Asheboro during that time. The people of Asheboro and vicinity literally opened their hearts and their homes to these good people from our neighboring state. Someone else like them may need our hospitality and our blood. Remember this and donate to the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Mar. 6 and 7.

Birthday Brings Brothers Together In Eightieth Year

Mar. 9, 1961 – An airplane flight and a birthday celebration brought twin brothers together for the celebration of their 80th birthdays during this past weekend.

Gurney Wilson Millikan, a retired Savannah, Ga., railroad man, was going about his business as usual on last Saturday morning, attending to the duties of his rental property which he manages since his retirement 15 years ago. It was the anniversary of his birth in Back Creek township, Randolph County, 80 years ago.

A niece, Mrs. D. S. Davis, Route 1, Randleman, called to wish him many happy returns for the day and to urge that he join her father and his twin brother, Troy Millikan, Route 1, Sophia, for a joint celebration.

Gurney Millikan continued his rent collections but in the meantime began considering the flight to North Carolina and the home of his twin brother. Although a railroad man, he knew that in order to get there in time he would have to take to the air for the first time.

Plane reservations were called about, a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Millikan, promised to accompany him and about mid-afternoon the two of them were flying to the birthday celebration which was being planned for the twin octogenarians.

It was a huge celebration held on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William White, Route 3, High Point, and attended by over 70 family members and a few friends.

Gurney and Troy Millikan were born on Mar. 4, 1881 at the home of their parents, Azel Millikan and Ann Eliza Spencer Millikan, site of the present residence of Troy Millikan. The twins were the youngest of a family of nine children and they are now the only surviving members of their family.

The twin brothers grew to young manhood at the farm residence of their parents attended the Plainfield school in the same community and later attended Guilford College.

Gurney Millikan left college to go to Savannah, Ga., where a brother and sister lived and where he immediately accepted a position with the railroads, never severing that connection until his retirement at the age of 65. He remained with the railroads for 43 years.

Troy Millikan also went to Savannah, Ga., but he only remained nine months, coming back to enter the general mercantile business with a brother in Randleman. However, he did not stay there long either, as he soon came back to the farm home where he has lived ever since.

Gurney Millikan married after going to Savannah, Ga., with his wife passing away in 1940. He has two sons and five grandchildren. His twin, Troy Millikan, married a girl who lived a short distance from the old homeplace and in

May of last year they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The Troy Millikans have nine children, 36 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

It was a happy birthday celebration for Gurney and Troy Millikan and a glad reunion at the old homeplace where they were born four score years ago.

County Native Is Honored By Wake County Officials

Mar. 9, 1961 – Dr. A. C. Bulla, a Randolph county native, was honored Sunday at the dedication of the Wake County health Center which was named for the 75-year-old physician.

Ceremonies which were held at the building, named the A. C. Bulla Health Center, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock also included the unveiling of a portrait of Dr. Bulla by Kerry Niles Kesler, a great nephew and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kesler, of Route 2, Asheboro.

Dr. Bulla retired in 1958 after having served for 37 years as Wake County Health Officer. He had spent his entire professional career in the service of the health department, both state and county units.

He was born at the home of his parents, Dr. Alfred Marsh Bulla and Elizabeth Spencer Bulla, about five miles west of Asheboro and spent his boyhood days and young manhood in that vicinity. His grandfather, Dr. Arch Bulla, was also a doctor and his father's younger brother, Dr. J. D. Bulla, is still practicing at the age of 98 years.

Alexander Chester Bulla, a name which was shortened to "Ches", worked on the farm which was maintained by his physician father and attended the one teacher schools, Belevidere and Zion, which were located in the community.

He later attended the high school academy at Farmer where he remained a year and one half longer than necessary in order to gain enough credits to enroll at the North Carolina Medical College at Charlotte in the fall of 1911. After three years at Charlotte, the school dissolved and he went on to the Medical College of Virginia where he graduated in 1915.

Incidentally, his father tried to discourage his son's ambition to become a doctor, as the older physician foresaw the more strict training which would be required by the Board of Medical Examiners in the years ahead and felt that it would be too hard for his son.

Upon his graduation from medical college, the young doctor came back home and began looking around for a good place to practice. Among the places he considered was Randleman. A classmate had already agreed to work with the Dr. George Cooper of the State Board of Health but before beginning had been forced to temporarily give up the idea. He asked Dr. Bulla to work in his place until he could assume his duties.

Thus, Dr. Bulla began his duties with the state health program and was assigned first to the typhoid vaccination program in Buncombe county. He later worked in Wayne county and Craven county before going to Philadelphia for further studies. His work dealt principally with the vaccination program in the summer and the examining of school children in the winter months.

He became health officer of Forsyth county in 1917 and in 1921 was named health officer of Wake county where he remained until his retirement in 1958. Several times his

inclination turned him towards a private practice but as he said, "I never got around to it."

Public health was still comparatively new when Dr. Bulla became a part of the program and he indicated that "not even a dent was made for the first ten years." But with patience, diplomacy and education, he finally forged ahead and great strides were recorded during his long tenure of office.

He began many of the health programs that now affect Wake county citizens, including the school dental program; the dairy inspection program; environmental sanitation; maternal - child health; rabies and rodent control; and vital statistics.

A member of the Wake County Board of Health from its establishment in 1919 until 1941 said of Dr. Bulla:

"You can't put on paper the things that Dr. Bulla has done. Statistics won't tell the true story. You would have had to work with him to understand it. The key words in Dr. Bulla's success have been diplomacy and education."

"He never tried to drive things through. He always dealt with them in a reasonable way and never attempted to use undue pressure. He educated and carried the public along with him in his program."

Dr. Bulla's wife, the former Lillian Daniel, a native of Wilson county, died in Jan. of 1960. He now lives alone at their home at 1709 Colonial Road, Raleigh. The house and surroundings are lovely, the home having been furnished by Mrs. Bulla with antique collections throughout prior to her death.

The retirement of this Randolph county native is not an idle one. He reads, plays bridge, works in his shrubbery and travels, last summer to Europe, this fall to Mexico and just recently to Florida.

Counting from the time he left for medical school, Dr. Bulla has been gone from Randolph county nearly a half of a century. He said when we left him Sunday morning that he was coming back to Randolph county one of these days. But it is felt sure that he meant just for a brief visit. Because his ties are in Wake county, the scene of his life's work, and in Raleigh, the site of the resplendent new building named in his honor and the place of his lovely home which was decorated so exquisitely by his beautiful wife.

Randolph relatives attending the dedication of the new building and the unveiling of the portrait of Dr. Bulla Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. B.B. (Pete) Bulla and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kesler and two sons Kerry Niles and Danny, all of Route 2, Asheboro.

Randolph County Man Never Forgot Homeplace

Apr. 10, 1961 - A Randolph county native, who served his country on two continents, died in the early evening hours of Easter Sunday, en route from his home in Pilot Mountain to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

The death of Col. Ray H. Fentress, age 59, was unexpected, the only indication having been a physical check-up at the hospital recently. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was born and reared to young manhood at the home of his parents, P. P. (Bud) Fentress and Cora Millikan Fentress, near the banks of Deep River between Millboro and Worthville. He had two sisters, Bernice and Naye.

Bernice died in early young womanhood but Naye Fentress Roads survives him and resides at Guilford College.

Also surviving are his wife, the former Paralee Reid, a native of Pilot Mountain: his son, Ray H. Fentress, Jr. of Tarrytown, N. Y.; and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church in Pilot Mountain where on Easter Sunday he had attended the morning worship and had reiterated his belief in the risen Christ. Interment was in the pilot Mountain cemetery.

After graduation from Randleman high school, Ray Fentress went to State College at Raleigh and studied engineering. He was also a member of the R.O.T.C. Upon leaving college he worked with the State Highway Commission, the Conservation Civilian Corps and as a reserve officer in the Army he entered active military service at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

He served for four years in the European theater and for three years in the Pacific area. At the time of his retirement from the Army five years ago he became a member of the planning board of the city of Winston-Salem and the county of Forsyth.

Although Ray Fentress traveled to the far away places of the world and lived in another place following his retirement, he never forgot the place of his birth and the people with whom he grew to maturity. In recent years he came often to the annual gathering of his family reunion and found much pleasure in mingling with his relatives and friends of the earlier days.

His native county in turn was proud of this distinguished former citizen and his record of service both in the civilian and military aspects of our civilization. Even though he never came back home to stay, after the years of military service or following his departure on Easter Sunday, it is still felt that part of Ray Fentress remains in the places which knew him as a child and a young boy who lived, worked and played at the old homeplace near the river.

Sun Shines As Brightly 50 Years Later For Loflins

Apr. 24, 1961 - The sun shone brightly last Sunday for the golden wedding anniversary day of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Loflin just as it was shining for their wedding day on Sunday, Apr. 16, 1911.

Their fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration was held at the home of a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Hunt, on Route 2, Denton, with their wedding on that beautiful Easter Sunday a half century ago having been held at the home of the officiating magistrate, Bill Lawrence, in Mount Pleasant Methodist church community between Tabernacle and Trinity.

The Loflins themselves live at Mr. Loflin's old homeplace on the lower end of Route 1, Trinity, west of Jackson Creek, with their home situated on the edge of Tabernacle Township and as Mrs. Loflin phrased it, "our tater house is in Concord Township."

They live a short distance beyond Piney Grove Methodist church, where they became members soon after their marriage fifty years ago and at which place they still remain within the fellowship of the church group. Their pastor, Rev. John S. Paschal, was present for their golden wedding anniversary celebration on last Sunday.

Also present were eight of their nine children, 15 of their 16 grandchildren, other members of their immediate family

and their one great-grand child, Melanie Lawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lawson, of Raleigh. There has never been a death in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson.

Their children, in the order of their birth, are Mrs. Beatrice Loflin Lambeth, of Asheboro, Zell Loflin, of Bear Creek, Vinson Loflin, of Route 1, Trinity, J. B. Loflin, of Route 1, Asheboro, Mrs. Kate Loflin Moore, of Asheboro, Mrs. Lois Loflin Shoffner, of Asheboro, Mrs. Juanita Loflin Hunt, of Route 2, Denton, Mrs. Hazel Loflin Phillips, of Cheraw, S. C., and Troy Loflin, of Asheboro.

An anniversary dinner, served buffet style was enjoyed by those in attendance. Featuring the sumptuous meal was a large three-tiered cake, appropriately decorated for the occasion. For her anniversary celebration, Mrs. Loflin wore a Navy blue crepe dress and two white orchids pinned to her shoulder. The couple were presented with many gifts in commemoration of their anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Loflin grew up in the same general vicinity and stated that they were "kindly small" when they first got acquainted. However, they did not marry until reaching the ages of 23 and 21, respectively.

Son of Norman Loflin and Rebecca Brookshire Loflin, Mr. Loflin was born on the same place at which he is still residing. There have been three houses on the place and Mr. Loflin has lived in all three of them. He has never left the land on which he was born.

Mrs. Loflin, the former Pallie Mae Nance, was born at a place between Jackson Creek and Farmer, lived later near Tabernacle and was residing in Back Creek Township at the time of her marriage to Mr. Loflin. Her parents were Watson Nance and Alice Allred Nance.

Two names of schools existing in the bygone days were revealed in talking with Mr. and Mrs. Loflin. Mr. Loflin attended "Gibson's Academy," located near the Davidson County line in the vicinity in which he lived, and Mrs. Loflin went to "Tall College," south of the Tabernacle community. They were one-teacher schools, each with a fireplace, no grades and according to the couple they used the "same books until we wore them out." Both Mr. and Mrs. Loflin were reared on farms.

For that Easter Sunday wedding of fifty years ago, the day was bright and sunny and the young couple rode to the home of the officiating magistrate in a top buggy, drawn by a horse which did not work in the fields, and they traveled along a one-way road. Witnesses to the wedding were Lou and Grace Lowe, sisters, Frank Nance, a brother of the bride, and John Cameron, her first cousin.

Following the marriage, which occurred just before the noon hour, the bridal couple and their attendants came to the home of Mrs. Loflin's parents for a nice "dinner" before moving into Mr. Loflin's home which was occupied at that time by he and his sister, his parents having already passed away. It was the second of the three houses which have been situated on the place and was referred to by Mrs. Loflin as "the old big house."

But "the old big house" was soon needed as the four boys and five girls came along to comprise a large family circle, a group which has now been increased by four daughters-in-law, five son's-in-law, 16 grandchildren, one grandson-in-law and one great-grandchild.

Asked as to how they provided for such a large family, one of the Loflins said: "I can't hardly tell you, but we had our meat, milk and butter, raised chickens, had our eggs, wheat and corn."

In looking back over the fifty years of their marriage, it seems that they provided well for their children and perhaps their outstanding contribution has been the fine sons and daughters which they have reared to maturity. These sons and daughters have gone out from the old home, nestled among the hills of western Randolph, to establish homes of their own and take their places and make their own contributions in the communities in which they now live.

Mr. and Mrs. Loflin are very proud of their children, their grandchildren, the one great-grandchild and the other members of their family and it was appropriate that the fiftieth milestone of their marriage be celebrated in their midst.

Her Last Sunday At Work And 40 Years Service Ends

Apr. 24, 1961 – As Mrs. L. Q. Yow entered her pew at First Methodist Church last Sunday morning, she whispered to those who sat with her these words: "This is my last Sunday."

These words were especially significant to this 70-year-old church worker because on that Sunday she was leaving first Methodist Church after 23 years of loyal and devoted service in the nursery department of the church.

More significant still, she was concluding nearly 40 years of work with the small children in the churches with which she has been affiliated.

She was quitting because on Tuesday, Apr. 25, Mrs. Yow will become a resident member of The Methodist Home in Charlotte.

On Saturday, Apr. 22, Mrs. Yow's home on Highway 49-A, just beyond Central Falls, and her personal property will be sold at auction and on the following Tuesday she will enter into a contract for Life Care at The Methodist Home. She has been living alone since the death of her husband, a long time maintenance employee of the Randolph County School System, in May 1956.

At both morning worship services at First Methodist Church last Sunday, Mrs. Yow was recognized for her "great dedication and faithfulness" to the church and was presented with a large print Testament on which her name was inscribed in gold letters.

The pastor, the Rev. Cecil G Hefner, praised her for the service which she has rendered and the church bulletin took note of her farewell in these words: "Words cannot express our appreciation to Mrs. Yow for her great dedication and faithfulness across the years to First Methodist Church. She will leave us in a few days for The Methodist home in Charlotte. We will wish for her every blessing and happiness. Mrs. Yow has taught so many of our people in the nursery department. Her influence will never be forgotten."

Mrs. Yow graciously responded to the words of her pastor and expressed her appreciation and love for the church with which she has long been identified.

Later, in referring to the people within the church, she said: "they really have been nice to me all through the years."

It was on Sunday, Nov. 21, 1921, nearly forty years ago, that Mrs. Yow first became identified with the work of the infants and the children in the church. On that day she assumed the duties of Cradle Roll superintendent at the Gibsonville Methodist Church and on the afternoon of the

same day went out and enrolled 19 babies, including the pastor's daughter who was born that day.

Since that time, with the exception of a few months, she has been associated with the Cradle Roll, nursery, betinner and primary departments of the church of Gibsonville, the Park Street Methodist church at Greensboro, the Central falls Methodist Church and the church in Asheboro.

For a few months after coming to the Asheboro church, she was not associated with the organized work of the children in the church.

Mrs. Yow was "miserable" because of this and until she resumed her work with the children in the church, she organized classes of children from the community in which she lived and taught them at her home. "I was happy to get back with the children," she admitted.

Many of the children in her classes at First Methodist church during her first years at the church have in the latter years brought their own children into the nursery department in which she has worked. There are also people in all walks of life throughout the state of North Carolina and elsewhere who came under her guidance and teaching in the early, formative years.

Active also in other phases of church work, Mrs. Yow is a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Central Falls Methodist Church and holds a life membership in that organization.

She was converted 56 years ago at a revival meeting at the Main Street Methodist Church in Thomasville and she has said: "I have never seen a day since that I didn't want to be a Christian."

An Era Ended last Sunday morning when Mrs. L. Q. Yow said goodbye to the children at the First Methodist Church. It was really an era which began nearly forty years ago. Although there was sadness at the close of her activities with the children in the churches visible, it is expected that a large throng of children will rise up one day in the church eternal and acclaim her for the good deeds which she has wrought.

Her favorite poem, characterizing the life which she has lived, reads as follows:

"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 feet my hands have
guided.

Little lips I've taught to sing
Shall we meet and praise
together, in the places of the
King?

Grant it so, dear Heavenly
Father,

When I walk the streets of
Gold

May I find my little children
Safely sheltered in the fold.

Open House Marks Bulla's 50th Wedding Anniversary

8 May 1961 – An open house observance marked the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey Bulla Sunday, Apr. 30, at their home at 1834 Liberty Rd. in the North Asheboro community.

Approximately 150 friends, relatives and former associates called during the hours between 2 and 5 o'clock to honor this well known couple on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary.

It was also on a Sunday, fifty years ago to the day, that they were married by Magistrate J. A. (Jimmy) Neighbors, known as "The Marrying Squire," at his home near the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church and in the same community in which Mr. and Mrs. Bulla still reside.

"Standing up" with them at their anniversary celebration, the same as they did at their wedding fifty years ago, were Mrs. Rezzie Williams, of Greensboro, and Mrs. J. C. Pearce, of the North Asheboro community.

Mrs. Williams, the former Maggie Heilig, had spent the night with Mrs. Bulla on the eve of her wedding a half of a century ago and had assisted her with the wedding preparations for the 11 o'clock ceremony on the following morning, Mrs. Pearce, the former Annie Bulla, is a cousin of Mr. Bulla. Other attendants for the wedding were Jim Bulla, a brother of Mrs. Pearce, now deceased, and John Willet.

For the open house observance, the table in the dining room was covered with a white lace cloth over gold and centered with an arrangement of gold gladioli and mums, flanked by gold tapers. A two-tiered cake, topped with flowers and a gold '50' was at one end of the table while the punch bowl, encircled with ivy, was at the other end. On the buffet in the dining room was an arrangement of greenery and candles in brass containers.

A table in the living room had an arrangement of gold roses, carnations and snapdragons. Other arrangements of gold and white spring flowers were used throughout the house.

Greeting the guest for the Sunday afternoon observance was Mrs. Dwight Lassiter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bulla, Mrs. Lunda Allred directed the guests to the dining room where Mrs. Charlie Harrelson and Mrs. Charles Cranford alternated in pouring punch. Mrs. Lester Bulla and Mrs. Leon Bulla, daughters-in-law of the honored couple, and Mrs. Raymond Nickens assisted in serving the cake squares, nuts and mints. Misses Carolyn Lassiter and Phyllis Bulla, granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bulla, presided over the guest register and Mrs. Emery Bulla and Mrs. A. C. Bulla assisted in the gift room.

Mrs. Bulla, who wore a "cream colored" or beige dress on her wedding day of fifty years ago, was dressed for her anniversary celebration in a Navy crepe dress with a corsage of yellow orchids.

Among the out of town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mabe, of Newport News, Va., Mr. and Mrs. T. O.

Kiger, of Winston-Salem, Herbert Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Key and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Greensboro.

William Harvey Bulla, age 71, was born near Sophia, but his parents, Romulus M. Bulla and Julia (Jude) Millikan Bulla, were only living in that vicinity on a temporary basis and soon after his birth moved back to their original home on Back Creek. It was at this place that he grew to young manhood, with the exception of brief residences at Asheboro and farther up the creek at the home of his maternal grandfather, Benjamin Millikan. He attended the Asheboro, Lena's Grove and Plainfield schools.

Mrs. Bulla, the former Hattie Hodge, is 69 years of age. She was born at the home of her parents, William Branson Hodge, and located a very short distance from the home in which Mr. and Mrs. Bulla now reside and where they have lived for nearly 48 years. Mrs. Bulla, as a young girl, attended the Gold Hill school east of Asheboro.

When the weather was good, a short cut, crossing the creek on a foot log, took her to school. But with the coming of rain and the rising of the creek, she had to go around by the road.

The acquaintance of Hattie Hodge and Harvey Bulla began following a baptizing at the creek behind Squire Neighbors' home and during a revival service at the Neighbors Grove church. It was appropriate that Mr. and Mrs. Bulla began their courtship at this church which has played a significant part in their lives and particularly in the life of Mrs. Bulla.

Mrs. Bulla has attended the Neighbors Grove church all of her life. In reference to her church relation, she says "I have never known anything but Neighbors Grove." She joined the church the year following her marriage and she and Mr. Bulla have attended the church since their marriage.

On the day before their wedding on that Sunday morning, Apr. 30, 1911, Mr. Bulla went by the home of the officiating magistrate to make the necessary arrangements and to complete the plans for the nuptial event for the next day. The plan was not to publicize the event but the word got out and joining with the couple and their four attendants for the marriage ceremony were several members of the Neighbors grove Sunday School which had let out at about the time of the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, the couple left in a one horse open buggy to journey to the home of Mr. Bulla's brother, Herbert Bulla, near Staley where they spent their wedding night. They were accompanied a short distance by two of their attendants, Jim Bulla and Maggie Heilig, in another buggy. The next morning they returned to visit with Mrs. Bulla's parents and then went to the home of Mr. Bulla's parents for a wedding supper.

They established their first household in Asheboro where they lived until they came to their present home site in the fall of 1912.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bulla, one of whom died in infancy. The other three are Mrs. Lassiter and Lester Bulla, who live near their parents, and Leon Bulla, of Route 2, Randleman. There are also four grandchildren, Larry Bulla, Phyllis Bulla, Carolyn Lassiter and Gregory Bulla.

Harvey and Hattie Bulla, as they are known to a great many of their associates, have had their share of sickness, hard work and other adversities. But their faith has been

grounded, together they have weathered the problems of fifty years of marriage and as they anticipate the years ahead, they are secure in the belief that they shall be able to withstand whatever may come their way.

Descendents Of Church Founders Are Building Anew

May 11, 1961 – For the second time in eighty years the people of the Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church community have banded themselves together in the erection of a church building on that historic site in the western part of Randolph county.

The results of the second effort will be revealed next Sunday afternoon, May 14, when a new church edifice at Hoover's Grove will be formally opened to the church congregation and to the general public.

Located on Route 2, Denton, slightly north of the area between Farmer and Jackson Creek, the church was founded originally because of the death of the small grandson of Adam Hoover, for who the church was named.

The first church building, a vertical planked structure, was sold at public auction last Saturday afternoon along with some of the church furnishings which had remained with the building throughout the years of its existence.

The building program of the new church structure has been brought to a successful completion by a loyal group of people in the community, some of them grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the same group who helped to build the planked – up – and down structure eighty years ago.

These people have been led in their efforts by the three times pastor of the church, the venerable Rev. J. E. Shaw who will celebrate his 83rd birthday on June 6. This will be the fourth church that Mr. Shaw has helped to build since entering the active ministry back in 1906.

Among the many contributors to the new church and its furnishings was a former President of the United States, Herbert Hoover, whose great-great-grandfather, Andrew Hoover, is buried in the old Hoover cemetery about a mile from the Hoover's Grove church. The former President, who lives in an apartment at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, responded to a request from B. C. (Bennie) Ridge that the former President purchase one of the pews for the church and he also wrote requesting additional information concerning the old cemetery and its occupants.

However, the former President requested that his name not be placed on the pew which he purchased.

Open house will be held at the new building Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. after a brief devotional service and remarks from Rev. C. Wesley Lovin, president of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church, those people in attendance will be invited to look over and to inspect the new facilities.

According to Mrs. Louetta Ridge Harris, a 93-year-old former resident of the Hoover's Grove vicinity, now living in High Point, the idea for the first church at Hoover's Grove originated with the death of Willie Ridge, son of Alson and Lucinda Hoover Ridge and grandson of Adam and Catherine Young Hoover.

The child died of an attack of diphtheria on Sept. 12, 1879 at the age of one year, five months and four days and as there was no church graveyard close by, Adam Hoover told his daughter, Lucinda Hoover Ridge, that if she would bury the child on some of his land up by the road, he would have a church built there.

The child was buried at the designated spot, a rail pen was erected around his grave to keep the cows out, and Adam Hoover started right away having some of his big pine trees cut to use in the construction of the church. He hauled the pine trees to John Hill's saw mill to have them sawed and according to Mrs. Harris, "if Mr. Hill ever charged a penny for sawing it, I never heard of it."

J. B. Hill a descendant of Mr. Hill assisted in the construction of the new church eighty years later.

Mrs. Harris said that the whole community went to work on the building of the church eighty years ago. The men did the carpentry work and the women cooked up big dinners and took them to the site of the building. The women also helped to clear up the vicinity in which the cemetery was to be located.

She said that everybody in the community, who could, helped to build the church, mentioning particularly, in addition to Adam Hoover, the interest of Polly McDowell, Granny Hoover, Aunt Peggy Tysinger, Mary McDowell, Lizzie Middleton, Grandpa Ridge, Jerry McDowell, Noah Yates, Tishie Hill Garner and Martha Brookshire.

Mrs. Harris said she couldn't remember the others but that she believed that every family around Hoover's Grove could feel that they had some part in its history.

She especially remembers "a wonderful preacher" by the name of David Linville who came from Colfax at about the time of the building of the church. As the church was not finished, the people building it got slabs from John Hill's saw mill and erected a brush arbor so that the preacher could hold a revival meeting.

As a result of the meeting, 30 were baptized at one time in the river by Vic Parker's place. David Linville was a pioneer in the beginning of the Wesleyan Methodist church in North Carolina.

Deed to the original tract of land on which the church was built, made by Adam Hoover and wife to three trustees, Adam Hoover, John Tysinger and J. A. Johnson, provided that "All true worshippers of Almighty God shall have free privilege to hold Divine Worship at said church when not occupied by the Wesleyans."

Also, "The said Trustees shall have power to make and use the above lot of land for the purpose of worshipping Almighty God" and "these obligations are such that the trustees shall have no power to sell said land and property."

An additional strip of land, lying between the old road which formerly ran in front of the church and the new road which was built later, has recently been deeded to the church free of charge by the owners, Tom Hammond and Glenn Yates.

Actual construction of the new building began with the clearing of the site, next to the old building, in Nov., 1959. At the beginning of construction there was about \$3,500 in cash on hand which was more money than the church conference require for the beginning of construction. The building proceeded from that time on a cash basis until the purchase of the heating plant when a small loan had to be negotiated.

Value of the building is estimated at \$18,000 but according to Paul McDowell, treasurer of the church and also the building committee, "actual cost is around \$8,500 and a lot of hard work."

The building was erected entirely from free labor, with the exception of the brick work which was done at a reduced price.

Consisting of an auditorium and four Sunday School rooms, the brick-veneered building has dimensions of 28 feet by 88 feet. The interior is built with wainscoting of plywood, finished in natural, and sheetrock, painted in green, with hardwood floor, also with a natural finish, and a ceiling of celotex. There is a new carpet in the aisle and new pews have been installed along with a matching pulpit stand and other furniture.

Stained glass memorial windows complete the reverential beauty of the interior of the new building.

Serving on the building committee for the erection of the new structure were the pastor, Rev. J.E. Shaw, the church treasurer, Paul McDowell, Aster Gallimore, Willie Yother and Taylor Swaney. These men, along with Raeford Parker, Brack Hancock, Coy Pierce, J. B. Hill and others assisted in the construction of the building. B. C. Ridge, great-grandson of the man for whom the church was named, who lives next door to the church, solicited funds for the building of the church, along with many others who were also interested in the erection of a new building.

Special mention is due the aged pastor who not only prayed earnestly for the success of the building venture but backed his prayers up by carrying brick, nailing up framing and helping to brace the rafters.

Credit is also due his wife of over sixty years, who has sacrificially stood by her husband during the fifty five years of his ministry and who has suffered with him to bring about the work.

Names familiar to Hoover's Grove, Jackson Creek and the western part of Randolph County are noticeable among those who purchased pews for the new building and also those who donated money for the stained glass memorial windows.

Pews were bought by Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Yother, Misses Bertha and Bettie Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kearns, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Yates, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Reitzel Garner, Mrs. R. I. Williams and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Yates, Herbert Hoover, Mrs. J. A. Ridge and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ridge and members of the Harris family.

Windows were given in memory of Rev. Rufus I. Williams by his wife, Mrs. Viola Williams; in memory of Woodrow Cole by his wife, Mrs. Flora W. Cole; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ridge by their children; in memory of Alice Lee Yother by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Yother; in memory of Isaac Hoover by his grandson, Charles Hoover; in memory of R. W. Trotter by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McElreath; in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ridge and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tysinger by Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Ridge; and also windows were given by Bobby and James Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Aster Gallimore, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Yates, Rev. and Mrs. Charlie McDowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ridge.

It is with a great deal of pride that the pastor and the Hoover's Grove people open their new church building on next Sunday afternoon and show to the public in general the results which they have accomplished. They can be justly proud of a fine, adequate and handsome edifice in which to worship and meet in Christian fellowship. But they can be more proud of the unified effort which brought them together in its construction, just as the same unified effort

brought their grandparents and great-grandparents together in the construction of the planked up and down building of eighty years ago.

Parents' Vigil Ends As Young Lanny Martin Dies

May 29, 1961 – The vigil of two young parents ended today as they buried their seven-year-old son beneath a spray of red rosebuds in a rural churchyard near their Route 1, Staley residence.

Keith and Pearl Martin had stayed constantly at the bedside of their son, Lanny; his two sisters, friends and relatives had hovered close by while the seven-year-old first grader had grown steadily worse from the malignant tumors which had come to blight his young life.

The end came early Saturday morning in a Chapel Hill hospital. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with the church pastor, Rev. Sammy James, in charge of the final rites. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Besides the parents, two sisters, Sandra and Joycelyn, of the home, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin, of Route 1, Staley, survive.

Lanny Martin, just prior to the knowledge of his fatal illness, manifested his thoughtfulness of those who were less fortunate than he. He turned his entire savings over to the New March of Dimes drive in Jan., giving all he had in order that others might benefit.

Little was it realized that very soon thereafter Lanny and his parents would need help, as the condition of the young lad became increasingly worse.

The response was great and it was universal. A benefit singing netted over \$219.64 and a supper sponsored by the Liberty Civitan Club brought in over eighteen hundred dollars. Besides the material benefits, there were the prayers of the ministers and the churches, words of comfort and cheer from others and many acts of kindness to support the young parents in their hour of trial.

Keith and Pearl Martin never left the side of their afflicted son. They held his hand, they guided his efforts after his eyesight left him, they encouraged and loved him, and attended to his every need.

They went with him on the final trip to the hospital where doctors and nurses assisted them in the last efforts which were made for the brave lad.

The same consideration which caused seven-year-old Lanny Martin to turn over his entire savings to the polio fund remained with him through the days of his tragic illness, he was conscious of the ministrations of his parents and he planned for the future of his pets, the pony and the small dog.

It is in this same spirit that Lanny's parents and his doctors are hoping to gain some knowledge from his illness which will help others suffering from a similar ailment.

Lanny Martin's body is resting peacefully in the rural church-yard, his soul is soaring in the heights above. In time his parents will resume their normal routine and devoted their efforts to the rearing of their two young daughters. But the unselfish spirit which was manifested by this young boy will live on throughout the years to come.

Parkers Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

June 8, 1961 – A Western Randolph County couple, who left for Kansas the day after they were married fifty years ago, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Victor (Vick) Parker, of Route 2, Denton, were married fifty years ago last Sunday at the home of the bride's father Milton Lackey, at Jackson Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker have resided at Parker's Mill for 48 years and operated that historic mill site for 33 years until closing it down in 1945.

Since that time they have operated a store across the road from the mill.

The golden wedding anniversary celebration, featuring an open house observance, was held at the site of the wedding of a half century ago but in a newer house now owned by Mrs. Howard Snider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parker, and her husband, also located on Route 2, Denton.

Mrs. Snider, the former Margaret Josephine Parker, and her three brothers, Henry Milton Parker, of Elkton, Md., Gilbert Clyde Parker of North Hollywood, Calif., and Thomas Henley Parker of Asheboro, stood with their parents in the receiving line for the open house observance which lasted from 3 p. m., to 5 p. m. Another child, Charles Denzel, had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Parker but only lived for a few weeks.

The new Snider residence, standing beside of the old house in which the wedding occurred fifty years ago to the day, was beautifully decorated with arrangements of yellow roses, yellow chrysanthemums, yellow gladioli and other summer flowers.

A huge three-tiered white wedding cake, covered with white roses, gold balls with green trimming and with a golden cup ornament at the top, over which was a gold inscription of "50" with an arrangement of lilies of the valley and golden leaves, was placed on a table covered with a lace cloth over gold and was flanked by gold candle holders with lighted tapers.

Orange punch, cake squares, mints and nuts were served to the guests who called during the appointed hours.

Assisting in the serving, the registering of the guests and in the gift room were Misses Pam Parker, Bonnie, Betty and Peggy Snider, all grand-daughters of the honored couple, Mrs. Kent Ridge, a neighbor, and Mrs. Clyde Graves and daughter, Miss Martha Graves.

Many gifts were received by Mr. and Mrs. Parker to commemorate the passing of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

A wedding supper was also held following that Sunday evening of fifty years ago which began at approximately 7 o'clock. Prepared by the bride's stepmother, now Mrs. Minnie Small, of Route 1, Trinity, the supper honored the bridal couple and invitations were extended to the wedding guests. Mrs. Small is still living and was present at the second celebration last Sunday, fifty years later.

The morning following the wedding night of fifty years ago, which was spent in the home in which they were married, Mr. and Mrs. Parker got into a wagon, stopped by Science Hill for four of Mr. Parker's brothers and sisters, and came to Asheboro where they boarded a train for Kansas.

Both of Mr. Parker's parents had died and they were taking his brothers and sisters to live with a relative, Elroy Parker, a former Randolph County native who had taken up residence in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Parker went to Salina,

Kansas, where Hal Lackey, a brother of Mrs. Parker, resided.

After helping Mrs. Parker's brother thresh wheat that summer, Mr. and Mrs. Parker returned home and began rebuilding the mill which they operated until Mr. Parker's health got bad in 1945.

The mill, which was originally started in 1779, was at one time operated by Mr. Parker's grandfather as head miller and was owned by his father later, prior to the rebuilding of the mill by Vick Parker upon his and Mrs. Parker's return from Kansas.

Besides the four brothers and sisters who went to Kansas with the newly married couple on the morning following their wedding, one sister and two brothers went later. Only one brother besides Mr. Parker came back to Randolph County to live. Of the seven brothers and sisters who remained out west, four are still living, one each in Desota, Kansas, Olathe, Kansas, Tulsa, Okla., and Boulder Colo.

Thirty-nine years following their return to Randolph County, Mr. and Mrs. Parker visited again in the part of the country in which they spent the first six months of their married life.

Charles Victor Parker was born Aug. 17, 1889, at Gary's Cross Roads in the Science Hill community, across the road from the present site of Van Lanier's Store. His parents were William Henry Parker and Louisa (Lou) Henley Parker. His father was a farmer, storekeeper and a horse trader.

Mr. Parker attended Ridge's School House as a boy and the Farmer school. He lived at the home place and helped raise the "hogs, cows and mules" until his marriage.

Mrs. Parker is the former Sallie Belle Lackey, a daughter of Milton Lackey and Margaret Gallimore Lackey. She was born on Mar. 29, 1890, making both she and Mr. Parker 71 years of age at the present time.

She attended the Red Berry school at Jackson Creek and also the Farmer school for a while. Her mother died when she was young and for a time she had to assist with the housework at home.

The Parkers were acquainted with each other since early childhood, as Mr. Parker remembers that Mrs. Parker used to come by his father's store in a buggy on her way to Asheboro in the years before their marriage.

On the afternoon before their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Parker attended the wedding of another well known couple of the vicinity, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Yates. Mr. and Mrs. Yates were married on Sunday afternoon, going to the home of the officiating magistrate, Frank Delk, in a buggy, with the Parkers accompanying them in another buggy. Mr. and Mrs. Yates live a short distance down the road from Mr. and Mrs. Parker at Jackson Creek.

Standing up with them at their own wedding that evening were Clarence Ridge and Nealie Ridge Albertson, both of whom were Jackson Creek natives, with Nealie Ridge Albertson living in High Point at the time of the wedding. There were several others at the wedding also and as far as the parkers remember, most of them stayed for the wedding supper. Mrs. Parker said: "I know the preacher did."

The preacher was John Tillman, first official minister at the Science Hill Friends Meeting House who rode to the wedding site on a horse. When asked by Mr. Parker after the ceremony as to what he owed him, the preacher said: "give me a dollar."

Mrs. Parker remembers that she wore a white wedding dress, "a silky thing with a dot." For her golden wedding anniversary fifty years later, she wore a navy blue crepe dress with a corsage of yellow roses.

The house in which the Parkers were married will soon be torn down to make way for the landscaping of the new brick residence of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Snider.

Upon their return from Kansas, the Parkers moved into an adjoining place and began the rebuilding of the old mill. Two years later they erected their own home on the top of a high hill close to the mill where they lived until they quit operating the mill in 1945.

Shortly thereafter they established a store across the road and have lived in quarters in and over the store since that time. However, they still own the house on the hill as well as approximately 500 acres of land in the vicinity and around Science Hill.

They formerly operated a store within a corner of the mill and for a time kept a postoffice, named Maberry, which was at that place. The name of the postoffice was designated by Mr. Parker, who derived the name from a tree of the same name which stood close by.

Mr. Parker has never left the Science Hill Friends Meeting House which he knew as a child. Since their marriage, Mrs. Parker has joined him in an attendance at that place and thus far this year they have attended services every Sunday.

Mrs. Parker attended the Mt. Tabor Methodist Church at Jackson Creek before her marriage.

A genealogist of some renown, Mr. Parker has done extensive research into the genealogy of the maternal side of his family, the Henley family, and also for some other families. He has also been quite interested in the genealogy of the Quaker denomination and is very familiar with the history of the Friends movement in this area. A staunch Republican he once accompanied the secretary of the late Mrs. Herbert Hoover on a tour of the old Hoover graveyard which is located in the area in which he lives.

For forty-eight years, Mr. and Mrs. Parker have lived within the bend of the road, first upon the hill and for more than fifteen years now on the side of the road, with the sound of the water falling over the old mill dam coming to them from both places. For fifty years they have lived together, "a pretty good life" as one of them expressed it and a statement with which their friends and neighbors will most certainly agree.

"This Is Your Life" Startles Principal

June 8, 1961 — A veteran school principal, grey haired and distinguished, stood up Monday night to receive the acclaim of students, faculty members, school patrons, civic leaders and former associates in a special program held in his honor.

J. R. Barker, principal at the Seagrove School for the past nine years and retiring now after 37 years as teacher and principal, was the subject of a "This Is Your Life" program in which many people participated.

Approximately 350 people attended the program which was held in the school auditorium. Mr. Barker was brought to the auditorium under the pretext that he was coming to an awards night to be held by some of the school groups.

A committee, composed of Charles Keels, agriculture teacher, Mrs. Wade Harris, home economics teacher, and

Miss Sue Richardson, 1951 Seavrove high school graduate and co-valedictorian, planned the program in cooperation with other participating groups. Mr. Keels served as narrator for the program.

Many of the participating groups, including the members of the faculty, Boy Scouts, Lions Club, members of the school board and members of Mr. and Mrs. Barker's Sunday School classes, were seated in special groups for the presentation of the program.

Many gifts were presented to the retiring school principal and his wife at the conclusion of the program, including the famed Carolina or Kennedy rocker, complete with varnish and upholstery.

The 63 year-old school man first became aware that something besides an awards night was being held as he approached the school grounds, one of the last to arrive for the program. He and his wife were ushered to front seats by the school marshals before he was told by narrator Keels that 'Mr. J. R. Barker - This Is your Life.'

As Principal Barker mounted the stage, the audience stood with him and sang "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

His record of service in the school profession, including teacher and coach for 9 years, principal of Haw River school for 19 years and principal of the Seagrove school for 9 years, was cited as a prelude to the appearance of those who were participate in the presentation of "Mr. J. R. Barker - This is Your Life."

A trio of high school girls, comprised of Miss Linda Brewer, Miss Rebecca Auman and Miss Carolyn King, with Miss Doris Jean Voncannon at the piano, sang "Memories" prior to the appearance of A. M. Barker, of Reidsville, and Miss Neva Barker, of route 4, Burlington, surviving brother and sister of J. R. Barker, who was born on Sept. 22, 1897 on a farm in the Stoney Creek church community in Alamance county, the second child in the family of six children born to Mr. and Mrs. George Barker.

The trio sang "School Days" as the school life of Jesse Barker was recited.

He began his education in a two-teacher school, Maywood, in the community in which he was born, later attended the Stoney Creek high school, completed his preparatory high school work at Elon College and then enrolled in the college courses proper.

The singers sang the college song and the extra curricular activities of J. R. Barker at Elon College were brought to the attention of the audience. He served as vice president of the senior class, president of the Student Senate, a member of the Philologian Literary Society, member of the Iota Tau Kappa, and member of the Alamance Club.

A special feature, comprising the athletic career of Mr. Barker, consisted of a film showing his varied sports activities. During his years at college, he played as a football guard, a basketball forward and as a baseball captain. Appearing on this part of the program were former classmates, Joe Raper, Asheboro, and J. M. Green of Rt. 1, Ramseur. In addition to his college athletics, Mr. Barker also played baseball during the summer months with several semi-professional teams, including teams at Bristol, Tenn., Lumberton, Anderson, S. C. and Lexington.

Howard Cates, of Mebane, a football player on one of the first teams Mr. Barker coached after becoming a member of the faculty at the Alexander-Wilson school in Alamance county, appeared on the stage and the trio sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

It was also while at the Alexander-Wilson school that Mr. Barker met Miss Margaret Tate, a fourth grade teacher at the Swepsonville elementary school, who on June 8, 1927 became his wife. Pictures of the courtship and marriage were projected on the screen and Mrs. Barker sat with her husband after making her initial appearance on the platform.

Mrs. Barker was the only girl out of a family of seven children and five of her brothers were present to participate in the proceedings Monday night.

After coaching at Alexander-Wilson for two years, Mr. Barker went to Mebane high school where he also coached for two years. Then he went to the Graham high school where he coached for five years before becoming principal at the Haw River school.

T. B. Thompson, chairman of the school board at Haw River, spoke of Mr. Barker's 19 years of service at that school and three former teachers, one of whom was also a former pupil, spoke of their association with the school principal. The teacher, who was also a pupil, read a jingle which she has written to commemorate her association with Mr. Barker, both as a pupil and as a teacher.

Dr. J. C. Wilkins, member of the Alamance County Board of Education, spoke of Mr. Barker's contribution to the county unit and Mrs. J. C. Wilkins spoke of his contribution to the church life of the community.

J. R. Barker came to the school in 1952 and the following people spoke of his contributions to the school, the church and the community, Hubert Auman, member of the school board, Rev. L. M. Presnell, Sr., former pastor of the Seagrove Congregational Christian church, Rev. B. J. Willett, present pastor at the church, Harwood Graves, president of the Seagrove Lions Club, J. D. Williams, Scout Leader, several teachers and students, former teachers and students, Lacy Presnell, Jr., of the county schools administrative unit, and finally A. L. Ashburn, Jr., chairman of the Seagrove school board.

The gifts were brought in, their presentations were made and as Mr. and Mrs. Barker walked to the door, to greet the people as they left the building, the entire assemblage sang "Auld Lang Syne." The Barkers will remain in Seagrove for a short while and then move to their home on the Hopedale road three miles from Burlington.

Thus ended the era of nine years at the Seagrove School and the long tenure of service in the public school system of North Carolina.

The program at Seagrove Monday night was a fitting climax and a proper expression of appreciation for a man who had spent 37 years of his life in service to the youth and to his fellow man.

Tabernacle Woman's Family Number 91 Descendents

June 15, 1961 - A Tabernacle Township woman, head of a family of 91 descendants, celebrated her 82nd birthday Sunday, June 11, with many members of her family in attendance.

Mrs. Minnie L-Dora Richardson Gallimore, whose family consists of eight living children, 39 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren, resides in "Gallimore Town," Route 1, Trinity, about 11 miles west of Asheboro. She is the widow of the late Frank Gallimore.

Six of Mrs. Gallimore's children and one widowed daughter-in-law live on the Gallimore land, the other two children own portions of the land and many of the grandchildren also live in the immediate area.

The Gallimore holdings, which started out with six acres and a one-room house a year after Mrs. Gallimore's marriage 64 years ago, increased to 600 acres and a large two storied house before Mr. Gallimore started distributing portions of the land to his children for the establishment of their own homes close by.

Of the two children who don't live in the vicinity, one of them, a daughter, owns a house on the land which she rents to the Tabernacle school principal while the other one, a son, used to own a home on the land until it burned down a few years ago, however, he still retains his portion of the land.

The daughter of a local Methodist preacher, the niece of an ordained Methodist minister and the grandmother of a licensed Methodist minister, Mrs. Gallimore still does not confine her religion to the Methodist denomination. According to one of her daughters, she listens to all the preachers and she herself summed her creed up in this statement: "I believe in the blood."

Residing not far from the Tabernacle Methodist church, of which she is the oldest member, she said she was rather small when I joined the church." A grandson came out of the Tabernacle church and is now serving as the associate pastor of three Methodist churches.

She remembers the Tabernacle church first as a one - room, unheated log building, then as a weather boarded building and later the present brick structure. She said: "We enjoyed religion back then" and also recalled revival meetings at Tabernacle when the building would "reel and rock."

Mrs. Gallimore was born June 10, 1879 at the home of her parents, Quincy Richardson and Jane Plummer Richardson, located a few hundred feet from the place in which she now resides. The youngest of nine children, she is the only member of her family still living.

She attended school at "Taw's College," so named for an old Indian who lived in a mud hut with a dirt floor, located close to the school. Mrs. Gallimore said that the school children would take food to the old Indian "if he would sing for us."

Married at an early age, Mrs. Gallimore and her husband celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary less than a month before Mr. Gallimore died on Feb. 3, 1958.

The big two-storied house, in which Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore lived for 46 years, burned completely to the ground four years ago last Jan., with practically all of the belongings which had been accumulated through sixty years of marriage being consumed in the fire. Mrs. Gallimore, ill in health for the past ten years, has never been reconciled to the loss of her home, even though a new brick structure with modern furnishings has taken its place.

Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore as follows: General Lee Gallimore, who died in infancy; Lewis Gallimore, Route 1, Trinity; Roby Gallimore, who died in 1944; Clifford Gallimore, who died at the age of 3; Mrs. Eliza Jane Gallimore Hunt, Route 1, Trinity; John Gallimore, who formerly lived on the Gallimore land but now resides in Biscoe; Mrs. Lula Gallimore Small, who with her family has lived with her parents for the past ten years; Mattie

Gallimore, who died in infancy; Mrs. Grace Gallimore Pugh, who owns a home on the Gallimore land but resides with her husband and son on Route 1, Franklinville; and Mrs. Pearl Gallimore Loflin, who lives on Route 1, Trinity, next door to the residence of her mother.

The oldest great-grandchild of Mrs. Gallimore graduated recently from Thomasville high school while the two youngest great - grandchildren, are seven weeks old, one of them reaching that age the day before the celebration and the other the day after the celebration.

The late Mr. Gallimore was a farmer, merchant and a trader. His sons and many of his grandsons have largely followed his trading instincts and have dealt and are dealing in cattle, hogs chickens, land auctions and other similar methods of making a living. One of the feminine members of the family said that the men of her family "trades just anything" while another person once said "put a Gallimore on a rock and he would prosper."

Another outstanding trait of the Gallimore family is the closeness of the large family group. This was very evident as members of the clan gathered for the birthday celebration last Sunday.

Mrs. Gallimore says that she "appreciates all of my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren" and if a week passes without them coming to see her, she wonders why they didn't come. Just prior to the eating of the huge birthday meal, the smaller of the great-grandchildren sang "Happy Birthday" to their 82 year-old great-grandmother.

This white-haired matriarch of the Gallimore clan sits in a chair and is not able to get about. She usually has to enter the hospital once or twice a year for treatment. However, she never complains but instead appreciates the kindness which is extended to her, the company which come to see her and get-well cards which she receives.

The large family gathering, reveling the enjoyableness of the birthday celebration and the day of reunion, became quiet last Sunday for the words of mediation and prayer from the preacher grandson, of whom Mrs. Gallimore and other members of the family are very proud.

The group was hushed as he gave thanks for her life and the opportunity "to gather together." He asked God to "bless her from day to day as she sits here so patiently" and he referred to the time "when the homecoming is yonder in the sky."

As the time for that home-coming appears, Mrs. Gallimore's heritage has been made secure through the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will follow after her.

Mrs. Holmes Finds Time To Help Others

June 22, 1961 -Who did The National Foundation Officials turn to last week when a polio patient in the Staley area needed transportation to the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital, Greensboro?

None other than Mrs. Ida B. Holmes who has been looking after the sick people in Staley ever since she moved there as a new bride nearly forty years ago.

A Staley resident recently had this to say about Mrs. Holmes: "I want to tell you one thing about Ida Holmes, if there is anybody sick in the community, she is right there."

That actually is the essence of the character of Ida B. Holmes. But a few details might convey greater significance to the outstanding service which has been rendered by this

woman who has always responded to the needs of her community.

But getting back to the conveyance of the polio patient to the hospital in Greensboro. She was asked if she knew the way to the hospital. Mrs. Holmes replied, somewhat indignantly, "I wish I had a dollar for every time I had been to the polio hospital."

Further investigation revealed that back during the polio epidemic a young boy of the community was stricken with polio. Some of the neighbors were afraid to go in because of the contagiousness of the disease. But not Mrs. Holmes. She went in, called an ambulance, accompanied the child to the hospital and then carried the parents on numerous trips to see their stricken son.

The trip to the polio hospital last week wasn't comparatively easy for Mrs. Holmes. The universal joint had dropped out of her car the day before and she had also planned to entertain the missionary society of her church on the night of the day she was to make the trip to the hospital.

But these were no excuses for this persevering woman. She baked the cake for the Missionary Society the night before, sometime between 9 o'clock and midnight, borrowed her son's car the next morning and made the trip as scheduled.

On top of that, she returned from the polio hospital, did not even stop at home, and went on to a friend's house and took her to see a doctor in Siler City. She then went home and prepared for her Missionary meeting that night.

Three weeks ago, she spent three days at the Chapel Hill Hospital with an elderly friend and neighbor who wanted someone with her while she was preparing for, and undergoing a very serious operation. As in so many other cases, Mrs. Holmes was the one to go. She has carried so many people to the hospital and to see the doctor since she began driving 25 years ago.

A lady, with whom Mrs. Holmes had assisted in the births of six of her children and whom she had helped so many times in sickness, said "just to see you come into the door makes me feel better."

Recently a patient in the Randolph County Home from Staley died. Both the home authorities and the undertaker called Mrs. Holmes in on the final arrangements in the absence of any relatives.

Why did they call Mrs. Holmes? Because it was Mrs. Holmes who had assisted in getting the lady into the home eleven years ago when she was sick and had to have some place to go. Also, because it was Mrs. Holmes who had visited and kept in touch with the lady during the intervening years before her death.

It was the same lady who, when the arrangements were being made for her admittance into the home, refused to co-operate until Mrs. Holmes came. She had said: "Go back and tell Ida Holmes to come over here." Mrs. Holmes came and the arrangements went on more smoothly after that.

Ida Brown Holmes was born in the lower part of Randolph County, near the Union Grove Baptist Church, the daughter of Joe M. Brown and Emily Virginia Spinks Brown. Two weeks following her marriage to H. A. Holmes on July 31, 1918, she and her husband came to Staley to live. Mr. Holmes died on Dec. 28, 1954.

Mrs. Holmes has three children, H. A. Holmes, Jr., and William Ross Holmes, of Staley, and a daughter, Mrs. Vernelle Holmes Leonard, who is living at the present time

in Mainz, Germany, her husband being in the military service.

Another son, Carl Ray Holmes, was killed on Sept. 15, 1943, in the invasion of Guadalcanal during World War II. A member of the United States Air Force. His body was never recovered but a monument to his memory has been erected in the family plot in the Staley cemetery.

A busy woman, Mrs. Holmes has been active all of the years of her life. In addition to her work among the sick of the community, she participates in many other community and church activities.

A member of the Staley Methodist Church for around 30 years, she has been the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the past seven years, also serving in the same capacity at other times in the period before that. She has also held many other positions within the church organization, including the teacher of the Woman's Bible class of the Sunday School.

During the seven years she has served as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, approximately \$3,600 has been raised towards the equipping of the new Staley Methodist Church building. These items have included three pews, two pulpit stands, a curtain, chairs for class rooms and an outside bulletin board.

The money for this equipment has been raised mainly through the giving of church suppers, of which Mrs. Holmes has been in charge. Those suppers are given two or three a year and sometimes as many as 700 people are served.

Mrs. Holmes is presently serving as member of the executive committee of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation and was drive chairman in the Staley area during the last Fund raising campaign of the New March of Dimes. She has also been in charge of many of the civic drives in Staley during the past few years.

She had served for three terms as the registrar for the town of Staley and one term as registrar for the Staley precinct. She is a member of the Legion Auxiliary in Liberty and serves as Staley correspondent for the Courier-Tribune.

In addition to raising her family and carrying on all of these other duties, she worked at public employment half of the years she has lived in Staley.

One might get the idea that Mrs. Holmes is mild, sanctimonious and submissive, considering her good works, but this is far from being true. She is independent, resourceful and will stand up with the best of them and declare herself to be "A Methodist and a Democrat." She has also said: "I have never been afraid of anything."

A strong partisan Democrat in a predominately Republican stronghold, she fights hard in the political battles and gives no quarter. But she crosses the political lines in times of sickness and when she can be of service to her church, her community and her fellowman.

A friend recently said: "I want to tell you while you are living, the town of Staley owes you an orchid for the things you have done."

That is the purpose of this article. To give Mrs. Ida B. Holmes an orchid for what she has meant to the town of Staley and the people who live therein. To tell her in a small way the significance of her life in the town in which she has lived for over 42 years. To express appreciation for services rendered and hail her as a top notch citizen of the town and of the county.

Tabernacle Sunday School Convention Fills Record Book

June 29, 1961 – A record book purchased in 1909, was filled up Sunday as the Tabernacle Township Sunday School Convention was held for the 65th time.

As the business session at the annual convention which was held at the Bethel Baptist Church, neared its end, the secretary, Mrs. Albert Staley announced "There is just one more page in the book." Not enough to record last Sunday's minutes.

On the flyleaf of the old journal is this inscription: "This book is the property of the Tabernacle Sabbath School Association. Bought July 20, 1909. J. C. Hoover, Secretary."

According to the first minutes in the book, the convention of that year, 1909, was the 12th annual meeting of the association. At that time, churches in the association were Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, Mt. Gilead Methodist Church, Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church, Tabernacle Methodist Church, Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Jackson Creek Church and Pierce's school house.

Present churches in the convention are Mt. Zion, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Shepherd, Tabernacle, Pleasant Hill, Bethel, Westfield Baptist Church, High Rock Baptist Church and Poplar Ridge.

Sixty cents of the offering taken at the 1909 convention was used to pay for the record book which was filled with last Sunday's meeting. An offering was taken Sunday with which to purchase a new book. It is planned, after the old book is no longer needed, to place the book with the county historian or in the county library. Many names familiar to the western portion of Randolph County and the county as a whole are found in the book which has been kept for over a half of a century.

Waymon Trotter, president, opened the 65th session of the Tabernacle Sunday School Convention Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

An opening song, "Glory to His Name," was sung by the entire congregation, led by the venerable E. R. Klass, a former convention president, accompanied by Mrs. Utha McPherson at the piano, both of the High Rock Church.

Scripture was read by Rev. Clyde Byerly, pastor of the host church, with prayer by Rev. Everett Wright, pastor of the Mt. Shepherd Church.

A brief report was given by President Trotter, who had also served as president of the convention in 1947. He reported that he had visited all of the Sunday schools in the convention twice during the past year, speaking at each place on the building of the Sunday school.

He said there were 1,179 on roll in the Sunday schools of the eleven churches in the convention and on the Sundays he visited there were 1,045 present in the eleven schools.

It was noted that on the Sunday of the convention, the Bethel Sunday school had 158 present, with only 154 on roll.

Reports were also heard from Coy Loflin, superintendent of the Sunday school of the Westfield church, Lewis Wall, superintendent of the Mt. Gilead Sunday school, and from E. R. Klass of the High Rock Church.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. David Snider and daughter, Teresa, of the Pleasant Grove Church, E. R. Klass, Miss Janice Wood, Junior choir leader of the High

Rock Church, and a children's choir from the Bethel Church.

The Bethel Church won the attendance banner with 107 persons in attendance; High Rock was second in attendance.

New officers were named as follows: Steve Satterfield, of the Bethel Church, president; Wayne Johnson of the Mt. Shepherd Church, vice president; Oscar Parrish of the Westfield Church, adult workers; Mrs. David Snider, of the Pleasant Grove Church, children's worker, Max Small of the High Rock Church, was re-elected as young people's worker, Mrs. Albert Staley, secretary, retained her position until the meeting of the Sunday School Institute this fall.

Richland Church Plans 10th Anniversary

June 29, 1961 – The Richland Baptist Church, which had its beginning in a tent revival meeting, will observe its 10th anniversary Sunday, July 2, and will hold homecoming services throughout the day.

Organized on Sunday, July 1, 1951, with 15 charter members, the church now has a membership of 93. At the past Sunday school service on May 27, 1961, there were 36 people present. The present Sunday school enrollment is 232, with an average attendance of 175.

The Stewart family from Greensboro, or better know as the Indian Singers, will furnish the program for the anniversary and homecoming services Sunday.

Rev. Lee Stewart will preach in the Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock, with the singers participating in the afternoon program, following a picnic luncheon on the grounds. The afternoon services will begin at approximately 1:45.

Pastor of the church, which is located in the Humble's Mill area, between Highway 902 and the Cox Road, is the Rev. Ben W. McPherson, who resides with his wife and three children at 306 Cherokee Street in Asheboro.

Ben McPherson has been pastor of the church since it was organized and it was he who held the tent meeting from which the church originated. That meeting, which lasted for three weeks, was held approximately two years before the organization of the church.

However, the tent evangelist, himself a native of the community in which the church was later established, urged caution, told the people to pray about the matter and instead of beginning a church immediately he organized a prayer meeting which was held once a week until the organization of the church.

The prayer services were held in different homes in the community, particularly in the home of Dan and Phiney Voncannon. At one service there 86 people present. Interest was maintained and finally the minister felt definitely led towards the organization of a church.

A Sunday afternoon meeting was called. Fifty people were present. The Rev. Mr. McPherson announced that "this will be a Baptist church" and asked that all who wanted to organize a church and would support it to stand up. Twenty-six people stood up in support of this request.

However, at the time of actual organization, only 15 people became charter members. These were Mrs. Randleman Ferree, Mrs. B. W. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. James Harvell, T. L. Kiser, Mrs. Ida Kiser, James Lovins, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Canipe, Mrs. Lloyd Moore and John Moore.

Two of the charter members, Mrs. Kiser and Henry T. Wright, have died since the organization of the church and only Mrs. Ferree, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Harvell, Mr. Kiser and Mr. Lovins remain in the church from among the original group.

A building was ready, although not completed, for the beginning of the Sunday school a little over a month before the organization of the church. It was located across the road, about 75 yards from the site of the tent meeting, on land which was donated by James Voncannon, a cousin of the Rev. Mr. McPherson.

Name of the church was suggested by J. E. Brown, presently a member of the church, and was derived from Richland Creek, which flows directly behind the church. The church is located about a quarter of a mile or so from Humble Mill which is also located on the creek.

The erection of the church building was a unified effort, with many of the community combining their efforts toward the successful completion of the structure.

A 32 by 42 building was first erected, with three additions at a later date, namely, a vestibule, six class rooms at one time and five class rooms and a pastor's study at another time. A well was recently dug at the church and running water brought into the church. Plans are being made for the construction of rest rooms in the near future. All indebtedness has been removed from the church and approximately \$1,000 is in the church treasury.

Three ministers have come out of the church during its ten years of existence. Two of them, Rev. James Moon, pastor of the Clearview Baptist Church, and Rev. A. V. Staley, pastor of the Solid Rock Baptist Church, are ordained while the other one, Rev. Bryant Dark, is licensed and is presently attending the Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem.

Ben McPherson has seemingly proved that a prophet is with honor in his own country. He was born three quarters of a mile from the place which he has now held a successful pastorate for ten years.

The son of the late Jim McPherson and Hannah Jane Stout McPherson, he stayed in his home community until he was 22 years old. He then engaged in sawmill work and later went to work in a hosiery mill in Asheboro. He remained in the hosiery mill until about five years ago when his ministry became full time. He is married to the former Eunice Barnes.

Rev. Mr. McPherson came out of the old Ward Street Baptist Church in Asheboro, now the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, where he received his license to preach.

At that church he served as a teacher, deacon and as superintendent of the Sunday school. After his acceptance of the pastorate at the Richland church, he was ordained to the ministry in a service at the Mountain View Baptist Church.

One of his church members said: "Brother Ben has really done a wonderful job at Richland," But even if this had not been said, the facts speak for themselves. He has led wisely, built strongly and prayerfully, and has brought his congregation from its small beginning of ten years ago to its present position of strength and usefulness.

Annual Hulin Family Reunion Held Sunday

July 13, 1962 – Approximately 70 people attended the seventh annual reunion of the Rev. John Hulin family Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Hulin at 2211 Newell Street in North Asheboro.

The reunion each year has been held at the home of K. W. Hulin, who is the oldest living child of the late Rev. John Hulin and his wife, the late Mrs. Frances Haltom Hulin.

However, at the reunion this year, it was considered that the next one might be held at the old home church, the Lovejoy Methodist Church in Montgomery County.

It was in this church community that the Hulins originated and it is in the Lovejoy cemetery that the Rev. and Mrs. Hulin are buried.

The Hulin family moved from the Lovejoy community to Central Falls and it was from this place that Mr. Hulin was called into the ministry of the Methodist Protestant church.

He served charges in Randolph, Davidson and Stanly Counties before retiring to the old homeplace near Lovejoy where he and his wife spent the remainder of their days. Among the churches he served in Randolph County were the Why Not, Flag Springs, New Hope and Pleasant Hill Methodist Protestant churches.

Eight children were born to the Rev. and Mrs. Hulin, four of whom, K. W. Hulin, Mrs. Ola Hulin Milliard Hall, of Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. Maude Hulin Hall of Albemarle, and J. P. Hulin of High Point, are still living. Those deceased are J. Brinkley Hulin, Mrs. Elba Hulin Yow, D. E. Hulin and W. H. Hulin.

John Hall, a grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. Hulin and a Methodist minister himself, welcomed the family members Sunday prior to the partaking of the sumptuous meal which was served buffet style from a table on the lawn of the K. W. Hulin residence.

He spoke of the "great heritage, a Christian heritage which had been handed down to the members of the family from their parents and grandparents.

He said that their grandmother was the ultimatum in any womanhood and he urged the younger members of the family to "carry on the work which granddaddy started."

Those attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Hulin of the North Asheboro community, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hulin, Mrs. Jane Hulin O'Briant, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Morton, Miss Marsha Ann Mears, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Welch, Carolyn Welch, Wayne Welch, Darrell Welch, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hillard, Rev. and Mrs. Charles R. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch, Joy Welch, James R. Welch, Miss Linda Asbill and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith of High Point.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ray Spencer and daughter, Chystrel, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hulin, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Saunders and sons of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Reynolds, Sr., and sons, Miss Madeline Reynolds, Mrs. Tera Reynolds, Mrs. Lucy Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hulin and Larry Rush of Troy, Mrs. Leola Presnell, Ruby Presnell and Henry Presnell of Central Falls, Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmore and grandson of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lambert and sons, and Mrs. Ola Hall of Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. Delores Langley and children of Pomfort, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen and daughter, Cindy of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hall and sons and Mrs. Maude Hall of Albemarle.

Happy, Singing Family Are Comers Of South Randolph

July 20, 1961 – A happy, singing family is a good description for the family of Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Comer, of Route 2, Seagrove who are easily one of Randolph County's most typical families.

Consisting of the parents and twelve living children, the family embodies many of the characteristics which have gone into Randolph county families to make this one of the outstanding sections of North Carolina.

The Comers are honest, hard working, God-fearing people who are widely respected in the communities in which they live.

All of them attend church, participate in community activities and are generally known as good, substantial, all-around citizens.

The entire family live within 30 minutes drive of each other or less. The elder Comers live about a mile and one half from the Moore county line and about two miles from Jugtown. Five of their children live on the same rural route on which their parents live.

Musically minded, the family has always sung together and started singing publicly around five years ago. They are now very much in demand at gatherings where sacred music is predominant. The Cole family reunion has invited them to sing at their family gathering at the Big Oak Christian church the second Sunday in Aug. stating that they had been trying to get them for years.

The singing group consists of the parents and nine of the children. It is said that the other three children can sing just as good but it has not been convenient for them to join the rest of the family in the public appearances.

Coy Lemuel Comer, the head of the large group is a native of Moore county but lived in Montgomery county near Steeds until he was 16 years of age. He then moved with his family to the vicinity in which he now lives. He was 69 years of age on last Friday, July 14.

Mrs. Comer, the former Annie Florence Garner Comer, was born in Moore county near the Acorn Ridge church, about four and one half miles from where she is now living and has reared her large family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Comer were thirteen children as follows: Mrs. Mettie Blanche Williamson, of Route 2, Seagrove, Mrs. Maggie Ethel Kennedy, of Route 1, Robbins, Mrs. Mary Edith Yow, of Route 2, Seagrove, Tracy Merritt Comer, Route 2, Seagrove, Willie Howard Comer, of Route 2, Seagrove, Mrs. Mattie Margaret Needham, who was killed in a tractor accident in June, 1953, Ted Elbert Comer, of Route 1, Robbins, Mrs. Faye Evelyn Caviness, Route 1, Robbins, Mrs. Helen Geneva Ritter, of Route 1, Robbins, Mrs. Betty Ruth Caviness, of Route 2, Bennett, Mrs. Lola Elizabeth Upton, of Ramseur, Carroll Lewis Comer, of Robbins and Arnold Ray Comer, of the homeplace.

Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Yow are the twins of the family. The oldest member of the family group is Mrs. Williamson, who is 46 years of age, while the "baby" of the group is 21 year-old Arnold Ray, who is the only unmarried member of the family. The ages of the children range with about two years difference between them, with the exception of two or three of them.

There are 36 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The sons-in-law of the family are Ollie Williamson, Colon Kennedy, Fred Yow, Alton Needham, Clarence Caviness, husband of Evelyn, J. B. Ritter, Fred Caviness, husband of Betty, and Jack Upton.

The head of this large family was asked as to how he had provided for so many of them. Especially since all of them appear to be so healthy, robust and well fed. This reporter, in seeking the answer to this question, was momentarily disconcerted when Mr. Comer said his first wages amounted to 30 cents a day.

However, further questioning brought out the fact that Mr. Comer has engaged all of his life in the lumber business and farming.

It seems that while he was working at the sawmill, Mrs. Comer and the children were at home tending to the farm. It was brought out that Mrs. Comer was an unusually hard worker, with one of the daughters saying: "She was the leader and kept us at work."

The comers are still working, with perhaps the sawmilling end of the family business now exceeding the farming end. Until just recently, the three oldest sons, Tracy, Bill and Ted, were associated with their father in the lumber business. Bill has now pulled out with a sawmill of his own.

Carroll, the next to the youngest son, is service manager for the Seagrove Poultry Company at Robbins while Arnold, the youngest son, is associated with the Hall-Knott Clothing Store in Asheboro.

Four of the daughters, Mettie, Ethel, Evelyn and Helen, work at textile plants in Robbins in addition to maintaining their own households while Betty, the next to the youngest girl, has been the English teacher at the Bennett high school for the past eight years. A graduate of Elon College, she is only 29 years of age.

The Comer children attended the White Oak school in their community until this school was disbanded, then going to the Brower elementary school and on to the Seagrove High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer brought their large family up in the Needham's Grove Christian church, located about two miles from their home. Still attending this church are Mr. and Mrs. Comer, along with Mettie, Edith, Tracy, Bill, Helen, Betty and Lola and their families and Arnold, the unmarried member of the family.

Helen is both the pianist and the organist at the Needham's Grove church and she is also the pianist and the leader of the Comer family singers.

Ethel attends the Smyrna Methodist church, Ted and Evelyn attend the Beulah Baptists church, at which place Ted serves as choir leader, and Carroll attends the First Baptist church in Robbins.

Two of the older Comer sons served with the Army during World War II, Tracy in the European area and Ted in the Pacific area.

Thus, the Comer family has served their country in time of need, they have served and are still serving their church and their community.

They are a congenial group, pleasant, most of them communicative, and they get along well among themselves and with the other people with whom they are associated.

Although they are a large family group, there is no dissension among them. There have been no quarrels between them since the normal childish disagreements when they played together as children at the home at which they grew to maturity.

Together they have come to manhood and womanhood and to the declining years of their parents. Together they have weathered the hard years and also the more prosperous ones. They have seen tragedy strike among

their number and they have known sorrow at the break in their ranks.

But the happy, singing Comers have withstood all of these things which have come to them and they have maintained an even keel. They continue today, as they have in the years of the past, to face the issues of life, bravely, courageously and joyously.

Kennedy, Johnson Letters Please Young Polio Victim

July 27, 1961 – Letters sent to President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson by Clendon Richardson, a Randolph County polio patient, have brought responses which have pleased the 22-year-old Route 4, Asheboro resident very much.

Replies were received from the White House, with Ralph A. Dungan, Special Assistant to the the President, doing the writing, and from the Vice President himself in a personal letter.

Enclosures included pictures of President and Mrs. Kennedy and of the Vice President, along with a copy of a special message by the President on Health and Hospital Care to the Congress of the United States and a news release from the President on a Request for funds to purchase 3,000,000 doses of the new oral polio vaccine.

Included in the message to Congress was a section concerned with "Improving the Health of our Children and Youth," of special significance to the National Polio Foundation.

In requesting the appropriation for the polio vaccine, the president had said: "I want to insure that there will be no delay, due to lack of funds, in having available to the Public Health Service, at the earliest possible moment, a supply of oral vaccine that can be used in event of epidemic situations."

The President, having been informed by Dr. Luther L. Terry, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, that very little oral vaccine will be available for this summer, also said:

"It becomes more important than ever that every effort be made to use the present Salk vaccine. I am happy to endorse whole-heartedly the vaccination drives being undertaken this year by the Public Health Service, the medical profession and other groups. We have the means for stamping out polio. It would be nothing short of tragic if we did not take advantage of the opportunity we now have to prevent the toll of suffering which paralytic polio brings."

The Letter of the Special Assistant to the President to Clendon Richardson is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Richardson:

The President received your letter and has asked me to thank you for writing. He is delighted to know that you are progressing so nicely in your bout with poliomyelitis and feels sure that your determination and cheerful attitude have contributed greatly to your improvements.

In view of your comments, perhaps you would like to read the enclosed White House releases which indicate the interest of the President and this Administration in combating polio and other disease which affect the health of our Nation. Your expressions of confidence pleased the President very much, and he wants you to have the

enclosed photograph. It comes to you with his very best wishes.

Sincerely,
Ralph A. Dungan
Special Assistant
To the President"

The letter from Vice President Johnson is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Richardson:

Thank you so much for your wonderful letter and the very kind things you said about President Kennedy and me. We are going to be trying as hard as we can in the days ahead to prove worthy of your confidence and friendship. I am pleased and honored to send you the enclosed photograph, and I would like to take this opportunity of extending best wishes for your continued improvement.

Kindest regards

Sincerely,
Lyndon B. Johnson"

Young Richardson, who suffered a severe attack of polio in July, 1963, also wrote to former President Eisenhower and former Vice President Nixon during their administration and received replies and photographs from each of them. The young Route 4, Asheboro man resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richardson. He is completely paralyzed from his neck down.

Pumpkin Champ making Bid For Further Fair Honors

Aug 10, 1961 – L. B. (Bascom) Craven, champion pumpkin grower for the past three years at the State Fair in Raleigh, is making preparations on his Route 1, Seagrove farm for the sending of his fourth entrant to the prize winning annals.

His proposed entry, already weighing more than 100 pounds, is still growing and is expected to be in the neighborhood of 125 pounds by early Sept.

However, Craven does not expect the weight of this year's entry to exceed the prize winner of year before last when his pumpkin weighed 127 pounds. That year he had twenty which weighed over 100 pounds.

Last year was a bad year for his pumpkins, as a dry spell kept his largest pumpkin down to 115 pounds.

The seed for his prize winning pumpkins came from Pennsylvania, brought to him by Grady McNeill, a truck driver for Luck's Inc., of Seagrove. McNeill saw some large pumpkins while on a trip through Pennsylvania and tried to buy one. Upon being refused, he scraped some seed up from the ground where one had busted open and brought them to Craven. He figured that if anybody could grow them, Craven could.

That is true, Craven is one of the "growingest" men anywhere around. His entire farm, consisting of over 90 acres, is evidence of his ability to grow things. He has done a lot of experimentive work in the cross-fertilization of plants, vegetables and trees.

His tomatoes, of the Big Boy variety, grow to a weight of two pounds. He has grown a squash which measured over five feet long and weighed 65 pounds. He has crossed vine oakra with regular oakra and has produced a pod which extends nearly a foot and has seed as large as watermelon seed. He has sunflowers in his pumpkin field which have already grown to a height of nearly 20 feet.

He has a tobacco plant which has been in his greenhouse for five years, he has a Japanese persimmon tree, a lemon plant and he also grows ornamental pumpkins.

Recently he has started growing Martin Gourds, he also has another gourd variety and he also grows tobacco, corn, small grain and various grades of vegetables.

Shrubbery is also grown at the Craven residence, including some large American boxwood, nandinas, cedars, White Pine and other bushes. He has grown a large patch of bamboo or reeds, used for fishing poles, from an original setting of six clumps.

Also on the farm he has some cows, hogs, pea fowls and quail.

Youngest son of a family of six boys and three girls born to his parents, I. Frank Craven and Rocittie Jane Garner Craven, Mr. Craven lives at the old homeplace where he was born and has always resided. The house in which he lives is a large two-story, planked up and down stripped unpainted dwelling which was constructed of long leaf hard pine and was built by his father around 80 years ago.

Many Attend Reunion Of L. L. Spencer Clan

Aug. 10, 1961 – The New Center Christian church, located in southeastern Randolph county, was the scene of the Lincoln Lewis Spencer family reunion Sunday, meeting in its second consecutive session.

Mrs. Pearl Spencer Ferree, retiring president conducted the morning and afternoon sessions of the reunion gathering, with a picnic luncheon on the church grounds during the noon hour.

It is the cemetery of the New Center church that Lincoln Lewis Spencer and his wife, Ida Nancy Smith Spencer, are buried. Mr. Spencer died on Jan. 11, 1960 and his wife passed away on Dec. 11, 1930.

Their six children, all of whom were present at Sunday's reunion, were elected as new officers of the family organization as follows: president, Alfred Spencer, of Rt. 1, Seagrove; vice president, Marvin Spencer, of Rt. 4, Asheboro; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Nellie Spencer Leach, of Rt. 1, Seagrove; assistant secretary and treasurer, Taft Spencer; members of the program committee, Willie Spencer, of Asheboro, and Everett Spencer, of Rt. 4, Asheboro.

Bill Spencer, of Rt. 1, Seagrove, son of Alfred Spencer, was retained as a member of the program committee on which he has served for the past year.

The program Sunday began with a devotional period conducted by Rev. Kenneth Ferree, pastor of Huldah Baptist church. Speaking at the afternoon session were Rev. Jimmy Caviness, pastor of the New Center church, and Mrs. Coney Spencer Lowdermilk, a friend and neighbor of the Lincoln Lewis Spencer family.

Furnishing special singing during the day were the Midway Quintet, the Cole Family Quartet, and the Flint Hill Quartet. At the conclusion of the afternoon session, all three groups joined in a resounding chorus of "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" and "I'll Fly Away."

Prizes were awarded to Chrystal Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Spencer, of Rt. 4, Asheboro, for being the youngest person in attendance, Marvin Spencer, for being the oldest person in attendance, and Mrs. Lucy Smith, of Rt. 1, Liberty, for having traveled the farthest

distance to the reunion gathering. Presentation of the prizes was made by Mrs. Inez Leach Teague, retiring vice president of the reunion organization.

Minutes of the last meeting and a treasurer's report was made by Mrs. Ruby Spencer Foster, retiring secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to hold the reunion at the same place next year on the first Sunday in Aug.

Hughes Family Gathers For Annual Reunion

Aug. 10, 1961 – Approximately 100 descendants of the William (Willie) and Jane Cooper Hughes family met Sunday at the home of John Hughes, Route 2, Randleman, and organized themselves into a reunion organization, to meet annually on the first Sunday in Aug.

The site of the meeting was a part of the old Hughes homeplace, about a mile west of Spero.

There were seven children of Willie and Jane Hughes, namely, Nannie Hughes Bonkemeyer, Mollie Hughes Clapp, Della Hughes Pritchard, Sidney Hughes, "Sissie" Hughes Millikan, Willie Hughes and Jeff Hughes. The reunion gathering Sunday consisted of their children, grandchildren and other descendants.

Among their children present Sunday were Mrs. Rosa Belle Styers and Mrs. Dora Plummer, of Spencer, Mrs. Lucy Lackey, of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Etta Bunting of Asheboro, and Mrs. Bonier Hulin of North Asheboro, children of Nannie Bonkemeyer; Mrs. Myrtle Phillips, of Route 2, Randleman, Mrs. Miranda Brown, of Asheboro, Mrs. Lelia Ellison, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Velna Hill, of Carrboro, children of Mollie Clapp; Charlie Pritchard, of North Asheboro, and Mrs. Jennie Lewallen, of Route 4, Asheboro, children of Delia Pritchard; John Hughes, of Route 2, Randleman, son of Sidney Hughes; and Mrs. Florence Harrelson, of Asheboro, Mrs. Ollie Harrelson, of Route 2, Randleman, Mrs. Nora Tippet and Mrs. Carmen Burrow, of Franklinville, children of Sissie Millikan.

A picnic luncheon was enjoyed on the lawn of the Hughes residence. Rev. Paul E. Allred, pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church, was present to offer the invocation.

Officers elected for the new reunion organization were president, Mrs. Bonier Hulin; vice president, Mrs. Florence Harrelson; secretary and treasurer, Miss Evelyn Harrelson; and publicity chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Hughes Nickens.

County Woman's 100th Year Noted

Aug. 17, 1961 – "All my brothers and sisters have gone over the river - I am the only one left."

These words came from a woman who has herself been standing for many years at the crossing of the river, Mrs. Ella Craven Pope, who on Thursday, Aug. 10, observed her 100th birthday.

A Randolph county native, Mrs. Pope has resided at the home of a son, Luther Clay Pope, on Rt. 1, Bear Creek, since before the death of her husband, James Livingston Pope, in Jan., 1921

In the commemoration of her birth a full century ago, 100 guests were invited to join in a birthday celebration for Mrs. Pope. Hostesses were twin granddaughters, Mrs. Louise Pope Cooper, of Rt. 2, Siler City, and Mrs. Lucille Pope Thompson, of Rt. 1, Bear Creek, who were cared for by

their grandmother upon the death of their mother when they were 22 months old.

The situation is now reversed and the twin granddaughters, now in their early forties, come twice daily and sometimes more to attend to the personal needs of their grandmother.

Assisting in the birthday celebration and also now in the care of the aged woman since the death of her son's second wife last Nov. are her four daughters, Mrs. Emma Johnson, of Rt. 2, Ramseur, Mrs. Evelyn Causey, of Rt. 4, Greensboro, Mrs. Myrtle Burgess, of Rt. 2, Ramseur, and Mrs. Nannie Cox, of Rt. 1, Ramseur.

The oldest daughters, 75 year-old Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Causey, alternate in staying with their mother while the two younger daughters, Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Cox, come during the week ends.

On the evening before her 100th birthday, when the twin granddaughters came for their second visit of the day, one of them said to Mrs. Pope: "You'll be 100 years old tomorrow, hasn't the Lord been good to you?" This devout lady, reared in a christian household and having spent her entire life in the service of her Creator, replied: "Yes a long time.

However, as they came on the next morning and announced: "Happy Birthday Granny, you are a 100 years old today," Her reaction was casual and she only said: "Is it the 10th of August?"

That was her only comment on the occurrence of her birth on Aug. 10, 1861 in the southeastern part of Randolph county, a short distance west of the Concord Methodist church near Coleridge, the church being located at that time at the present site of Concord cemetery.

She was christened Eleanor Elizabeth and she was the middle child of nine children born to her parents, Yancy and Keziah Mann Craven. Other children, now all deceased, were Rev. Wesley Craven, Charlie Craven, William Craven, I. F. Craven, Mrs. Melissa Craven Rains, Mrs. Emma Craven Brown, Mrs. Almeda Craven Vestal and Laura Eudie Craven.

Mrs. Pope lived at the home of her parents until her marriage at the age of 24. Her husband was a native of the Buffalo Ford community between Ramseur and Coleridge and it was in this community that they lived following their marriage.

It was while living in this vicinity that Mrs. Pope conducted Sunday school classes in vacant houses and other buildings for children who were unable to attend services in the established places of worship. It is said that seven preachers have been called into the ministry as a result of the special classes.

The religious training which she received as a child in the Methodist household in which she was reared has remained with her throughout the long years of her adult existence and her consecration has been consistent and loyal.

She has been a member of the Rehobeth Methodist church in the southeastern part of Randolph County for over 60 years but it is in the nearby Parks Cross Roads church cemetery that her husband and a son are buried. She will also be placed there to rest when she completes her long earthly sojourn.

Her pastor, Rev. John Oakley, from the Rehobeth church and three other ministers paid their respects to her on the day of her birthday celebration. Also many of her 35

grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends came to pay homage and to gain inspiration from a person who had lived to be 100 years old.

There was a large yellow and white birthday cake on which had been placed 100 yellow candles.

Mrs. Pope's health is reasonably good and she is still able to get up and down under her own strength. Sometimes her mind lives within the years of the past and sometimes she lives very much among the things present.

When she talks of her husband, her brothers and sisters, she is living in the past but when one of the twin granddaughters comes to her alone and she asks, "where is the other one?" she has her mind on the present.

Past or present, Mrs. Ella Craven Pope has now begun her second century after a life of usefulness and dedication for the first 100 years. Whether she surpasses by far the age which she has reached is immaterial. Because her service has already been rendered and her contribution has already been made.

She stands now at the crossing of the river, protected and watched over by her twin granddaughters, her son and her four daughters, waiting only for the summons to come over on the other side.

They Leave Asheboro With Fond Memories

Aug. 28, 1961 – The Industrial Arts teacher at Asheboro high school and his wife and daughter are leaving Asheboro on Wednesday of this week, with grateful hearts for the many kindnesses which have been shown to them during their sojourn here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Scott have particular reference to the kindness which has materialized due to the illness of their 11-year-old daughter, Sherry Lee.

Sherry Lee has been afflicted with a rare heart disease for most of the years of her young life.

It has been diagnosed as a pulmonary hypertension type of ailment, characterized by weakness and shortness of breath, and consisting of an obstruction between the heart and lung.

The Scotts are leaving Asheboro because of Mr. Scott's acceptance of an assistant professorship at East Carolina College. He will be serving as an instructor in the Industrial Arts Department, in which department he served as a teacher and supervisor at Asheboro high school for the past four years.

The family regrets very much to leave Asheboro but feel that they cannot afford to pass up the greater opportunity which will be afforded Mr. Scott for service in his chosen field.

Then too, there will be greater facilities for Sherry Lee to continue her studies outside of the regular class-room periods. Because during last Nov. she was forced to discontinue studies in a fifth grade class at the Lindley Park School and has been unable to attend classes since.

It is felt that at East Carolina Sherry Lee will have an opportunity to work with ceramics and the arts and will be near also to the college library.

She is a talented young girl, a straight "A" student while in school, and is very fond of reading. This desire for reading was fully satisfied this summer while her father was studying on his doctorate at the University of Minnesota.

She was able to procure six books every other day at the university library and Sherry Lee took every advantage of the reading material which was available to her.

Actually, the visit to Minnesota was made for this purpose of entering Sherry Lee in the famed Mayo's Clinic there. She was admitted but only remained at the hospital for a week. Doctors at Mayo only confirmed the diagnosis which had previously been made at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill, the Emory University Hospital at Atlanta, Ga. And the various other hospitals which Sherry Lee has been in and out of for the greater part of her life.

After Mr. Scott had finished his studies at the University of Minnesota this summer, the family went on to California where where they visited with two of Mrs. Scott's brothers at Modesto and took Sherry Lee on a visit to Disneyland.

A story concerning Sherry Lee would not be complete without the mentioning of her favorite cats, a Maltese named Charcoal and a Persian named Midnight. They are her constant companions and since the first story concerning Sherry Lee last Dec. there has been an addition named Smokey, an offspring of Midnight.

The Scotts took Smokey with them on their western trip this summer and will take him and Midnight with them to their new home. Charcoal will be left behind.

Asheboro took Sherry Lee Scott and her parents to their hearts' when it was learned that she was ill with a rare heart disease. That is one of the reasons why the family regrets to leave the city. They are grateful for every kindness which has been extended to them, especially the many cards and expressions of good wishes, and they wish to convey their appreciation to the people of Asheboro before they leave.

There new address will be 300 East 10th St., Greenville, N.C.

Community Lends A Hand To Aid Burned – Out Family

Sept. 4, 1961 – At 15 minutes before midnight last Thursday, a New Hope township residence was burned completely to the ground. The occupants barely escaped with their lives.

On the next evening, Friday, a group of the communities' citizens met at the New Hope Methodist church and established the Lonnie Russell fund, the home having been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Russell and six of their ten children. The Russell's had lived in the residence for the past 20 years.

The next morning, Saturday, some of the same people gathered at the site of the burned out residence, with bulldozers and other equipment, pushed away the debris and remnants of the house's foundation and staked the site off for the beginning of a new residence on Monday.

At the Friday evening meeting, a total of \$230 was raised to purchase the material for the beginning of the foundation. Pledges were also received for the donation of timber and also for people to cut and process the timber.

By Sunday the monetary donations had gone beyond \$500, with two additional donations coming in while this reporter stood with Mr. Russell and others at the site of the fire.

Buren Luther of Route 3, Denton was made treasure of the Lonnie Russell fund at the Friday evening's meeting which was presided over by Dyle Cagle, Superintendent of the Sunday School at the New Hope church. Churches

already making donations are the Chapel Hill Methodist church, the Siloam Methodist church and the Men's Bible Class at the Farmer Methodist church.

Lonnie Russell, 55 years old and a lifelong resident of the New Hope community, awoke at a quarter of midnight Thursday at his home on the New Hope-Eldorado road, Route 3, Denton, to find that fire was sweeping throughout his entire residence. He, his wife and a six year-old daughter was in one room, three daughters in another room and two sons in still another one. Origin of the fire is not known at the present time. Insurance amounted to only \$1,000.

He opened a door to warn the occupants of the other rooms but found the fire rushing in at him. He then told his wife to throw the six year old daughter out the window and to jump out herself, he called to the daughters to jump out the window in their room and he went around to an outside door of the boy's room and got them out.

The little six year-olds right hand was severely burned and also her side and stomach, slight burns were also suffered by two other members of the family. Mr. Russell says that "one more minute and we would all have been burned to death."

Everything in the house was consumed, including the clothing of the occupants. Only the clothing worn by the boys prior to retiring was saved. The other members of the family had to come out of the building in their night clothes. New clothing had just been purchased for the children for the beginning of school.

Approximately \$400 which was in the pockets of Mr. Russell's overalls lying beside of his bed and approximately \$100 which was in Mrs. Russell's pocketbook on a dresser were consumed by the fire. Among the other items burned up were a practically new refrigerator and a sewing machine.

A freezer and its contents in an adjoining building and a small amount of meat in a smokehouse were not damaged by the fire. However, a large amount of canned foods in the basement was cooked by the fire as were the apples on a tree located near the house.

Denton stores took the lead of Mack Pickett, a Randolph county native and departmental chain store owner, and donated clothing immediately for the benefit of the fire stricken family.

Four of the six children had entered the Farmer school on Wednesday before the fire. The children in the home at the time of the fire included Ethel Jean, age 19, Alvin Lee and Alma Rea, 15 year-old twins, Robert, age 13, Effie Jane, age 9, and Patty Sue, the little 6 year-old.

Ironically, one of the boys had asked his father on Thursday for the money to pay the book fees at school. Mrs. Russell told his son he wanted to "get it all together so I can pay it at one time." He planned to send the money to school on Friday morning. On Friday morning the only money he had left was some melted silver which was found in the charred remains.

The barrels of three rifles and one shotgun were also found in the remains along with Mr. Russell's watch with its hands burned and sealed into the front of the watch at 20 minutes past 12 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell have established a temporary household in an adjoining two room house belonging to their eldest son, L. E. Russell, of Asheboro. The children spend their nights in various homes of the neighborhood

Automobiles filled with the community's residents stop continuously at the site of the fire, filled with compassion for the stricken family and to bring money and needed items, this reporter, in attempting to offer his sympathy, erred badly in saying, "It couldn't have been any worse except to have brought death." Mr. Russell was quick to reply: "I've known that too."

It developed that a son grown to young manhood had been killed six years ago in an automobile accident up the highway from the Russell home. Mr. Russell had gone out early one morning to search for his son upon his absence from home all night. He found his boy lying on the side of the road dead.

Church Only Remnant Of Community

Sept. 7, 1961 – Eleazer, lying in the extreme southwestern part of Randolph County, this side of the Uwharrie mountain range and about one-half mile from the Montgomery county line, celebrated its annual home coming Sunday.

Formerly referred to as the first day of the revival meeting at the Eleazer Methodist church, the dozen or so families making up the population of Eleazer was supplemented by many people who came from elsewhere.

The church and the cemetery outside of the dozen or so homes are all that is left of Eleazer, now situated in the bend of a narrow, rocky and very dusty road.

For the most part, the community was originally located on the banks of the Uwharrie River, west of the site of the church. A grist mill, a saw mill and a carding mill comprised the component parts of the community, along with the postoffice, the store, the school and the church.

The mills were operated at the bridge spanning the Uwharrie, called Burney's Bridge for Billy Burney the owner of the mills. It was Billy Burney who gave the timber used in the construction of the first church, choosing some of his best pine for the erection of this sanctuary.

However, Bill Burney was not buried in the cemetery which has always been located across the road from the church. He is interred in a family burial ground near the site of Burney's Bridge. One of the first persons to be buried in the Eleazer church cemetery was "Acey" Overton who was killed during the Civil War.

In addition to the first church, built with Billy Burney's timber, there was also an arbor on the church site at the beginning.

The mills were the first to go, the school was discontinued at the end of the 1934-35 school years, the post office was eliminated in 1954 and the store went out of business about four years later. Only the church, those sleeping in peaceful repose across the road, and the dozen or so families remain.

School children in the community were first transported to the New Hope school and then upon its discontinuance several years ago, they were taken to the Farmer school.

Before the post office quit its services and the mail service was changed to Rt. 2, Troy, the post office and store combination was moved east to a site nearer the church. Mrs. Raymond Luther was the last postmaster while J. Everett Simmons was the last one to operate the store.

Perhaps the oldest living native of Eleazer is J. A. (Jimmy) Hardister, who is 69 years of age. He lived in the last house before you get to the Montgomery county line and the house in which his parents, Ezekiel and Samantha Russell

Hardister, also lived. His wife is the former Bertha Harvel, a native of the Ophir community in Montgomery County, about two miles directly south.

Mr. Hardister's brother, N.B. Hardister, formerly lived across the road from him but after having been burned out twice, he moved into Montgomery County.

A half brother, John Hill, also lived nearby but he too was burned out once and after that he went to Asheboro to live with a daughter. A son and a daughter of Jimmy Hardister, Charles Hardister and Mrs. Roger Hardister and a nephew, N.B. Hardister, Jr. lives between him and the church while another daughter, Mrs. I. Everett Simmons, lives a little farther west, at the last site of the Eleazer Post office and store

The narrow dirt road going south past Jimmy Hardister's home changes into a tar and gravel road at the county line, with similar roads heading into Ophir, Abner, Troy, Coggins' Mine and Eldorado. The Jimmy Hardister road going back into the other direction, leads into the New Hope road, with branches to Lassiter's Mill and by the Eleazer church. The road going by the church is a one lane road while the other two roads are almost too narrow for cars to pass or to meet.

Many people from Montgomery county working in Asheboro come by Jimmy Hardister's house and take the Lassiter's Mill road to their places of employment. Jake Dunn, who works at Dixie furniture and lives in Ophir, Drives the road twice a day and he said: "If you meet somebody driving crazy, it's tough." He also said, "it is hard on tires."

The people of Eleazer, isolated as they are and bereft of many of their community's services, are petitioning for an improved road not only for themselves but also for the thoroughfare which comes through their section. Also for the school bus and the mail route which comes through their community.

However, it will take more than the dust, the rocks and other adversities to daunt this small group of Eleazerites. This was particularly brought to light seven years ago this past June when their church burned down. This was the second church building, the replacement for the one which was built with Billy Burney's timber, and they were in the process of erecting some Sunday school rooms.

The building was burned completely to the ground. Only the piano and a few of the benches were saved. Mrs. Jimmy Hardister cried as if her heart would break but not for long. Because the people of Eleazer began rebuilding immediately.

The people at Ophir offered to let them have their church building for worship services during the rebuilding process. But the Eleazer people refused, preferring to hold open air worship services at their church site, located on a beautiful, well rounded knoll, offset by shady trees to the the north, under which the long picnic tables are placed.

It didn't rain a single Sunday during the open air services and by the time of the first day of the annual revival meeting, the first Sunday in Sept., the new building had progressed to the extent of holding the services in the new building under a temporary roof.

But more remarkably, the new building was dedicated free from debt in a service the next spring. In order to attain this, the Eleazer people gave liberally, there was a little insurance, the Duke Foundation gave some money and all of the other churches in the vicinity sent donations.

The new church is a white asbestos shingled building, with a sanctuary and four class room and paved walks comprising the exterior. The interior is beautifully designed, with matching pews and carpeted aisles and around the altar.

Easily predominating the interior of the sanctuary of the church building is the large painting hanging directly behind the pulpit and showing the three crosses on the hill, with the middle cross large and illuminated. An open Bible is shown at the bottom of the painting with a banner reading "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone."

The painting was done by Robert Allen, of Troy, in memory of his father, C. W. Allen who was formerly a member of the Eleazer church. The young artist was present at the home coming service on last Sunday.

Rev. Jusse Scott, who is in his fourth year as pastor of the Eleazer church, delivered the sermon for the 11 o'clock worship service. His subject was "Sojourners of the Dispersed." After a picnic luncheon under the shade trees, a singing was held in the afternoon under the direction of Perry Smith of Liberty.

Water for the luncheon was procured from a spring, located a short distance from the picnic area, where the water runs continuously through a cedar trough which has been placed into the spring. The spring has been covered and only the cedar trough and the running water is visible. People come from a distance to see this spring from which the water has never stopped. It has never gone dry. Another wooden trough, now nearly rotten and the one which the cedar trough replaced, is still lying nearby on the ground. It is said to be at least one hundred years old.

Families living in the Eleazer area are the Jimmy Hardisters, the Charles Hardisters, the Junior N.B. Hardisters, the Norman Hardisters, the Roger Richardsons, the Carson Saunders, the Burrell Sanders, the Lowe Daniels, Mrs. Addie Johnson, Frank Hill, the J. E. Simmons, the Ralph Luthers, and Mrs. Eliza Hardister and son Hubert. Mrs. Hardister and son live just over the line in Montgomery county.

Many of them have spent their lives in Eleazer and many of them in all probability will still be there when their bodies are transported across the road to the neat, well kept cemetery.

They have lived through the dust, the rocky terrain and the sometimes impassibility of the narrow road. They have survived because they love Eleazer and the traditional significance which it has meant to them and their forefathers. They, themselves, reflect the quality, the integrity and the character of citizenship which has kept their small group together throughout the years of their community's existence.

Past Mingles With Present As Calvin Cox Families Meet

Sept. 14, 1961 - The past mingled with the present and the generation mixed at the 11th annual Calvin Cox reunion Sunday at the Parks Cross Roads Christian church.

Large pictures of Calvin Cox and his first wife, Sallie Moffitt, occupied places of honor in the church sanctuary while smaller pictures and other relics of the past were exhibited elsewhere throughout the day.

While the reunion gathering and the family is comprised mainly of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-

grandchildren, and great-great-great-grandchildren, the generations were mixed in that two children of Calvin Cox by his second wife, Rebecca Smith, and the widow of another child by the widow wife are still alive and were present at the family reunion on last Sunday.

The two living children of Calvin Cox who were present at the family gathering Sunday are Johnny Cox, of Route 1, Ramseur, and Mrs. Ivy White Cox, of Asheboro, Mrs. Yancy Cox, of Route 1, Ramseur, widow of the other son of the second set of children, was also in attendance.

It was at the Yancy Cox residence, formerly the Calvin Cox home place, that the reunion organization had its beginning eleven years ago. Johnny Cox was its first president. The reunion sessions were held at the Yancy Cox residence until the 10th session was moved to the Parks Cross Roads church. It is in the Parks Cross Roads cemetery that Calvin Cox and both of his wives are interred. He died in 1914.

Other children of Calvin Cox, by his first wife, were Will Cox, Emory Cox, Clark Cox, Sarah Cox Stout, Ivy Cox Burgess, and Tempa Cox York, all of whom have been deceased for several years.

Elvin C. Cox, of the Clark Cox family and a great-grandson of Calvin Cox, presided over the reunion sessions Sunday in his capacity as president of the organization.

He was assisted in the conduction of the meeting by the other officers consisting of vice-president, Odell Cox; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Nannie Cox; and planning committee, Mrs. Mary Ruth Cox, Mrs. Mary Lois Wright and Nathan Cox.

All of the officers were reelected through the report of a nominating committee composed of Donald Cox, Raymond and Bryan Burgess. It was also decided to hold the reunion at the same time and place next year.

Prizes to the oldest descendants of Calvin Cox, man and woman, in attendance went to Ernest York, 70, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Mattie Cox Adams, of Smithfield, who is 71 years of age, Ernest York is the son of Tempa Cox York while Mrs. Adams is the oldest daughter of Emory Cox and the oldest grandchild of Calvin Cox. Both of these prize winners, grandchildren of Calvin Cox, are older than the two children of Calvin Cox who are still living.

The Clark Cox family, with 36 members present, won the prize for the largest family group in attendance.

Howard Cox, of Camden, S. C., brother of the reunion president, conducted the devotions at the morning session. Arthur Cox, well known Ramseur barber, led the congregational singing. His daughter, Mrs. Forrest Bray, rendered special singing. Organist for the reunion was Mrs. Mary Lois Wright, of the Ivy Cox Burgess family, and pianist was Miss Wincy Cox, of the Will Cox family.

Misses Frieda and Gwyn Cox, duet, the Burgess Trio, composed of Mrs. Billie Lee Siler, Mrs. Erma Smith, and Mrs. Ann Harris, accompanied by Mrs. Frances Cox, all sisters, a quartet composed of Misses Frieda and Gwyn Cox, Mrs. Forrest Bray and Alton Cox, and choruses consisting of the Will Cox and Clark Cox families.

Adjudged winners were Nathan Cox, Misses Frieda and Gwyn Cox, the Burgess Trio, the quartet and the Clark Cox family.

A Muzzle-Loading pistol belonging to Calvin Cox was exhibited at the afternoon session along with a piece of leather coming from the tannery which he operated.

The pistol was carried by Calvin Cox on a trip by horseback to Indiana in search of land on which to locate. He didn't find any land that he liked in Indiana so he came back to the land on which he was born and spent his life.

The pistol which he carried to protect himself on this trip cost him his membership at the Holly Springs Friends Meeting, as the Quakers did not allow the purchase of firearms. However, he was later reinstated in the membership of the Meeting House.

All of the first set of children to Calvin Cox remained in the home community, Route 1, Ramseur, between Ramseur and Coleridge, except Emory Cox who became a school professor and lived in various places until moving to Greensboro where he died and Tempa Cox York who first lived at Brown's Cross Roads and also later moved to Greensboro. Of the second set, Johnny Cox lives in the home community, on part of the land belonging to the old home place, Ivy Cox White lives in Asheboro and Yancy Cox live at the old home place until his death.

Only 34 Hear Minister Then, But 115 Bid Him Farewell

Sept. 18, 1961 - A hard working minister will close out an active ministry of seven years on Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Huldah Baptist church, Route 4, Asheboro.

Rev. Kenneth C. Ferree, of Route 1, Seagrove, came to the Huldah church on the first Sunday in Oct., 1954. His leaving on the last Sunday of Sept., 1961 brings his pastorate there to a full seven years.

There were only 24 people to hear Kenneth Ferree on his first Sunday at Huldah. There is now an average of 115.

Although the church at that time was in process of going into a new building, the people were divided and there was a debt of approximately \$6,500.

During Mr. Ferree's pastorate, the indebtedness has been paid off, in less time than the mortgage called for, three acres of land have been purchased for cemetery and parsonage purposes, a well has been dug, water has been put in the church, the grounds landscaped and other improvements noted.

Revival services began at the church yesterday, Sept. 17, to continue throughout this week. Worship services will be held both morning and evening on next Sunday and the evening service will mark the close of Mr. Ferree's pastorate at the church.

Kenneth Carlson Ferree, now 39 years of age, was 14 years old when he moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ferree, and the other members of the family to the Route 1, Seagrove community in which he still resides. They came from Archdale and his parents now have gone back to that vicinity and are living at Allen Jay in Guilford County.

Kenneth Ferree attended a one teacher school, Oak Glade, in the Route 1, Seagrove area, along with the girl who later became his wife. She was Allene Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. (Jimmy) Scott. He also attended Seagrove High School but was forced to drop out because of his health.

He is afflicted with hay fever and also suffered a rheumatic heart condition in 1952.

However, his ailments don't seem to bother him or else he has recovered from them. Because he presents himself today as a small, compact man of unbound less energy. Besides his church duties, he sings in a quartet and

operates a small farm on which he has raised chickens, grain and various small patches.

But getting back to time he quit school; he worked with his father on the farm and then began working at a hosiery mill in High Point. It was while engaged in this work that he married and came with his wife back to their home community on Route 1, Seagrove.

He then became employed at an Asheboro textile plant and after that went into the automobile repair business. It was this business in which he was engaged when he entered the ministry in 1951. However, he continued in the automobile repair work until his ministry became full time two years ago.

At the time of his call to the ministry, he was attending the Pleasant Hill Methodist church and was active in the affairs of the church. But upon receiving the call to preach, he joined the Union Grove Baptist church, choosing to begin his ministry with that denomination. Before going into the ministry, he says he "tried for two and one half years not to preach.

He immediately plunged into religious activities after responding to his call and began holding cottage prayer meetings, tent revivals and accepting invitations to preach in various churches. He said that he even held one meeting in a chicken house. It happened to be a new one which had not been used.

In this connection, his advice to young preachers entering the ministry is to get out and work and prove themselves.

After going along in this manner for two and one half years, he was ordained into the ministry by the Union Grove church and accepted a call to the pastorate of a church in Harnett County where he remained for 14 months.

He then received a call to the Riverside Baptist church in this county where he stayed for four years before accepting the call to the Huldah church on the first Sunday in Oct. seven years ago.

At the time he entered the ministry he and his wife had two children, Larry Kenneth, who is now 18 years old and married to the former Carol Lawson, and Alma Jean, age 14.

His family has now increased to seven, the other children consisting of Darrell Alfred, 12, John Carlson, 11, Terry Dwaine, 9, Charles Michael, 7, and Billy Frank, 5 who was named for both Billy Graham and Dr. Frank Edmondson, the attending physician.

When Kenneth Ferree answered the call to the ministry, he was shy and unaccustomed to speaking in public. As he expressed it, "when I stood up, my mind sat down." But he soon got out of that and he is now very vocal in singing, speaking, in public or otherwise. He says that he has never suffered stage fright while preaching and "I love to preach, the longer I preach, the better I like it."

This vigorous self made minister is resourceful, straight forward, plain spoken, looks you straight in the eye and seemingly levels himself with men of greater stature. His philosophy is "if we stand for something, we need to stand for it." But on the other hand, he is humble, grateful and gives the Lord the proper credit. He said: "I am with Paul, all that I am, I am by the grace of God."

His past year at Huldah has been the best of his ministry. Both in attendance and budget wise.

When he went to Huldah, there was no budget. The budget apportionment now totals \$132 weekly. But ever

greater strides have been made in doctrinal matters and leading into the cooperative movement of the Baptist denomination.

He leaves Huldah Baptist church, with plans as yet unrevealed, but with a mutual feeling of good will between the pastor and the people. He said: "We have a wonderful group at Huldah. I'd recommend it as a cooperative people. They have stood by me."

Kenneth Ferree has also stood by the Huldah Baptist church. He has cemented its people into a working group who have accomplished much during his seven years as pastor there.

Balfour Baptist Juniors Hold Annual Party Saturday

Sept. 21, 1961 – The promotion party of the Junior Department of the Balfour Baptist Church, for many years an annual event, was held Saturday afternoon beginning at 2 p. m.

It took the form of a recreational period and cook out at the High Point City Lake this year and at the appointed time the juniors, their teachers and other department officials placed themselves into four automobiles and left their church for their destination.

Those joining in the festivities Saturday afternoon were only those juniors who are being promoted on the last Sunday of this month to the Intermediate Department.

Those include Terry Cox, Johnny Perryman, Linda Bulla, Louise Brooks, Sarah Hodgins, Sherry Presnell, Dean Hackett, Ann Lamb, Harvey Schoffner, Jr., Nancy Beane, Susan Cockerham, Susan Church, Gaylon King, Larry Benson, Billy Underwood, Tommy Bennett, Mitchell Thompson, Tommy Moffitt, Ronald Moody and Jimmy Pugh. All but the latter five were present at the lake outing Saturday afternoon.

Others participating in the outing Saturday afternoon were Mrs. H. F. Hundley, Junior Department Superintendent, Mrs. Ruth Bell, R. R. Kennedy and R. D. Jarrett, teachers, and Paul Cox and L. D. Routh, departmental secretaries. Also H. F. Hundley, Mrs. R. D. Jarrett and daughter, Donna, Mrs. Paul Cox and daughter, Connie, and Mrs. L. D. Routh and daughter, Robin, families of the departmental officials.

While Chief Cook Paul Cox and his assistants, L. D. Routh and R. D. Jarrett, cooked a delicious hamburger supper with all the trimmings, the youngsters rode the train and played on the slides and the swings.

After supper they resumed the activities until the return trip home. In the opinion of many of those participating in Saturdays activities, this was the most enjoyable promotion party in the history of this event.

Seagrove Scouts Receive God And Country Awards

Sept. 21, 1961 – Two Seagrove Scouts members of Troop No 513, received the God and Country Award in impressive ceremonies at the Seagrove Christian Church Sunday evening.

Larry Hancock and Cecil Hinesley received the awards from Rev. B. J. Willett, pastor of the church, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hinesley, stood directly behind them during the presentation ceremony.

The presentation came at the close of the evening worship service at the church and participating in the awards ceremony were J. D. Williams, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 513, and other members of the troop.

Requirements for the award, listed as Christian Faith, Christian Witness, Christian World Outreach, Christian Citizenship and Christian Fellowship, were read by Raeford Lucas, institutional representative of the Seavgrove Lions Club, sponsor of the troop.

Scout Hancock, 14, is a Life Scout with 17 merit badges and one year of perfect attendance. He is a freshman at Seagrove High School. Scout Hinesley, 14 is a Star Scout with nine merit badges. He is a member of the sophomore class at Seagrove High School.

According to their Scoutmaster Williams, both boys are working on their Eagle Scout rating.

Although the Seagrove Scout Troop has only been in existence one and one half years, the presentation Sunday night brought to three the number of God and Country awards which have been attained by the troop. Jimmy Williams, son of the Scoutmaster, had already received the award. Three more boys are scheduled to get the award next month while four more boys are working on it.

In his presentation, the church pastor quoted the Scouting precept which said: "A Scout is reverent. He is reverent towards God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion." He also said that the God and Country Award is "coveted by many but won only by a few.: He said that he envied the boys receiving the award because he, with 12 years in Scouting and the wearer of the Eagle Rank, had never attained the God and Country Award.

Scoutmaster Williams described the god and Country Award as the "call of duty above Scouting: and said that it was the "highest award that the church can give.

Some of the projects which led to the presentation of the award to Scouts Hancock and Hinesley were assisting in the Easter Sunrise service, decorating the church for Thanksgiving, helping make a volley ball court for the church and the community, making candle holders for a candlelight service and helping to clean up the premise at the home of the pastor

Mrs. Ida Redding Is Honored With Surprise Buffet Dinner

Sept. 28, 1961 – Mrs. Ida Jarrell Redding, lifelong resident of Route 2, Asheboro, (west of Asheboro), was honored at a surprise buffet dinner Sunday evening at the Thompson House in Asheboro, commemorating her 77th birthday.

Hostess for the occasion was her daughter, Mrs. Mike Thompson, operator of the Thompson House.

Joining with her in the birthday celebration was her only sister, Mrs. Gertie Jarrell Robbins, also of Route 2, Asheboro.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Robbins and children Judy, Jerry and Deborah, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Robbins and son Jimmy, and Mrs. Ed Hough all of Route 2, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bunting and daughters, Sandra and Janice, of High Point, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Councilman, Ralph L. Bulla and Albert S. Coyle, of Asheboro.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Thompson, close friends of Mrs. Redding and Mrs. Robbins, were unable to be present but

called earlier to extend their wishes for a happy birthday celebration.

Floral arrangements were sent to the celebration by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garner. Both Mrs. Redding and Mrs. Robbins attended the evening service at Mr. Thompson's church, Smyrna Grove, following the birthday supper and took the flowers with them for the service.

Corsages of white carnations were presented to Mrs. Redding and Mrs. Robbins by the hostess, Mrs. Thompson.

Earlier, Mrs. Redding had been felicitated on birthday programs at the Asheboro and Thomasville radio stations and her name had been drawn for the birthday cake at the Thomasville station.

Mrs. Redding and Mrs. Robbins are two of the better known women of Randolph county, particularly the western part. They are daughters of John Franklin Jarrell, who died in 1922, and Angeline Miller Jarrell, who died in 1942.

They were reared at Caraway where their father served as Postmaster for many years, operated a general store and a telephone exchange and served as Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. Ida Mae Jarrell and Gertrude Clara Jarrell attended the Mt. View school which was located a short distance from the place at which they and their parents resided.

This was the same school at which Mrs. Redding later taught two terms following the furtherance of her schooling at other places in the county. During the time Mrs. Redding served as teacher at the Mt. View school, her sister attended the school as a student.

Ida Mae married William Franklin Redding, who passed away in early 1959. Gertrude Clara married Nathan Allen Robbins, who died nearly 12 years ago. Mrs. Robbins is now 70 years of age. Mrs. Redding has the one daughter, another daughter having died in early girlhood, while Mrs. Robbins has two daughters and three sons.

The home place at Caraway or now better known as Mt. View, consisting of several hundred acres, is still owned jointly by the two sisters and has never been divided between them.

Holly Springs Sanctuary Scene Of Stout's Reunion

Sept. 28, 1961 – The Beautiful new sanctuary of Holly Springs Meeting House was the scene of the 12th annual reunion of the Stout family Sunday, Sept. 24.

Members of the family began assembling at the 11 o'clock worship service which was conducted by Jack Caughron, minister at Holly Springs.

The minister welcomed the visiting members of the family and at the conclusion of the service, a buffet luncheon was held in the basement of the commodious new building.

Ernest Hodgin, of Charlotte president of the reunion organization, presided over the afternoon session. A native of Randolph county, having been born in Ramseur, Ernest Hodgin is the son of the late Eddie M. Hodgin and Ida Stout Hodgin, both natives of the Holly Springs community.

A memorial service during the afternoon session honored the memory of E. A. Moffitt, also of Charlotte, who died during this month. Mr. Moffitt was serving as vice-president of the Stout reunion organization at the time of his death and would have been elevated to the presidency at last Sunday's meeting.

President Hodgin paid tribute to the memory of the deceased vice president, referring to him as a man of great moral character, saying also that "he was clean, he was honest, he was truthful and he worked hard all of his life." Flowers were placed in the church in his memory by his 90 year old mother, Mrs. Cora Moffitt, of Asheboro.

Other members of the family who had passed away during the past year were Mrs. Abbie Stout, of Route 3, Liberty, and Lester Stout, of Sheridan, Ind.

Prizes were awarded to the youngest person in attendance, 13 months old Kimberly Cain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cain, of Greensboro, and to the oldest person in attendance, 88 year old Lewis J. Hinshaw, formerly of Route 1, Ramseur but now staying in Asheboro.

Ernest Hodgin was retained in the presidency of the family organization due to the death of the man who was to succeed him. Named to the vice-presidency and slated to succeed to the presidency next year was J. E. Moffitt, of Hickory, brother of the deceased vice-president. Mrs. Horace Hall, of Randleman, was named to her 6th term as secretary and treasurer of the organization.

Dock Stout was kept on in charge of arrangements, Mrs. Glenn Davis and Mrs. Nathan Brown in charge of the program and Miss Fleta Stout and Calvin Hinshaw were named joint historians.

Recognition was also extended to the James Stout family for having the most members in attendance and to J. E. Moffitt for coming the longest distance to the reunion meeting. People present for the first time were also recognized.

It was voted to hold the business session next year following the morning worship service and before the buffet luncheon.

Entertainment for the afternoon session was furnished by the Friendly Voices of Asheboro

His 99th Arrives And A Promise Too

Sept. 28, 1961 – Dr. J. D. Bulla, Route 1, Trinity, perhaps the oldest practicing physician in the United States, celebrated his 99th birthday Sunday, Sept. 24, and announced that his retirement would occur in one year, on his 100th birthday.

Engaged in the practice of medicine since 1888, the year he graduated from the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Bulla's mind is still keen, alert and retains its full capacity.

His body, however, has weakened to the extent of curtailing his activities greatly. He still gets around his large rural residence and sees his patients but his trips to the outside are few.

An exception was made on the day of his birthday when he joined members of his family in a celebration at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church hut, located near his home. He sometimes goes to church but said "I might as well stay at home. I can't tell what the preacher is saying."

His hearing is somewhat impaired but his eyesight is evidently still good, as he was reading the Sunday morning paper when this reporter arrived at his home early on the day of his birthday.

His birthday celebration, an annual affair, was held late in the afternoon, thus permitting him to see his patients during the day. He said that a few Sundays before the patients came from the "time I got up to the time I went to bed. Kept me busy the whole blessed day."

Asked if he expected the day of his birthday to be a busy one, he said, "if it is like common, it will be."

He was born in Back Creek Township, the son of Dr. A. C. Bulla and Millicent Rush Bulla. A brother was also a doctor; Dr. A. M. Bulla, who died several years ago at the age of 94 years. A grandson, Dr. Jeff D. Bulla, II has finished his internship and is serving with the Armed Forces and a nephew, Dr. Arch Bulla, of Raleigh, is now retired after serving for many years as the wake County Health Officer.

Speaking of his grandson's extensive educational advantages in preparing for his career, Dr. Bulla said, "it's not the education that counts; it's getting out with the patients.

Living with the doctor are his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Bulla. There are also two other sons and one daughter. His wife, the former Mattie McCrary, one son two daughters are dead.

In speaking of his long life, he remarked, "I don't know how it happened that I have outlived all the Bullas that was ever born." This reporter persisted with this trend of thought and the doctor said further "I've done some hard work, had to, by gracious, to live."

Hunting was always a great hobby with Dr. Bulla and it is one of the sorrows of his life. That he had to give it up. He said: "I think of it every day. Thought about getting Dewey (His son) to drive me down to the Uwharrie reservation and get me a stand but don't reckon I will do it."

Although Dr. Bulla speaks of his retirement next year when he reaches the age of 100. He has been around death enough to know there is no certainty.

This feeling was manifested in the words of his announcement: "I am going to quit when I get to be a hundred. Yes, I am going to quit. May have to quit before then. I just live from day to day."

He came back to this thought later as this reporter was leaving and spoke of being back for his birthday next year. He said: I may not be here. I don't have any idea I will."

But whether he is still around or not, it matters little, because his spirit is immortal and the long and useful life which he has lived will not be erased with his departure.

Mrs. Phaup Designated As 'Professional' Secretary

Oct. 2, 1961 - An Asheboro secretary, Mrs. W. M. Phaup, received a certificate designating her to be a Certified Professional Secretary at a meeting of the O. Henry Chapter, National Secretaries Association, held in Greensboro last week.

She became eligible to receive the certificate as a result of examinations given last May and was the only North Carolinian to receive the honor this year. Only 22 people from this state have attained the rating during the 11 years in which the examinations have been held.

A total of 255 people from throughout the United States and Canada became Certified Professional Secretaries this year. A person from Randolph County has never before received the designation.

Mrs. Phaup, who resides with her husband, a Wesleyan Methodist minister, at 300 East Central Ave., North Asheboro, is presently employed with Miller and Beck, attorneys, in Asheboro. She was formerly employed for four and one half years with Klopman Mills, Asheboro Plant.

The examinations for Certified Professional Secretary are administered by a four year accredited college and were held this year on the first Friday and Saturday in May at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

Divided into six sections, persons taking the examinations were tested for their secretarial skill, secretarial procedure, accounting, business administration, business law and human relations.

The former Miss Lucille Henderson and daughter also of a minister, Rev. E. L. Henderson, and the late Mrs. Nita Clayton Henderson, Mrs. Phaup was born in Knoxville, Tenn. where her father was serving a pastorate at the time of her birth.

Her father now retired and living in High Point, is a former president of the North Carolina conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church. Her late mother was the daughter of a medical doctor in Central, S. C.

She was graduated from high school in Asheville and received her business training at Cecil's Business College in Asheville, Virginia Southern College, Roanoke, Va., and Evans College of Commerce at Gastonia.

In addition to her employment in Asheboro, she was also employed at Cody, Realty and Mortgage in Asheville for four years and has held two temporary civil service appointments.

Since both her father and husband are ministers, Mrs. Phaup has naturally turned to interest within their denomination and has herself held some high denominational position in her own right.

For 14 years she was treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church and for 5 years was treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination throughout the entire United States and Canada.

Her husband, who served for 12 years as the secretary of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church, is a former pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church in North Asheboro. He is now serving as a general evangelist in the North Carolina conference of his denomination.

Luther's Observe 50th Anniversary

Oct. 5, 1961 - Three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren assisted Mr. and Mrs. David Ernest Luther in the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 1, at their home, Route 3, Denton.

These children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, comprising their entire family, stood with this well known couple of southwestern Randolph County as they received their friends and relatives in an open house observance which lasted from two to five o'clock.

Also present and participating in the golden wedding anniversary celebration was three of the four attendants who took part in the wedding of fifty years ago.

The guests were greeted at the door Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Lassiter of Candor, and were registered in the guest book by Mrs. W. C. York, of Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter and Mrs. York attended Mr. and Mrs. Luther at their wedding on Sunday, Oct. 1, 1911, at the home of Mrs. Luther's parents which was located about three miles from where they now live.

At that time the Lassiters were not married and Mrs. Lassiter was Miss Nettie Luther, sister of the bridegroom of a half century ago. Mrs. York, at that time, was Miss Mary Sykes, his cousin.

The fourth attendant at the wedding of long ago, was Mrs. Luther's brother, Johnny Russell, who died several years ago.

Arrangements for the golden wedding anniversary celebration were exquisitely designed and very elegant in appearance.

The home was beautifully decorated with several arrangements of yellow roses and a mixture of flowers which were placed in the dining room, the living room and others parts of the house.

A large, white three-tiered wedding cake, decorated with yellow rosebuds and topped with a gold cup holding the inscription which denoted the anniversary which was being observed, was placed on the table in the dining room which was covered with white lace over white cloth.

The crystal punch bowl was entwined with ivy, intermingled with white wedding bells which held yellow and bronze mums.

Lighted gold tapers in gold candelabra on the buffet in the dining room and on the mantel in the living room cast a soft glow over the entire scene.

Pineapple sherbet and cake squares, similar to the wedding cake, mints and nuts were served to the guests who came for the occasion.

Mrs. W. W. Thayer of Lewisburg, niece of Mrs. Luther, presided at the punch bowl. Mrs. Flave Whitley of Albermarle, niece of Mrs. Luther, and Mrs. Carl Franklin of Candor, niece of Mr. Luther, served the cake squares, mints and nuts. Mrs. Jack Haskins of Asheboro, also assisted with the refreshments.

Mrs. Lindsay Russell and Mrs. Wilson Russell, both of Route 3, Denton, sisters-in-law of Mrs. Luther, assisted in the gift room. Goodbyes were said to Mrs. Joseph Beaman of Albemarle, niece of Mrs. Luther, and Mr. Beaman.

The elaborate planning and the serving at the anniversary celebration was in contrast to the wedding event of fifty years ago when the guests were seated at a long table on the porch and were served with an old fashioned dinner with plenty of good things to eat.

The two principals in that wedding a half a century ago had their beginning in New Hope Township, the same place in which they still reside. However, Mr. Luther came from the eastern part of the township while Mrs. Luther was born on the western side, about three miles from the Davidson County line.

David Ernest Luther, who will be 73 years of age in Dec., is the son of the late James (Jimmy) W. Luther and the late Mary Sykes Luther. He was born east of the Uwharrie River at Eleazer, where his father served as postmaster for around 30 years.

Alma Iola Verina Russell, who was 73 years of age last Mar., is the daughter of the late Lemuel M. Russell and Adeline Clodfelter Russell and was born near the location of the Pinson Postoffice. Early in life Mrs. Luther dropped two of her names and is known by the name Lola.

Mr. Luther attended the schools of Eleazer, New Hope, Bombay and the high school at Farmer, while Mrs. Luther attended the schools at Corinth and Belle's Grove. They were both reared on farms and both lived at the home of their parents until the time of their marriage.

Although having been reared approximately six miles apart, Mr. and Mrs. Luther did not know each other during the time they were growing up. They met at the Hillsboro Methodist Church, located near Mrs. Luther's home and it was the Hillsboro pastor who married them on that Sabbath morning fifty years ago.

The wedding occurred at 10 o'clock in the morning and the preacher had to hurry away in order to marry another young couple in the community, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cranford, who were married directly following Mr. and Mrs. Luther.

Another young couple, Mr. and Mrs. James Talbert, were also married in the community that same morning, but not by the same preacher who married Mr. and Mrs. Luther and Mr. and Mrs. Cranford. Both the Cranfords and the Talberts are now dead.

Due to the two weddings being held by the preacher that morning the usual Sunday School service was called off and it seems that many of the Sunday School attendants came to the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Luther. According to Mr. Luther, "the yard was full."

Revival services started that same day at the Hillsboro church and after the wedding dinner at the bride's parents and a trip to Eleazer for a wedding supper with the bridegroom's parents, the couple came back and attended the revival service that evening at the Hillsboro church.

For the marriage service that morning Mrs. Luther wore a white silk dress. For her anniversary celebration last Sunday she was very handsome in a printed dress of grey and orchid, with two gold orchids pinned at her shoulder.

The Luthers set up housekeeping at Blaine in Montgomery County. They lived there for four years and then moved back to her father's residence where they lived until they built the house in which they have resided for the past 43 years. It is located on the New Hope-Eldorado road and is about two miles from the Montgomery County line.

Mr. Luther, a farmer and saw mill operator, is now retired, however, he still gardens and works about the 150 acre farm on which he and Mrs. Luther live. Mrs. Luther is an expert seamstress and still does quite a bit of sewing. They attend the New Hope Methodist Church, of which both are members.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther, a son, Buren Luther, of Route 3, Denton, and twin daughters, Mrs. Ermalee Hopkins and Mrs. Jenevee Lee, Both of Asheboro. Their husbands are Burrell Hopkins and W. T. Lee.

There are six grandchildren, Gary Luther, Mrs. Charles Newlin, Miss Lynn Luther, Misses Sandra and Cheryl Hopkins, and Miss Connie Lee, and two great-grandchildren, Keli Sue Luther and Karen Annette Newlin.

He leaves Ravaged Land For Texas - Industry, Cattle Plains Linked

Oct. 12, 1961 - Nearly three quarters of a century ago, a Randolph county native, Stephen Frank Lowdermilk, left the war ravaged areas of his native county and sought a more fertile territory in the ranch lands of the Panhandle area of the state of Texas.

He secured employment on the Turkey Track ranch near Mobeetie, Texas and had he lived to a time over seventy years later, he would have probably been amazed to see a truck load of leather, bearing the Turkey Track brand, arrive at a shoe factory which had been built on land which he

had bought in Asheboro after returning from the Panhandle in Texas.

His grandson, Jack Henley was doing summer work two years ago at Walker Shoe Company, where his father, Earl Henley, is vice president. In examining a load of leather, he immediately recognized the Turkey Track brand, as he, his mother and brother had visited in 1942 the ranch on which his grandfather had worked back in the years immediately following the Civil War.

Stephen Frank Lowdermilk was born on Mar. 18, 1866 in Richland Township, near the Pleasant Hill Methodist church, southeast of Seagrove, On Sunday, Oct. 15, the Lowdermilk family will congregate at the Pleasant Hill church for the holding of their annual reunion.

Parents of Stephen Frank Lowdermilk were Reuben Lowdermilk and Nancy Jane Richardson Lowdermilk. His mother died when he was three years of age and shortly after the birth of his only sister, Laura, who later became Mrs. Charles F. Smith, of Asheboro, who died several years ago.

Nancy Jane Richardson Lowdermilk did not recover her health following the birth of her daughter, Laura, and because of this was living with her family at the home of her father, Stephen Richardson, a distance of six miles and to the west of the home which she and her husband, Reuben Lowdermilk, had established for their family.

The family legend is that she wanted to see the sunrise in the east one more time and she wanted to die in her own home. So, in the early spring of the year, her husband took her feather bed, put it in the covered wagon, heated brick to keep his wife and infant daughter warm, took them and the five older sons of the family and returned to their home facing the east.

The next morning, as the sun was rising on the eastern horizon, she died. Before passing away, she requested that her two oldest sons, Elliott and Randolph, who later became preachers, to sing "A dying Soul to Save."

Other sons of Reuben and Nancy Jane Lowdermilk were John and Harris, who went to Arizona and remained there until their deaths. Elliott and Randolph, who became Methodist Protestant preachers, were charter members of what is now the Central Methodist church in Asheboro.

Following the death of Nancy Jane Lowdermilk, her six children were reared in the homes of relatives. Stephen Frank Lowdermilk, the subject of this story, was brought up in the home of Franklin Cox and his wife, Wincy Lowdermilk Cox.

At the age of 21, with the south still undergoing the hardships of the Civil War, Frank Lowdermilk decided he would fare better in the southwestern plains of the Panhandle in Texas. He settled on the Turkey Track ranch, located close to Mobeetie, Texas where he later became foreman of one of the sections of the ranch. This particular ranch had 46 sections and each section consisted of 640 acres.

He rode the plains, herded cattle, lived in a dugout, worked hard, saved his money and homesteaded an area for his own. It is said that he went for three months at one time without spending but a quarter. This was possible since his board and lodging was furnished by the ranch on which he worked.

He loved trees and became desolate because of there being no trees in the vicinity of the ranch where he was employed. He therefore planted cottonwood trees around

the ranch and today there exists a modern Turkey Track ranch situated among the cottonwood trees that Frank Lowdermilk planted around 75 years ago.

He sent the money he saved to a High Point bank and at the end of seven years in the Panhandle he had saved approximately \$4,000.

At the end of six years he came back home for a visit and met his future wife, Ema Allen. He went back to Texas and remained for one year before coming home to stay. He sold out his share of the homestead to Orlando Lowdermilk, a first cousin who had gone to Texas with him. Later, rich oil wells were discovered on the land which would be relinquished when he came back to Randolph county.

He married Emma Allen, a resident of Grant Township, and bought 400 acres of land in the same township where he lived with his family for ten years. He then moved to Asheboro with his family, buying ten acres of land on South Cox St. Extension and later adding to this tract until it became 40 acres.

It is part of this land on which the Walker Shoe Company is now located. It was in this shoe manufacturing plant that his grandson, Jack Henley, discovered the leather which originated from the Turkey Track ranch on which his grandfather had spent seven years in his early manhood.

Frank Lowdermilk was a farmer and a well known livestock dealer. A great admirer of good mules. It is said that he would try to acquire as good or better team of mules than anyone else. Arthur Ross, Sr., prominent Asheboro citizen, once purchased a team of identical Buckskin mules which had a black stripe running down their backs from between their ears to the ends of their tails. He bought them in St. Louis, Mo., where he had seen them hitched to a brewery wagon delivering kegs of beer.

He had them sent back to Asheboro, Mr. Lowdermilk saw them and, of course they ended up in his possession. It is said that after the mules left the ownership of Mr. Lowdermilk, they were sold for one thousand dollars.

Seven children, Clendon Lowdermilk, Miss Lola Lowdermilk, Talton Lowdermilk Mrs. Nan Lowdermilk Henley, Idy Lowdermilk, Mrs. Esther Lowdermilk Cox, and Mrs. Lucille Lowdermilk Johnson, were born to Frank and Emma Lowdermilk. The two oldest sons, Clendon and Talton, are now deceased. Miss Lola Lowdermilk, former Register of Deeds for Randolph County, the first woman to be elected to public office in this county. Rev. Max Lowdermilk, son of Clendon Lowdermilk, is now serving as a missionary in West Pakistan under the auspices of the Methodist denomination.

Miss Lola Lowdermilk first visited the Turkey Track ranch on which her father worked in 1930. She was the first member of the family to visit the ranch and was followed by her sister, Nan, and her two sons in 1942.

The old Lowdermilk home on South Cox St., facing the east in symbolic remembrance of his mother's dying wish many years before, was built by Frank Lowdermilk upon coming to Asheboro 10 years following his marriage and his return from Texas.

The home was removed several years ago to make way for the new highway which came across the Lowdermilk property. Frank Lowdermilk, however, had died in June 1923.

The cottonwood trees on the Turkey Track ranch in Mobeetie, Texas stand as a memorial to the Randolphian who worked there three quarters of a century ago and the

Walker Shoe Company in Asheboro, prosperous and growing, stands as the the connecting link between the industry of Randolph county and the cattle producing plains of the Panhandle in Texas.

A Former Commissioner And Wife Celebrate Their 55th Anniversary

Oct. 16, 1961 – A former County Commissioner, who was responsible for moving the county home to Asheboro, helping to set up the public roads system for Randolph County and the building of a new jail, and his wife celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Monday, Oct. 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. David Alexander (Dave) Cornelison of 1835 South Fayetteville Street, Asheboro, did not have a formal celebration to commemorate their wedding anniversary. The day was spent quietly, the same as any other day for this well known couple, with one exception.

This was the surprise presentation of a Kennedy rocker to each of them from the children of one of Mr. Cornelison's sisters, now deceased.

The donors were Barna, Jesse, Tommie, Lloyd and David Maness, and their sisters, Ella Richardson, Illa Richardson, Ann Smith, Pearl Vuncannon, Sallie Martin and Betty Baynes, all of the children of the late Emeline Cornelison Maness and the late Thomas W. Maness.

The idea of the presentation of the rockers originated at a family reunion of the Maness family which was held on Sunday, Oct. 8, the day before the observance of the 55th wedding anniversary of the Cornelisons. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelison were honored guests at the family reunion which was held at the home of J. B. Maness, Route 1, Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelison had expressed a desire previously to receiving one of the rockers and had hoped that it might become possible about next Christmas. Therefore, they were overjoyed at the presentation of not one but two of the rockers on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. The rockers were procured by their nieces and nephews through the cooperation of W. C. Page, president of the P. & P. Chair Company, manufactures of the rockers.

Mr. Cornelison served as county commissioner for Randolph County for two terms, beginning with the period 1912.

During this time, in cooperation with Mrs. Julia Thorns, of the Asheboro Woman's club, he was instrumental in having the Randolph County Home moved from its site in Back Creek Township, about five miles from Asheboro, to its present site south of Asheboro, only a short distance from where Mr. and Mrs. Cornelison now reside.

At that time there was no road system for the county and it was felt advisable to move the county home nearer to the town of Asheboro in order that a doctor might be available at all times for the administering of aid to the inmates of the home

However, the county did not remain long without a system of roads, as Mr. Cornelison and the late Ernest Watkins of Ramseur, also a county commissioner, teamed up in the establishment of a system of roads for Randolph County. There were no public roads in the county at that time except the old Plank road or what now Highway 220 is. The other roads were on the order of ordinary woods roads.

But Mr. Cornelison and Mr. Watkins, both progressive and far beyond their time, realized that if the county was to ever

prosper, roads would be needed for the folks out in the county to get their produce, their crossties, their timber and other merchantable items into town where in turn they would be able to boost the value of trade for the merchants, the livestock dealers and the others engaged in the places of trade in Asheboro.

The roads were built, at \$250 a mile for grading and graveling, with the funds for construction being derived partly from private subscription and the remainder from tax revenue.

Sometimes when the notes became due, the county didn't have the money to pay off and Mr. Cornelison and Mr. Watkins would come to the county rescue and pay off the notes.

When the road from Asheboro to Ramseur was completed and Mr. Cornelison rode out to a half way point to meet Mr. Watkins and accept the road in behalf of the county, Mr. Cornelison recalls an incident which remains humorous to this day, nearly fifty years later.

Both men were driving their automobiles and as the early model cars in those days were inclined to act up, their radiators got hot. They met, at a place where the road had been straightened and as a result had been built very close to a residence. The road came right alongside of the well which was used by the occupants of the residence for their water supply.

Mr. Cornelison arrived first, with his radiator steaming, and found an old lady out in the yard doing her washing. He asked for water and the old lady, angered at the road coming so near the house, refused to let him have any water. Mr. Watkins, arriving soon after with his radiator also popping hot, queried as to some water and Mr. Cornelison, not letting him know what had happened to him, pointed to the well. Mr. Watkins followed his directions but was also soon stopped by the old lady, who would not let him have the water either.

Another progress move during Mr. Cornelison's administration was the building of a new jail at the site of the present jail and close to the Courthouse which had just recently been built. When the new Courthouse had been built, the jail, constructed of logs, had been left at the site of the old Courthouse, presently the site of the radio station.

But Mr. Cornelison said that the prisoners had sawed their way out of the log jail so many times that it became full of holes, therefore, the necessity of a new jail of brick construction.

In looking for a model or a pattern for the construction of a new jail, Mr. Cornelison took the other commissioners in his automobile to Raeford, the county seat of Hoke County, to look at and to accept the plans of the jail at that place.

A sidelight to that trip concerned the paying of Mr. Cornelison for the expenses and use of his automobile. Mr. Cornelison asked if five dollars would be too much and one commissioner objected to paying him that for the trip. He didn't get the money either.

For part of the time he served on the board, Mr. Cornelison did not have an automobile and said that he made the trips, from Seagrove to Asheboro, to attend the board meetings on the train. When he did not finish up in time to catch the train back, he had to remain in Asheboro over night.

Born the son of John C. Cornelison and Mary Lucas Cornelison, Mr. Cornelison was one of nine children. At the age of 85, he is the only surviving member of his immediate

family. The site of his birth was at Cagle's Mill, in the upper edge of Montgomery County, between Sugg's Creek and Pisgah. In fact, his father's land bordered the line running between Montgomery and Randolph counties.

His father, a farmer and a sawmill operator, served at one time as a county Commissioner in Montgomery County.

Mr. Cornelison attended a one-teacher school, and also went to the Why Not Academy and to a business college in Nashville, Tennessee. He held a job with the Nashville Street Railway in Nashville, Tenn., for one year and when his health got bad, he came back home and taught school for three years at the same one-teacher school which he had attended as a child.

He then borrowed \$1,000 and in the year 1905 started a mercantile business in Seagrove, dealing in general merchandise, crossties, lumber and fertilizer. He remained in this business until his retirement in 1941.

Mrs. Cornelison is the former Alma Belle Luck daughter of Charles T. (Charlie) Luck and Mary Allred Luck. She was born near the White House Post office on Little River and was one of seven children, all of whom are still living. Her father was a farmer, a court crier and a deputy sheriff. She is 75 years of age.

As a child, Mrs. Cornelison attended the Rocky Ridge School and later the boarding School at Why Not Academy. She taught school for one year, at the Rocky Mount school near the Flag Springs Church.

It was while she was attending the Why Not Academy that the Cornelisons got acquainted, with Mrs. Cornelison remembering that Mr. Cornelison came by the school and took her to church at Christian Union, now Union Grove Baptist church, in a buggy drawn by two horses.

They were married on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1906, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at Flag Springs Methodist Protestant Church by the Rev. J. H. Stowe, pastor of the church. Mr. Cornelison remembers that his father kept his store while he was getting married but then after the wedding he went back and stayed until closing time. A buffet supper followed in the new home which Mr. Cornelison had already made provision for and it is thought that they went to a preaching service that night.

Mrs. Cornelison helped her husband for 35 of the 36 years he ran the store at Seagrove. At the time of their retirement in 1941, Mr. Cornelison was ill with heart trouble and the doctors only gave him six months to live, but Mrs. Cornelison, capable woman that she is, nursed him back to good health and now, twenty years later and at the age of 85, he is seemingly in a very good condition. They moved from Seagrove to their present home six years ago this coming Nov.

With the thriftiness of the Lucks behind her, Mrs. Cornelison worries about the absence of any regular income during twenty years of retirement. But Mr. Cornelison doesn't seem to worry about their financial security, remembering perhaps their farming interests in the townships of Grant and Union and other property in Seagrove, East Cedar Grove, Asheboro and Randleman.

It would be a little hard to feel bad about the insecurity of this couple after touring their lovely South Fayetteville street home and seeing their well filled pantry and their nice automobile.

They keep busy with their garden and Mrs. Cornelison has twenty years of perfect attendance at her home demonstration club. A pioneer home demonstration worker

in Randolph County, she was one of three ladies who went before the county commissioners to secure a home agent for the county.

The progress and growth of Randolph County parallels the married life of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cornelison. Their contribution to the development of the county has been manifold. If they should choose to sit the rest of the time out in their Carolina Rockers and rock, they have justly deserved the privilege. But, active, alert and keenly interested as they are, it is not considered probable that they will spend all of their time rocking.

Lowdermilk Family Has Reunion Sunday

Oct. 19, 1961 – The 29th annual reunion of the Lowdermilk family was held Sunday at a church for which a Lowdermilk gave the land to build, the Pleasant Hill Methodist church northeast of Seagrove.

Seven generations of Lowdermilks are buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery and in one instance four consecutive generations of the same immediate family are interred in the cemetery.

Robert Yow, Route 2, Trinity, president of the annual gathering, presided over the reunion session.

A son of Mary Ellen Lowdermilk Yow and Mark Yow, the reunion president said that his mother was "a powerful woman" and "raised all of her children to be Lowdermilks." He stated that his father became somewhat like the Lowdermilks as time went on, as "he was getting pretty tight with his money before he died."

The devotions for the meeting were given by Bill Ellis, of Greensboro, an auditor for the Internal Revenue office in Fayetteville, and the music for the program was furnished by his mother, Mrs. J. T. Ellis, organist, and his sister, Mrs. C. L. Davis, soloist. The Ellis family is connected with the Lowdermilks through Nancy Lowdermilk Cox.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Lola Cox Tigert, of Winston-Salem, secretary and treasurer, while the minutes of last year's meeting, which were concerned with a special program for Mrs. Tigert, were read by Miss Lola Lowdermilk.

Gifts were presented by Mrs. Lela Hayworth Coltrane, of Raleigh, who made appropriate remarks with each gift. Those receiving gifts were Mrs. J. H. Atkins, of Richmond, Va., the former Elizabeth Lowdermilk, daughter of Alfred Lowdermilk, for having come the farthest to attend the reunion; Mrs. R. K. Gilliland, of Bennett, granddaughter of John Lowdermilk, for having the largest family; Heather Lynn Huckabee, of Durham, 3 and one-half months old daughter of Kelly Lowdermilk, for being the youngest person in attendance; and to 77-year-old "Bige" Lowdermilk, of Route 1, Seagrove, for being the oldest person in attendance.

Mention was made of communications which had been received from Mrs. Lance McCammon, of Sullivan, Ind., who had planned to attend this year's reunion.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. (Bige) Lowdermilk, of Route 1, Seagrove, and to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lowdermilk, of Mt. Gilead, who had celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries during the past year.

Mrs. Reba Lowdermilk Benbow, of Guilford College, presented an appeal from her brother, Max Lowdermilk, who is serving as a missionary for the Methodist church in West Pakistan. The appeal was for additional classrooms for a rural Methodist high school in Pakistan and a free will

offering in behalf of this project resulted in the amount of \$142.77.

A nominating committee, composed of Mrs. Virtle Crutchfield, Miss Lola Lowdermilk and Dr. Ray Hayworth, presented the following slate of officers; president, Charles Dorsett, of Mt. Gilead, and attorney with offices in Troy; vice president, Dr. Ray Hayworth, of Route 5, Asheboro; and secretary and treasurer, Walter C. Garner, of Winston-Salem.

Memorials were read for two former presidents of the reunion sessions, G. W. (Gus) Hayworth, Sr., well known Asheboro automobile dealer, Johnny Lowdermilk, former Chief of Police in High Point, a police officer in Greensboro, and a S.B.I agent in Raleigh. At the conclusion of the memorial service, Mrs. Davis sang "Near to the Heart of God."

Flowers were furnished to the reunion by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. (Bige) Lowdermilk and by the family of Johnny Lowdermilk in his memory.

It was voted to have the reunion at the same time and place next year. A picnic luncheon followed on the church ground.

The concrete block picnic table, on which the luncheon was spread, was furnished the church and the reunion organization by Alfred Lowdermilk, of Mt. Gilead.

Zimieriah Lowdermilk, of Denver, Col., provided the concrete work in front of the church and the communion set for the church was also given by members of the Lowdermilk family.

Five of the stained glass windows in the church bear the names of Israel and Mary Lowdermilk, Nancy Lowdermilk Cox, James and Mary P. Lowdermilk, Alfred and Sarah Lowdermilk, and Hugh H. and Adeline Lowdermilk Yow. Several of the pews in the church also have inscribed on them the names of Lowdermilks.

The pulpit furniture was given to the church in memory of Emsley Lowdermilk who gave the land for the church and who contributed much towards the building of the church.

The first Lowdermilk to come to this country is buried in the church cemetery. His name, spelled differently from the present version, was Jacob Laudermilk, a 2nd Lieutenant in a German Battalion in the Continental Troops in the Revolutionary War. He died June 15, 1807 and was first buried near the Old Waddell's Ferry below Coleridge.

His wife, Mary Myers Lautermilch, also spelled differently, is also buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. A native of Switzerland, she died July 10, 1805

The four consecutive generations of the same immediate family buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery are Jacob Laudermilk, his son, John Lautermilch, John's son, William Lowdermilk, and William's son, Alfred Loudermilk. Notice that all of the names have a different spelling, with William's name being the only one spelled like the present day Lowdermilk.

Memorial Park Planned In Julian

Oct. 23, 1961 – A beautiful knoll, comprising 20 acres, has been set aside for the Dr. Clyde M. Gilmore Memorial Park at Julian, just across the Randolph county line.

The park will be developed by a non-profit foundation set up by the Gilmore Plant and Bulb Company, headed by Glenn G. Gilmore, Sr., brother of the well known physician who died in 1955.

Work has already started on the landscaping of the park. Upon completion, it is expected to be one of the finest of its kind in the state of North Carolina.

Officials of the North Carolina Burial Commission, who approved the layout, stated that its possibilities were exceeded by only one other park in the state.

Adding to the natural beauty of the location of the park is a huge outreaching oak tree, thought to be a century and one half years old or older, and a two and one half acre lake following the natural incline of the land.

A new building for the Julian Methodist church will be erected as a part of the development of the park and will be situated on the most prominent corner of the 20 acre tract.

The church will be moved from its present 55 year old building, located just inside Randolph County. A fund raising dinner for the building of the new church structure was held Saturday evening at the Julian Lions club.

At this dinner, three living charter members of the church, John Deviney, Dr. Ezda Deviney and Mrs. Dolly Meyers Reed, were honored, with Mr. Deviney and Dr. Deviney being in attendance.

A trust fund of \$5,000 was established by members of the Gilmore family in accordance with the statutes of North Carolina in the setting up of a fund for perpetual care.

This followed the deeding of the 20 acre tract of land, which has been valued at \$30,000.

The tract fronts Highways 421 and 62, just before the division of the two highways, and is bounded on the west side by the Julian-Mt. Hope Road.

Officers and directors for the Dr. Clyde M. Gilmore Memorial Park have been named as follows: president, Glenn G. Gilmore, Sr.; vice president, John Ross Hardin; secretary, Dr. Ezda M. Deviney; and treasurer, Mrs. Polly Arrington; directors: Glenn G. Gilmore, Sr., John Ross Hardin, Dr. Ezda M. Deviney, N. B. Cheek, Sr., Tom O. Gilmore, Dr. Brooks W. Gilmore, A. O. Smith, L. H. Bennett, John Gilmore and Sellman Hower.

Glenn G. Gilmore, Sr., Tom Gilmore and John Gilmore are associated with Gilmore Plant and Bulb Company, John Ross Hardin, of Liberty, is a wholesale florist, Dr. Ezda Deviney, a retired college professor, N. B. Cheek, Sr., of Pleasant Garden, founder of Bi-Rite interests, Dr. Brooks Gilmore, son of the late Dr. Clyde M. Gilmore and a general practitioner in Greensboro, A. O. Smith of Greensboro, manager of Wesley Long Community Hospital, L. H. Bennett, of Greensboro, general sales manager for Carolina Iron and Steel Co., and Sellman Howser, of Julian, retired sales executive.

Manager of the memorial park is Sellman Howser, formerly of Baltimore, Md. and New York City, who came to Julian as a permanent resident seven years ago. He will draw no salary and neither will there be any other salaries paid. Salesmen for the burial plots will operate on a commission basis.

Blue prints and the engineering for the development of the tract of land for the park was paid for by members of the Gilmore family.

There will be no overhead for the park and all profits will be turned over to charitable organizations. When the last plot has been sold, the memorial park will be operated under state supervision.

It is appropriate that the memorial park should be established by the Gilmore Plant and Bulb company in

memory of the late Dr. Clyde M. Gilmore, who himself was interested in flower bulb culture.

A native of Chatham County, Dr. Gilmore was a well known Greensboro physician whose graduate study had specialized in heart ailments and internal medicine. At the time of his death, he was president of the Gilmore Clinic, Inc. and had been one of the founders of the Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro.

His brother, Glenn G. Gilmore, Sr., also a native of Chatham County, first came to Julian in 1923 to work with the North State Nursery, having come from Greensboro where he had been working with the Lindley Nurseries.

Glenn Gilmore started off with the North State Nursery making twelve dollars a week, working ten hours a day and six days a week. His first job was digging plants out of the field. He later went to selling.

In three years he had acquired an interest in the nursery and in ten years he had bought it out. However, in the meantime, he had started a bulb business on the side.

Since that time three other nurseries have merged with the North State Nursery and the bulb business and now all of them are operating under the Gilmore Plant and Bulb Company.

Officials of this company are president, Glenn G. Gilmore, Sr.; vice president, Tom O. Gilmore; secretary and treasurer, Glenn G. Gilmore, Jr.

The Gilmore family, owners of many thousands of acres of land in Julian and elsewhere, gave their choicest tract for the establishment of the Dr. Clyde M. Gilmore Memorial Park. Plans are being made for an elaborate landscaping, to be done without regard for cost and material by the Gilmore Plant and Bulb Company.

Entrance to the park, already paved, will be marked by eight columns, with the two closest to the road being inscribed with the memorial inscription in bronze lettering. The columns will be capped with a four inch cement slab, highly polished.

Just to the right of the entrance is the large tree, approximately seven feet in diameter, which will be the focal point in the Oakmont Gardens or the Garden of Meditation. A bench and other iron furniture will be placed in the area near the base of the tree and in each corner of the area will be an angel representing the four seasons of the year.

The church will be constructed to the extreme right of the entrance, on the highest point of the twenty acre tract, and will stand in reverential beauty as a symbol of spiritual light for the entire countryside.

Directly behind the church, across the paved driveway, will be the Gilmore Gardens or the Garden of Devotion. It is in this area that the members of the Gilmore family and their heirs will be interred.

To the left of the Garden of Meditation and slightly to the rear will be the Fountain Garden and farther to the rear will be the fountain Garden and farther to the rear and on the left side of the tract will be the Lakeside Garden.

It is planned to have a predominant feature for every three acres of the entire tract and to relate through various symbols the Story of Christianity. Among such symbols would be the Open Bible, the Last Supper and Gethsemane.

The fund raising dinner, for the benefit of the building fund of the Julian Methodist church, was planned for 100 guests at ten dollars a plate. At the conclusion of the well planned

event, it was announced that a net profit of \$1,103 was realized

The building of the new church sanctuary is associated closely with the development of the Dr. Clyde M. Gilmore Memorial Park although the church organization will remain intact and will function through the channels of denominational procedure.

However, the church dinner was in the capable hands of Sellman Howser, manager for the memorial park, and it is expected that profits from the park will assist the church financially.

Rev. Fred A. Carlisle, Jr., pastor of Julian Methodist church, was master of ceremonies for the fund raising event. Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Ralph Taylor, superintendent for the High Point District of the Methodist church.

It was on Sept. 10, 1905 that the Julian Methodist church was organized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hanner, located near to the present church building.

Those becoming charter members of the church were Jesse Allred, Thomas G. Coble, John Deviney, Cecil Freeman, Josie Hutton, Nancy Allred, Ezda Deviney, Samuel Deviney, Edna Hanner, Nancy Meyers, Annie Allred Coble, Hannah Deviney, Lora Jones Deviney, Elva M. Hanner, Dolly Meyers Reed, Charlotte Coble, Jesse Deviney, Martha Jane Freeman, William T. Hanner and Rev. James R. Hutton, who became the first pastor of the church.

The congregation worshipped in the old Julian school building until a building was erected and dedicated the year following the organization of the church. Members of the committee for the erection of the building were Jesse Deviney, W. T. Hanner and T. G. Coble.

Seventy-seven year old John S. Deviney, a retired rural mail carrier and farmer, and his sister, Dr. Ezda Deviney, the former head of the Zoology Department of the Florida State university, two of the three living charter members, were present at the dinner meeting Saturday evening, Mrs. Dolly Meyers Reed, of Winston-Salem, was unable to be present but sent greetings to the group.

The Devineys were presented with a plaque, bearing this inscription: "He Cares For You," by the pastor of the church. Special music was presented by the quartet from the Shiloh Methodist church, a church which is on the same charge as the Julian church.

Dr. Taylor, in his remarks to the group, spoke of a link between the past, the present and the future.

The twenty charter members, the three living and the 17 who have passed to the Great beyond, and the late Dr. Clyde M. Gilmore, who died at the height of his usefulness, form a definite link from the past.

There is a link from the present, represented by the descendants of those who organized the Julian Methodist church 56 years ago and the younger Gilmores who are carrying on in the noblest tradition of their elders.

Then, there is Glenn G. Gilmore, Sr. who is perhaps a part of both links, the past and the present, and who is concerned that the past be incorporated with the present in the end that the future will be more bright, more firm and more secure.

The development of the Dr. Clyde M. Gilmore memorial Park and the erection of a new Julian Methodist church building will serve to perpetuate the past, glorify the present and secure the future for the generations to come.

Well – Known Couple Pass Their Golden Anniversary

Oct. 26, 1961 – Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hinshaw of Route 2, Randleman, one of Randolph County's best known couples, are today, Thursday, Oct. 26, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

Residing at White Hall, south of Randleman, they were the county's first florist, having started the growing of flowers in 1924 and continuing in this business until their retirement at the end of 1953.

Mrs. Hinshaw, the former Mary Estelle Allred, is also one of Randolph County's first nurses. Mr. Hinshaw is a former school teacher, rural mail carrier, postmaster at Randleman, county commissioner and has been a director in the Randleman Savings and Loan Association for 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw passed the day of their 50th anniversary the same as any other day in their lives and did not participate in a formal celebration.

However, a quiet family luncheon, attended by Mrs. Hinshaw's family, was held in their honor on the Sunday preceding their anniversary at the beautiful country residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Shultz, Route 2, Ramseur.

Hostesses for the luncheon were Mrs. Shultz, the former Ella Allred, and Mrs. Artemas Winningham, the former Daisy Allred, both of who are sisters of Mrs. Hinshaw.

Malpheus Fernando Hinshaw was born on May 23, 1887 on the Hinshaw lands which were located on the river road between Central Falls and Millboro. His parents were Zeno Hinshaw and Annie Allred Hinshaw.

He grew up on the farm and attended the Millboro School and the Liberty Normal College, a boarding school at Liberty. This school, operated by Professor Thomas Amick, burned down during his attendance there and this ended Mr. Hinshaw's education, except for some extension courses later.

Then he taught school for one year in Alamance County and four years in Randolph County, one year each at Central Falls, Cedar Falls, Melanchton and at Flint Hill. He was married to Mrs. Hinshaw just prior to the beginning of the school year at Flint Hill.

The oldest of twelve children born to John Clement Allred and Cora Lee Giles Allred, the place of Mrs. Hinshaw's birth was in Asheboro, east of the present site of the First Methodist church.

Her father was a mechanic for Col. McAlister's sawmill and the mill was operating in that area at the time of her birth. She was born on Dec. 30, 1882.

When she was about two years old, the family moved to a place in the country, about a mile southeast of Giles Chapel Methodist Church, where they lived until moving to Central Falls when Mrs. Hinshaw was about 18 years old.

She attended the Gold Hill School near Asheboro and later took nurses training through correspondence with Miss Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross organization, who operated a nurses training school in Philadelphia, Pa.

This training for Mrs. Hinshaw was made possible under the supervision of Dr. C. C. Hubbard, at that time a doctor in Worthville.

Mrs. Hinshaw specialized in the treatment of typhoid fever, a specialization which was brought about by the deaths of

members of her family from this disease, particularly a brother and sister.

In the pursuance of nursing profession, she worked with several doctors of that era, namely, Dr. Hubbard, Dr. C. E. Wilkerson, Dr. R. L. Caveness and the doctors in Asheboro and other places.

She served her profession for seven or eight years and quit only upon her marriage to Mr. Hinshaw which occurred on a Thursday evening, Oct. 26, 1911.

The marriage took place at the Home of the bride's parents in Central Falls and was witnessed by a group of relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. A. Taylor, who at that time was the pastor of the Central Falls Methodist Church.

For that ceremony of fifty years ago, Mrs. Hinshaw was dressed in white satin with a veil of bridal illusion. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. For the luncheon on last Sunday, she wore a black crepe dress with a corsage of yellow rosebuds.

Attendants at the wedding were two sisters of the bride, Miss Ella Allred, now Mrs. R. D. Shultz, who served as the maid of honor, and Miss Mabel Allred, who was the bridesmaid, and the bridegroom's brother, C. R. Hinshaw is now a professor at High Point College.

Following their marriage, the bride accompanied her husband to Flint Hill for the school year where they boarded during the time he taught there. After finishing up that school year, Mr. Hinshaw accepted a position as a rural mail carrier out of Randleman and the couple moved to Randleman where they first set up housekeeping.

It was in 1918 that they bought the place at White Hall where they have lived since that time.

Mr. Hinshaw served the rural mail route for 10 years and was postmaster at Randleman for approximately 13 years. He also served as a substitute carrier for several years and was enabled to retire from the postal service in Nov., 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw first started growing flowers at their White Hall residence in 1924 to become the first florists in Randolph County. They began their designing of floral work in 1926 and remained in the flower business until Jan. 1, 1954. Their place of business was known as the White Hall Floral Gardens.

Maintaining a keen interest in the Randleman Savings and Loan Association, Mr. Hinshaw continues to serve as a director in that association and served as its president for several years until the first of this year. He also served as one of the appraisers of the property for which loans are requested.

In 1944, Mr. Hinshaw was elected to a four-year term on the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.

No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw. However, they have a foster daughter, Mrs. Daisy Farlow Culp, also a nurse, who resides with her husband, Arlie Culp, and their nine-year-old daughter, Mary Ellen, next door to the Hinshaws.

The six remaining members of Mrs. Hinshaw's family from the original twelve were present at the luncheon given in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw last Sunday. The hostesses, Mrs. Shultz and Mrs. Winningham, are her oldest and youngest sisters. However, Mrs. Hinshaw, as the oldest member of the entire family, was as one of the family members expressed it, "a mother to all of us."

Present for the quiet family affair were Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw, the honored couple, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Shultz of

Route 2, Ramseur, Mr. and Mrs. Artemas Winningham of Route 1, Asheboro, Miss Mabel Allred and Reuben Allred of Route 3, Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Holbert Allred of High Point, and Mrs. Virginia Winningham Reeder of Route 1, Asheboro.

The table, in the lovely paneled dining room at the Shultz residence, was covered with a lace cloth over gold and had as its centerpiece a vase of yellow roses. There was a beautiful white wedding cake baked by Mrs. Winningham, with a spray of yellow roses and the inscription denoting the wedding anniversary. The cake was flanked by a couple of two-branched candelabra holding yellow tapers.

The corsage of yellow rosebuds worn by Mrs. Hinshaw and the yellow rosebud in Mr. Hinshaw's lapel were gifts of the hostesses to the honored couple.

A full course luncheon, consisting of roast turkey and dressing, fried chicken, green beans and mashed potatoes, orange fruit salad, persimmon and plum pudding, cake and coffee, was served to the anniversary guests.

Asked what they had been doing since they retired from the floral business in 1954, one of the Hinshaws remarked that they had been "loafing." This remark was more in jest however, as the Hinshaws are not the loafing kind. They have always worked hard and this was expressed by Mrs. Hinshaw earlier in the interview when she said "I always enjoyed any kind of work, I still do."

Mr. Hinshaw's principal interest now is his appraisal work with the Randleman Savings and Loan and he is always on hand when the loans are approved. This is his pride and joy and he points to the fact that the Savings and Loan Association has not lost a dollar on the loans which have been made through the years.

Mrs. Hinshaw, who has been one of the county's most active women with her nursing and thirty years of working with flowers, still remains busy with cooking and sewing. She makes a hobby out of the baking of cakes and often prepares them for presentation to relatives and friends on special occasions.

They are easily one of Randolph County's most distinguished couples. Mr. Hinshaw is neat appearing and very alert in observation and manner of speech. He maintains a keen interest in that which goes on about him and he seems to enjoy very much his way of living. Mrs. Hinshaw is a very composed woman, probably deriving much of this from her years of nursing and working with the public in the designing of flowers. A calm, collected manner, coupled with her queenly appearance, commands the respect of those with whom she comes in contact.

The entire county and a host of relatives and friends salute this outstanding couple today as they celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Remembering their contributions in the development of the Randolph way of living, they are extended the heartiest congratulations on this most happy occasion.

Three Farmer Citizens Honored On Birthdays

Nov. 23, 1961 – A family gathering, honoring three well known natives of the Farmer area, was held Sunday at the Grange Hall in Farmer.

The occasion, a buffet luncheon, was held in honor of the birthdays of Worth Lowe, Route 3, Asheboro, and his

sisters, Mrs. J. Herman Johnson of High Point, and Mrs. Walter A. Bunch of Pilot Mountain.

Mr. Lowe will reach the age of 80 years on Nov. 25, Mrs. Johnson, the former Stella Lowe, was 84 years old on Nov. 16, while Mrs. Bunch, the former Patricia (Pat) Lowe, attained the age of 77 years on Nov. 11.

Mrs. Bunch was unable to attend the birthday celebrations Sunday but was represented by her son, Mayor John Bunch of Asheboro.

Children of Worth Lowe in attendance at the family celebration were Glenn Lowe, N. M. Lowe and Mrs. Gertrude Lowe Winslow, of Route 3, Asheboro, Mrs. Samuel Phillips of Route 1, Ramseur, and Halbert Lowe of Salem, Virginia.

Three of Mrs. Johnson's children, Vernon Johnson of Galax, Va., and James Johnson and Mrs. Van Lanier of Route 3, Asheboro, were present.

Present also were S. D. (Doke) Lowe of Farmer and Jack Lowe of Route 3, Asheboro, brothers of the honored trio, Dorsey Lewis of High Point and Mrs. Lizzie Hoover of Route 3, Asheboro, first cousins, and many other members of the Lowe family and friends. The complete attendance numbered well over a hundred people.

In addition to the honoring of the birthdays of the brother and the two sisters recognition was extended to five other members of the Lowe family whose birthdays occurred in Nov.

They were Winborn (Shorty) Lowe, deceased son of Worth Lowe; Jasper Winslow, grandson of Worth Lowe; Harold Gallimore, grand-son-in-law of Mrs. Johnson; Lawson Lowe, son of S. D. Lowe, and Pamela Siler, granddaughter of S. D. Lowe.

A friend of the family, Mrs. Alice Kearns of High Point, was also present and her birthday will occur on Nov. 30.

J. Floyd Moore, a Guilford College professor and minister of the Science Hill Friends Meetinghouse, welcomed the family group and gave thanks for the sumptuous meal, spread on a table which extended the entire length of the Grange hall.

There were originally eight children in the Lowe family, born to Nereus Lowe and Mary Jane Rush Lowe, who lived about a mile west of the Science Hill Friends Meetinghouse in Cedar Grove Township.

Besides Worth, Jack and Doke Lowe, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bunch, one other sister, Miss Louella Lowe, is living in Arlington, Va., while two sisters, Ardena Lowe and Mrs. Kate Lowe Jennings, are deceased.

Nereus Lowe was serving his second term as jailer of Randolph County when he died on June 13, 1913, at the age of 65 years. His wife died on June 9, 1937, at the age of 82 years.

Note Burning Ceremony Held By Central Falls Baptists

Nov. 23, 1961 – A mortgage burning occurred at the Central Falls Baptist Church Sunday, six and one half years following the occupancy of the stately new building.

The paid note, clearing the final indebtedness on the building, was burned in a brief ceremony at the beginning of the morning worship service.

Participating were the church pastor, Rev. Billy Young, the board of trustees, composed of Cleveland Kennedy, chairman, Paul Wiles and J. C. Poole, and the board of

deacons, composed of Turner Wiles, chairman, Cleveland Kennedy, Neil Conner, R. L. Wiles and Elwood Hughes.

First plans for a new building were made by the Central Falls Baptists on Apr. 10, 1948. A building fund was started at that time and the second Sunday in each month was set aside for the purpose of raising money for the erection of the proposed new building.

On Nov. 12, 1950, a building committee and a finance committee were elected to further pursue the idea of the new building.

Members of the building committee were W. M. Lineberry, chairman, Cleveland Kennedy, J. C. Poole, Charlie Williams, Zeb Davis, Turner Wiles and R. L. Wiles.

The finance committee was composed of W. H. Conner, chairman, Glenn Lineberry, Aster Kennedy, M. R. Jordan, Clyde Hedgecock, Charlie Baldwin and T. C. Phillips.

It was decided by the church congregation in Jan., 1951, to let the contract for the building of the new church to S. E. Trogdon, general contractor, who estimated that the cost of the building would be from \$43,000 to \$46,000.

On Mar. 4, 1951, the home of Miss Bessie Rollins and an adjacent lot was purchased, the house to be used as a parsonage and the adjacent lot to be used for the site of the new church building.

This site is located on Highway 49A next to the school building and just on the southern outskirts of the village. The old church building was located on the old Worthville road.

However, the building was not actually started until the summer of 1954. The first worship service in the new church building was held on the first Sunday in May, 1955.

Rev. G. F. Settlemyre served as pastor of the church during the entire period of the planning and the building of the new structure.

A two-story structure with a basement, the building consists of an auditorium and 14 class rooms. Many of the class rooms have been finished and painted by the various class groups since the occupancy of the building.

About two years ago new pews were purchased and a light green carpet was laid in the aisle and at the front of the sanctuary.

Rev. Billy Young came to the pastorate of the Central Falls Baptist Church in Feb. 1961. He is attending the Fruitland Bible Institute as a student.

Mrs. Paul Wiles is president of the Woman's Missionary Society, Neil Conner is superintendent of the Sunday school and Douglas Walton is director of the Training Union.

It was in the year 1892 that a preacher by the name of G. I. Merrill began meeting with a congregation of people at the old school house in Central Falls. This was the beginning of the Central Falls Baptist Church.

The number was few in the beginning and in the Sunday school, Methodist literature was used. It was then a preacher by the name of Jimmy Jordan came from Franklinville to worship with Merrill and his people, that a decision was made to build a church.

The Rev. Mr. Jordan took the initiative in the raising of funds. He traveled around the countryside, to Asheboro, Franklinville, Star, Biscoe and other places, in the collection of funds for the building.

If the folks did not have money to give him, he would take chickens, eggs, butter or anything which they would give him towards the erection of a building. Mrs. Eelphina York

gave \$100 towards the building but was confined to her bed for two years and thereafter unable to attend the services of the church.

Elvin Osborne was given the contract to build the church and as the Rev. Mr. Jordan would collect the money, lumber would be bought and the carpenters would work. When the money would run short, the work would stop until more money was raised.

An incident happened during the construction of the church which tested the newly formed congregation. After the framing of the church had been put in place, a strong wind arose and blew down the southeast side of the building.

This was disastrous enough within itself but to make matters worse, the people in the community began to tease the Rev. Mr. Jordan, saying that the Baptist could stand water but that they could not stand the wind.

In the year 1893, one year following the beginning of the church congregation, the church building was completed and the people met with representatives from the Franklinville Baptist Church to raise the additional money which was needed for the church and to also dedicate the church.

In taking up the collection for this purpose, the Rev. Mr. Jordan stopped when the desired amount was reached, announced that enough money had been raised and laid the hat in which he had taken the money up in the lap of a small girl in the congregation, by the name of Nora Rollins.

This small girl later became the wife of Rev. Jeff Lanning, pastor of the Central Falls Baptist Church in the year 1916. A sister of Mrs. Lanning, Mrs. Addie Rollins, 82 years of age, is presently a member of the Central Falls Baptist Church congregation.

The church was evidently not as progressive during the first year of its existence as it has been the latter years, because the church building stood for 40 years before it was painted. When the Rev. J. A. Cox came to the pastorate of the church in 1933, he led the congregation in painting the church inside and out, in addition to raising the choir floor and placing curtains around the choir. The total improvements at that time cost \$300, with no indebtedness being placed on the church.

In 1937, membership of the church was 33. Present membership is 249.

Thus, the Central Falls Baptist Church, after progressing slowly for many years following its organization, has grown stronger during the latter years of its existence. The revitalization of the church's growth actually began back in Apr., 1948 when the plans were initiated for the imposing new building which was cleared of debt with the burning of the mortgage on last Sunday.

Last Of Thirteen Children Leaves Needham Homestead

Nov. 30, 1961 - When George Monroe Needham, 22-year-old Route 1, Seagrove young man, checks in at local Selective Service headquarters next Tuesday morning, he will be the eighth and last son of his parents to report for military duty.

He will also be the last of 13 children of Mr. and Mrs. George K. Needham to leave the family homestead which is located in the southeastern part of Brower Township.

Brewster R. Needham, next to the oldest son in the family, was the first of the family to be inducted into the military service. Now living on route 1, Ramseur, he served in the Army for 47 months during World War II and saw duty in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

He was followed by Luther, the oldest son, and Kelly, the third son, who entered the Army at the same time. However, they were separated following their induction but with both of them serving later with different Army groups in Germany.

Both Luther and Kelly Needham now reside on Route 1, Seagrove, with Kelly living on an adjoining place to his parents.

Edsel, the fourth son, was the next to be called and was the fourth and last one to serve with the Army during the World War II period. His overseas duty was spent in Italy and he served with the same unit as brother Brewster. Edsel is also a resident of Route, 1, Seagrove.

Hansel, the fifth son of the family, was called into the Army during the Korean War and he saw active duty during that conflict. He now resides on Route 1, Asheboro.

Amos, the sixth son, and Joseph, the seventh son, were called into the Army one after the other following the Korean War and Both of them served overseas in Germany. Amos now resides on Route 1, Ramseur and Joseph on Route 1, Seagrove. Joseph has only been back home around three years.

That is the record thus far. All seven sons heretofore inducted have served in the Army, those who have served during time of conflict have seen duty in the battle zones and all seven of them have served overseas. All together they have served for a period of approximately 18 years and none have been wounded in conflict.

When the youngest member and the last son in the family reports next Tuesday morning, two days before his 23rd birthday, the record will be complete and it will be a record which is perhaps unexcelled in Army annals throughout the entire United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham, from whose home all of the sons have left are taking the departure of their last son in somewhat of a philosophical manner. In speaking of the induction of the other seven sons, Mr. Needham said "as soon as one would get back, they's take another one." In response to a comment on the contribution which this family has made, Mrs. Needham said "I feel like I have done my part," Mr. Needham then jokingly remarked: "they ought to give us a little bonus."

The Needham family has always lived in Brower Township. Mr. Needham age 70, is a farmer, carpenter and a blacksmith. Mrs. Needham is 66 years old and is afflicted with a rheumatic condition to the extent that she is unable to walk well.

Beside the eight sons, Mr. and Mrs. Needham have five daughters. All of the sons and daughters are married except for the son who is leaving for the Army next Tuesday. There are 40 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Needham family is close knit. Although all of them live on route 1, Seagrove, except for the three who live on Route 1 Ramseur and the one who lives on Route 1, Asheboro, they still hold an annual family reunion at the family home in Aug. and they also usually get together at Christmas.

It is expected also that many of them will come together again next Sunday to bid farewell to the youngest member of the clan before he leaves to follow in the footsteps of his seven older brothers.

George Monroe Needham, known to his many friends as "Roe," wears a crew-cut, is approximately six feet in height and weighs 185 pounds.

He has remained on the farm, now reduced to 128 acres, and assisted his father in raising corn, wheat, oats, tobacco and also chickens.

He has the looks of a good soldier about him and from his appearance and attitude, he will uphold the tradition of his family and render the same high type of service which characterized his seven brothers before him.

Moroccan Missionaries Visit Relatives Here

Dec. 7, 1961 – A Randolph County woman, her husband and three daughters are spending their second furlough from missionary duty at the home of her mother in Seagrove.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Peterson, missionaries for ten years, have spent nine of those years in Morocco, northwest Africa, where their three daughters, Mary, Martha and Rebecca, were born.

The other year was spent on furlough at the home of Mrs. Peterson's mother, Mrs. Willie Graves, in Seagrove, at which place they are now spending their second furlough which started last June.

Mrs. Peterson, the former Irma Graves, was born a short distance northeast of Seagrove, attended the New Zion Methodist church and graduated from Seagrove high school in the year 1937.

During the time of their furlough, this missionary family is available for appearances in churches of this area. On Sunday evening, Nov. 26, they appeared in native costume for a missionary program at Russell's Grove Baptist church.

It was during World War II, while they were 3,000 miles apart, that the Petersons received their calls to missionary duty. Mr. Peterson received a definite call to missionary duty in Morocco while serving in the U. S. Air Force in that country during the war period. He had eleven months of military duty in Morocco, saw the need of the people there and resolved to come back after the war. He said that the people, although religious, were without Christ.

Mrs. Peterson was working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. during the same period when she felt the need to serve in the mission fields. Previously, following her graduation from high school, she had worked at McCrary Hosiery Mills in Asheboro.

Coincidentally, or perhaps it was something else, both Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were led to enroll at the Columbia Bible College in Columbia, S.C. at the close of the war period and it was at this institution that their paths first crossed.

Actually, Mr. Peterson learned of the school through an Air Force chaplain during his service in Morocco and Mrs. Peterson first gained knowledge of the school through a Sunday School teacher while working in Washington, D. C. They attended the college, an inter-denominational school, during the period from 1945-50.

A native of Bayfield, Wisconsin, Mr. Peterson was working at a defense plant in Kent, Ohio before his entrance in the Air Force.

The Peterson were married Dec. 24, 1948 while still attending the Columbia Bible College and upon completing their studies at the school in 1950 they affiliated themselves with the Gospel Missionary Union to await the call to Morocco.

The Gospel Missionary Union, also inter-denominational in its scope of service first became known to Don Peterson while he was serving in the Air Force in Morocco. He was impressed with the work of this missionary organization among the people of Morocco, where the Gospel Missionary Union had first established a missionary station in 1890, and it was this service which directed the young couple in affiliating with that particular group.

They underwent six months of training for the mission field at Gospel Missionary Union headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. But because of lack of funds, the organization was unable to send them immediately to their work in Morocco.

They came to Mrs. Peterson's home in Seagrove where they remained for one year before sailing from New York City for their new field of labor in July, 1951.

They first went to Sefrou where they spent two years learning the Arabic language and where they also assisted at one of the missionary stations. This was a town of some 5,000 people. Their work here consisted of holding Bible classes, general visitation, distribution of tracts and literature and the holding of meetings in the streets and market places. The birth of their daughter, Martha, occurred during their service at this place.

Predominant religion in Morocco is the worship of Mohammed. It is a religion of works, with the Moslems praying five times a day during the daylight hours. They pray to Mohammed and depend upon him for their salvation.

One month out of every year is a time of fasting, with the fasting occurring during the day and no meal eaten until after sundown. Some of the more zealous worshippers observe three months of fasting, one month before the period for fasting and one month thereafter.

Morocco, located just across the Straits of Gibraltar from Spain, was one of the first African countries to become independent. Governed by the French from 1922, the country gained its independence in 1956. Riots and a revolt among the people resulted in the French government giving the people of Morocco their freedom and the country now is ruled by a constitutional monarchy. The old king, King Mohammed the Fifth, was greatly beloved by the people but he died last year and was succeeded by his son, King Moulay Hassan.

The people of Morocco, originally descending from the Berber Tribe, are a white race, a Semetic people related to the Jews. They dress as in Biblical times, with all of the women except the young girls wearing veils and keeping their faces covered at all times except in the privacy of their families.

The climate is semi-tropical and farming predominates except for the shops and trades of the towns. The cities are generally modern with many towering buildings of up to date architectural structure.

According to the Petersons, the government of Morocco has not been particularly antagonistic to the work of the missionary in the country. However, they don't seem to be as friendly as they were formerly.

The American government maintained many bases in Morocco during World War II, primarily for the waging of the

war with Japan, and have retained units there since that time. But, for the viewpoint of the Petersons, there is a fear among the people of the country that Russia is going to take over the bases and it has been established that a large Voice of America station in Morocco will have to cease operations in 1963. Americans are few in Morocco but there are many British people living there.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Peterson and their two daughters, Mary and Martha, came home for their first furlough in 1956, after five years of service in the country of Morocco. Their headquarters while here were at Mr. Petersons home in Seagrove but they also went on a tour of the Midwest in the interest of their mission cause.

They returned to Morocco in June, 1957, this time going to Saley, a city of 70,000 on the coast of Morocco, about 150 miles from their previous station.

Their work there was similar to the work they did at El Hajeb but in a year their duties changed and they were relocated at Khemisset.

A temporary boarding school for the children of the missionaries was located at this place, later being moved to Tangier where their third daughter, Rebecca, was born. The Petersons served as parents of the children at the school who were deprived of their real parents during their attendance at the school. Since the missionaries of the Gospel Missionary Union were located in various places throughout the country, their children were brought together in one place for the receiving of their education.

After two years at Tangier, the Petersons came home for their second furlough, having remained in Morocco only three years for their second tour of duty. This was necessitated because their change of duty put them in different rotation of furloughs and Mrs. Peterson is also undergoing medical treatment while at home this time.

While here, the two older daughters, Mary and Martha, are attending the Seagrove school. Mary is a student in the fourth grade while Martha is in her first year at school.

The family will return to Morocco in June, 1962 for their third tour of duty. As to what type of duty they will have, they do not know yet. Asked as how long they plan to remain on the mission field, this dedicated couple responded with "as long as our health permits."

Miss Kate Hammer Pioneer For Women

Dec. 11, 1961 - An Asheboro milliner, who pioneered early in the interest of her sex, still continues actively in the millinery shop which she established in her home town 31 years ago.

Miss Kate Hammer lived in many places after she first left Asheboro in the years before World War I, she has left many times since she returned here in 1930 but her visits to the 50 states in the union and her trips abroad have only brought her close to the people she has always known and loved.

Objections were raised when as a very young woman she went to a distant state to learn the millinery trade. But this did not deter her or keep her from reaching the top in her profession.

When suffrage was granted to the women of the United States, timidity at exercising her right to vote did not overcome this preserving woman. Instead, she became the first woman in Randolph County to register to vote and was the second, if not the first, to register to vote in the state of North Carolina.

A cousin of the late Congressman W. C. Hammer, she participated in the many political campaigns in which he was engaged during his long and varied political career. Although an ardent Democrat, she still has many friends among the opposition and has never let political feeling prevent her from mingling with all groups within the community.

Her service to her party was compensated recently by the receiving of a personally autographed photograph of President John F. Kennedy. The inscription on the picture of the President reads: "Miss Kate Hammer, with every good wish, John F. Kennedy."

A letter from the President's personal secretary stated that the President wanted the photograph presented to Miss Hammer "with an expression of his deep gratitude for her fine support in 1960 and for her loyal support of the Democratic Party for over 50 years.

But Kate Hammer is noted for far more than her service to her party. A business, civic and church leader in Asheboro for over three decades, she has always been at the forefront in that which has been progressive and beneficial to her community.

She was born on a plantation southeast of Asheboro, now the site of Clapp's Nursing Home. Her parents were George W. Hammer and Eliza Ann Vestal Hammer. She had three brothers, Walter, who died in early life, and Artie and Dewey, who died in later years, and one sister, Mattie, who is now Mrs. Hugh Slack, of High Point.

Her cousin, Congressman Hammer, was also born at the same site, as were many other members of the Hammer family. Miss Hammer has always been closely associated with the members of the Congressman's family, particularly Mrs. W. C. Hammer in the latter years of her life. This association has continued since her death with the two grandchildren, Judge Hal H. Walker and Mrs. J. D. Croom, and the members of their two families.

Kate Hammer, who was christened Kathryn Jane at birth but shortened it to Kate at the age of nine. She came to Asheboro with her family to live at an early age. Her mother died when she was very small and her father was remarried to Belle Lollar, of Statesville.

She first began her education in the small Brower school, located in the community in which she was born and continued in the school at Asheboro upon the moving of the family to town.

Her career as a milliner is thought to have first begun when as a child she made hats out of leaves in the rural environs of the vicinity in which she was born. But her first practical experience came when as a school girl she worked in Loflin's store which was located near the railroad in the main part of Asheboro. This was a dry goods store, selling ready to wear and millinery.

Millinery was already making its mark on young Kate Hammer and when she had completed her education at the Asheboro school, she went to Greensboro where she worked for six months under a French woman in the work room at Myers Department Store.

She then went to Baltimore, Md., where she learned the business under a well known millinery firm of that day, Armstrong & Cator, who made and sold hats. She became an "Acato Girl" and studied under French designers while there.

This was in the period just prior to World War I and it was quite an undertaking for a young girl to leave her home to

live in such a large and distant city. Some relatives objected to her leaving but her father approved, saying that he had "taught her how to take care of herself."

She became a registered milliner around the year 1916 and came out of Armstrong & Cator's with an A-plus on making, trimming and selling. She continued her association with the millinery firm and was first assigned to work at Reidsville, N. C.

Shortly after completing her training in making hats, she enrolled for a course in the business end of the trade under the auspices of the National Cash Register Company in Greensboro.

Millinery was a seasonal business at that time and Miss Hammer usually left for her assignment on the first Sunday in Aug. and stayed for around three and one half months. She made forty dollars a month her first season but was raised to one hundred dollars a month for her next season.

Besides Reidsville, other assignments from Armstrong & Cator were at Madison, Appalachian, Va. And Bristol, Tenn. At that time she made all of her hats which only came in two head sizes, women's and children. Miss Hammer remembers that the highest priced hat which she made was sold to a miner's wife in Appalachian, Va. For \$49.75. She said that hats sold for more then, but that women did not have as many of them.

In the days that Miss Hammer first began her career, the town milliner was treated with considerable professional respect and was generally "looked up to by the other residents of the town. They were also the object of much curiosity upon coming into town. Miss Hammer still recalls with amusement the amazement with which she was met upon going to Sunday School the first Sunday she was in town.

She thought the astonishment was due to the hat she was wearing but found out later that the people were amazed that she would show up at Sunday school, since milliners of that day usually worked late on Saturday nights.

Soon after beginning her millinery career, she began going on hat buying expeditions to Philadelphia, New York City and to points out west. She is still making those trips and is now in the process of making a trip to New York City.

Her father died in 1928 and she came back to Asheboro to look after the business of the estate. She planned to go back and received an offer of more money to work for a syndicate which had taken the place of Armstrong & Cator. She refused, however and started a business of her own in Asheboro in the year 1930.

Miss Hammer went to New York City to buy her hats for the beginning of the new adventure and arrived there before her financial rating had been established. But she didn't have to worry about that. Because her reputation in the millinery field had preceeded her and she secured her stock without any trouble.

She has continued operating in the same place, 109 Sunset Ave., now for 31 years. Many of her present customers have been with her since the beginning. Questioned as to her possible retirement, she was indefinite, saying instead, "my customers need me. They are like my family. Lots of them started with me."

This veteran milliner has always participated in public affairs, political and otherwise. She has been active in the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce, the Asheboro Woman's Club, the Central Methodist Church and the Asheboro Business and Professional Womans's Club

It was as a delegate from the latter organization that in 1938 she attended the Third Congress of International Business and Professional Women in Budapest, Hungary. It was while of this trip that she toured the countries of England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland.

Previously, she had toured most of the states and had visited in Canada, Cuba and Bermuda.

In 1958 she visited in South America and also in the same year took a world tour by plane. It was the first time that she had ever flown in an airplane. Among the places visited on this tour were San Francisco, Hawaii, Wake Island, Tokyo, the Philippines, including Manila, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Rangoon, Thailand, Burma, Calcutta, New Delhi, Pakistan, Greece, Rome, Brussels, Switzerland, Paris and England again.

Since that time, she has completed a tour of all of the states, including a visit to Alaska since its admittance in the union. She hopes to visit again soon the state of Washington and she also wants to visit the Scandinavian countries in the near future.

Her apartment at 133 Academy St. is filled with family heirlooms, antiques and souvenirs and other articles which she has collected on her tour of the states and in the countries of the world.

Kate Hammer classifies herself as "A Country Jane" and lays no claim to being a person of considerable knowledge.

But she is really cosmopolitan in all respects and not only commands a knowledge of world-wide places but also an acquaintance of people throughout the world.

But it is in Asheboro and Randolph County and the people who live herein who are near to the heart of this unusual woman and it is to these interest that she always returns. She has been coming back ever since she left as a young girl to train as a milliner at Armstrong & Cator in Baltimore, Md., and it is here in the land of her birth that she has rendered her greater service and it is here that she is universally respected.

Heavy Usage Drains Local Blood Supply, Appeal Given

Dec. 21, 1961 – Since Christmas is a time for giving, the blood program committee of the Randolph County chapter of the American Red Cross is pointing out the great need which exists at the present time in the collection of blood in this county.

Two days after the celebration of the Greatest Gift of All, on Dec. 27 and 28, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Asheboro to receive those who desire to contribute a pint of this life saving substance.

Behind in both usage and collection, the local blood program committee has established a quota of 400 pints in order to meet these deficits. This much is needed to take care of our usage and to bring our fiscal year quota up to date.

On Nov. 30, 1961, 517 pints of blood had been used by Randolph County residents against a collection of only 421 pints. Therefore, there is a deficit of 96 pints in usage, coupled with a deficit of 119 in collection considering that 540 pints should have been collected for proportionate collection on a fiscal year quota of 1207 pints.

One of the greatest needs in the blood program in Randolph County is the need for first time donors. Much of

the blood at the present time is given by donors who have come again and again.

There have been only 35 first-time blood donors for this fiscal year and only 144 first-time donors for the calendar year. When this is compared with a chapter record of two five-gallon donors, 20 three gallon donors, 60 two-gallon donors and 344 one-gallon donors, it can easily be seen that a greater part of the blood donated in Randolph County is given by the same group of people.

Recognition should be given to five-gallon donors, Mrs. William H. (Mary) Bailey of Route 3, Asheboro, and Joseph Edwards of Route 1, Thomasville.

Also to four-gallon donors, William H. Bailey, Route 3, Asheboro; John Scaro, Franklinville; and Travis Deaton, Jerry Shuping and J. E. Irvin of Asheboro.

It might be of interest to know that blood credited to the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been used in the following hospitals during the past year, The Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been used in the following hospitals during the past year, The Randolph Hospital, Griffin Clinic, Chatham Hospital at Siler City, Cone Memorial Hospital, Wesley Long Hospital, Piedmont Hospital and L. Richardson Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, High Point Memorial Hospital in High Point, Baptist Hospital and City Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, Duke Hospital in Durham, V. A. Hospitals, Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst, Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury, Montgomery County Hospital in Troy, Halifax District Hospital in Daytona Beach, Fla., and DePaul Hospital in Norfolk, Va.

W. A. (Ab) Carter and Richard McKellar are chairman and co-chairman respectively of the blood program committee of the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Under the sponsorship of this committee, the bloodmobile has already made two visits. Aug. 9 and 10 and Oct. 3 and 4, to Asheboro during this fiscal year.

In addition to the Dec. 27 and 28 visit, only one more visit, June 7 and 8, will be made during this fiscal year.

The time is short if our needs in this important phase of our community life is to be realized. We must make up our deficits during this next visit, two days after Christmas, or we will end up the fiscal year way behind.

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. But don't forget to stop by and give a pint of blood on either Dec. 27 or Dec. 28th.

Far – Reaching Effect For Red Cross Blood

Dec. 21, 1961 – Distance wise, the most far reaching effect of the blood program of the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross for this past year was the issuance of three pints of blood to Lee Petty at the Halifax District Hospital in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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Actually, Lee Petty received several more than three pints of blood and there were approximately 100 pints donated in his behalf. But the three pints from the Randolph County Chapter were ready immediately at the time of his accident and were administered before his need was learned by the racing public.

However, when the word went out over the loudspeaker that blood was needed for Lee Petty, driver and racing fans from all over the country rallied to the request.

So much blood was received that the Halifax hospital did not have the facilities for taking care of all of it. Some of it had to be sent to another hospital. It was noted that the most response came from the friends and fans from New York State.

Lee Petty spent four months in the Florida hospital, returning home the latter part of June and then going back the next month for another brief period. He is up and around now, working on his racing cars, and plans to resume competition at a later date.

It is not necessary that Lee Petty go back to racing. His sons, Richard, 24, and Maurice 22, have been working with him and Richard particularly distinguished himself in the racing field. Maurice thus far has confined himself to the mechanical part of the racing activity.

But Lee Petty, world champion for three times in the Grand National Automobile Races, feels that he will have to go back. If for no other reason just to prove that he still has what it takes and perhaps also to have the satisfaction of not quitting under the circumstances which terminated his activity last Feb.

A Guilford county native, he came to Randolph county upon his marriage to Elizabeth Toomes, a native of Route 1, Randleman, in which area they now reside. Their two sons, their wives and three grandchildren also reside in the same community.

Before entering the racing competition in 1949, Lee Petty was engaged in the trucking business. He won the championship in 1954, 1958 and 1959. He has never been below fifth place since 1949 except this year at the time of his accident. He has raced across the country to California and in Canada and Mexico. His comfortable rural home in Level Cross is filled with over 100 huge trophies, evidence of his many racing achievements.

Lee Petty is grateful that the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross stood by with blood for immediate use at the time of his great need. He is also grateful for the manifold response which came from his fellow drivers and the great host of fans at the request for blood in his behalf.

However, there are many people in need of blood who do not have the national acclaim of Lee Petty. These are the people who are little known and who have never distinguished themselves in any particular field. It is for these people that you and I and the other fellow must donate the blood that is so urgently needed.

Remember this and meet the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the National Guard Armory in Asheboro on Dec. 27 and 28.

Mothers, Daughters Gather For Banquet

Dec. 25-28, 1961 - A Mother Daughter banquet, one of the highlights of the school year, was held by the Grays Chapel chapter of Future Homemakers of America Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, at the school cafeteria.

One hundred and thirty FHA members, mothers and guests were present for the well planned occasion in the beautiful facilities of the new Grays Chapel school cafeteria.

Mistress of ceremonies was Mary Lou Fields, chapter president. She gave the address of welcome, with the response coming from Mrs. Junius Routh. The invocation was given by Frank Anderson, one of the chapter parents.

Other chapter officers, in addition to the president, are vice president, Patsy Kinley; secretary, Irene Brady; treasurer, Doris Kirkman; chaplain, Phyllis Dodson; parliamentarian, Sue Lineberry; historians, Carol Kime and Shirley Carter; song leader, Elaine Thomas; pianist, Janet Thomas; and recreation leaders, Wilma Lineberry and Alice Richardson.

At the banquet, recognition was extended to chapter parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Julian and Mr. and Mrs. Junius Routh, and to special guests, school principal Otus Thomas, Mrs. Otus Thomas and Ralph L. Bulla. The chapter parents were presented with official FHA pins by the chapter president.

The meal, prepared by the FHA chapter and consisting of fruit cocktail, baked ham, candied yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, celery sticks, carrot curls, rolls, butter, ice cream, cookies and iced tea, was served by underclassmates, Phyllis Smith, Brenda Hunt, Rachel Staley, Carol Kime, Tony Sheppard, Cathy Routh, Donna Routh, Harriette Anderson, Wilma Coward, Linda Routh, Janice Brown and Carol Cheek, and with the assistance of Mrs. Henry Davis, cafeteria manager.

Prior to the eating of the meal, corsages of red carnations were pinned on the mothers by their daughters. A corsage of red rosebuds was pinned on the chapter sponsor, Mrs. Jackie Lewis, home economics teacher for the Grays Chapel School, by the chapter president.

Following the meal, the entire group assembled in the new gymnasium for the presentation of a program, "Christmas Around the World," which was written and presented by members of the FHA chapter.

Participating in the program was the following cast: narrator, Bernice Webster; F. H. A. member, Louise Ward; and representatives of various nations, including Hawaii, Ann Ellis, Sue Allred, Joyce Lineberry and Edna Walker; Japan, Julia Anderson; France, Wilma Lineberry and Judy Hardin; Mexico, Wanda Julian, Linda Routh, Barbara Brown, Mary Craven, Barbara Allred and Betty Strider; Ireland, Brenda Jarrett and Shirley Carter; Switzerland, Patsy Kinley and Doris Jennings; Alaska, Doris Lambert; Scotland, Wanda Trogdon, Alice Richardson and Joyce Kidd; and Russia, Irene Brady.

Phyllis Dodson and Faye Williams served as pianists and members of the chorus were Faye Walker, Melinda Groce, Linda Cross, Anne Hall, Jo Ann Cotner, Margaret Gooch, Janice Lineberry, Carol Lambe, Phyllis Smith, Rebecca Johnson, Judy Lowdermilk, Brenda Lineberry, Sue Davis, Carol Kime, Linda Cox, Elaine Thomas, Alease Craven, Jean Pugh, Doris Kirkman, Martha Walker, Jo Ellen Yow, Mary Lou Fields, Bernice Webster, Martha Sue Fields, Pat Williamson, Mabel Gooch, Jewel Almond, Elaine Ward, Margaret Nixon, Lora Lambert, Faye Lambert, Moleta Briles, Frances Little and Sue Lineberry.

Activities for the Grays Chapel FHA thus far this school year have consisted of the following: Making yearbooks containing the activities for each month, the rules and regulations, the officers and the opening and closing

ceremonies: formal and informal induction ceremonies for new members; attendance at the county rally in Oct. at Franklinville at which the Grays Chapel FHA was in charge of the program, a fashion show, with Bernice Webster acting as narrator; attendance at the district rally at Lexington at which Elaine Thomas ran for state historian and Bernice Webster, was county vice president, took part in the roll call, and the sponsoring of a booth at the county fair.

Also, helped earn money for the school stage curtains by sponsoring a baby contest at the Halloween Carnival; earned money for the mother-Daughter banquet by selling doughnuts; the sponsorship of the bulletin board in the main hall; and many members have done individual work for the home, school and community as part of earning a degree of achievement. In the pursuance of this degree, several of the girls made curtains for the Agriculture Building.

A degree of Achievement is awarded when a girl shows that she has completed projects to help her grow as an individual, a member of the home, a member of the school and community and as a member of the chapter. She must submit plans and then give evidence that she has done and what she plans to do. She of course, must be an outstanding member of her FHA chapter. There are three degrees which may be earned in three years; the Junior Homemaker Degree and the Chapter Homemaker Degree, which are awarded by the local chapter, and the State Degree which is awarded at the convention in Raleigh. The Grays Chapel chapter hopes to have two girls receive the State Degree this year.

Plans for the remainder of the school year include helping with the polio drive, holding a Daddy-Date Night, giving a party for the FFA boys, having a program on Civil Defense, awarding Degrees of Achievement to 30 girls, and attending the State Convention and the Spring County Rally.

The home economics teacher is the former Jacqueline (Jackie) Pugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pugh, of Route 1, Franklinville, and a native of the Grays Chapel community and a graduate of the school there. This is her second year of teaching at her alma mater. A graduate of High Point College, she taught at Randleman for two years and immediately following her graduation from college she served as an assistant home agent in Chowan County for a year. She and her husband, Jack Lewis, reside on Route 2, Randleman.

The complete roster for the Grays Chapel Future Homemakers of American are Barbara Allred, Susie Allred, Jewel Almond, Julia Anderson, Irene Brady, Moleta Briles, Barbara Brown, Shirley Carter, Linda Cooley, Jo Ann Cotner, Linda Cox, Alease Craven, Mary Craven, Linda Cross, Sue Davis, Phyllis Dodson, Ann Ellis, Mary Lou Fields, Martha Sue Fields, Mabel Gooch, Margaret Gooch, Melinda Groce, Ann Hall, Judy Hardin, Brenda Jarrett, Doris Jennings, Rebecca Johnson, Wanda Julian, Joyce Kidd, Carol Kime, Patsy Kinley, Doris Kirkman, Carol Lambert, Doris Lambert, Faye Lambert, Lora Lambert and Brenda Lineberry.

Also, Sue Lineberry, Joyce Lineberry, Wilma Lineberry, Frances Little, Judy Lowdermilk, Barbara Hodgkin, Marilyn Hodgkin, Janice Lineberry, Linda Millikan, Linda McMillian, Margaret Nixon, Jean Pugh, Alice Richardson, Betty Strider, Wanda Trogdon, Linda Routh, Phyllis Smith, Elaine

Thomas, Jane Thomas, Brenda Trotter, Elaine Ward, Louise Ward, Martha Walker, Faye Walker, Edna Walker, Bernice Webster, Faye Williams, Pat Williamson, Kay Wicker and J. Ellen Yow.

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Memorial Library In Ramseur Dedicated In Formal Program

Jan. 8, 1962 – The Blanche C. Johnson Memorial Building, housing the Ramseur Public Library, was formally dedicated Sunday afternoon in the presence of the townspeople and visitors from throughout Randolph County.

A beautiful structure of modern design, the building was erected from funds contained in an outright bequest from M. E. (Marion Edgar) Johnson, well known Ramseur business man who died July 30, 1979.

Provisions of the bequest required that the building be erected in memory of Mr. Johnson's wife, Blanche Covington Johnson, who died four years earlier than her husband.

The dedicatorial service was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. H. M. Kivett, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ramseur Public Library, presiding.

Open house followed the dedicatorial service and approximately 175 people from Ramseur, Asheboro, Franklinville, Randleman and the adjoining countryside were conducted on a tour of the building. Refreshments were served in the conference room.

Miss Frances Gish and Miss Dorothy Kittel, of the State Library in Raleigh, were among those present, as were members of the Board of Trustees of the Randolph County Library.

The local board is composed of Mrs. H. M. Kivett, chairman, and Mrs. W. H. Leonard, Mrs. A. G. Taylor, C. C. Dorsett, Mrs. I. F. Craven, Miss Louise Thomas and June L. Beane. The county board is composed of C. W. McCrary, chairman, W. P. Rodgers, T. F. Bulla, Miss Frances Smith, Mrs. I. F. Craven and Dr. C. D. Kistler.

The invocation Sunday afternoon was given by Rev. R. J. Hobbs, pastor of the Ramseur Pilgrim Holliness Church. Ramseur Mayor Fred Thomas recognized the special guests in attendance.

Rev. Worth Sweet, pastor of Jordan Memorial Methodist Church, delivered the dedicatorial address and offered the prayer. A tribute to M. E. Johnson was given by the county board chairman, C. W. McCrary, and recognition of gifts was made by Miss Charlesanna Fox, county librarian.

The benediction was delivered by Rev. Garland Bennett, pastor of Ramseur Congregational Christian Church.

The building was constructed of pink buff brick, with both exterior and interior facing of the brick. The entrance to the one-story structure is a lobby of clear glass porcelain, aluminum and wood, with a predominant color of clover green. There are windows at the rear which look out on a terrace and a garden.

The library is furnished with clover green metal shelving while the library furniture is in cherry finish. The floors are vinyl tile and the ceiling is luminous.

Included in the library proper is a corner for the garden center, which looks out on the garden, space for a children's corner, a reference area and a browsing area.