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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 dedicational 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 dedicational 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 dedicational 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.

Besides the library room, there is a conference room at the front, with a small kitchen adjoining. The conference room is walnut paneled, with blue plastic walls and blue vinyl tile floor. Lounge chairs in both conference room and library are upholstered in blending colors.

Contained in the library unit is a work room and a loading zone. The entire building is heated with electric heat pumps.

The building was erected under the supervision of the Board of Trustees of the Randolph County Library, with Miss Charlesanna Fox, county librarian, serving as coordinator between the board and the architect, J. J. Croft, Jr. and the general contractor, J. E. Allred.

Donor of the building, the late M. E. (Marion Edgar) Johnson, served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Randolph County Library for nearly 20 years previous to the time of his death. He was serving as chairman of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners at the time county funds were authorized for the use of the Randolph County Library.

This was in the year 1940. The library system in the county and in the town of Ramseur was begun in the year 1936.

Funds contained in the bequest for the erection of the building amounted to \$50,000. However, value of the building and furnishings is estimated at \$65,000. Remainder of the money came from a residue of the Johnson estate and from various individuals and groups. Paintings and equipment in the building were given as a memorial to the late Miss Hattie Burgess, who served as Ramseur librarian for 15 years.

Present librarian is Mrs. Floyd Moffitt and assistant librarian is Mrs. S. E. Leonard.

Jason Hoovers Celebrate Sixtieth Year Together

Jan. 11, 1962 – Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hoover, lifelong residents of Cedar Grove Township, are celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary today, Jan. 11, at their home on Route 3, Asheboro.

They were married on a rainy Sunday morning sixty years ago at the home of Mrs. Hoovers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alson Bunting, who lived near the West Chapel Methodist church.

Mrs. Hoover is the former Mary Marina Bunting. She is 78 years of age. Mr. Hoover was reared about four miles from the place of Mrs. Hoover's birth, near the Back Creek Friends Meeting House. He is 79 years of age.

The couple lives four miles from Asheboro, between the old and new Highway 49. They have resided there for many years. Always having farmed for a livelihood, their farm is now reduced. The highway took part of it and four of their children have absorbed another part of it for homes of their own.

Mr. Hoover raised wheat and corn until he retired a year ago. However, he still keeps a garden. A noted watermelon grower, he grew melons for the public until five years ago but still raises them for his own use and for the use of his children and grandchildren.

During one season, he sold \$500 worth of watermelons to people who came out to his farm for them. At the beginning, he hauled them out but his reputation as a watermelon grower soon became known and then the people came after them.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover both attended one-teacher schools as children and as Mr. Hoover said "learned enough to read and write."

He attended the Back Creek School and among his teachers were Rena Morris, who later became Mrs. William Thayer, and Tom Winslow.

Mrs. Hoover, who still recites poetry she learned in school and at church, attended the Long Branch school. Among her teachers were Cicero Wood and Miss Martha Redding. In reference to the latter, Mrs. Hoover said "I liked her."

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover had planned to go into town in an open top buggy to the home of Magistrate Sherman Ridge for their wedding of sixty years ago. But, due to the rain, Mr. Hoover's cousin, Doug Poole, went into town after the magistrate and the wedding occurred at Mrs. Hoover's home.

Mr. Hoover had brought him a new suit and Mrs. Hoover attired herself in a blue woolen polka dot dress, trimmed in light blue, with a blue hat and black shoes and stockings for the marriage vows.

Witnessing the wedding were Mrs. Hoover's cousin, Cora Bunting, and Rom Hoover and Mr. Hoover's cousin, "Little Joe" Poole and Tiny Parrish. Both of these couples were married to each other at a later date.

After the wedding, all of those present sat down to a turkey dinner in Mrs. Hoover's home, following which the newly married couple rode in the open top buggy, it had stopped raining by that time, to Mr. Hoover's home for an evening meal.

On their way to Mr. Hoover's home, some of their friends good naturedly blocked the road near the home of Mr. Hoover's cousin, "Little Joe" Poole. But "Little Joe" was driving the buggy and in order not to be outdone, he maneuvered the buggy off the road and through an orchard behind the house and continued with the newlyweds on their merry way.

But "Little Joe" was on the other end a few nights later when he participated in a "belling" for the newly married couple. After the "bellers" had rung the bells, scraped the saws and made other noisy sounds, the roll call was held. As the names of the older people and others in the community were called, "Little Joe," who was an expert imitator, would give the answer. The Hoovers particularly remember "Little Joe" answering for one of the older residents of the community by responding "Oh Lord I am here."

"Little Joe" Poole seems to have played an important factor in the life of his cousin and he and Mr. Hoover still converse and visit frequently with each other.

After living in the vicinity of the Back Creek Friends Meeting House for four years following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover moved to their present residence where they have lived since that time. Ten children were born to them, six of whom lived to maturity.

They are Mrs. Wincie Belle Smith, Route 3, Asheboro, Moody Hoover, Route 2, Asheboro, Lonnie Hoover, Route 3, Asheboro, Mrs. Annie Vada Richardson, Route 3, Asheboro, Mrs. Thelma Whatley, of Route 4, Asheboro, and Harold Lloyd Hoover, of Route 3, Asheboro.

There are thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoover are still very active, even though Mrs. Hoover is afflicted with arthritis in her hands. "But I keep going," she said and further stated that

she was more active than her daughters. She confirmed this by saying that she had been trying to get "my girls to run a race with me."

The couple spends most of their time at home, except when the children take their places. Mr. Hoover has not driven a car since he junked his 1927 Model T many years ago. However, he drives around on the farm and sometimes gets on the road with his farm tractor.

A large host of friends and relatives extend their best wishes to this genial, quiet spoken couple as they observe today their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Polio Victim Helps County Dimes Drive

Jan. 11, 1962 – A 22-year-old Brower township resident, himself a victim of polio thirteen years ago, is helping to promote the March of Dimes drive currently in progress in Randolph County.

Arnold Comer, of Route 2, Seagrove, is serving as Brower township chairman for the drive and is sponsoring a singing Saturday evening at the Brower school in the interest of the fund raising campaign.

An 8 year-old boy at the time of his attack on June 23, 1948. Arnold had completed the 2nd grade at the Brower school and was just beginning to be of some assistance on his father's farm located near the Moore county line.

A polio epidemic was prevalent throughout that vicinity at the time of his attack and one of his nephews, a child of his sister, Mrs. Fred Yow, died from the effects of polio on the same day that young Comer entered the hospital.

In fact, Arnold was placed on the same bed at Rex Hospital in Raleigh from which his nephew had succumbed. Arnold's sickness had existed for a few days before the diagnosis of polio while his small nephew died after an illness of only one day and night.

His illness affected his neck and back, particularly the muscles on the left side of his neck. He was hospitalized for the entire summer, at Rex Hospital and the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst, but was discharged the day before school started that fall.

Despite his illness, Arnold Comer never missed a day of school throughout the twelve years he attended. He graduated from Seagrove high school in 1958. He is now employed at Hall Knott Inc., a men's clothing store in Asheboro.

Actually, it is impossible to detect any effects of Arnold Comer's illness. He is a handsome, personable young man, active and engaged in the normal pursuits of life. On last Monday, he was examined for Army service.

Not many polio victims have escaped the devastating effects of the disease as has Arnold Comer. A greater part of those likewise afflicted have come out of the dreadful experience without the use of a hand, an arm, a leg and sometimes they have been rendered helpless in a greater part of their limbs.

But Arnold Comer is thankful that he was spared the worse effects of the disease and he is also thankful for what the March of Dimes meant to him during his time of affliction.

That is why he and his family have always supported the March of Dimes and it is why he is rendering even more active support this year in the position as a community chairman.

He is the youngest of thirteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Comer, of route 2, Seagrove. All of his brothers

and sisters are living except one sister who was killed in an accident several years ago.

All of the Comer children live within the general vicinity of their parent's home, with Arnold, the only unmarried one, still living at home. Many years ago, a greater part of the members of the family, including Mr. and Mrs. Comer, banded themselves together as a singing group and it is they who will be featured in the singing at Brower school Saturday evening.

The public is invited to come out and hear the Comer family sing and in so doing help raise funds for the March of Dimes. No admission will be charged but a free will offering will be taken up for the benefit of the polio fund.

Little Man, But Whopping Honor

Jan. 11, 1962 – Diminutive Benton Burgess, active in local and state YDC circles, was named the Most Outstanding Young Democrat of the year by the state YDC organization.

He was presented the top YDC award by Statesville, Attorney Johnnie Ray Headron, chairman of the awards committee and master of ceremonies for the installation rally.

This presentation followed a year of activity in which he had served as co-chairman of the membership committee and as a dinner chairman in the local YDC and on the state level as assistant state organizer, member of the state reorganizational study committee, secretary of the committee, and chairman of the constitutional committee.

As assistant state organizer he traveled extensively over North Carolina in the organizing of new YDC groups.

A resident of 109 East Green Street in North Asheboro, Burgess began his formal political activity in 1956 when he served as doorkeeper in Asheboro's No. 1 precinct election of that year. However, he had been an ardent Democrat long before that time.

He continued his interest and activity on the precinct level through 1958 election, again working actively in No. 1 precinct, and extending his activity also to the county level.

At the beginning of the year 1960, he was elected vice president of the Randolph Young Democratic Club and in the precinct elections of that spring; he was named chairman of the No. 1 precinct.

Following the 1960 elections, he was named to the organizational committee of the Randolph County Democratic executive committee and only recently was again elected vice president of the Randolph County Young Democratic Club.

Charlie Benton Burgess, his name in full, was born between Ramseur and Coleridge, the son of Mrs. Myrtle Pope Burgess and the late Charm Burgess. His family was large and he was one of eleven children born to his parents.

He attended the Ramseur School and was graduated from high school in 1948. He attended King's Business School in Greensboro and was later employed in that city for a brief period.

Following his employment in Greensboro, he became associated with the State Highway Commission where he has been employed since that time. He first worked with the construction department, then with the soils laboratory and has for several years been associated with Equipment Department of Division 8, first as a clerk and just recently as a supervisor.

He is married to the former Miss Jacksie Lyerly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lyerly, who is employed at General Electric.

Baptists Dedicate New Educational Building

Jan. 11, 1962 – Dedication services and the cornerstone laying for the new Educational Building of the First Baptist church in Asheboro occurred Sunday, Jan. 7, fifty nine years and a little over a month from the time of the organization of the church on thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29, 1902.

The new \$370,000 building is a symbol of the steady growth of the church since seven charter members met on that thanksgiving evening for its organization nearly six decades ago.

Over twelve hundred memberships are now listed on the church rolls and the entire church plant, including the new building, is valued at approximately \$600,000.

The three storied building, its Georgian-type front supported by four columns, stands sturdily on the corner of North Church and Hoover streets, attached to the main church plant by a covered passageway and located only a block away from the site of its organization in Nov., 1902.

It was in a small residence, home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Berry, located on the present site of the Buttercup plant on West Salisbury St., that the church was organized. Mrs. Berry, now residing with her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Frazier, is the only charter member still living.

The service of dedication at the Sunday morning worship hour was led by the new pastor of the church, Dr. Walter E. Sanders, who came to the church Dec. 1 of last year. His subject was "So Built We the Wall."

Participating in the cornerstone laying Sunday afternoon at 2:30, along with the church pastor, were three former pastors of the church, Dr. Herman Stevens, Dr. E. W. Price, Jr. and Rev. Charles E. Neal, participating also were members of the building committee, the deacons and trustees of the church.

The benediction was pronounced by Wade Yates, chairman of the diacenate.

Open house for the new building and a reception for Dr. and Mrs. Walter E. Sanders and their sons, Edward and Mark, in the Fellowship Hall of the old building followed simultaneously the laying of the cornerstone.

First planning for the Educational Building was made in 1957, during the pastorate of Dr. Price, when a building committee was elected. General officers for this committee were named as follows: co-chairman, Guy B. Teachey and Lloyd Brown; secretary, Mrs. Venia Bunting Young; and treasurer, W. T. Denson.

Committee chairman were named as follows: plans; John Rentz; legal; Wade Yates; construction, Nolan Burrow; grounds, Dick Gaddis; organ, Ed Thomas; finance, Marvin T. Caviness; publicity, W. C. Lucas; purchasing, Wiley Jones; furnishings, Mrs. Hunter Boxley; and kitchen, Mrs. Carl Lanier. All of these committee chairmen remained throughout the building program except Mrs. Boxley, who moved out of town and was replaced by Mrs. Alan Reavis.

Local architects, J. J. Croft and Associates, worked closely with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn. in the construction of the building, J. R. Graham Construction Co., of High Point, was the overall contractor

in the erection of the building, the heating cooling and plumbing was done by Asheboro Plumbing and Heating Co. and the electrical work was done by Vick Brothers Electric Co.

The erection of the building was financed through a bond program, the first of which was for the amount of \$300,000, approved by the church on June 14, 1959. A later issue of \$90,000 was approved on Nov. 20, 1960. The bonds bearing five percent interest were sold on a maturity range up to thirteen and one half years.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Teachey and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin T. Caviness served as co-chairmen of the sale of both bond issues.

Division leaders for the first sale of bonds were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Caviness, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cheek, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gaddis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Al Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kenan, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lane, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Mills.

Division leaders for the second sale of bonds were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cheek, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gaddis, Mr. and Mrs. Al Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kenan, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Reavis, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil King, Mr. and Mrs. William Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vick, Dr. and Mrs. Mel Young, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oglesby and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Jones.

The first bond issue was approved and sold during the pastorate of Rev. Charles E. Neal but the church was without a pastor during the second bond issue.

This second issue and sale of bonds, as well as the greater part of the construction of the new building, was performed under the guidance of Mel Anderson, Minister of Education at First Baptist church. Much credit is due this young native of Salida, Colo., who came into the service of the church in June, 1958.

The new Educational Building is a three-storied, T-shaped structure, consisting of approximately 30,000 square feet of floor space.

It is 150 feet long and the widest part of the building is 82 feet, this being on the west end. It is constructed entirely of fireproof materials.

The building is supported by a steel beam framework, with the outside walls consisting of brick and cement block on the first floor, with solid brick on the remaining two floors. The interior walls are of cement block on the first floor, while on the second and third floors metal studding, surfaced with plaster board and plaster, make up the various partitions. The ceiling of the entire building is of fire resistant acoustical tile, supported by metal joists. The entire floor area is covered with vinyl asbestos tile, except for three rooms of the office suite, chapel and parlor, which are covered with carpet.

The largest part of the building is used for educational purposes. A nursery suite for children, birth through three years, consists of six departments and a reception room. This suite is equipped with furniture suitable for children of this age. Two of these departments are for bed babies and are furnished with white metal hospital type cribs. The remaining four departments are equipped with items essential to the teaching of these children. Chairs and tables are of pastel colors which blend with the pastel coloring of the walls and the light-covered tile on the floor.

The beginner departments are four in number and these, as well as the six primary departments, are furnished with pastel-covered furniture to blend with the pastel coloring on the walls. These departments are located on the ground floor.

The Junior departments constitute the west end of the third floor. Each department is surrounded by eight class rooms equipped with chair desk. Each department has an assembly room furnished with pastel-colored chairs matching those of the classrooms.

Also, on the top floor are the two Intermediate departments and the single young people's department. Each of the intermediate departments have eight classrooms and the young people's department has four classrooms for use. These departments are equipped with folding chairs, colored to blend with the pastel-colored walls and light-colored tile floors.

All departments have storage and supply rooms for the keeping of records, supplies, literature and etc.

The chapel is a very beautiful, worshipful part of the new building. It is carpeted in green with blending drapes and walls. The pews and pulpit furniture is of soft enameled white, trimmed in fawn-colored oak which blends with the wainscoating and trimming. The chapel has seating capacity of 154, with an additional 20 seats in the choir. It is furnished with a Baldwin Model 5A electronic organ and a Acrosonic piano, both of which are finished in fawn oak. The lighting of the chapel is on a rheostat which enables the cove lights to be dimmed or brightened according to desire. Three special semi concealed spotlights focus on the Lord's Supper table and the pulpit.

The chapel is located on the main floor, with the entrance facing North Church St. This chapel also serves as an assembly room for one of the adult departments. Classrooms are to be found along the corridor adjacent to the chapel.

One of these classrooms is used and designated as a conference room, furnished with a conference table which seats twelve people.

The office suite consists of a receptionist's office, pastor's secretary's office, pastor's office and Minister of Education's office. The pastor's secretary and the pastor have offices decorated in the same color scheme as that of the chapel. The Minister of Education's office has a green-shaded carpet, with beige walls and drapes. These offices are located immediately to the rear of the chapel.

Another feature of the new building is the library, which is also used on Sunday mornings as a classroom. The library has pastel-green walls with blending tile and Venetian blinds. Two walnut library tables, with 12 matching chairs, provide reading facilities for those using the well furnished library.

The church parlor is beautifully finished. Beige carpet covers the floor, with a mural wallpaper covering one wall and blending paint of a beige color on the remaining three walls. The parlor has furniture in keeping with the traditional style and includes a cherry-finished Acrosonic piano. A dining room suite, sofas and individual chairs of various styles, as well as various small end and coffee tables with appropriate lamps complete the furnishings. A small kitchenette adjoins the parlor and is equipped with a refrigerator-sink-stove combination unit. Several cabinets are also provided in this kitchenette.

The entire building is heated and cooled from a centrally located boiler room. A large gas boiler is used for the heating of the new building and one large compressor is utilized for the cooling.

Each floor is zoned into three separate areas, making a total of nine separate zones. In heating or air conditioning of the building, any particular zone or multiple of zones can be regulated through the use of centrally located switches and thermostats. This system makes for an economic, practical operation.

Three completely fireproof stairwells serve all three floors. Two of these are located on the west end and on the east end of the building.

The Sunday School departments began moving into the new building on Sunday, July 9, 1961, with the junior, intermediate and single young people's departments moving first. The nursery, beginners moved on Sunday, July 16, 1961, with one adult department moving on Sunday, July 23, 1961 and two adult departments and the married young people's department relocating in the old building.

This is the fourth building to be erected by First Baptist church.

Following the organization of the church in 1902, the congregation first worshipped in the Presbyterian church and then in the old school building which stood at the present site of the Fayetteville Street School. In 1911, the first church building was erected across the street from the site of the present church building. This building burned in 1933 and the following year the auditorium of the present Church building was erected. An educational unit was added to the rear of the auditorium in 1942.

A new year and a new opportunity for service began with the dedication service and the laying of the cornerstone of the new Educational Building at Asheboro's First Baptist church last Sunday.

Singings Net \$373 For March of Dimes

Jan. 18, 1962 - Two benefit singings this past week-end netted the March of Dimes drive a total of \$373.20.

Despite the snow, the ice and the coldness of last Saturday night, approximately 150 people gathered for the singing at the Brower school at Erect.

The weather was milder Sunday afternoon and approximately twice that number came to another singing at the school in Ramseur.

A revival-like atmosphere prevailed at the Brower school as members of the Coy L. Comer family sang hymns and gospel songs of the yesteryears. Singers in this group included Mr. and Mrs. Comer and their seven daughters and four of their five sons.

Also participating in the singing were two granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Comer and Nathan Cox, Guest soloist.

Arnold Comer, youngest member of the Comer family, is March of Dimes chairman for Brower township and he was sponsor for the singing last Saturday night. An offering, supplemented by the sale of three cakes, one pie and a quilt, brought the total proceeds of the night up to \$213.35.

A much larger group of singers participated in the singing Sunday afternoon at the Ramseur School. This event was sponsored by Elvin Cox, Ramseur chairman for the March of Dimes drive.

Fourteen different singing groups from around eight different churches in Ramseur and surrounding vicinities

took part in the singing, with many members of the various church congregations swelling the audience to the estimated 300 people in attendance.

A free will offering resulted in \$159.85 being contributed towards the fund drive of the March of Dimes.

Present for both the Saturday afternoon singings were Ralph L. Bulla, chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation, and Rev. W. C. Bearden, vice chairman of the local chapter and campaign director for last year's March of Dimes drive.

H. Clendon Richardson, well known Randolph county polio patient, was also present for the Sunday afternoon singing at Ramseur.

Rural Church Parsonage Holds Open House Sunday

Jan. 18, 1962 – Open house for the commodious new parsonage building of the Giles Chapel and Charlotte Methodist churches was held Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30.

One hundred and twenty five members of the two congregations and friends were conducted through the newly erected residence which is located just off Highway 49-A, about a mile from the Giles Chapel church.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of both churches were hostesses for the open house event, along with the pastor of the churches and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Kelly Jones.

It was on the third Sunday afternoon in Aug., 1961 that the groundbreaking, a symbolic one because of the heavy downpour of rain, was held at the Giles Chapel church. Participating were the pastor and Dr. Ralph Taylor, Superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church.

The foundation for the new structure was dug the next day and work progressed on the residence until its completion. The pastor and his wife moved in on Dec. 1. Value of the building is placed at \$16,000.

The building was necessary because of the breaking up of the old Richland Charge of the Methodist church, of which Giles Chapel, Charlotte, Brower's Chapel and New Union churches were a part.

In the separation of the churches and the formation of two new circuits, Brower's Chapel and New Union forming one and Giles Chapel and Charlotte the other, arrangements were made for the old parsonage east of Asheboro to remain a part of the Brower's Chapel-New Union Charge.

Since the formation of the new charges in June, 1959, congregations of the Giles Chapel and the Charlotte churches had planned for the building of a parsonage to serve both of the churches.

A tract of land for the building site was donated by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rich, of Asheboro. Mr. Rich is a former long time resident of the vicinity in which the parsonage was built and a former member of the Giles Chapel church.

Detailed plans for the new structure were made by a building committee from the two churches, composed of S. E. Trogdon, Sr., chairman, Joe F. Rich, Olan Hunt and Jesse Sykes from the Giles Chapel church and Otis Bulla, Winfred Bruton and W. C. Owens from the Charlotte church.

Mrs. Joe F. Rich served as the building fund treasurer and S. E. Trogdon and Sons, general contractors, were in charge of the construction of the new building.

The building consists of approximately 1800 square feet of floor space, and includes a living room, den, kitchen, dining room, three bedrooms, a utility room, a carport and a full basement. A hidden stairway also leads to storage space in the attic. Heat is provided through a hot water heating system.

Construction is of brick veneer, with sheetrocked walls except for the den which is constructed of antique mahogany paneling, which has been tinted in green. Remainder of the interior of the house has been painted white.

The antique satin drapes in the living room, den and dining room and other furnishings of the house were planned and arranged by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from both churches, under supervision of Mrs. Nash Gillis, president of the Giles Chapel society, and Miss Sally McCain, president of the Charlotte society.

The 24 year old minister, Kelly Jones, was assigned to the Giles Chapel – Charlotte Charge at the last meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church which began June 7 of last year. He was married ten days later, on June 27, to the former Miss Julia Hobson and on June 25 they arrived in Asheboro to assume the pastorate of the two churches. While awaiting the building of the new parsonage, they resided at 220 S. Elm St. in Asheboro.

Both the Rev. and Mrs. Kelly Jones are natives of Winston-Salem and prior to their marriage were residents of that city.

He attended Appalachian College at Boone for one year and graduated at High Point College. He is now a senior at Duke University Divinity School. Mrs. Jones is presently a senior at High Point College where she is majoring in social studies. She plans to teach in that field following her graduation in June.

Mrs. Jones parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hobson, of Winston-Salem, were weekend guests of their daughter and son-in-law and attended the open house for the new parsonage Sunday afternoon. Mr. Jones parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold H. Jones, also of Winston-Salem.

Last Polio Aid Went To Young Housewife

Jan. 22, 1962 – A pretty young woman, mother of three sons, was the recipient of the latest expenditure made for polio by the local chapter during the year 1961.

This was the purchase of a long leg brace, with spring wedge lock, for Mrs. Harlin Lee Cain, of Route 1, Ramseur.

The \$135 which was paid for this brace brought to an approximate total of \$3,000 which was paid out by the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation last year for the benefit of polio patients in Randolph County.

Mrs. Cain, the former Laura Belle Maness, became afflicted with polio on July 21, 1947, only 21 days following her fifth birthday. She is now only 18 years of age.

Daughter of Mrs. Ruby Maness of Asheboro, she was living with her family at Erect at the time she became ill. Her father is now deceased.

The attack of polio affected her in the legs and back and at the initial time of her illness, she received treatment at hospitals in Monroe and Greensboro. Since that time, she has returned to the hospital four times, once for exercise

and three times for operations. In all, she has spent around two years in the hospital as a result of her illness.

The illness has left her unable to walk on her right leg except through the aid of a brace. Many braces have been provided her in the varying stages of her growth through the financial help of the Randolph County Polio Chapter.

Laura Belle was married to Harlin Lee Cain on Oct. 4, 1957, and they are now the parents of three fine sons, Tony three and one half years old; Johnny, age two; and Randy, age eight months.

The family resides in a rural dwelling, Harlin's homeplace, which is located to the right of the highway between Coleridge and Bennett. The father of the family is employed in Ramseur Interlock Knitting Company in Ramseur.

This attractive, blonde young woman has lived a normal life despite the many operations, the months of hospitalization and the fact that she has been unable to walk since she was five years old except through the aid of her brace.

She accepts these handicaps in a very philosophical manner. Her only complaint is the coldness and stiffness of her brace when she puts it on upon arising early during these winter mornings.

Although the Salk vaccine and the later vaccines have just about eliminated the affliction of any new polio victims, there are many polio patients who still bear the ravages of the dreadful disease and who will continue to need help for as long as they live.

Also, there is an important need for funds to carry on the research and assistance to the expanded areas of The National Foundation in arthritis and birth defects.

Across The West By Wagon Brought County Woman Home

Jan. 25, 1962 – A slightly built woman, erect of stature and forthright in her manner of speaking, continues to live in a 12 room house at Pisgah where she originally came to live as a young bride nearly seventy years ago.

Mrs. Lula Cox served as postmaster at Pisgah for 49 years before she was retired at the age of 70. She celebrated her 89th birthday on Jan. 10. Her husband, the late S. A. Cox, died June 21, 1955.

The house did not have 12 rooms when she and her husband came to Pisgah in Mar. of 1892, following their marriage on Nov. 1, 1891. It was instead an old store building, containing one room, one door and two little windows which were covered with shutters.

This small "one room shack," as referred to by Mrs. Cox, was located at that time on 28 acres of land. The acreage increased through the years and before 60 acres was taken off for one of the children, the place consisted of 217 acres.

Although her parents, Randle Presnell and Nancy Jane Hancock Presnell, were Randolph County born, the birth of Lula Midian Presnell Cox, the subject of our story, occurred in Jasper County, MO., on the 10th day of Jan. in the year 1873.

Her father, reared in the Rock Springs community northeast of Seagrove, now known as the Huldah Baptist Church section, and her mother, who lived west of Ulah, went west following the birth of their first two children, Edgar and Alice. They followed the admonition of Horace Greeley's famous words "Go West, Young Man" and also

the urging of Mr. Presnell's uncles and cousins who had already followed this advice and had settled in the west.

Randle Presnell first settled his family in Jasper County, Mo., where Lula Midian and her younger brother, John Presnell, later a well known Randolph County citizen were born.

A fifth child, Charlie Presnell, father of Dr. O. L. Presnell, Asheboro dentist, was born after the family had moved from Jasper County, MO., to Billings, Ark., where the family lived for a brief period.

It was in Billings, Ark., that Lula Presnell Cox started her schooling which she continued in Newton County, Mo., where the family moved to after their sojourn in Arkansas.

The family operated a boarding house in Arkansas and in Missouri; Mr. Presnell ran a blacksmith shop.

Mr. Presnell became ill with an ailment of the lungs and was considering going to New Mexico territory for a change to a more favorable climate. However, Mrs. Presnell, the mother of the family, wanted to come back to North Carolina and the place of her birth, Randolph County.

Mr. Presnell wanted to remain out west but after considerable deliberation, the family prepared for the return trip home. Four big horses were bought, two in Kansas, one in Oklahoma territory and the other one in the vicinity in which they lived in Missouri, and two wagons were provisioned for the long trip back.

For sixty-three days and nights they came across the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and across the Alleghany, Cumberland and Blue Ridge mountain ranges. They crossed streams by fording and rivers by ferries and steamboats, they slept in the wagons on feather bedding at night and they cooked their meals by campfires.

Mrs. Cox remembers two rough looking men who approached their campfire one night and upon observing her father's pistol, asked if they could see it. She said that her father replied; "you may see it soon enough."

She also remembers on the trip the first time she and her brothers and sister saw white flint rocks. They thought they were so pretty that they began loading the wagons with them. Her father threw them out, saying "never mind, you'll see plenty of them where you are going."

The family, upon reaching Randolph County, stayed with Mr. Presnell's brother, Uriah Presnell, near Ulah, for three days before settling on a place near in the New Hope Methodist Church in Union Township. Mrs. Cox was 12 years old at the time and she enrolled in the Mountain School which was located near the place they lived.

Remembering two teachers, Newton Allen and Russell Ashworth, she especially remembers Mr. Ashworth for his homemade pants and brogans shoes. Long interested in education, her husband was a teacher and a school board member and her children were sent away to school. Mrs. Cox, at this point, expressed a few views on education at the present day level.

She said: "They are not teaching like they used to. We had good teachers back then. When we got through with a book, we knew what was in it."

But getting back to her early years in the west, it was surprising to this reporter that this woman, whose roots are so thoroughly grounded in local scenes and happenings, still yearned for the place in which she was born and the places in which she spent her very early girlhood. She said that her dad and her brothers all went back at various

times, with the younger brother, Charlie, settling in Illinois, and "If I was young, I'd like to go back there."

She quit the Mountain School at the age of 17 and the following year was married to Sidney Alford Cox on Nov. 1, 1891, who himself began his first year of teaching school at High Pine a week following their marriage.

S. A. Cox was a native of Union Township, being reared about two miles from the place where Mrs. Cox now resides and where the young couple came in Mar. of 1892, after living during the school months at High Pine with Mr. Cox's parents.

A chimney was added to the "one room shack" before winter, two years later a kitchen was built, a shed was added later and in 1911 the entire twelve rooms were completed and it is in this big house that Mrs. Cox now lives alone except for a colored neighbor, Mrs. Julia Simmons, who Mrs. Cox says is the "best housekeeper I ever had."

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Hazel Cox Beane, who lives about a mile and a half from her mother; Roy Cox, editor and publisher of The Courier-Tribune; and Mrs. Jessie Cox Bass, who has been associated with the Motor Vehicles Bureau in Raleigh since 1932. There are six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cox became postmaster at Pisgah in 1904 and served continuously until her retirement 49 years later. She first distributed the mail from a partitioned off place in her house but later moved the office to a store building located in close proximity to her residence. She and her husband also operated this store for 51 years.

According to a postal inspector at the time she retired, she had served for a longer continuous period as postmaster than anyone else in North Carolina and perhaps in the nation.

She said she studied for her Civil Service examination under President Theodore Roosevelt. Although a Democrat, she remained in office under the administration of both political parties.

Only one attempt was made to change the status of the office during her tenure of service and this was due to some feeling against her husband. However, the matter was squelched when the local Republican leader of Union Township rode to Asheboro on horseback and told those in authority at the county seat that "Lula Cox knows no politics in the mail business." That ended the matter and never again was there any effort to remove her from office.

Mrs. Cox, as in the case of present day postmasters, says "I never did get over being scared when a postoffice inspector came." But she still recalls with amusement the arrival of one, evidently his first time out, on a day when she was hanging out clothes. This young inspector rushed up to her and hollered "Where's your money?" "Where's your money?" Mrs. Cox said that she replied, "Give me a few minutes and I'll get your money."

She receives a pension from her years in the postal service and says that the monthly check amounts to more than she received during the time she served.

The store which Mr. and Mrs. Cox ran was robbed four times at night but the couples themselves were never held up. Although they narrowly escaped being held up by Bill Payne and Wash Turner during the time they were terrorizing parts of North Carolina.

The two outlaws stopped about three-quarters of a mile from the store and had their lunch by the roadside. A

neighbor of the Coxes saw them and rushed to the store to herald their coming.

Quite a few people were at the store at the time when the noted outlaws arrived. They got some gas but did not attempt a holdup. During the time the car was being serviced, Bill Payne stood by the car, one hand on the car door and the other one on the pocket in which he presumably carried his gun. Wash Turner sat in the back seat, with his gun across his knees. Soon after that the outlaws were apprehended and put to death in the electric chair at Raleigh.

Although Lula Cox did not let politics interfere with the mail business, she has always been and is still today, in her own words, "A Democrat, tooth and toenail." But the caution which she exercised during the years of her postal service is still evidently with her, as she said: "I live in a nest of Republicans, I have to keep mum."

She doesn't, as she says, fall in with everything that Kennedy does" and neither does she "especially admire Sanford, but anything they do is better than the other side." She told of a local Republican leader, a friend of hers, who visited her around election time. She said: "don't you come snooping around here thinking I'll vote the Republican ticket." He said: "I've got more sense than to ask you to vote the Republican ticket."

The dry humor, for which she has always been noted, is unexcelled and has not deteriorated with her advancing years. She was relating one instance in which she procured the land on which Union School was later located through a mortgage to keep a woman's husband out of jail. "Better to have let him stayed," she said.

She was complaining about it costing so much to heat her large house and this reporter told her that she had plenty of money to buy oil. She said: "I wish you knew what you are talking about."

Mention was made of her hair which has very little white in it. She first said "Maybe I'll dye it." But she added hurriedly, "no indeed, I do not." When the Lord Almighty sees fit to turn my hair white, it will stay white."

She is the oldest member of New Hope Methodist Church but has attended the Pisgah Methodist Church, close to her residence and where her husband is buried.

She patronizes the Bookmobile and she subscribes to the newspapers and several magazines. She keeps up with current events and knows very well what is going on in the world.

Lula Midian Presnell Cox has lived in goodly portions of two centuries and the geographical location of her 89 years has extended more than half the distance of the United States. Although small of stature and seemingly frail of body, her constitutional fortitude has always been strong and her mind has had a great capacity to absorb the events and happenings of a long and interesting life.

He Worked Hard And Enjoyed Life

Jan. 29, 1962 – A Randolph county native who was raised on "Little Carraway," the east side of Shepherd Mountain, was honored Sunday at an occasion celebrating his 89th birthday.

George Frank Robbins actual birthday came Friday, Mar. 23, but the celebration was moved up to Sunday when several relatives gathered at the home of a son, George Dewey Robbins, on Route 1, Asheboro.

The elderly man, looking snappy in a checked shirt and a bow tie, was in a pleasant mood as he talked with this reporter on the morning of his birthday celebration. He laughed, joked and stated: "I always feel happy."

He was born on a farm, the son of George and Elizabeth Robbins, and said "I have enjoyed my life and worked hard," he was reared so near "Little Carraway: that he could stand at the house and throw rocks in the creek.

His father ran a sawmill on the creek and he remembers the winters being so cold that he could walk on the ice on the old mill pond. But he spent most of his time running rabbits, selling their hides for thirty cents a dozen.

He said that he got "to making big money" when he began selling his rabbits to John Jarrell, Postmaster at Carraway, for four cents apiece.

His education was received at the Shepherd school, located at the foot of Shepherd Mountain. It was an old log building and he particularly remembers the boys of the school threatening to duck the teacher in a pond of water at Christmas if he didn't treat the school.

There were six boys and four girls in his family and he and a sister, Mrs. Luella Dougan, who lives in the Jericho community near the Shepherd Mountain, are the only surviving members of the family. Mrs. Dougan, who is 83 years of age, was present at the birthday celebration on Sunday.

Mr. Robbins hunted extensively during his youth and in the later years. He refers to himself as being an "old trapper." Besides hunting rabbits in his early youth, he recalls many experiences coon hunting and shooting wild turkeys.

He especially remembers staying out all night coon hunting and coming back the next morning with five squirrels in a sack. His father told him that he never knew a man to go coon hunting and come back with squirrels. Mr. Robbins said he told his father that he "cut down the wrong tree."

He killed more wild turkey, he thinks, than any man in the entire country.

He said that at one time he killed nine turkeys with three shots on Shepherd Mountain. He also killed a big gobbler once that his father was unable to get and in doing so he set the woods on fire from the wading of his gun which dropped out on the ground. However, his father had thought that he had set the woods on fire from smoking.

Mr. Robbins was married to Bessie Rush and after his marriage he moved over to "Big Carraway" creek. Eleven children were born to his household, namely, Mrs. Tressie Pierce, Route 1, Trinity, Mrs. Alma Meadows, High Point, Roscoe Robbins, Asheville, George Dewey Robbins, Route 1, Asheboro, Mrs. Ina Wall, Archdale, Mrs. Alta Overman, High Point, Mrs. Moleta Kirkman, Franklinville, Howard and Worth Robbins, High Point, Charlie Robbins, Route 1, Trinity, and Junior Robbins, Kernersville.

He has 34 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A farmer, sawmill worker and part time carpenter, Mr. Robbins and his family moved to the Mt. Pleasant community after leaving their home on "Big Carraway." Mrs. Robbins died about eight years ago as the result of an automobile accident. He has been living with his children since that time.

One of his grandsons is the Rev. Barney Pierce, a well known preacher of this area and pastor of the Poplar Ridge

Friends Meeting House. Mr. Pierce was present to participate in the birthday celebration last Sunday.

Eight Brothers, Sister Gather for Rare Meeting

Feb. 1, 1962 – Eight brothers and a sister, amidst much joviality and fun, got together this week to have their picture made prior to the celebration of the 90th birthday of the oldest member of the family.

Counting the newly attained birthday, the aggregate total of years compiled by the eight brothers and the sister amounted to 703. If two absent sisters had been present, the number of years would have reached 843.

Purlie Hoover is today, Feb. 1, celebrating his 90th birthday at Clapp's Nursing Home where he has been a patient for two and one-half years.

Joining with him in the picture making and the family get-together were his brothers, Rom, 88, John, 79, Jim, 77, Ivey, 76, William, 74, Lee 70, and Hal, 66, and his sister, Mollie Hoover Nelson, 83.

Absent were his sisters, Cynthia Hoover Young, 72, a resident of Richmond, Va., and Grace Hoover Yates, 68, of Thomasville, who is now a patient at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Another brother, Ellis, died in 1942 at the age of 66 while another brother, Ervin, died at the age of 13 and a brother, Jonas, and a sister, Ada, died as infants.

The get-together this week occurred at the home of Rom Hoover, who lives southeast of Asheboro on Route 1. Parents of the large number of brothers and sisters were Briles Hoover and his two wives, Sarah Poole Hoover and Margaret Poole Hoover. Sarah Poole was the mother of the three oldest children, Purlie, Rom and Ellis, and after her death Briles Hoover married Margaret Poole Hoover, who was the mother of the remaining twelve children.

All of the Hoover children were born at the old residence, a two-story log building, which is still standing at its original location near the Back Creek Friends Meeting House west of Asheboro. However the building has been renovated and its appearance is not the same as when the Hoover children were living there.

Except for the sisters, all of the Hoover children have lived in the Back Creek vicinity for a greater part of their lives. This is true except for Ivey who came to Asheboro 35 years ago and Rom who moved to his present residence around 24 years ago.

All of the others had a Route 2, Asheboro address, including the Back Creek vicinity, except Hal who lives on Route 1, Sophia, until Purlie came to Clapp's Nursing Home and Jim who entered Green's Rest Home two years ago. Hal, although living at a different address, is still not over five miles from the place of his birth on Route 2, Asheboro.

Ivey Hoover, one of the youngest of the group at 76 years of age, was asked why he left the Back Creek community 35 years ago and came to Asheboro. He said: "I had to, they (meaning his brothers) were about to kill me." The others laughed and one of them said: "He wouldn't do his part."

The brothers and sisters, twelve of who lived to maturity, grew up as normal children of any large family of that day and time. Life was not easy for them but they yet seemed to have thrived and most of them have already lived to their

allotted three score years and ten and some of them way beyond that.

One of the brothers said: "We didn't have much money." He said they hunted rabbits, adding "we had to have something to eat." Mrs. Nelson spoke up and said, we had plenty of hog meat."

The next to the oldest, Rom, in speaking of the log house in which the family lived, said the "snow used to blow in under those old wooden shingles."

The brothers and sisters attended the one-room Back Creek school and Mrs. Nelson, the only sister present at the family get-together this week, said her brothers used to "slip off and go rabbit hunting: when they were supposed to be in school.

The brothers retaliated by referring to Mrs. Nelson as "Mollie-Hop," a name which they had called her back in the days in which all of them were growing up. Mrs. Nelson was named Mary Elizabeth at the time of her birth but was soon nicknamed Mollie, a name which she still professes to dislike.

All of the brothers were and are farmers except William and Hal, who engaged in saw mill work, and Lee, who was a barber in the vicinity of Asheboro for 30 years. Lee said he also did some "farming between showers." Also, one of the farmers, John Hoover, said that he had also worked with crossies.

Hal, the youngest brother, was a saw mill man for 51 years. In saying that he had quit, one of the brothers remarked that he had "been with the rabbits long enough." However, Hal, in referring to an accident he had at a saw mill said: "I got killed one time and quit. Hal is a married member of the family who has no children and one of the brothers said, don't expect a man to have any children that works at the saw mill that long."

Three of the brothers, Purlie, John and Jim, are bachelors. Each of them was asked why he never married. The soon-to-be 90 year-old Purlie said: "I got along pretty good without marriage." John, 79 years old, said: "I couldn't tell you about that now." Jim neat appearing and distinguished looking but hard of hearing, said, "I didn't find nobody to have me, I reckon."

So the talk went on among the eight brothers and the one sister. Pleasant, witty and sharp but good natured exchanges at times.

It was an unusual experience to hear these nine people, who have lived over 700 years between them, recall their experiences and twit each other because of things which had happened in the earlier years.

It would have been more evenly divided if the other two sisters had been present to stand alongside of "Mollie-Hop," as her brothers teasingly referred to her, but this sprightly little woman of 83 years defended herself in a very able manner against the eight brothers who at times during the family gathering arrayed themselves against her.

The Hoover brothers and sisters were happy as children when they hunted rabbits by day, studied their lessons by the light of the pine knot fire at night and when the snow blew in under the old wooden shingles of the log house in which they grew to young manhood and young womanhood.

They are still happy, even though some of them have reached the age and time of infirmity. Purlie does not see well and Jim's hearing is bad. Some of the others are

afflicted with the disabilities of age and other physical defects.

But life is still meaningful for them and they seemingly enjoy living as much as they did when they rambled and played over the hills and hollows of Back Creek. Very congenial among themselves, it was a pleasure to see them talk, laugh and joke with each other as they gathered for their picture this week.

This Was Her Life Monday - Retired Teacher Honored

Feb. 8, 1962 - Miss Virginia Redding, who retired at the end of the last school year after 49 years of teaching, was honored Monday evening by the Trinity Parent Teachers Association in a special "This Is Your Life" program.

At the time of her retirement, Miss Redding had taught the 5th grade at the Trinity school for 36 years. Prior to that time, she had taught for 13 years at the Carraway School which has since been discontinued.

The program Monday evening was a complete surprise to Miss Redding, who came to the PTA meeting under the pretense that a special Founders Day program would honor past officers of the organization.

Miss Redding would have been included in that category since she served as PTA treasurer for twenty of the the years she taught at the Trinity school.

With humor and appreciation pervading, more than a score of Miss Redding's former students, members of her family and former associates on the Trinity school faculty paraded across the school stage in praise and review of her long years of service.

Harold Harrison manager of Thomasville Radio Station W. T. N. C., served as master of ceremonies for the program. A tape recording of the entire proceedings was presented to Miss Redding at the conclusion of the program, along with a bound copy of the script which was used during the program.

"Miss Mary Virginia Redding - This Is Your Life" intoned the program moderator and asked "Are you surprised? "I am", came back the emphatic reply and this veteran of nearly a half a century in the classroom further quipped with this question: "Did you say Chick Green is handy?" This was in reference to an earlier mention of one of the undertakers in the vicinity.

Miss Redding may have been surprised but the aplomb with which she had faced 5th grade students through the years of her teaching career stood her in good stead and she moved through the program calmly and in good humor.

First of the people in her life and her career were three of her 5th grade students of last year, her last teaching year, who skipped across the stage singing "The Little Red Schoolhouse" and hugging and kissing the teacher for whom it is said that no child has ever expressed a dislike for nor ever wanted to be transferred from her room.

Next came T. H. Smith, Trinity school principal for 10 years, who said there had never been anyone he had enjoyed working with so much.

Members of Miss Redding's family expressing appreciation for her life included three nephews, Dr. J. O. Redding and W. Howard Redding, of Asheboro, and Robert Blair, of High Point, a niece, Mrs. John Pugh, of Randleman, a great nephew, 5 year-old Bobby Blair, and another nephew, Thomas Redding, his wife and three

children, with whom Miss Redding resides on Route 1, Trinity.

Communications were read from another niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Redding Guthrie, of New York City, and a nephew, John Charles Redding, of Hopewell, Va.

Following the members of Miss Redding's family came Mrs. I. F. Craven, of Ramseur, a former resident of Trinity, Sidney Underwood, a former student and later a faculty associate of Miss Redding, Francis White, a former student and now the PTA president at Trinity, and Dr. Clifford Peace, a former resident of Miss Redding's community and now a pastor-counselor at Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem.

At the end of Dr. Peace's most eloquent remarks concerning Miss Redding, she was asked by the program moderator "How is it going?" She replied: "It is getting a little exaggerated."

Former associates on the Trinity school faculty, appearing on the program were Mrs. Virginia Payne, Mrs. Bess Hudson, Mrs. Hazel Coltrane Hancock, Mrs. Lyde Bingham Auman and others.

Lee Meredith, of Liberty, a former student at the Carraway school, was present to represent Miss Redding's years of service at that school. It was disclosed that her first monthly pay check at the Carraway school amounted to twenty collars.

The program concluded with a solo rendering by Joe Gamble, 7th grade teacher at Trinity and Glee Club director, in special tribute to the life and teaching career of Miss Mary Virginia Redding.

The program at Trinity Monday evening was the second recognition which has been extended to Miss Redding by the people with whom she has worked and associated. While in her 35th year as a teacher at the Trinity school, she was honored by the people of her home community, the Mt. Vernon Methodist church community, at a reception and open house at the Mt. Vernon church hut.

A native of tabernacle township, Miss Redding was born in the vicinity of the old Hoover Hill Gold Mine, the youngest of five children of John Stanley Redding and Eugenia Andrew Redding. She is the only member of her immediate family still living.

Rev. Strickland Completes 25 Years At County Church.

Feb. 15, 1962 - An "esteemed leader of his church and a devoted follower of God" were the words used to describe the Rev. C. M. Strickland who on last Sunday completed 25 years in the pastorate of the Asbury Baptist church.

Members of the church congregation took not of the occasion by holding a special service in honor of the veteran pastor and his wife who on the same day was celebrating her birthday.

Both the special service and the birthday celebration were planned without the knowledge of Rev. and Mrs. Strickland and proved to be a complete surprise to the couple.

A plaque presented to Mr. Strickland read as follows: "To commemorate 25 years of service. Rev. C. M. Strickland Feb. 1937 to Feb. 1962. Esteemed leader of his church. A devoted follower of God."

A silver service was also presented to the 73-year-old pastor and his 65-year-old wife and a corsage of white carnations was presented to Mrs. Strickland. There was also a birthday cake in her honor.

The morning worship service at Asbury Sunday started off as usual, with the pastor opening the service. The choir sang the opening songs and the pastor took the offering and made the announcements.

However, there seemed to be an unusual eagerness among the congregation, as if anticipating the surprise which would soon come to their beloved pastor and his wife.

After the white-haired pastor had made his announcements and had taken the offering, he recognized Clyde Russell, chairman of the Board of Deacons and superintendent of the Sunday School, who had asked to be allowed to make an announcement.

From that time, the special service and the birthday celebration was on. First the congregation sang "Happy Birthday to You, Mrs. Strickland," and Happy Anniversary to You, Dear Preacher." Then Mr. Russell requested the pastor to let Rev. Talmadge Smith, Associational Missionary of the Randolph Baptist Association, take over the service.

Mr. Smith, who had been stationed behind the pulpit unknown to Mr. Strickland, appeared on the scene, asked Mr. Strickland to take a seat, and then proceeded with the anniversary celebration.

The associational missionary, who himself was baptized and brought into the church by Mr. Strickland when he was a boy of 14 years, declared "today is a special occasion, I am happy to be here to participate."

In his remarks commemorating the occasion, the speaker in reference to Mr. Strickland's 25 years of service in the same church said: "It is a feat which is seldom accomplished. It speaks of a quality few of us have."

As a subject for his remarks, he used "A Man Sent From God" and said "a remarkable man is this your pastor. He is a preacher who loves his people and who ministers to their need."

Following the remarks by the associational missionary, the deacons of the church gathered with Rev. and Mrs.

Strickland before the chancel railing for the presentation of the plaque commemorating the quarter of century which the pastor and his wife have served the Asbury church. The presentation was made to the church by the board chairman, with its acceptance by Edward Hogan, the assistant superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mr. Hogan said "the church has made great progress through these many years" and referring to Mr. and Mrs. Strickland, he said "they are wonderful people."

Howard Lemonds, a member of the Board of Deacons, then presented the beautiful silver service to Mr. and Mrs. Strickland. The service came to a close with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie" and the congregation adjourned to the educational building where a sumptuous buffet luncheon was served.

The occasion was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Strickland in that the preacher had carefully reviewed on the night before the sermon he didn't get to preach and Mrs. Strickland had cooked Sunday dinner before coming to church that morning.

A native of Harnett county, Colon McCartin Strickland came to Greensboro at the age of 16 and worked in a textile plant until he entered the ministry at the age of 26. Mrs. Strickland is a native of Moore County.

At the time of his entrance into the ministry, Mr. Strickland did supply work until he became pastor of the Magnolia

Street Baptist church in Greensboro in 1927. He remained there for five years and it was during this phase of his ministry that Talmadge Smith, now the Associational Missionary of the Randolph Baptist Association, was brought into the church.

Colon Strickland came to this section following his pastorate at the Magnolia Street church, first becoming pastor of the Deep River Baptist Church at Coleridge and the Dover Baptist Church in Montgomery county. He served the Deep River church at three different times and in all served for 22 years in this pastorate.

He left that church only recently after a pastorate of nine years and three months.

But his pastorate at the Asbury Baptist church has been continuous, extending from the second Sunday in Feb., 1987 to the present time. However, while at Asbury he has also served at various times the pastorates of the Beulah Baptist church, the Deep River church and the Center and Liberty Hill Baptist churches in Montgomery county. He has now been a minister for around 47 years.

An educational plant was completed at the Asbury church in May, 1959 and a front entrance with vestibule and a side entrance with a covered stoop was completed last December. Previously many renovations had been effected at the church which only consisted of a one-room frame building with pillars for a foundation at the time of Mr. Strickland's coming 25 years ago.

A parsonage was built 14 years ago and the membership of the church has doubled during the pastorate of Rev. C. M. Strickland. But is not the material accomplishments which have characterized his quarter of century in the pastorate of the church.

The summation of his ministry is found in the love and esteem with which he is held by the entire congregation of the church. This especially includes the smaller children of the church with whom he is a general favorite. Never a Sunday passes except they do not come to the side of this kindly, gentle man who feels that to reach the children will provide for the ultimate future of the church.

All of his deacons he has baptized except two and he remembers clearly when he brought into the church the choir director, Grady Williamson, whose service now has been long and faithful.

Much could be said about the 25 years Rev. C. M. Strickland has spent at the Asbury Baptist church. Much could be said of his accomplishments within the framework of the church and of the high regard which is manifested for him by the members of the congregation. But two simple statements made by him summarize his long tenure of service, he said, "I have got the best church in the world. It has been the joy of my life to be here."

Youth Follows Dad's Steps And Becomes Eagle Scout

Feb. 15, 1962 — Jimmy Williams, 15-year-old member of Scout Troop No. 513, attained Eagle Scout ranking in a Court of Honor held Saturday evening at the Seagrove Christian church.

The Court of Honor was unusual in that awards in every rank of scouting, from tenderfoot to eagle, were made during the evening's ceremonies.

Another unique aspect of the ceremony also was that the Scoutmaster of Troop No. 513 is the father of the new

Eagle Scout recipient and did himself attain Eagle Scout ranking in 1944.

J. D. Williams, father of Jimmy, later received the Silver Palm Combination, the highest award in scouting. Except for six years, he has been active in scouting for nearly a quarter of a century.

The Court of Honor Saturday evening was opened by the scoutmaster who turned the meeting over to Raeford Lucas, Institutional Representative of the Seagrove Lions Club, the sponsoring agency of the scout troop. The institutional representative was assisted in the presentation of the various awards by J.B. Slack, also of the Seagrove Lions Club, the Scoutmaster, Howard Hunter, Scout Executive for the Randolph District of the General Greene Council, and Harris Coffin, of Asheboro, an Eagle Scout Counselor, who presented the Eagle Award.

Mrs. J. D. Williams, mother of the Eagle Scout recipient, pinned the eagle emblem on her son while he in turn placed a necklace, symbolizing the event, around her neck. Bill Robinson and David (Butch) Cox, Asheboro Eagle Scouts, served as cops for the Court of Honor docket and escorted the eagle candidate with his parents to the front of the church for the presentation.

Other presentations which were made during the ceremonies included Tenderfoot, Gerald Voncannon; Second Class, Tommy Rumpfelt; First Class, Tommy Williams, Randle Brim and Walter Corder; Star, Ronald Bennett and Alvin Voncannon; and Life, Cecil Hinsley.

Merit badges were presented as follows: Tommy Rumpfelt, coin collecting; Terry Allen, wood carving; Cecil Hinsley, camping and cooking; Larry Hancock, camping; Gary King, public speaking; Johnny Auman, wood carving and firemanship; David Beane, nature; Alden Rumpfelt, cooking and safety; Jimmy Williams corn farming, agriculture and hog and pork production; Ronald Bennett, leather work and fishing; Alton Beck, camping, public health, safety and forestry; and Alvin Voncannon, corn farming, farm mechanics and farm records.

Jimmy Williams, the new Eagle Scout, began his scouting work five years ago this coming July as a member of Scout Troop No. 524 of the First Baptist church in Asheboro. His father was assistant Scoutmaster of that troop during the three years that Jimmy was a member of the troop.

When J. D. Williams organized Scout Troop No. 513 in Seagrove two years ago his son, Jimmy, continued his trail for the Eagle Award with the new troop. The young scout was tapped into the Order of the Arrow while a Star Scout, had received the God and Country Award and had attained a total of 25 merit badges at the time of being elevated to Eagle ranking.

Last summer Jimmy, his father and mother and younger brother, Tommy Williams, went to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico on a scholarship which was granted to the elder Williams by the General Greene Council.

J. D. Williams, the father of Jimmy, became a Scout in 1937 at the age of 16 when he joined Scout Troop No. 528 which was sponsored at that time by the Central Methodist church in Asheboro.

He became an Eagle Scout in 1944 and after that received three bronze palms, three gold palms and three silver palms before being presented the Silver Palm Combination, highest award in Scouting, in Mar., 1947. In

his scouting career, he has received a total of 86 merit badges, 30 beyond his Eagle Scout ranking.

In addition to his services with Scout Troops No. 524 and 513, he served as assistant Scoutmaster of the troop with which he originally belonged and after its disbandment organized a troop with the same number in Ulah. From this troop came a total of six Eagle Scouts.

Scoutmaster Williams is quitting his post with Seagrove Scout Troop No. 513 the first of Mar. in order to organize an Explorer troop to be sponsored also by the Seagrove Lions Club.

Five County Churches Are Honored For SS Attendance

Mar. 1, 1962 - Five Randolph county churches were recognized for outstanding attendance at a Sunday School workshop held by the North Carolina Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church Sunday at the Fayetteville Street School in Asheboro.

One of these churches, the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness church, won a top award for the greatest numerical gain of any Sunday School in the conference for a six weeks period beginning Jan. 1.

Ramseur and four other Sunday Schools in the country, Seagrove, Brower's, Sawyersville and Franklinville also were awarded certificates for having made a 15 percent gain in attendance during the six weeks period, based on the same period last year.

In winning the top award for the highest numerical gain, Ramseur's attendance was 594 more than the same period last year. The Seagrove Sunday School was also among the top ten in this bracket, having had a numerical gain of 238.

For achieving this gain, the Ramseur Sunday School was presented with a beautiful picture of Christ. Receiving the award for the Ramseur Sunday School was the superintendent of the school, Walter Allen, with the church pastor, Rev. R. J. Hobbs, standing by.

Making the presentation was Rev. J. D. Abbott, Executive Secretary of Sunday Schools and Youth of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Indianapolis, Ind., assisted by Rev. E. T. Houston, of Kannapolis, Promotional Secretary of the Sunday Schools of the North Carolina District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

The Bryson City Sunday School won the other top award for percentage gain, with an increase of 153.85 percent. The Seagrove Sunday School was second highest with a gain of 96.38 percent and Ramseur had a percentage gain of 55.06 percent.

Five hundred or more representatives from the Sunday Schools of the North Carolina District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church attended the workshop which began with a general session in the Fayetteville Street School auditorium at 2 p.m.

Thirty workshops, taught by district and national Sunday School leaders, followed in two sessions before another general session at 4:45 p.m. Supper in the school cafeteria was followed by a Sunday School rally at 7 o'clock.

The main address for the evening session was delivered by the Executive Secretary, Rev. J. D. Abbott. Conducting the entire workshop was the North Carolina Promotional Secretary, Rev. E. T. Houston. Also present to participate in the sessions was Rev. Armor D. Peisker, Editor of Sunday

School Literature for the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

A Sunday School rally at the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church on the last Sunday of the attendance contest enabled the Ramseur church to go over the top in the race for the highest numerical gain. A total of 445 people attended Sunday School at the Ramseur church on that day, giving the Sunday School the highest attendance in its history.

Mrs. Shaw Observes Her 96th Birthday

Mar. 8, 1962 - "I have worked in this old world." Flatly declared Mrs. Margaret Hancock Shaw, as she celebrated her 96th birthday on Saturday, Mar. 3.

But despite long years of hard work and nearly 13 years of invalidism, due to a hip injury, Mrs. Shaw has retained a sense of humor which brings forth some choice expressions in a conversation with her.

She is a patient at Wood's Rest home on North Main St. in Asheboro and it is there where her family gathered last Sunday for the observance of her birthday.

Born on Mar. 3, 1866, shortly after the end of the Civil War, as Margaret Felane Hancock, she was the next to the youngest of five children of John Hancock and Sara Jane Luther Hancock. She is now the only member of her family still living.

Told that she had a pretty name, she quickly retorted: "If it wasn't, I am pretty." Asked if she grew up on a farm, she said: "I was pulled up on one."

Her birth occurred in Montgomery county, six or eight miles this side of Troy, in the Macedonia church section. Her father she doesn't remember, as he died soon after the war as a result of activities during the war.

One of her first remembrances, and she remembers it clearly today, was her family moving to Randolph county soon after her father's death to the Mt. Lebanon Baptist church section near the Randolph-Montgomery line where her mother had formerly lived.

Times were hard following the war and worse still, her mother had the responsibility of rearing the five children which had been left fatherless by the death of her husband. Therefore, the children had to start to work early and Mrs. Shaw says that "I made a hand of binding wheat when I was 10 years old." She also said "I plowed some."

In relating to this reporter and a daughter of her earlier activity and work, Mrs. Shaw was reproved by her daughter when she slyly remarked, "I worked like the Devil," laughing when she said it.

She attended Welch's school, located at the present site of the Mt. Lebanon church, and although she said she didn't have to "sit on the dunce block or get a scolding, I was the meanest." Asked as to how she got by, she said "I watched the teacher."

Another remembrance of this elderly woman's childhood was her ability to climb trees, regardless of how high the limbs were. She said: "I could go anywhere a squirrel could go."

Mrs. Shaw was married to her husband, Elijah Albert Shaw, on May 10 1896, soon after the death of her mother, and he died on July 4, 1949. After their marriage they moved to the Strieby section a few miles to the north and it was there that Mrs. Shaw lived until she came to the rest home in Asheboro.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, with the oldest one, Barton E. Shaw, dying at the age of 23. The others are Mrs. G. C. Reynolds, of Asheboro; Mrs. F. T. Williamson, of Route 1, Mt. Gilead; Miss Dora Shaw, of Route 5, Asheboro; Miss Emma Lee Shaw, of Route 1, Mt. Gilead; and Alvin Shaw, of Route 5, Asheboro. There are six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One of the rest home attendants asked Mrs. Shaw when she started courting Mr. Shaw. She said, "I didn't start." She was asked why she waited so long to get married, and she deprecatingly replied; "I couldn't find nobody that was sorry enough to have me." Asked if she remembered the day she got married, she added to the question, by saying, "the day I went into trouble."

Mrs. Shaw's husband was a farmer, operated a store and also dealt in timber during his lifetime. The only surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Alvin Shaw, also operates a store in the same vicinity at the present time.

A long time member of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist church across the field from which Mrs. Shaw lived prior to her marriage. She remembers her baptism in the river above the old covered bridge which is being preserved in that vicinity. The minister performing the baptism was the Rev. Martin Leach.

A strong woman, both in will and strength, a daughter of Mrs. Shaw says that her mother worked in the fields and cleared the banks of ditches and other areas with a hand scythe up to the age of 60.

She worked tremendously hard up to the time of her disability but has managed to throw off her hardships and worries by a strong sense of humor and a manner of teasing. She joked about her birthday and upon being asked as to how old she was on her birthday, she said "about 75." Pressing her on this point, this reporter asked if she wasn't around 90 and she said "I am going up that way."

The only reference Mrs. Shaw made to the present was during a discussion of the birthday celebration which was planned for her on the day following her actual birth date.

While the others were talking about plans for the next day, she said; "There'll be a crowd here tomorrow,"

But this aged woman, a pioneer of her day, becomes very vocal when the conversation turns back to the time when she played, worked, went to school and church in the days of her childhood near the Randolph-Montgomery line in the southeastern part of this county.

Holly Springs Stalwart Obseves Her 91st Year

Mar. 8, 1962 — Mrs. Cora Catherine Stout Moffitt, a birthright member of Holly Springs Friends Meeting, celebrated her 91st birthday yesterday, Mar. 7, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lee Fritz, at 323 S. Cox St.

A native of the Buffalo Ford section between Ramseur and Coleridge, Mrs. Moffitt first came to Asheboro following the death of her husband, John Jackson Moffitt, in 1901.

She has made her home in Asheboro since that time, except for intervals of residence with two sons and a sister elsewhere.

The birthday occasion of this white-haired nonagenarian passed off very quietly, with no family celebration held because of the illness of a son. However, there are plans for a family gathering later.

Mrs. Moffitt was born on Mar. 7, 1871 at the family homestead in the Buffalo Ford section, a short distance of what is known as Hinshaw Town. Her parents were Aaron Stout and Sophia Osborne Stout.

She was the oldest girl out of a family of six girls and three boys. Asked if being the oldest girl brought upon her the responsibility of looking after the younger children, she said: "I wasn't ever at the house."

As an explanation for this, she had said that she had "worked in the field every day in the week except on Sunday." Her father was a farmer, a Quaker, a strict disciplinarian and a firm believer in hard work.

Holly Springs Friends Meeting at that time was of the Conservative belief and Mrs. Moffitt says that her mother always wore a black bonnet and never a hat. Mrs. Moffitt, although subscribing to the Quaker beliefs, still doesn't see why the Quaker women of the era when she was growing up couldn't have worn hats instead of bonnets, saying the bonnets were hot and "like being in a jug."

In speaking of her birthright membership in the Holly Spring Friends Meeting house, Mrs. Moffitt said that "I don't want to join any other church. I don't think there is any church any better than the Friends."

Mrs. Moffitt is a modern Quaker in comparison to the practicers of her girlhood days but in speaking of the present Holly Spring, she took a middle road and said: "They have got mighty fast down there now."

Her education was rather complete for that day and time. She attended a one-room school at Holly Spring, then a two-teacher school in Hinshaw Town and finished her education by attending for two years the boarding school at Shiloh. She was a good scholar, particularly in spelling, and at one time could spell every word in the Blue Back Spelling Book.

She finished her schooling at the age of 21 and according to her version "I was married before I was 22." A strong believer in education, she now thinks she should have gone to school another year or two.

Her husband came from the Brush Creek community near the Chatham county line and it was in this community that Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt went to live following their marriage of around 69 years ago.

Mr. Moffitt had a house already for them to live in at the time of their marriage and upon being asked if he had built it for her, Mrs. Moffitt said: "I don't know who he built it for but I got it."

Mrs. Moffitt and her husband lived in the Brush Creek community, about one mile from Lane's Mill, and it was here that their five children were born. The oldest son, Elbert Moffitt, died last Sept. in Charlotte while the others are Mrs. Calida McDonald, of Greensboro, Lester Moffitt of Liberty, Jason Moffitt, of Hickory, and Mrs. Leota Fritz, of Asheboro.

While at Brush Creek, Mrs. Moffitt and her family attended the Baptist church and when this reporter teased her about attending a different denomination than the Friends, she said: "I just had to go somewhere, the denomination didn't bother me."

Two years before Mr. Moffitt's death, the family moved to Mt. Vernon Springs where Mr. Moffitt and some relatives operated a chair factory. He was taken back to Brush Creek for burial but in the later years his body was brought to Holly Sping for reburial.

Following the death of Mr. Moffitt, the family moved to Asheboro. Mrs. Moffitt did sewing, operated a boarding house and for 15 years was a practical nurse. She nursed in many Asheboro Homes during the years she practiced her profession. At about the time of World War I, the family operated the Ashlyn Hotel.

The eldest son, Elbert, worked as a boy in the old Redding Chair Factory and later in one of the drug stores. He was a pharmacist in Charlotte at the time of his death.

Mrs. Moffitt has suffered two accidents in which both hips were broken, the last accident occurring ten years ago. However, by sheer determination she had kept walking until about a year ago when she became confined to a wheel chair. She has been living with Mrs. Fritz for three years.

The years have dealt kindly with this birthright Quaker lady who was left alone to rear her children to places of responsibility and respect in their various communities. Although her hair is snowy white, her features are tranquil and she is a lady of poise and dignity. Her appearance does not reflect the toll of the increasing years.

Minister, Son Of County Sheriff, Comes From Retirement In Chatham

Apr. 19, 1962 – A Friends minister, white haired, distinguished in appearance, and a native of Randolph County, has come out of retirement to accept the Republican nomination to the legislature from Chatham County.

Ben H. Millikan of Siler City, who retired four years ago after 39 years in the service of the Friends Meeting, filed for the position last Thursday. He had been nominated earlier at the county convention of the Republican part of Chatham County.

Unopposed for the republican nomination, the retired minister said that if he is elected he will not go to Raleigh catering entirely to the Republican philosophy and thought. He said "if the Democrats put up a bill that is fine and noble, I am for it."

Although his life has been spent in the service of the Friends movement, Ben H. Millikan comes from a family who has rendered distinguished service to its party, its county, its state and nation.

He was one of 14 children of Benjamin Millikan, who served as sheriff of his native Randolph County and who was twice elected to the legislature. His mother was Adele Farlow, a member of a family well known in the circles of the Friends movement in Randolph County.

His father, the late Sheriff Ben Millikan, officiated at Randolph County's only legal hanging during his term of office. For his participation in this hanging, he was for many years denied admittance to the membership of the Friends Meeting which his son served so conscientiously as a minister throughout the years. But the Friends group relented before his death and he was allowed to come into the religious circle with which his family had been traditionally identified.

Two brothers of the new Republican candidate for the legislature from Chatham County have also had varied political careers. One brother, the late J. M. Millikan, served as Clerk of Court in Randolph County, United States Marshal and Clerk of the Federal Court. Another brother, the late Frank Millikan, migrated to the western part of the United States to Dodge City, Kansas, and served for many

years in the agency which handled vacant lands in that area.

Ben H. Millikan is married to the former Sallie Pearl Andrew, one of eight children of the late Thomas F. Andrew and wife.

Her father was a veteran Friends minister and at the time of her marriage to Ben H. Millikan, the family was living in Chatham County, near the town of Staley. The couple celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary two years ago this past Dec.

Educated in the rural schools of Randolph County and in the town of Guilford College where his father had moved the family for six years for the purpose of furthering their education, Mr. Millikan also had a year of preparation at the Cleveland Bible College in Cleveland, Ohio, prior to the beginning of his ministry.

Before his retirement from the ministry while serving the South Fork Friends Meeting, near Snow Camp, four years ago, he had served the following Meetings of the Friends movement, Mountain View, Center Valley and Reavistown at Galax, Va., Deep Creek, Harmony Grove, Union Cross and Forbush in the Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting, Mount Airy, then the Meetings at Nahunta, New Hope, Oakland and Hood Swamp near Goldsboro, Centre near the Randolph-Guilford line, Archdale, Piney Woods near Hertford, Cane Creek and Providence in Alamance County, back to Galax, Va., to the Meeting in town, Pilot View in Yadkin County and a second call to Deep Creek.

After his retirement from the South Fork Friends Meeting, he and his wife moved to their home in Siler City, which had been purchased prior to the time of retirement. Since that time, he has been occupied with speaking engagements and supply work with his own religious group and various other denominations.

Salem Methodist Church Observes Homecoming Day

May 3, 1962 – Salem Methodist Church, nestled in the foothills of western Randolph County, close to the Davidson County line, observed its annual homecoming day last Sunday. The small church, neat in its white weatherboarded exterior, presents a restful appearance in a rural setting which combines both landscaped grounds and natural wooded area.

Although freshly painted, the interior is lined with wide wooden boards and is an indication of the history of the church which goes back to more than one hundred years.

The church cemetery, also well kept and with the newer stones mingled with the older ones, is located across a small vale to the south and facing the same dirt road on which the church building stands.

Many former residents of the community returned to the church of their childhood for the annual homecoming. The young pastor of the church, Rev. William H. Dingus, conducted the service. His subject for the morning service was "Horses, Chariots, or Jesus."

Prior to the delivery of his sermon, the pastor presented a gift to Mrs. Alice Kearns, of High Point, who at the age of 86 is the oldest living member of the church. Mrs. Kearns, who still owns the old homeplace a short distance from the church, is the widow of H. Lee Kearns.

Mrs. Kearns is the mother of Mrs. W. A. Carter and Mrs. Lacy Lewis of Asheboro and Worth, Glenn and Finch Kearns of High Point.

In accepting the gift, Mrs. Kearns expressed her appreciation to the congregation and spoke briefly in memory of deceased members of the Salem congregation who were formerly in attendance at the homecoming services.

Flowers for the occasion were presented in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kearns and Dock Kearns.

New Deputy Sheriff Is named For Randolph

May 10, 1962 – A new deputy sheriff from the extreme southeastern part of Randolph County was sworn into office Monday morning and became the first full time deputy in the memory of the local residents to serve from that area.

He was John Thomas Brown, of Route 1, Bennett, who was born one quarter of a mile from the Chatham County line, the son of Mrs. F. L. Brown and the late Mr. Brown.

The new deputy sheriff is married to the former Frances Bridges and they have two children, Carolyn and Michael.

He is a veteran of the United States Air Force and served in Germany during the Korean War. For the past six years he has been employed as a machine operator with the State Highway Commission, having worked with the 8th division rock quarry located at Parks Cross Roads.

A member of the deputy reserve, he has served with that unit since its organization.

Active in church and civic affairs, he is a member of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church and is currently serving as the chairman of the Board of Deacons, treasurer of the Layman's Organization, assistant Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Building and Finance Committee. He served as superintendent of the Sunday School for three years and was also an usher.

He is also a member of the Pleasant Grove Community Club and sings with a gospel quartet. He is 32 years of age.

Visitor Turns Time Back Over 100 Years

May 14, 1962 – A Randolph County, Indiana woman left Asheboro today, happy in the knowledge that she had at last visited the place where her father was born in Randolph County, North Carolina 111 years ago.

Mrs. Clara Bird Johnson, a native of Indiana, a resident of the town of Lynn and the county of Randolph Ind. Has been staying in Asheboro since last Dec. 1.

But it was only in the latter part of her visit that she found the log structure in which her father, Jesse F. Bird, was born on Jan. 28, 1851. Mrs. Johnson regards this accomplishment as particularly satisfying, especially since she had visited in Asheboro and Randolph County on various occasions and had never seen the house in which her father was born.

Because of distressing conditions following the Civil War, Mrs. Johnson's father, Jesse Bird, his parents, James and Caroline Macon Bird, and his two younger brothers, Gideon and Thomas, left Randolph County, North Carolina and settled in Randolph County, Indiana, near to the town of Lynn.

Two other brothers of Jesse Bird, Hartwell and Eli, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Bird Cagle and Mrs. Rebecca Bird

Brown, had already married and therefore remained in Randolph County, North Carolina.

Eli Bird later went to Indiana and his children are living at the present time in Indianapolis, Ind.

James and Caroline Bird and their three younger sons went to Indiana by train, getting off in Richmond, Ind. and walking the distance of approximately 19 miles to Lynn, Ind. and the home of a brother of Caroline Macon Bird.

James and Caroline Macon Bird later came back to Randolph County, North Carolina and are buried in the cemetery of the Pleasant Ridge Congregational Christian Church, southwest of Ramseur, But Jesse Bird stayed in Indiana, was united in marriage and Mrs. Johnson is the only surviving child of the marriage.

Jesse Bird received no education in his early years in North Carolina, due to the war period, and was too old to go to school upon moving to Indiana. But he learned to read later in life and became sufficiently educated, being particularly well versed in the scriptures.

He revisited very often his old home in Randolph County, North Carolina, coming the last time at the age of 80 years. He died in 1948 at the age of 97.

Mrs. Johnson, who sometimes spends the winter months in Florida, came to Asheboro last Dec. with the expressed determination to visit the home in which her father had been born. She was told, however, by cousins who live in Randolph County that there was no road to her father's old homeplace and that she, being unable to walk well with a cane, would be unable to reach the place even if she knew where it was.

But one cousin, Elmer Byrd knew in the general neighborhood in which the house was located and although doubting her ability to reach it, he helped her find the vicinity in which the old home was located.

She was directed to the colored section of Piney Ridge, southeast of Asheboro, and then with the help of some of the older Negroes in the community, she found the house in which her father had been born.

Residing on the place, in a new house next to the Bird residence, is Clinton Cassidy and his family. Plans are in process for tearing down the old structure and Mrs. Johnson is so happy that she got to see the old place and to make pictures of it before it was torn down.

The log structure, originally one room, now contains two or three rooms and had been weatherboarded on the outside. The fireplace and chimney is still a part of the old building.

A road has been built by the old house and although Mrs. Johnson had easy access to the place, she had more difficulty reaching the old spring from which her forebearers derived their source of water. But with the aid of Charles Cassidy, son of Clinton Cassidy, she reached the spring by way of footlog and rough terrain.

In fact, she made a second trip to the spring for a picnic luncheon, accompanied by her cousins, Mrs. Virgil Brown, Mrs. Hal Fogleman, and Mrs. Ernest Craven. Other cousins of Mrs. Johnson in this area are Mrs. C. A. Hayworth, Mrs. Mae Byrd Hall, Frank Byrd, Colon Byrd, Francis Byrd, Colon Allred and others.

A widow with five children, one of whom is operational director of the 29 nations International Committee for European Migrants, Mrs. Johnson now lives alone in Lynn, Ind. She is a graduate of Earlham College in Indiana.

In her own words, she was "thrilled to death" upon seeing her father's birthplace and the house which dates back at least before 1842.

The sight of the old home will probably add impetus to the book which she is contemplating writing and which will be entitled: "From Randolph (North Carolina) to Randolph (Indiana).

Death Claims Native In 100th Year Of Life

May 28, 1962 – A Randolph County native, who died Thursday evening in the 100th year of her life, was brought back Saturday for burial in the soil in which she spent the greater part of her life.

Mrs. Ella Craven Pope, who would have been 101 years old on Aug. 10, died early Thursday evening at the home of her son, Luther Clay Pope, on Route 1, Bear Creek, where she had gone to reside prior to the death of her husband, James Livingston Pope, in Jan., 1921.

She was born as Eleanor Elizabeth Craven at the home of her parents, Yancy and Keziah Mann Craven, a short distance west of the Concord cemetery near Coleridge.

She was the middle child of nine children in the family, all of whom preceded her in death.

Following her marriage, Mrs. Pope and her husband lived at Buffalo Ford, between Ramseur and Coleridge, of which place he was a native. Six children were born to them and besides the son with whom she resided, there are four surviving daughters, namely, Mrs. Emma Johnson, of Route 2, Ramseur, Mrs. Evelyn 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.

There are also 23 grandchildren; 29 great-grand children; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Included among the grandchildren are identical twin granddaughters, daughters of her son, Luther Clay Pope, who were reared by Mrs. Pope from the age of 22 months, upon the death of their mother.

These twin granddaughters, Mrs. Louise Pope Cooper, of Route 2, Siler City, and Mrs. Lucille Pope Thompson, of Route 1, Bear Creek, returned this devotion and care and rendered loyal service in the sickness and infirmities of their grandmother's last years. Two identical wreaths encircled and attached together as twins, stood before the bier of Mrs. Pope and were mute testimony of the love which the twin granddaughters bore for the woman who had cared for them in the earlier years of their lives.

Mrs. Pope was born in a Christian household and maintained a strong consistency in her religious faith throughout the long years of her life. Although a member of Rehobeth Methodist church for more than 60 years, Mrs. Pope and her family in their years of residency at Buffalo Ford and other places in the southeastern part of Randolph County attended all of the churches in the vicinity in which they lived.

During those earlier years of her life, she also conducted Sunday school classes in vacant houses and other places for children who were unable to attend the services in the churches of the community.

Final rites in her memory were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church, one of the the churches which she and her family attended during their sojourn in that community, and she was buried

in the church cemetery where her husband and son were interred before her.

In recognition of the faith and steadfastness which had characterized her 100 years of existence, four grandsons and a granddaughter sang at the beginning of the service "Have Faith In God."

On the occasion of her 100th birthday last Aug., one hundred relatives and friends were invited to join in a birthday celebration in her honor. On the evening before the celebration, her twin granddaughter came for the final ministrations of the day and before leaving said to her: "You'll be 100 years old tomorrow, hasn't the Lord been good to you?" She responded with strong clarity and said: "Yes a long time."

Shortly before she reached the century year of her life, she had made this statement: "All my brothers and sisters have gone over the river. I am the only one left."

Her own crossing of the river had now been completed, leaving her son, her four widowed daughters, the twin granddaughters and other relatives and friends with the assurance of a life which was spent in dedication and service.

Many Attend Memorial Day

May 31, 1962 – The 33rd annual memorial and homecoming day at Hopewell Friends church last Sunday was attended by many members of the present congregation as well as those who formerly attended the church which was organized in 1885.

Morning and afternoon services featured the occasion, with an old fashioned picnic dinner being served from a long table under the shade trees during the noon hour.

Following the Sunday School period, presided over by Max Bell, superintendent, the annual memorial and homecoming service started at 11 a.m., and was conducted by the church pastor, J. Norman Osborne.

Special singing was rendered by the Cousins Singers, a local church group composed of Chloe Nance, Joyce Rose, and Lydia Hammond, with Carol Bell at the piano.

A very fitting tribute to Belle Hussey and Ross Vuncannon, Hopewell members who had passed away during the past year, was given by Cornie Hinshaw.

A period of recognition was conducted by Max Bell, with the following people being recognized for special efforts: Garrett and Rosa Dawson and Lucille Williams Wood, for having attended every memorial and homecoming day at Hopewell, Nell Hussey, one of the older and most faithful members of the church; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dawson, of Martinsville, Va., who traveled the farthest to attend the occasion; Portia Hussey, secretary of the Hopewell meeting; Joyce Rose, clerk of the Hopewell Meeting; Chloe Nance, director; Boyd Hinshaw, pianist; Sunday School teachers, Alice Osborne, wife of the church pastor, and Doris Hardy, Rebecca Hurley, Bruce Callicutt, Homer Dawson and Harold Sharpe; Cornie Hinshaw, for several services; Crowley Strider, for helping with the church furnace and premises; the church pastor, J. Norman Osborne, for his year of service to the church; and to the following visitors, Bernice Hinshaw; active in the Southern Quarter of the Friends Meeting, Mrs. Pauline Edgeworth, Mrs. Jessie Menius, Ralph Bulla and Rev. and Mrs. Billy Britt and daughter.

After the memorial and homecoming address had been delivered by the Rev. Billy Britt, former pastor at Hopewell

and now pastor at Randleman Friends Church, the morning service was concluded with a song and benediction at the church cemetery.

Following the picnic dinner, the afternoon service was presided over by Everett Nance, president of the Memorial Association. Other officers of the association include Allene Cornelison, secretary and treasurer; Rosa Dawson, Phyllis Strider, Max Bell and Lydia Miller, program committee; and Allene Cornelison, Denzil Walker, Carl Luck, and Gilbert Miller, grounds committee.

All of the above officers were re-elected in the afternoon business session.

Special music for the afternoon session was rendered by the Russell's Grove Quartet, composed of Ervin Cole, Dossie Rose, W. M. Pope, and Page Hall, accompanied by Lillian Bailey at the piano.

Ramseur Christian Church Passes Another Milestone Last Sunday

June 4, 1962 – Ramseur Christian Church organized in 1893, passed another milestone in its more than 68 year history on Sunday, June 3, with the holding of a service of dedication for the new church furniture and pews.

This occurrence followed a series of events in the life of the church since the present pastor, Rev. Garland B. Bennett, came to the church in Feb., 1957.

Held simultaneously with the service of dedication was the homecoming observance at the church, which is held every two years. The pastor preached the homecoming message and also conducted the service of dedication, the joint service beginning at 11 a.m. Following the service, a luncheon was held at the town hall in Ramseur.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26, 1893, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the organization of the Ramseur Christian Church was effected.

The meeting of organization was held at the home of L. W. Cox, with the Rev. M. L. Hurley organizing the church, according to the forms and government of the Christian denomination. Nineteen men and women were enrolled as charter members.

A short time after the organization of the church, the land and building which had formerly been used by the Baptist Church, located near the cemetery in Ramseur, was purchased by the newly organized church and the building was used until the erection of the present sanctuary three or four years following the organization of the church. In 1926, plans for the addition of four class rooms for the Sunday School were accepted by the church.

It was this sanctuary which has recently been renovated, with the purchase of new pews and pulpit furniture, and it was for this the service of dedication was held last Sunday.

The renovation actually began in the latter part of 1960, with the painting of the exterior of the church building. The installation of a heating plant followed, with the church next deciding to renovate the interior of the sanctuary. This now has been completed and paid for in its entirety.

Effected at an estimated cost of \$5,000, the renovation of the interior of the sanctuary included the sanding and refinishing of the floor in a natural finish and the painting of the entire section, including the vestibule, with light or mint green on the walls and white on the ceiling.

The aisles and the pulpit area were covered with a light green carpet and new Colonial pews, with mahogany seats and white ends, were installed throughout the church

sanctuary. New pulpit furniture was also installed, consisting of a pulpit desk in mahogany and white and chairs in mahogany and white with green seats. A new communion table, also finished in mahogany and white, was purchased and placed directly in front of the pulpit.

The renovated sanctuary presents a scene of quiet, worshipful and reverential dignity and easily has one of the most beautiful interiors of any church sanctuary in this area.

New pews and the pulpit furniture were donated by various individuals in the church and the town of Ramseur and recognition was made of this at the service of dedication last Sunday, in addition to the placing of bronze plaques on the items purchased indicating the memoriam or the honorarium.

Included in the list of donors were the following people: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Burgess, given by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Vickory; in memory of Walter S. Cox, given by Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Cox; in memory of H. F. Brady, 1886-1960, given by Julian Brady; in memory of Cleve Brooks, given by Mrs. Cleve Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Burke; given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cain and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gardner; given by Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Cox, Terry, Jeffery and Brian; given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burgess, Patsy and Kent. In honor of Rev. and Mrs. Garland B. Bennett and children, 1962, given by Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Maness, Judy and Jimmy; given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. White, Jackie and Ann; given by Dr. and Mrs. Henry Jordan; in memory of Edgar Lee Wright, given by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wright; in honor of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Moffitt, given by John, Madge and Ann Whitesell; in memory of C. C. Brown, given by the family; in memory of Mrs. Rosa Fesmire Caviness, given by Marvin, Ruth and Carol Jean Caviness; in memory of William Trent Brown, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wayland Brown and children; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Poe, given by the children; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Maness, given by the children; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Vickory, given by the children; in memory of Mrs. Julian C. Brady, given by the Gordon Brady family; in memory of W. Rass Burgess, given by the children; in memory of J. A. Parks, 1864-1934, and Mrs. J. A. Parks, 1869-1954, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. O. King and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis.

In memory of Oscar Ray Burgess, given by the L. W. Burgess family; given by Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Webb; given by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Watkins, Jr.; given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craven, Bobby and Chris; given by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pugh and Lou Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Powell and Edna Dixon; given by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil York, Diane and Charles; given by Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh, Jr.; given by Mr. and Mrs. Earsie Burgess; given by Mr. and Mrs. R. B., Craven, Mary Lee, Shirley and Jennifer; given by Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cox; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Craven; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Craven; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith; Philathea Class; Baraca Class; Young Men's Class; Olive G. Williams Class; Mrs. Lou Scott; Ramseur Baraber Shop; and all members participated in giving through classes, places of business and etc.

Prior to the renovation of the church sanctuary, both on the outside as well as the inside, the church had erected a three-bedroom parsonage on land which was given for this purpose by the late I. F. Craven. Located on West Ridge Street, a few yards from the church, ground was broken for this building in 1958, with W. R. Maness, the oldest member of the church, turning the first shovel of dirt. The

parsonage cost \$11,550. with the land and building valued at \$15,000

A set of chimes was later installed, with the music from the church tower, setting on a knoll in southeastern Ramseur, spreading throughout the entire range of the town.

However, the greatest move perhaps made by the Ramseur Christian Church was the decision to become a full time pastorate. This went into effect at the first of this year and the church called the Rev. Garland B. Bennett as their first full time pastor, although the Rev. Mr. Bennett had served the church as pastor since Feb., 1957, serving at the same time as pastor also of the Shiloh and Antioch Christian churches and part of the time at Needham's grove Christian Church.

Fifteen pastors had preceded Garland Bennett in the pastorate of the Ramseur Christian Church. They were Rev. W. D. Howard, Rev. C. C. Peele, Rev. T. E. White, Rev. M. E. Hammer, Rev. J. W. Potton, Rev. L. E. Smith, Rev. A. T. Banks, Rev. J. H. Dollar, Rev. W. C. Wicker, Rev. J. C. Cummings, Rev. G.M. Talley, Rev. J. A. Denton, Rev. Gene Thomas, Rev. Clyde Fields and Rev. Bill Joyner, the latter serving as supply pastor.

One of the former pastors, Dr. Clyde Fields, is now serving as president of the Southern Convention of the congregational Christian Church while another former pastor, Dr. L. E. Smith served as president of Elon College until his retirement in 1957.

Information concerning the history of the Ramseur Christian Church has been derived from a history of the church which was compiled by Miss Jennifer Trogdon, a member of the younger group at the church.

Thus, great strides have been made by the Ramseur Christian Church, particularly in the last few years. The improvements have been made on a solid footing, as the parsonage was completely paid for eight months after its completion and the recent improvements were paid for just about as soon as the work was completed. But the congregation does not plan to rest on their laurels of the past few years and definite plans are in the making for the construction of an educational building.

Ramseur Christian Church towering above the town of Ramseur, is forging ahead in both spiritual outlook and material accomplishments. As the church stands, overlooking the town, it has seemingly caught up its original vision and is fulfilling the purpose for which it was founded over 68 years ago.

Minister Devotes His Life To Reliefs And His Church

June 4, 1962 - A young Ramseur minister who has seemingly brought miracles in his own life since he accepted Christ as his Saviour over eight years ago, is now helping his church congregation effect similar accomplishment's in their sixty eight year old church organization.

Rev. Garland B. Bennett and the Ramseur Christian Church took another step in their Mar. of progress when a service of dedication was held Sunday, June 3, in conjunction with the homecoming service which is held at the church every two years.

The dedicatory service was held for the new church furniture and pews which have been placed in the renovated Sanctuary and follows the building of a church

parsonage, the installation of a new heating plant and the purchase of a set of chimes for the church.

For the first time in the 68 years of its existence, the pastorate became full time last Jan. 1, and now, with all debts paid, the church is contemplating the erection of an educational building.

Rev. Garland Bennett came to the Ramseur church in Feb. of 1957. At that time he also became pastor of the Shiloh and Antioch Christian churches and later acquired the pastorate of Needham's Grove Christian Church to bring the total number of churches being served to four. He retained the pastorate of these four churches until Jan. 1, 1952 when he became the full time pastor of the Ramseur church.

This energetic young minister, small of stature and with a crew-cut, has made remarkable strides since he joined the Palm Street Congregational Christian Church, Nov. 23, 1953. but actually his amazing record of achievement goes back farther than that, to the time he quit school as a boy of 15.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robert Bennett of Greensboro, Garland Bennett was one of a family of eight children who lived in the cotton mill village of Revolution. His father was a supervisor in the Revolution plant of Cone Mills.

Upon quitting school, young Bennett worked with Western Union for a year, delivering telegrams for forty cents an hour. He then became employed with the cotton mill at Revolution and began attending night school at the Cone Vocational School, at which his father was one of the instructors.

He attended the night school for six years, received a diploma in textile calculation and spinning, and was promoted to section hand in supervisory capacity.

In the meantime, he had married Miss Peggy Matherly, also of Greensboro, and they had become the parents of two children. Like a lot of young couples, they had ceased attending church regularly, however, He had grown up in the Revolution Baptist Church, and she had been reared a Methodist.

But on that Nov. day in 1953, they resumed their attendance at church, in an entirely new denomination from which they had formerly attended, and united with the Palm Street Congregational Christian Church in Greensboro. Less than ten months later, Garland Bennett had decided for the ministry and began preparations for the entering thereof.

That is when the real effort began. Because upon quitting school at the age of 15, he only reached the ninth grade. He, therefore, went over to Elon College, explained the situation to the officials there and worked out some arrangements. It was agreed that he could make up his high school work along with the pursuance of his college studies if he could make a C average.

So, he came back to Greensboro, exchanged shifts with the second shift section hand and enrolled at Elon College in Sept., 1954.

He got up at 6 o'clock in the mornings, arrived at the college early in order to study, and pursued his classes, got back to the cotton mill in Greensboro in time to work the second shift from 3 p. m. to 11 p. m. He did this for two years and addition, pastured the Martha's Chapel Congregational Christian Church in another county. He

didn't miss a day at work and instead of making the required C average, he averaged a low B.

After two years of this feverish activity, the Bennetts moved to Elon College. Garland accepted the pastorate of the Zion Congregational Christian Church in Burlington. This relieved the physical tension somewhat, but quitting a \$90 a week job at the mill and accepting a church pastorate paying \$45 a week did not relieve the financial pressure. Especially in view of the birth of a third daughter while operating under these conditions. During this time, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and their daughters lived in a three-room apartment.

The family moved to Ramseur in Feb. of 1957 and Mr. Bennett continued his studies at Elon College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the spring of 1959. In his four years and one summer at Elon, he not only worked off the requirements for his degree, but, also the requirements for a teacher's certificate, in addition to the requirements for his major in religion. Before receiving his college degree, he taught the seventh grade at Franklinville for one year in order to pay off an indebtedness which he had incurred while attending college.

He enrolled in the School of Theology at Duke University in the fall of 1959 and plans to receive his Bachelor of Divinity degree from that institution next spring. During a year and one half of his studies at Duke, he was the pastor of four churches.

Another daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett since coming to Ramseur and their children are now Cindy, 12; Lynn, 9 Robin, 6 and Susan 2.

In addition to the building of a new heating plant, the purchase of a set of chimes, the budget of the Ramseur Christian Church has increased during Mr. Bennetts pastorate from \$1,000 to more than \$10,000. There have been 75 new members added to the church and also the establishment of a Men's Fellowship and a Youth Fellowship.

Upon the formation of the United Church of Christ, bringing into its organization the Congregational Christian Church, the Rev. Mr. Bennett enrolled as a Minister of the United Church of Christ.

Back in 1954, following Garland Bennett's admittance into the Congregational Christian Conference, a brother, James Robert Bennett, also came into the same conference and is now serving as a minister in Johnston County, near Raleigh.

Garland Bennett has been a young man in a hurry since he made his decision for Christ in late 1953 and his decision for the ministry less than one year later. He has made up his deficiencies fast and is now serving a well established ministry at the Ramseur Christian Church.

He has appreciated his opportunity in the full time pastorate of the Ramseur church and the people in turn have responded to his leadership and have shown remarkable progress during his ministry. It is not expected that either pastor or people will be satisfied with present achievements but that both will continue to move forward to a more challenging future.

Bloodmobile Visits Aided Seagrove Boy

June 4, 1962 - An Asheboro Route 5, youth, afflicted with hemophilia, received 71 pints of blood while a patient at a Chapel Hill hospital in Mar.

Joseph Milton Scott, age 15, received a unit of plasma every four hours and the transfusion was so continuous that the needle was left in his arm for a period of twelve days.

During the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile in Asheboro next Thursday and Friday, June 7 and 8, efforts will be made to replace the blood which young Joe Scott received as a patient at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Son of Mrs. Polly Thompson Scott and the late Joseph Walter Scott, it was learned when Joe was six months old that he suffered from a hemophilic condition, which is characterized by a tendency to bleed immoderately. Knowledge of the condition came upon vaccination for whooping cough and diphtheria.

Robert Lee Scott, a brother of Joe, who suffered from the same disease, died last Oct. at the age of 13.

Joe has been in the hospital several times during his young life in the efforts to stop the incessant bleeding with which he is afflicted. Also afflicted with a heart ailment, he is scheduled to go back to the Chapel Hill hospital on Friday, July 13, for a check up. But Joe, being somewhat superstitious, says "I don't think I want to go then."

At times the bleeding has gone on for three days and sometimes has rendered the young boy unable to walk. It especially starts if he suffers even the slightest of injuries. An abnormal swelling of his body usually goes along with the flow of blood.

However, the personable young boy, who is cheerful, easygoing, pleasant, and friendly, has learned to avoid injuries and has also learned when the bleeding starts, to pack his nose himself.

But, on the Sunday of this reporter's visit, just before his arrival, the bleeding could not be stopped and Mrs. Scott had to rush Joe to the Randolph Hospital in her automobile where a physician on emergency call stopped the bleeding.

Joe Scott, however, did not let this ruin his Sunday afternoon and minutes after his return home, he was playing in the yard with the other children and enjoying himself in general.

He is especially fond of animals and is the owner of a sheep, a pig, four chickens, a parakeet and a dog. But his collection of animals is not complete, for he said "I want a calf." He and his brother who died raised a pig last year which weighed between 400 and 500 pounds.

Joe's father was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1949. Besides Joe and the brother who died, there are four other children in the family, Wanda, a pretty 17-year-old rising senior at Seagrove High School, Brenda, 13, Wayne, 10, and Judy, 9. The Scotts live about a mile north of Seagrove, just off of Highway 220.

The condition of young Joe Scott makes it impossible for him to attend school. He reached the fourth grade at the Seagrove School before he quit. His brother who died, termed by his mother as being "smart as a tack," reached the fifth grade before he had to quit. Upon quitting school, both boys were taught for a time at home by Miss Olivia Adams, a special instructor provided for students unable to attend school.

Life is not easy, financially, for Mrs. Polly Scott and her five children, all of whom are school age. There are social security benefits and other help because of Joe's condition but living expenses and hospital bills come high.

The packs which are used in Joe's nose to stop the bleeding are expensive and Mrs. Scott remembers that at one time ten dollars worth of these were used in one night.

But the essential product is blood and that is the reason for bringing Joe's condition to the general public. It is necessary that the 71 pints which be used in Mar. be replaced and it is also necessary that the blood bank be built up for his future needs.

Because young Joe Scott will need blood for as long as he lives. Just as his brother, Robert Lee Scott, needed blood and just as other people with hemophilia will need blood.

Although Joe Scott is afflicted with a terrible disease, he is still a happy youth as he plays with his pets, the sheep, the parakeet, the four chickens and the dog. The best way to keep him happy and to keep him able to move about is to provide him with the blood which he used when counteract the disease with which he is afflicted.

Please help Joe replace the blood which he used when the Bloodmobile comes to Asheboro next Thursday and Friday, June 7 and 8.

Brothers Don't Miss School For 24 Years

June 7, 1962 – Two Route 2, Asheboro brothers, graduates of Farmer High School, have a combined total of 24 years at school without missing a day.

Charles Trotter, age 17, received his diploma last Friday night and also his 12th consecutive certificate for perfect attendance.

His older brother, Donald Trotter, now age 19, went through the same procedure last year, that of receiving his high school diploma and his certificate for 12 years of perfect attendance.

Some recognition should have been extended to their mother, Mrs. Reece Trotter, because when both boys started to school twelve and thirteen years ago, she wanted them "not to miss a day". This determination of Mrs. Trotter stemmed from her inability to attend school regularly as a child and she wanted her boys to have more of a chance than she had.

But after Charles and Donald had attended school for a while, they also became imbued with their mothers determination and then they didn't want to miss a day themselves.

Actually, there wasn't too many near misses and both boys had it comparatively easy in compiling their attendance records. Especially since they didn't want to miss a day.

Donald had asthma during the 1st and 2nd grades but was able to overcome this handicap to the extent of not missing a day. At one time while in the 1st grade, his parents were sick with the flu and were unable to take him to the bus stop but his grandfather was recruited and he made it to school, anyway.

Charles closest escape came on the day he went to school with a severe head cold. He developed croup during the day and his mother had to go by the school and take him to the doctor. But he had got to school on time and his attendance had already been recorded.

Neither of the boys have had mumps or the whooping cough. The measles didn't keep them out of school because Donald had them before he went to school and Charles took them during the summer. One of their grandfathers was buried on a school day but they visited

him during his last illness, paid their respects on the night before the funeral and went to school on the next day

Their mother at first rewarded them with five dollars each upon the completion of a school year until their father was badly injured in an automobile wreck and was unable to work for a long time.

There are two other children in the family, Janice, age 7, and Mike, age 5. Janice, a 1st grade student this past year at the Tabernacle school, has already broken the family record, as she was out five days this year because of sickness. The hopes of the family now rest with Mike and the entire family is pulling for him to come through without missing a day whenever he starts.

Donald and Charles Trotter who were students also at the Tabernacle school before entering farmer High School, have been industrious youths from their earliest days in school.

They both sold Grit newspapers as young boys and later Donald worked during the summer months as brick mason's helper, at Dixie Furniture, Canoy's Nursery and started to work at Klopman Mills shortly before his graduation from high school. He is still employed at Klopman's and since graduating from high school has married the former Martha Burkhart and is living on Route 2, Asheboro, a few miles from the home of his parents.

Besides selling the Grit newspaper, Charles as a young boy was hired by his mother as a baby sitter for the younger children and after that he worked at Bobe's Shoe Shop in Asheboro for two years prior to his graduation.

Both boys have driven the school bus and Charles received a Safe Driving Award at commencement last Friday night. The boys were good students and Mrs. Trotter said that she never had to go to the school on account of any trouble they got into.

Vaughn Marley Speaks To 14th Miller-Hill Reunion

June 14, 1962 – Vaughn Marley, well known Ramseur citizen, spoke to the 14th annual reunion of the Miller-Hill families at Mountain View Methodist Church Sunday.

The retired merchant, newspaper columnist, humorist and philosopher spoke at the morning session of the annual affair and was introduced by Ralph L. Bulla.

Both morning and afternoon sessions were presided over by the Rev. Henry Thompson, president of the reunion organization, who was pastor of the Mountain View church for 12 years.

New officers elected were president, Rev. Franklin Crotts, of Burlington; vice president, Waymon Trotter, of Route 2, Asheboro; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Clara Mae Henderson, of Route 2, Asheboro.

Mrs. Allen Robbins was named historian for the Miller family and Charlie Harrelson and S. E. Hill were named co-historians for the Hill family. Everett Hill was designated to bring water to the reunion next year while Mrs. Allen Robbins and Charles Hunt were named to the program committee. Mrs. Robbins also served in this same capacity for the 14th annual reunion of the two families.

A memorial service was held in the afternoon for Mrs. Betty Sheffield, one of the older members of the reunion organization who died during the year at the age of 88, Mrs. Annis Miller Cox, Mrs. Lee Trotter, Colon Pickett, John Hill, R. C. (Girt) Swaney, Mrs. S. E. Hill, J. M. Yates, Mrs. Fleeta

Prevost Heath, Mrs. Verla Trotter Foster, and Vickie LuAnn Miller, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. W. F. Redding was in charge of the memorial service and gave all of the memorials except the one for Mrs. Foster which was given by the Rev. Franklin Crofts.

Special singing was rendered by the Mountain View Church trio and the Harmonettes, members of the family of the Rev. Henry Thompson.

Eighty three year old Cyrus Rich received the prize for being the oldest person present while Sharon Crofts, small 3 months-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Franklin Crofts, received the prize for being the youngest person in attendance.

Flowers for the occasion were given in memory of Mrs. Betty Sheffield and Mrs. Annis Miller Cox.

Mr. Marley prefaced his remarks by saying that "We ought to enjoy ourselves at a reunion. We come together to meet our old friends and to talk over things of the past. To know people is to like them and when you get to know them, our differences melt away."

His talk on fellowship was based on three main points: people knowing the same things; knowing the same Lord. He quoted many poems, one of which was of his own composition, to illustrate his remarks

Youngest Postmaster At Worthville Ofc.

June 14, 1962 – Believed to be the youngest postmaster in the entire United States, Buren Jefferson Tysinger, age 20, received this past week his permanent appointment to the postmastership at Worthville, a 4th class office.

The permanent appointment came in an official declaration by Postmaster General J. E. Day and was signed by the Assistant Postmaster General Frederick C. Belen. Effective date of the appointment was May 14, 1962.

Young Tysinger was appointed Acting Postmaster at Worthville on Mar. 20, 1961. At that time he was only 19 years of age.

The belief that he is the youngest postmaster in the United States comes from an article in a recent issue of the Postmaster's Gazette, official magazine of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States.

This article claimed at that time the distinction of "youngest postmaster" for Johnny D. Hooper was born Apr. 8, 1940 and was attested as being the youngest postmaster at the age of 22.

Buren Tysinger was born Nov. 14, 1941 and considering that his appointment has been made official since the article in the Postmaster's Gazette, his friends are now claiming that at the age of 20, he is the youngest postmaster in the United States.

The young postmaster at Worthville is a native of the cotton mill village and has lived for 19 of his 20 years in House No. 30, about a block from the post office building. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tysinger and has an older brother, Thomas (Jock) Tysinger, and a younger sister Sharon. Another older brother, Carroll, is dead.

He attended the old Worthville school for two years and then with the merger of the school with Randleman, he continued with the latter school until his graduation there in June, 1960.

He sold newspapers as a child and prior to his graduation from high school, he worked part time and during the summer with the Leward Cotton Mills in Worthville. He was working as a cashier at the Food Line Super Market in

Randleman at the time of his appointment as Acting Postmaster at Worthville.

Postmaster Tysinger attends the Worthville Baptist church and is active in the Worthville Baptist church and is active in the Worthville Community Athletic Park. He serves as an announcer for the ball games at the park and also serves as a Commissioner for the softball tournament which is held in the Worthville park in July. He also serves as president of the citizen's Band Radio Club in Worthville.

Like Postmaster Hopper in Corryton, Tenn., whom he has displaced as the youngest postmaster, Postmaster Tysinger is also a single man. He resides with his parents and his brother and his family live just a short distance down the street.

Buren Tysinger is respected by the patrons of the Worthville Post Office. They appreciate his courtesy, his friendliness and his kindness in dispatching the mail to them. It is said that he is especially considerate of the older people of the mill village.

He knows every man, woman and child in the village. As the villagers gather twice daily for the arrival of the mail, he does not need to question the identity of any of them.

Because of this mutual feeling between the young postmaster and his patrons and the relationship of the hometown boy with the people whom he has always known, there is a great deal of satisfaction in the village of Worthville for the permanent appointment which has come to Buren Tysinger.

Polio Doesn't Stop Them, Happy Reunion Held Sunday

June 14, 1962 – It was a happy occasion last Sunday when eleven polio patients, formerly together at the polio hospital in Greensboro, were reunited at a picnic outing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richardson on Route 4, Asheboro.

Clendon Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, and Miss Faye Sullivan and Larry Winecoff, both of Kannapolis, arranged the reunion at an earlier meeting at the Richardson home last Feb.

Besides the polio patients, members of their families and friends were present to enjoy the period of reunion and fellowship and to partake of the sumptuous picnic meal which was spread on tables under the shade trees on the back lawn at the Richardson residence.

Tentative plans were made for another reunion next year, to include more of the polio patients and personnel who were together at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro several years ago.

Polio patients in attendance at last Sunday's reunion included Clendon Richardson, Miss Sarah Redding, of Asheboro, and James Batten, of Route 1, Randleman, from this county and Miss Faye Sullivan and Larry Winecoff, of Kannapolis, Everett Burgess, of Locust, Robert (Bob) Kuettner, of Raleigh, Miss Lynda Johnson, of Route 3, Siler City, Bud Newton, of High Point, and Mrs. Blanche Sullivan and D. E. Wall, both of Winston-Salem.

Two former nurses at the convalescent hospital in Greensboro, Mrs. Gladys Drummond, were present to join their former patients in the reunion, as was Harry Doll, a retired engineer from Greensboro, who designed gadgets for their convenience and who helped to entertain them.

The Randolph County Chapter of the National Foundation was represented by its chairman, Ralph L. Bulla, who spoke briefly to the group before the eating of the meal, H. L. Richardson welcomed the group to his home for the occasion and other speaking briefly were Mr. Doll and polio patient D. E. Wall, who is a Baptist minister.

The picnic supper was set for 4 o'clock in the afternoon but the happy occasion lasted through the late afternoon, early evening and into the night, Many of the group lingered for more talk, reminiscence, music, singing and a joyous, overall get-together. Seven members of the group were in wheel chairs.

Relatives and friends in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stevens, Emerson Sullivan, Brenda, Bob and Steve Sullivan, husband and children of Mrs. Blanche Sullivan, all of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Everett Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. John Hatley, of Locust, Mrs. Bud Newton, Brian Mowery and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ross, of High Point, Mrs. Elizabeth Kuettner, of Raleigh, mother of Bob Kuettner, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Winecoff, Michael Winecoff, Gary Mitchell, Miss Bertie Spry and Forest Hockenbery, all of Kannapolis.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richardson, Mrs. Leonard Richardson and children, Karen, Doreen, Pam and Colon, of Route 4, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Redding, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baldwin and daughter, Cathy, Mrs. Ruth Bell, Charlene Bell, Miss Gayle Wilson, Raeford and Gilbert Brim, all of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson and son, Ray, of Route 3, Siler city, Mrs. James Batten, of Route 1, Randleman, Mrs. Harry Doll and E. B. Shore, of Greensboro, and Miss Roaslie Chriscoe, of Route 2, Randleman.

Kansas Woman, A Former Resident, Gathers With Family After 36 Yrs.

June 21, 1962 – A former Randolph County woman, native of the southwestern part of the county, was reunited last week with brothers and sisters whom she had not seen in 36 years.

Mrs. Nellie Loflin Ratzlaff, a resident of Elkhart, Kansas, arrived by plane at the Greensboro Airport Monday, June 11, then came on to the county for a reunion with eight brothers and sisters, six of whom she had not seen since her last visit her 36 years ago this month.

She had not seen any of them in 15 years, as one sister had visited her at her Kansas home at that time and another one had visited her years before that.

A family reunion was held in her honor last Sunday at the Chapel Hill Methodist Church, located on Route 3, Denton, about a third of a mile across the Randolph County line into Davidson County.

All of the brothers and sisters, except the oldest brother, were present for the occasion, as were many other members of the Loflin family.

Mrs. Ratzlaff and her brothers and sisters are children of the late Trela Loflin and Margaret Ellen Garner Loflin, who resided in the southwestern part of Randolph County, seven miles from Denton, two miles north of New Hope and about one and one-half miles from the Gravel Hill Baptist Church.

Six sons and six daughters were born to Trela and Margaret Ellen Loflin, nine of whom are still living. The third son, R. B. (Best) Loflin, moved to Kansas in early life and

settled in a town called Hugoton. It was because of him that Mrs. Ratzlaff first went to Kansas.

Best Loflin's wife died in Kansas forty years ago, leaving him with a six-year-old child and a small baby. It was decided that one of his sisters would go to Kansas and help him during this period and at the time it seemed that his sister Nellie was best suited to go. So, Mrs. Ratzlaff, who was working in High Point, went to be with her brother in his time of need.

She stayed about a year, met William Ratzlaff whom she later married, came back home and stayed two months, went back to Kansas and got married. She came back for a visit three years later. 36 years ago this month and this was her last visit until her arrival here.

Her brother, Best Loflin, who remarried after the death of his first wife, passed away 17 years ago and was buried in Kansas.

Mrs. Ratzlaff's husband died three years ago and also a son died at an early age. Another son, Ben Ratzlaff, who is a practicing attorney in Elkhart, Kansas accompanied Mrs. Ratzlaff on the trip here to her old home but because of compelling business reasons, he had to return home on Friday, following their arrival on Monday.

Her son is married and he and his wife are the parents of two daughters. Mrs. Ratzlaff's son and his family live a few blocks from the place where she has lived alone since the death of her husband.

Mrs. Ratzlaff and family lived in Hugoton, Kansas for many years after she went to that state but the dust storms became so bad in that vicinity, they moved to Elkhart, 35 miles away, which is located in the extreme southwest corner of Kansas. Mrs. Ratzlaff said that because of the dust storms in Hugoton, so many people moved out that the schools closed down. Her husband was a farmer and her son, in addition to being an attorney, also has farming interests.

Besides Mrs. Ratzlaff and her brother, Best Loflin, the other children of Trela and Margaret Ellen Loflin are William (Billy) Loflin of Route 3, Denton, the oldest, Colonel Loflin, Route 3, Denton, Leander Loflin, Route 3, Asheboro, Mrs. Betty Loflin Morris of Denton, Dave Loflin of Route 3, Asheboro, Delia Loflin, who died at the age of 13. Virgil Loflin of Route 3, Denton, Mrs. Nannie Loflin Voncannon of Route 5, Asheboro. Mrs. Maude Loflin Davis of Route 3, Denton, who resides at the old homeplace, and Mrs. Nina Loflin Parks, who was living at Pisgah at the time of her death 24 years ago.

Trela Loflin, father of the Loflin clan, died in 1943 at the age of 94. His wife died in 1945 at the age of 86. Both are buried in the cemetery at the Chapel Hill Methodist Church, the site of the family reunion last Sunday. However, during their earlier years, the Loflins also attended the Gravel Hill Baptist Church and the Oak Grove Methodist Church. They attended the Oak Grove School.

Mrs. Nannie Voncannon visited her sister in Kansas 15 years ago and Mrs. Davis, who lives at the old homeplace, had visited her several years before that. None of the others she had seen in 36 years.

Last Sunday was also the first time in 27 years that the other brothers and sisters, with the exception of Mrs. Ratzlaff, had got together for a family gathering. The occasion that time was the return of their brother, Best Loflin, from Kansas for a visit.

Mrs. Ratzlaff did not find many familiar places upon her return home. She said that if she had not known she was coming to the old homeplace, she would not have recognized it. However, she later found that the old barn was familiar and she also recognized the old tabernacle which sets in front of the Chapel Hill Church. But the church, which was rebuilt in 1933, she did not find familiar. The area to the rear of the church took on a familiar appearance as she continued her observance after her long absence.

Her brothers and sisters she knew because of her planned visit but she said that if she had come upon them unexpectedly, she probably would not have known them.

Mrs. Ratzlaff has suffered with an asthmatic condition since her earlier years, but has found the dry climate of Kansas very agreeable to this condition. This is the principal reason she has not been back to her Randolph County home and is one of the reasons why she is cutting her visit short. It is expected that on her return to Kansas will occur this week.

In referring to her enjoyable visit with her relatives in this vicinity, Mrs. Ratzlaff said "these are my people and I love them, but Kansas is my home." That was easily seen, as Mrs. Ratzlaff moved among her relatives at the family reunion last Sunday. Although she remembers and loves her people here, thirty-six years have dimmed her memory and the recollections of the long years ago. Her heart is in the state where the brother she went to join is buried, where her husband and small son lie, and where her other son and his family reside. That is where her interests are and that is where her life has been for nearly forty years. It is possible that she may never return.

Franklinville High Class Holds Reunion In Asheboro

June 21, 1962 – The graduation class of 1957 at Franklinville high school held a class reunion Saturday evening at Seawell's Restaurant east of Asheboro.

A steak supper was enjoyed by the thirty-four people in attendance.

There was no planned program but those in attendance spent the evening in reminiscence, exchange of experiences and catching up on the happenings of the past five years.

Guests included Yates C. Holland, Franklinville high school principal, Mrs. Holland, E. S. Thomas, Jr., a member of the school faculty, Mrs. Thomas and their son, Richard, and Ralph L. Bulla. Mr. Holland spoke briefly to the group.

Twenty students comprised the class of five years ago at Franklinville high school, fourteen of whom have married since graduation. The class rosters, including the married names of the girls, are as follows: Peggy Campbell Craven, Gilbert Edwards, Linda Cheek Hunt, Sandra Cox Bunting, Virginia Daniel, Roger Hayes, Anna Groce Pugh, Raymond Hilliard, Lucy Scruggs Landon, Tommy Hoover, Shelby Luck Johnston, Claude Pugh, Marsha Pilkenton Dry, Clayton Sykes, Ruby Dunn Rumley, Joseph Williamson, Delores Stalker Casey, Charles Wirght, Betty Smith Parks and Kenneth Wright.

All of the members of the class live in Franklinville, Asheboro, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Rt. 1, Asheboro and vicinity, with the exception of two members who live in Greensboro and Kannapolis.

Eleven children have been born to members of the class who have married since graduation from high school.

Before separating Saturday evening, it was decided that another reunion of the class would be held at the end of the next five year period.

Class members and members of their families in attendance at last Saturday evening's reunion included Mr. and Mrs. Perry David Hunt and daughter, Beth, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Rumley, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey H. Bunting and daughter, Connie, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hoover and son, Tony, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Ted E. Dry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright, Joe Williamson, Kenneth N. Wright, Miss Louise Lineberry, Gilbert H. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sykes and Roger Hayes.

Brown Family Has Reunion At Union Grove Church

June 28, 1962 – The Union Grove Baptist Church, site of their childhood memories, served as a meeting place for the reunion last Sunday of the family of Joseph M. (Joe) Brown and Emily Virginia Spinks Brown.

The family has been meeting in reunion since a few years following the death of Mr. Brown in 1928. His wife died in 1927. Both are buried in the cemetery at Union Grove.

The occasion was informal, only a luncheon in the church yard and a period of family fellowship.

There were ten children born to Joe and Emily Virginia Brown five of whom are still living. They are Edgar R. Brown of Biscoe, Mrs. Donna Varner of Greensboro, Mrs. Rhonda Hedrick of Creedmoor, June L. Brown of Route 1, Carthage, and Mrs. Ida Holmes of Staley. All of the five living children were present for the family reunion Sunday.

Dead are Thomas and Walter Brown, twins who died at the age of nine years.

Three of the sons, Walter, Carl and June, were veterans of World War I. Walter and June being members of Co. K. composed of Randolph County recruits.

The family decided to meet at the same time and place next year.

Present for the occasion Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown and daughter, Lisa Ann, and Ralph L. Bulla of Asheboro, Rev. Avery Brown of Seagrove, Mr. and Mrs. Vance L. Wilson and children, Deborah, David and Darrell, and Mr. and Mrs. June L. Brown of Route 1, Carthage, Mr. and Mrs. Jody Chisenhall, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and Mrs. Rhoda Hedrick of Creedmoor.

Also, Mrs. Violet Wallace and daughter, Donna, of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Thomas, Mrs. Donna Varner, William Ross Holmes and son Gregg, and Tommy Brown of Greensboro, E. R. Brown of Biscoe, SFC and Mrs. Philip R. Heath and daughters, Mona and Anna, and Mrs. Thomas Brown of Robbins, Sgt. and Mrs. E. B. Leonard, Sr. and children, Sharon, Larry, Eddie, Kathy and Johnny, and Mrs. Ida B. Holmes of Staley and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cagle of Route 1, Seagrove and Miss Nancy Brown of Liberty.

They'll Not Soon Forget Fellow Member Walter Cox

June 28, 1962 – The church at Antioch was filled to capacity last Monday afternoon and many stood on the outside. A new pianist began the prelude and a new choir

leader stepped to the front to lead the choir in the singing of the familiar hymns which have often echoed throughout Antioch Christian Church in the years of the past.

The choir sang "In the Sweet Bye And Bye," and the minister intoned the words "Let not our hearts be troubled." It was the funeral service for Walter A. Cox, and his beloved wife, Rosie, sat in the front pew.

Just one month and one day earlier, the fourth Sunday in May, the eighty-year-old Walter, as choir leader, and the 74 year old Rosie, as pianist, had been honored "for 43 years of devoted service to Antioch Christian Church."

They attended for two more Sundays after that and Walter led the singing on the second Sunday in June, the last time he attended the church services.

The following Sunday Rosie sat by his hospital bed and just before the next Sunday, on late Saturday night, he completed the fulfillment of these words which he had so often sung: "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.

Rev. Garland Bennett, who served as his pastor for five years said: "this is a sad occasion for Antioch Church. There was no one who attended more faithfully than Walter Cox. There was only one occasion during my five years as pastor when he was not here. He will be missed.

That expression, "he will be missed," was repeated through the day and during the weekend when the news came of Walter Cox's passing. The young and the old said it and it seemed that the entire community, as well as many friends elsewhere, came out on a work day to pay respect to his memory.

Walter Cox had only missed a few Sundays at the Antioch Church services in his 43 years of attendance and on last Monday morning about 30 of the church people came out to prepare his grave, clean the church, mow the yard and to get ready for the final service in his memory.

Walter and Rosie Cox had always been good neighbors and the people of the Antioch community responded likewise at the time of Walter's illness and death.

They came regularly to sit with Rosie by his bedside during the week of illness, they helped her prepare for the final rites and it is felt that they will continue to minister to her in the days ahead.

Music and singing had filled the lives of Walter and Rosie Cox since their marriage 52 years ago last Apr. 20. Walter had led the singing at Antioch since 1924 and Rosie has played the piano there since 1918. There are over 200 song books in their home, in addition to a piano, a small organ, a violin and several harmonicas. Walter especially liked to sing the notes and often did that before he sang the words.

In addition to the song, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," three other favorite songs of Walter's were sung at his funeral service. They were "it want Be Very Long," "When He Bless My Soul," and "He Loves Me."

The song, "When He Bless my Soul," was a special favorite of Walter and for their final tribute to him, the Antioch Church choir arranged for a song book, opened at the words of this song to be embedded in a huge floral design to stand at his bier and to be placed at his grave site.

Walter and Rosie Cox were inseparable. One was never seen without the other. They were a familiar sight in their home community, the eastern part of the county and in

Asheboro where they came to trade and to sell their products. Their acquaintance was large, as Walter once said: "them I don't know, I try to get acquainted with.

Walter Arthur Cox was born on Dec. 12, 1881, about one mile east of the residence in which he and Rosie lived. His parents were Simon and Rebecca Needham Cox. He went to High Point in 1895 to accept employment and remained there for twelve years.

It was while in High Point that he was married to Rosa Etta May Wrihtenberry, a native of Davidson County who came with her family to High Point at the age of four years. Eight years following their marriage they came back to the community where Walter was born and built a house on a 172 acre farm which extends from Richland Creek to Crooked Creek, where they have resided since that time. They had no children.

Rosie presented a lonely figure last Monday afternoon as she left the Antioch church yard for the first time in 43 years without the husband who had always been by her side.

But her loneliness will be intermingled with the memories of his vigor, his cheerfulness, and the songs which he had sung during the years.

A new leader will stand before the choir at Antioch next Sunday. Some day, perhaps soon, a new pianist may also appear before the group. But it will be a long time before the people of Antioch forget Walter Cox, as he stood before the choir, accompanied by Rosie, grey-haired and slightly stooped over the keys, and led the people in the singing of the favorite hymns which were sung at his funeral Monday.

Young Man Awaiting Vital Operation

July 19, 1962 - A 25-year-old Asheboro man is awaiting admittance to a Richmond, Va. Hospital to undergo an operation which it is hoped will help relieve him of a physical burden stemming from an illness at the tender age of seven.

Junior Wesley Bullins, a resident of 824 South Cox Street, since Oct. of last year has been receiving treatment from Dr. Thomas Wheeldom, a Richmond surgeon who for several years has been conducting a crippled children's clinic in Asheboro sponsored by the Rotary Club.

It is planned, as soon as arrangements can be made by the local club, for Junior Wesley to be admitted to the Richmond hospital for a series of operations on his knees, hips and ankles.

It is thought that one limb will be operated on at a time, then he will return home for a period of recuperation, to return for another operation. This procedure will be followed until all limbs have undergone surgery. It is expected that the whole series of operations will last for approximately one year.

Both knees and hips will have to be operated on and there is a possibility that only one ankle will have to be operated on, however, all six limbs which are now in a stiffened condition may have to undergo surgery.

Junior Wesley Bullins, son of Mrs. Alverda Bullins, with whom he resides, and the late James Wesley Bullins, was born in Stokes County but came to Randolph County at the age of 2 years. The family moved to Seagrove where they resided, except for a brief return to Stokes County, until moving to Asheboro about 7 years ago. James Wesley Bullins died July 23, 1953.

The crippled young man has a sister, Mrs. Hester Odell Collins, of Archdale, a younger brother, Jimmy Bullins, of

Route 1, Randleman, and a younger sister, Joyce Ann, age 13, who resides at home. Mrs. Alverda Bullins, the mother of the family, is 57 years of age and unable to work because of illness.

Junior Wesley's condition began at the age of 7 years and after being examined at Duke Hospital and Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, it was decided at the latter place that he had a small attack of polio. This condition brought on rheumaty arthritis which through the years has developed into his present crippled condition.

He started to school at the age of 9 but had difficulty with his attendance because his legs would not hold up under the distance which he had to walk. He had finished the 8th grade at the age of 18, at which time he quit school. Upon quitting school, he worked for brief periods at Red's Chicken Hut and the Blue Mist.

During the time he was growing up, his limbs were in a weakened condition and he limped, but it was not until he reached the age of 19 that his condition worsened. His left knee first became stiff and it was soon afterwards that he could not straighten either of his knees or ankles.

He has received treatment at both Duke Hospital and the hospital at Chapel Hill and two years ago this month, he spent 13 weeks at the Elezabeth Kenney Clinic in Minneapolis, Minn. Arrangements were made for an operation at the Minneapolis hospital but after consultation with the hospital officials there, Junior Wesley decided that he would like to come home to North Carolina for the operation at the hospital in Chapel Hill. He had gone to the Minnesota city alone on a bus and thought that he would like to be back in home territory before he underwent surgery. He flew home on a plane, with the expense of transportation being borne by his brother and sister, with aid from the vocational rehabilitation group in Greensboro.

But upon returning to the Chapel Hill hospital, doctors there would not operate unless they could get his knees straightened first. Weights were placed on his bent limbs and upon inability to get them straightened, the operation was not performed. The young man says that he is sorry that he did not go through with the operation at the Minneapolis hospital.

Money, or the lack of it, is a continual source of worry for the Bullins family. Junior Wesley gets a small disability check every month. But his medicine and personal needs absorb the amount of this check very quickly. His mother gets a welfare check for a slightly larger amount, from which she pays 35 dollars a month for house rent. There is not much left to provide the food for the family, her own doctor bills and medicine, clothing for herself and the younger daughter and the school needs for the latter.

In fact, sometimes before the end of the month there are not funds left for food and the family barely exists before the monthly checks arrive.

The neighbors, however, became aware of this condition recently and on last Saturday the people of the South Cox Street area and some people elsewhere, who had learned of the matter, brought in food supplies to supplement the family's needs. The Bullins family were very grateful for this alleviation of their needs.

But a greater alleviation would be the success of the series of operations on the bent and crippled body of young Junior Wesley Bullins to the extent that he could straighten up and live a normal life like other young men of his age.

Asheboro Route Two Woman Has Firm Opinions, Ideas

July 26, 1962 – "I wouldn't marry a preacher, I'll tell you the reason why, he stands up in the pulpit and makes the people cry. I wouldn't marry a store clerk, I'll tell you the reason why, he stands behind the counter and sells his goods so high. I wouldn't marry a tobacco salesman, I'll tell you the reason why, he chews so much tobacco, his lips are never dry."

This rhyme, along with several other verses and stories, was recited by Mrs. Deborah Lucinda Hoover Barnes, of Route 2, Asheboro, last Sunday as she celebrated her 95th birthday.

The frail, slightly built woman, who told this reporter, "I know the most pieces," also recited the ballad of Naomi Wise, composed of several verses. She recited it full length and without a mistake.

Mrs. Barnes talked freely and did not hesitate to express her opinion on many subjects of current interest as well as on events which had transpired during her long lifetime.

She refused to look into the future, especially as far as her future years were concerned. Asked about other birthdays, to be celebrated in the future, she said: "I don't know whether I'll have any more or not. The world is getting in such an uproar, it is going to pass out."

She thinks the world is a worse place than it was when she was growing up and especially pointed out that "clerks don't care how much they cheat people and drug stores charge so much money and keep it for themselves." It is felt that the reference to clerks meant places of business.

"I fell out with television," further stated this elderly woman, "I wish the last one was in the Gulf of Mexico. I dare one to come here."

Mrs. Barnes was born in the same area in which she still lives, in the general vicinity of the Back Creek friends Meeting House. In fact, she says that she has never been farther away from home than Greensboro. Her parents were John Hoover and Elizabeth Hunt Hoover. She is the only surviving member of a family of six girls and three boys and she stated that she was born "when my mammy was 50 years old."

She was sittin' alone on the porch of the old house in which she said she had lived for nearly seventy five years as this reporter approached and spoke to her in the quietness of the last Sabbath morning. Her eye-sight is bad and she said: "I ain't going to fool with you until I know who you are."

But upon proper identification, she immediately launched into what she "used to do in my teens." She spun, she wove and made her own cloth and dresses. Her father had 20 sheep.

She also once helped bind wheat, assisting both her father and later her husband in this task, using hand reapers of which she still has two of them. She brought out the fact that "young boys couldn't stand that kind of work now."

She attended the Back Creek school, located near the church and said that every fourth day the children in the school had to go to the church and sit for an hour without anyone saying anything. Asked why they had to do that, she said it was one of the rules and remarked that "I wish folks had to go by the rules I had to go by, there would be better times."

A birthright member of the Back Creek Friends Meeting House, she referred to the church as "my namesake church," she spoke of the old church building, with its four doors, two for the men and two for the women, it's 18 windows and four galleries for the ministers and the elders. In speaking of the new church building she said: "they got everything fixed up and primped up. I don't like it. I wish they had the old church.

But she attended homecoming at the church this past spring and was pleased that so many people came up and spoke to her.

She was married when she was 19 years of age to Thomas Wilson Barnes, who has been dead now for around 25 years. She and her husband became the parents of ten children, five of whom are living. They are Ernest Barnes, Emory Barnes, and Mrs. Eunice McPherson of Asheboro, Mrs. Nellie Smith of Route 2, Asheboro, and Wayman Barnes, who along with his family resides with his mother.

The deceased children were Mrs. Rosie Snider, Mrs. Cora Elliott, Mrs. Waitie Nance, Mrs. Emma Tuttle and Agie Barnes, who died at the age of one year.

Seemingly shy of boys prior to her marriage, Mrs. Barnes said that "if everybody was as scared of boys as I was, there would be no danger." It seems that some "granny" woman had told her not to take up with any boys except the one that she married and she followed this advice in a very strict manner. She said that long before her marriage during three or four years of courtship, the man later to become her husband, wrote on the well curb: "Will you have me?" She wrote back the answer, "no." However, she later relented and they were married.

After their marriage her husband told her that before they were married "she was wild as a squirrel" and that he thought that he would never get her tamed."

Three years following their marriage, with two of their children already born, the couple moved to the place where Mrs. Barnes and her son's family still reside. They cleared the land and built the house. Mrs. Barnes said that they "like to never got it paid for, work wasn't but 60 cents a day." She remembers helping to clear the land and "punching up the logs" which her husband had cut.

The late Dr. A. M. Bulla was the family doctor and helped to bring Mrs. Barnes children into the world. She recalls the doctor telling her at the time of the birth of the child which followed the birth of her twins, Emory and Emma, "you're not going to fool me this time."

She visited as a child in the home of Dr. A. C. Bulla, father of Dr. A. M. Bulla and Dr. J. D. Bulla, and she recently visited with Dr. J. D. Bulla, who is nearing his 100th birthday. She said that Dr. Bulla sent for her, saying that he wanted to "talk over old times and hard times."

Before the Sunday morning visit was over, she expressed her views on liquor and tobacco, saying, "if I was a young girl, I would not have a boy that smokes." She referred to both liquor and tobacco as being on "the evil side."

She is as adapt at quoting scripture as she is reciting rhymes and relating stories and she quoted with emphasis, that "Men are prone to sin as the sparks go upward." She illustrated this verse by telling about the preacher who held a good revival meeting and later "got caught where he had no business being."

She submitted to pictures but kept saying "you are going to mess me up."

Deborah Luncinda Barnes may be 95 years of age and unable to see, but one thing is certain, nobody is going to "mess her up. She has a quick answer, a keen wit and an uncanny memory for the reciting of story, verse and rhyme. She has an abundance of works which she can bring up to suit any occasion and it would be hard for any one to get anything by this sprightly little woman.

This reporter left her as the noon hour neared, with her urging him to "bring his youngins" back for the reciting of the "pieces" which she knows so many of.

Hogan Hancock Descendants Hold First Family Reunion

July 30, 1962 – The descendants of Hogan Hancock held a reunion July 22 at the Union Grove Baptist Church, not far from the site of the old log cabin from which members of the family originated.

It was the first reunion for the family group but plans were made for the holding of the event each year in the future.

Hogan Hancock and his wife had three children, Caswell and Raeford Hancock and Betty Hancock Johnson, who in turn had ten children.

It was these ten grandchildren, the third generation of the Hancock family, and their children and grandchildren who met in the family gathering last Sunday.

Eight of Hogan Hancock's grandchildren were present for the reunion and they were Bernice Hancock, of St. Matthews, S. C., and Mrs. Ida Maness, of Glendon, children of Caswell Hancock, Dan Hancock, Mrs. Cora McNeill and Mrs. Janet McNeill, of Route 1, Seagrove, Mrs. Maggie Presnell, of Seagrove, and Mrs. Leila Lassiter, of Asheboro, children of Raeford Hancock, and Mrs. Mettie Williams, of Robbins, daughter of Betty Hancock Johnson.

Absent were Charlie Hancock, of St. Matthews, S. C., and N. W. Hancock, of Leesville, S. C. children of Caswell Hancock.

The reunion session was informal, with lunch served on the tables in the Union Grove church yard. Rev. Clarence Jenkins, church pastor, was presednt to offer the thanks for the food.

Following the meal, a reunion organization was formed with the election of officers. Howard Hancock, of Charlotte, grandson of Caswell Hancock, was elected president, with Miss Clara McNeill, of Route 1, Seagrove and Greensboro, granddaughter of Raeford Hancock, elected secretary and treasurer.

An arrangements committee was also elected and was composed of Mrs. Maggie Presnell, chairman, and Mrs. Dorothy Rowell, of St. Matthews, S. C., Mrs. Vallie McAuley, of Route 3 Rockingham, Mrs. Fannie Liles, of Marston, and Bob McNeill, of Route 1, Seagrove.

Hogan Hancock's father, Thomas Hancock, was the first member of the Hancock family to settle in Randolph County. He came from the eastern part of the state and settled in this county due to health problems.

During the year, 1826 Thomas Hancock was elected Sheriff of Randolph County and at one time rode a horse back to Tennessee for a prisoner. He allegedly brought the prisoner back to Randolph County to be hanged.

Thomas Hancock's family consisted of five children, four boys and one girl, Nancy, who married a Lewallen. Two of his sons, Henderson and John, went to Missouri to live. In

later years, Henderson's son, Winfield, ran for President of the United States but was defeated.

Hogan Hancock's homeplace consisted of a long cabin about a mile from the Union Grove Church. Raeford Hancock's place was adjoining the church, at which residence his daughter, Mrs. Janet McNeill, now resides with her family.

The land for the erection of Union Grove Baptist Church was donated by Hogan Hancock and he also assisted in the erection of the first church building. All members of the family attended this church back in their earlier days.

Raeford Hancock, son of Hogan, gave land across the road from Union Grove for the establishment of the Christian Union church, a unit of the Christian denomination, but upon the disbandment of this church, the land reverted back to members of his family. The cemetery at Union Grove is located on the land which was given for the Christian Union church and now this entire tract of land is owned by Mrs. Maggie Presnell, daughter of Raeford Hancock.

Many stories of the earlier days were related at the reunion last Sunday, one of which concerned the baptism of Caswell Hancock. Nearby Bear Creek was used back those days for the baptism of the Union Grove members. It seems that the Union Grove preacher bumped Caswell's head on the footlog upon bringing him up out of the water.

The preacher asked if it hurt him and Caswell replied in the negative. Some members of the family thought that Caswell might have told something which wasn't quite true even before he got out of the baptismal hole.

Clover Street Man Requests Friends To Replace Blood

Aug. 6, 1962 - With the coming of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Asheboro this week, a 41 year old Clover St. man is asking his friends to help him replace the 38 pints of blood which he has used since Oct. 13, 1957.

Afflicted with Hemophilia, a hereditary blood disease, Wade Scott has been receiving blood since he was 21 years of age. He estimates that since that time, he has received hundreds of pints.

He remembers getting 35 pints in a Siler City hospital in 1952 and another 35 pints in the Montgomery County Hospital in 1954. At the latter place he received that amount over a period of 31 days due to injuries sustained in an automobile wreck.

Because of the nature of his disease, an injury, a bruise, the pulling of a tooth or similar incidents will cause him to bleed and in most cases requires that he receive blood.

Due to this condition, he is unable to accept employment and is only able to do a little work around the house and yard. His wife keeps children while the remainder of the expenses incurred by the couple and their three children is borne by governmental assistance.

The three children, Winfred Mitchell, 10, Patricia Ann, 9,, and John, 6, are active, healthy and are students at the Charles W. McCrary Elementary School in Asheboro. The family reside in a small, rented house at 914 Clover St. in North Asheboro.

A native of the Coleridge area of this county, Wade Scott is the son of Mrs. Naomi Scott, of Route 2, Bennett. His wife is the former Ethel Wilkes, of near Candor. The family have been residing in Asheboro for over two years.

Scott's condition becomes more acute seemingly every spring and fall. As his wife expressed it, "when the sap goes up and when the sap goes down," his condition causes him to hemorrhage through the kidneys, bowels and teeth.

He was told at the Chapel Hill hospital, about 11 years ago, that he "was living somebody else's life," as the doctors did not believe that a person with his condition could live that long. But, outside of this condition, he is still going strong, several years later, and seems to have many more years ahead of him.

His greatest need, outside of more adequate living expenses, is the need for blood donors to replace the 38 pints which he has used at The Randolph Hospital and the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. He hopes that need will be met, at least partially, upon the arrival of the Red Cross Bloodmobile in Asheboro on Thursday and Friday of this week.

He has the greatest of praise for the blood program of the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He said, in reference to the local blood program, "it's the best thing that's ever been around. If it hadn't been for it, I'd been dead."

Wade Scott's condition is one for which he is not responsible. He was born with it. But if his life is preserved, his fellow men will have to assume a responsibility in his case and provide the blood which is necessary to keep him living. If you are willing to help assume that responsibility, come out to the First Methodist Church either next Thursday or Friday and donate a pint of blood in order that he and others like him may continue to live.

This Woman Knows Bloodmobile Value

Aug. 9, 1962 - Today the blood program of the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross enters into its 14th year of service to the citizens of Randolph County.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile has been at the First Methodist Church since 11 o'clock this morning and will be there again tomorrow from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Hundreds of sick and afflicted people have been helped during the past 13 years of the existence of the blood program in Randolph County. All classes of people, the rich, the poor, the black and the White, have received the same consideration. There has been no discrimination.

This has been evidenced by the 19 pints which Mrs. Mary McMillan has received since Jan. 29, 1959. Mrs. McMillan, mother of 18 year-old twins, is a Negro woman residing in an humble four- room cottage on Humble Street in North Asheboro.

Mrs. McMillan, who has undergone three operations, is also afflicted with low blood. In speaking of the blood which she had received, she said: "It sure has been a life saver to me. I know I wouldn't have got well without it."

Her husband, a former employee of Klopman Mills in Central Falls, has been a patient at a mental hospital for three years. Her twins, George and Annie, are rising seniors at Central High School in Asheboro. She is a native of Union County.

If you will become a blood donor, there is still one day left.

Mt. Vernon Club Honors Community's Older People

Aug. 9, 1962 - A tribute to the older citizens of the community was extended by the Mt. Vernon Home

Demonstration Club in special service Sunday morning at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church.

This was in conjunction with the setting aside of a week recently in which the older people of North Carolina would be honored and is a part of a project which is currently being observed by the home demonstration clubs of Randolph County.

In addition to the special service in their honor, the Mt. Vernon club presented a check for one hundred dollars to the building fund of the Mt. Vernon church in appreciation of the older people of the community.

The brief yet touching service began at 11 a. m. with words of welcome spoken by Worth White, Sunday School Superintendent.

He thanked the older guests for their dedication and foresight through the years and expressed the gratitude of those present for the benefit of their influence and their provision of a place in which the community could worship.

There was no response scheduled but two or three of the honor guests voluntarily spoke out in their own appreciation for the recognition which was being extended to them and one of them said: "It seems like old times when God was near."

The choir sang "Precious Memories," with words of dedication from its director Mrs. Bill Lee.

Mrs. Gilbert English, Mt. Vernon Home Demonstration Club president, gave the tribute to the seventeen older people who were in attendance. She said: "no words can express our thanks and appreciation and our love for you.

"It is a special privilege," she said, "to honor those who are more precious than the years. We are trying to express our thanks that go beyond the weeks and go beyond the years."

In reference to the contribution to the building fund, Mrs. English said: "We are grateful beyond words, we wanted you to be a part of us today. We wanted to pay a tribute to and to honor you by contributing to a place of worship in your honor. It will stand to serve those who come after you. You have stood for the things which were worthwhile. Because of you, we walk a straighter life today and have a better community."

In the conclusion of her remarks, Mrs. English read the poem: "Come and Grow Old Along with me."

Mrs. Lester White read the honor roll, including these people who were in attendance, Will Davis, H. A. Shipton, D. K. Meyers, Dr. J. D. Bulla, Mrs. Earl Peace, Mrs. C. W. Redding, Rob White, Mr. and Mrs. George Frazier, Mrs. George Robbins, Mrs. Lena English, Mrs. Alice Hill, Mrs. Mary Coltrane, Mrs. Annie Gray, Miss Virginia Redding, Carl White and Joe White.

The oldest person in attendance was Dr. J. D. Bulla, who will celebrate his 100th birthday during next month.

Each of the honor guests wore a white flower which was arranged by Mrs. H. L. Jarrett and Mrs. McCrary Peace.

Mrs. Ray White made the presentation of the check and J.G. Fulton, representing the building fund, accepted with words of response.

All home demonstration members, past and present, were recognized by the club president while Mrs. Willa Carter, teacher of the young adult class of the Sunday School, invited the honor guests to remain seated as they were, in a body to be joined by the members of her class for the hearing of the morning lesson. The morning worship

service had been conducted at 10 a.m., with the Sunday school period following immediately the special service.

The special service was concluded with prayer by Mrs. Jake Bristow. Ushers for the service were Mrs. Bobby Comer and Mrs. Ray White. The guests were registered by Mrs. Lester White.

Over 100 Attend Picnic For Ulah's Elder Citizens

Aug. 16, 1962 – Over a hundred people attended a community picnic at the community building in Ulah last Saturday afternoon in honor of the older people of the area.

Sponsored jointly by the Ulah Home Demonstration Club and the Woman's Missionary Society of the Russell's Grove Baptist church, the most enjoyable event began at 5:30 p.m.

All of the people of the community 65 years of age and older were recognized at the meeting. Prizes were presented to the oldest man and the oldest woman in attendance.

This was the second year the older people of the Ulah area have been honored. The occasion this year was presided over by Mrs. Boyd Hinshaw, president of the Ulah Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. Hinshaw welcomed the group and introduced Johnny Vuncannon, one of the older people of the community, who conducted the devotionals for the meeting and led the opening prayer. This followed the singing of "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," by the group.

A poem, "All Roads that Lead to God Are Good," was read by Mrs. Hinshaw, who also said to the older people, "because of you, we have a better community."

Special singing was rendered by Mrs. Lewis Chriscoe and Edward King from the Russell's Grove church, with Mrs. Chriscoe playing on the accordion.

Dave Cornelison, 86 years of age, and Mrs. J. J. (Dick) Hill, 84 years of age, received the prizes for being the oldest people present.

The program closed with the entire group singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

A picnic dinner climaxed the evening's program with everyone helping himself to all he wanted to eat and drink.

Special guests were Miss Rose Badgett, county home agent, Rev. Howard Vuncannon, a minister residing in the community, Rev. Norman Osborne, pastor of Hopewell Friends Meeting, "Granny" Pope, of Godwin, who was visiting in the home of her son, W. M. Pope, Mrs. J. E. Pritchard and Ralph L. Bulla of Asheboro.

They Built Church Where Earlier Effort Abandoned

Aug. 20, 1962 – Smyrna Grove Community Church, located four miles west of Asheboro on Old Highway 64, is a thriving rural church where as a church by the same name and located in the same place failed to complete its building over a hundred years ago.

The present Smyrna Grove Church observed its first anniversary this month with a rally day service and the beginning of a revival meeting. Prior to Sunday's service, the record attendance at the church had reached 138 and evacuation has already started for the building of seven Sunday School rooms.

This is in contrast to the church of over a hundred years ago which was started but never completed. The framing of the church building had been erected before the work stopped and this stood for several years before it crumpled and rotted to the ground.

When evacuation for the second church building at Smyrna Grove began over a year ago and when digging began for the proposed addition just recently, evidence of the rock foundation and other remnants of the building of over a hundred years ago was found to be still in existence.

Details of the beginning of the church of over a century ago are not known but according to the best information available, the church was started by Samuel Pearce who died Aug. 16, 1860 and is buried in the little cemetery which is located beside of the present church building. It is said that upon the death of Samuel Pearce and his wife, work on the church stopped and was never resumed until the beginning of the second church building over one hundred years later.

There are several graves in the little cemetery, including several unmarked ones, except for rocks with no inscription engraved on them. There is one for Samuel Pearce's daughter, Adelaide, who was born May 8, 1852 and who died Sept. 16, 1859. Some members of the Varner family are buried there and there is also an inscription on one of the stones stating that "Charity" Burns, wife of Alex Burns, died Dec. 18, 1874 in the 67th year of her existence.

But getting back to the present church at Smyrna Grove, it had its beginning on the first Sunday in Aug., 1960. One year later, on the same Sunday, the congregation moved into a new church building and one year later, last Sunday, an anniversary service and rally day was held and a revival meeting started.

Reason for its beginning was the relieving of Henry Thompson, a long time local minister in the Methodist Church, from the pastorate of the Mt. View Methodist church, located a few miles west of the site of the Smyrna church. He had served the Mt. View church for nearly 12 years and there was no difficulty between he and the Mt. View congregation or with the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

It was merely that Mr. Thompson did not qualify for the ordination of Methodist ministers and because of this conference rules did not permit him to further serve in the pastorate of the Mt. View church. However, there was no hard feeling between any of the parties concerned at that time or since that time. Cordial relations exist between the ministers of the Smyrna and Mt. View churches and between the congregations of both churches and there is often an exchange of fellowship between both groups.

But Henry Thompson, who had done a wonderful job of rebuilding the Mt. View church, had been preaching for around 20 years and he did not feel that his work in that field was over. He felt that the Lord would have him to continue his service, so, directly following the adjournment of the Methodist conference in 1960, he began again to hold cottage prayer services.

As mentioned earlier, his group organized on the first Sunday in August of that year, with the organization taking place in an old abandoned church building, called Pleasant Plain, located between Farmer and Denton. The first Sunday there were 33 people present

The group remained there until Thanksgiving Day when they moved to the basement of the Albert Luther home, located next to Lowe's Hardware in Asheboro.

Shortly thereafter they began making plans for the erection of a church building which they completed in time to move into on the first Sunday in Aug., 1961.

A two and one half acre tract of land was donated by Miss Loula Andrews whose family had purchased the land from members of the Pearce family who had started the building of the first Smyrna Grove. In fact, it was Miss Loula Andrews, a retired Randolph county school teacher, who suggested to the group that they name the church Smyrna Grove after the first church which never got completely off the ground.

The church building is 30 by 60 feet, of concrete block exterior, plastered walls and ceiling of sheetrock. It was built of free labor, except for the electrical work and the plastering. It has been appraised at \$6,000 and the building was completely free of debt eight months after its completion.

The new addition, to consist of seven class rooms, two bath rooms, two closets and an office, will have approximately the same floor space as the church sanctuary and the estimated cost is \$6,000, the same as the appraisal of the first building.

An average of 91 attended Sunday School during the first year in the new church building. Besides the Sunday School hour, held each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, two worship services are held each Sunday, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sam Walker, a minister of the western part of Randolph County held the first revival meeting at the church last Sept.

Leon Thornburg, who served as superintendent of the Sunday School during the initial stages of the new church organization, is being succeeded in that position by Sidney Tysinger. The church draws its attendance from the area around the church location, as well as from Asheboro, Randleman, Worthville and even some from High Point.

At the present time, organizational procedure for the church is being drawn up for the admission of members into the church. The church is being assisted in this procedure by Rev. Sam Nelson, a veteran minister of that section of the county.

Smyrna Grove, facing the east, was bathed in sunshine as it prepared to celebrate the first anniversary of its existence as a completed church. But in the sunshine of the celestial regions above, Samuel Pearce and the ones who started the church which was never completed must have rejoiced because the efforts of Henry Thompson, Loula Andrews and others had brought a fulfillment of their dreams for a church on the same site more than one hundred years later.

Asheboro Couple Celebrate Their Fiftieth Anniversary

Aug. 23, 1962 – A well known Asheboro couple, two Pilgrim Holiness ministers, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 18, at their home at 628 Hoover street.

Rev. and Mrs. J.B. Fulp came to Asheboro around a quarter of a century ago to serve the pastorate of the Asheboro Pilgrim Holiness Church, at which place they remained for eight years.

For the past fifteen years they have served as pastors of the Seagrove Community Tabernacle in Seagrove but are

residing in an apartment building which they own and maintain on Hoover St., next to the church which they served in Asheboro.

An informal open house observance in honor of their golden wedding anniversary was held Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock, with their daughter, Mrs. David K. (Eunice) Wachtel, of Madison, Tenn, serving as hostess.

Mrs. Wachtel was assisted in the open house observance by her daughters, Mrs. Tyrus Gainer, Mrs. Roy Dorris and Miss Carol Wachtel, also of Madison, Tenn., who along with Messrs. Gainer and Dorris were in Asheboro for the anniversary celebration.

Also here for the occasion were Joseph Edgar Wachtel, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorris and only great-grandchild of the Rev. and Mrs. Fulp, and Thomas Edgar Wachtel, who resides with Mrs. David K. Wachtel and her husband, who is a minister in the Church of the Nazarene.

David K. Wachtel, Jr., a law student at the University of Tennessee, the remaining member of the Fulp family circle, and his father were unable to come to Asheboro for the anniversary occasion.

Joseph Borden Fulp was born in Rockingham County, near Reidsville, on Sept. 22, 1891. He was one of 13 children and his family lived in the rural area on a farm. The family lived in the counties of Rockingham, Stokes and Madison before coming to Winston-Salem where young Joe Fulp was living at the time of his marriage.

Anne Belle Furr, who was to become Mrs. J. B. Fulp at the age of 15, was born in Richmond County, near Rockingham, on Aug. 13, 1897. Her family also lived in a rural area and she was one of 12 children. The family later moved to Stanly County but was living in Montgomery County at the time of her marriage.

Both the Rev. and Mrs. Fulp attended one and two teacher public schools during their childhood, with Mrs. Fulp attending a subscription school for a time. Their acquaintance with each other resulted from Mrs. Fulp's sister having married Mr. Fulp's brother prior to their own marriage.

Their marriage occurred in Winston-Salem on Aug. 18, 1912 at the home of a sister of the bridegroom. Following their marriage, they went to Norwood to make their home, at which place her sister and his brother, who had married earlier, lived. While living in that area, Mr. Fulp was a railroad employee.

Later they went back to Winston-Salem, home of Mr. Fulp prior to their marriage.

Mr. Fulp worked in a furniture plant and a candy store and for a while both he and Mrs. Fulp worked in the "tobacco factory."

While living in Winston-Salem and after the birth of their only child, Mr. and Mrs. Fulp were converted in a tent meeting which was later organized into the Winston-Salem Pilgrim Holiness Church.

For the next five years the couple did evangelistic and home mission work and attended the Pilgrim Bible School in Greensboro. As their education had been curtailed earlier, they received both high school and college courses at this school.

Soon after being called into the ministry, they were licensed into the ministry of the North Carolina Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and were ordained into this conference in 1935. Their first pastorate within the conference was at Durham.

Other pastorates have included the Bethlehem, Pleasant Grove and Pleasant Union churches, Staley, Asheboro and Seagrove.

They have assisted in the organization of churches at Franklinton, Winston-Salem, Mayodan, Denton, Robbins, High Falls, Fayetteville, Mack Andrews, Ky. and Williamson, West Va. But their area of service has also included Oxford, Kernesville, Walkertown, Thomasville, Morganton, Greensboro, Madison, Walnut Cove, Liberty, Raleigh and other places in North Carolina.

Other states in which their area of service has extended have been the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Georgia.

A dual ministry has characterized the preaching of the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Fulp for more than 40 years. Mrs. Fulp has served as pastor at the churches they have been affiliated with while Mr. Fulp has been the evangelist and has thus extended his service in many fields. In this latter area, he was for many years assisted by his daughter, Eunice, who is a talented musician.

Asked as to why she served as the pastor, Mrs. Fulp replied, somewhat jokingly, "you see. I couldn't drive a car and he could." Then, in reference to her husband and daughter and in a very joking manner, she said that she had chosen the pastoral field instead of the evangelistic because "I couldn't stand them two."

But seriously, Mrs. Fulp felt led to care for the pastoral flock while her husband and daughter conducted the street services, the tent meetings and the other services which took them throughout the country, even into the rough coal mining areas of the mountains of West Virginia and the hills of Kentucky.

Mr. Fulp recalls that in Seagrove, the site of their present little church, he preached thirty years ago in an open air meeting and on a platform which was erected under a tree.

Some of their outstanding services have included the tent meeting at Franklinton at which 150 people were saved, the meeting at Fayetteville where the church was organized with 28 charter members and the services at Robbins where they saw fifty men bow in prayer to their God.

Mrs. Fulp cried with concern as she told of her husband's main thing, "to rescue people and get them ready for heaven." But she has also been a part of that desire through the long years of their joint ministry and their mutual desire at the present time is to "see our little work progress at Seagrove."

Mrs. Fulp is recovering from a slight stroke and Mr. Fulp is contemplating a trip to the hospital. But upon being asked when they planned to retire, Mrs. Fulp emphatically replied: "I don't intend to" and Mr. Fulp echoed with equal emphasis, "never."

At the ages of seventy and sixty five, Mr. and Mrs. Fulp are white-haired and show the effects of their years of service within the church and for their Christ. But their countenances are calm and reposeful, bolstered by the inward assurance that their lives have been spent in showing unto others the ways of salvation and eternal life.

He Grows Champs In Pumpkin Patch

Aug. 23, 1962 - A sign on a rural dirt road, slightly northeast of Seagrove, designates a wood's road as Pumpkin Road and at the end of this latter road is the pumpkin patch of that champion grower, L. B. (Bascom) Craven, of Route 1 Seagrove.

Mr. Craven's biggest pumpkin this year at 260 pounds, more than doubles the size of his previous pumpkins and them, at the time of their growth, were the biggest in North Carolina. It is believed that his 260 pound pumpkin exceeds any pumpkin ever grown in North Carolina.

For three consecutive years before last year he won the prize for his pumpkins at the state fair in Raleigh. The first year he won it with an entry weighing 88 pounds. The third year his entry weighed 127 pounds.

Last year, his largest pumpkin weighing approximately 125 pounds, rotted before the opening of the state fair.

His largest pumpkin this year, the 260 pound one, is of a different variety from those he has previously grown. The seeds were imported from Australia and Mr. Craven got them from a man in Proctorville, Ohio, whose picture he had seen in the Greensboro Daily News along with a 234 pound pumpkin and also a 191 pounder.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Craven has outgrown this year the pumpkin of the man from whom he received the seeds for the growing his biggest one yet. In addition to the 260 pound pumpkin, this measures eight and one half feet around its largest points. Mr. Craven has also a similar pumpkin of the same variety which weighs approximately 185 pound.

There is also a pumpkin on the same vine of the 260 pounder which weighs over 100 pounds. There are a least seven other pumpkins, of a different variety, which weigh over 100 pounds.

The pumpkin patch in which these large pumpkins are grown is located on Lambert's Creek, from which Mr. Craven pumps water during the dry spells. At one time this past season he estimates that he pumped 500 gallons of water to keep the vines growing and producing the large pumpkins.

In addition to the pumpkins, Mr. Craven grows sunflowers in the same field, one of which measures 15 inches across the head of the plant.

At the rear of his house, he also has an orchard of gourds, of which he is very proud. One of the largest gourds measures 42 inches long. He has five vines and he estimates that there are 95 gourds on these vines. He is now taking orders for gourds at 50 cents each.

A tobacco farmer, Mr. Craven also grows a variety of other plants, including all kinds of shrubbery and has a large setting of bamboo trees or what is sometimes known as reeds or fishing poles.

Staley Methodist Church Dedication Ceremony Held

Sep. 6, 1962 - A service of dedication for the Staley Methodist Church was held Sunday, Sept. 2, a little less than five years after the first service was held in the new structure.

Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, of Charlotte, resident Bishop of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, and Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, of High Point, district superintendent, were the official representatives of the Methodist church at the service of dedication which was conducted by the church pastor, Rev. Roby B. Evans.

The sermon for the occasion was delivered by Dr. Harmon while Dr. Taylor read the scripture and offered the prayer. The congregation joined in the ritual of dedication and the congregational singing and the anthem was rendered by

the church choir. Miss Myrna Bridges served as organist for the service of dedication.

A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall of the church, with Mrs. Charles Staley introducing the guests to the receiving line and Mrs. Ida B. Holmes pouring the punch.

It was sixty-five years ago that the Staley Methodist Church was organized. The first services were held in the old Staley school building which is now located just west of the present cemetery.

Rev. H.H. Jordan, pastor of the Ramseur Circuit, was the first preacher and he also helped to organize the church.

The first permanent place of worship for the Staley Methodist Church was a store building which was moved from the main part of Staley to a site just north of the present cemetery. The store building was purchased by J. W. Cox and A. C. Brower and the site to which it was moved was donated by Col. John W. Staley. The congregation of the Staley Methodist Church worshipped on this site and in the old store building until the completion of the new structure in 1957.

First trustees of the church were George M. Allred, J. W. Cox and James Foushee. In the earlier years of the church, it was a part of the Coleridge Circuit. It later became a part of the Liberty Circuit, with Bethany, Randolph and White's Chapel Methodist churches also being a part of the circuit.

The new church building was erected on a site facing towards Highway 421 and on land which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Siler, who are both active members of the church at the present time.

A building fund for the erection of a new building was started during the pastorate of Rev. Ernest Fitzgerald. Work on the present structure, which began in 1955, was started under the pastorate of Rev. John E. Hawkins, now associate pastor of the Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church in Charlotte.

Flowers for the service of dedication were sent with the compliments of former pastor John E. Hawkins.

The building committee for the construction of the new church building was composed of Mrs. Mary Warren Siler, chairman, S. R. Vestal, Stamey E. Deaton, J. T. Warren, O. B. Cooper, Prevost Hill and the late Mrs. Carl Allred, J. T. Warren served as the treasure for the building fund.

Built at an approximate cost of \$50,000, including furniture, the new building presents a vast difference from the old store building in which the congregation worshipped for sixty years.

The new building consists of a sanctuary, a fellowship hall, six class rooms, facilities for a kitchen, and two rest rooms. It is of brick and concrete block construction.

A spotlight illuminates at night the large cross which is projected from the roofline of the sanctuary and also reflects the green glazed like surface of the stone which flanks the front entrance.

The interior of the sanctuary also features a large white cross behind the altar, which is reflected against a background of deep velvet. Exposed beams of Oregon redwood bolster the roof of the sanctuary and blend beautifully with the colors of the walls, the design of the pulpit furniture and the pews, and the covering of inlaid linoleum on the floors.

Clear windows placed liberally throughout the sanctuary and the other parts of the building complement the modern architecture of the building and adds to the quiet, worshipful beauty of the entire structure.

Financing of the new building was realized mainly through pledges from the membership of the church which at the present time has approximately 78 members. However, \$2400 was raised for the building fund through the efforts of the Woman's Missionary Society which has been headed for many years by Mrs. Ida B. Holmes. In addition to this amount, the purchase of some of the furniture and fixtures of the church has been made through projects sponsored by the missionary society.

The official board of the church consists of Stamey Deaton, chairman, and Mrs. Helen Brooks, Wallace Teague, Fred Marley, Junior Rogers, Mrs. Lou Pearce, L. C. Siler, Mrs. Violet Bridges, Bob Ellison and Verle Ward.

The trustees are Mrs. L. C. Siler, Junior Rogers, Mrs. Bonnie Ellison and S. R. Vestal. The lay leader is Bob Ellison and the church school superintendent is Jack Siler. Paul Brooks is the church treasurer.

The chairmen of the Commissions are: membership and evangelism, Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, education, Mrs. Jack Siler; missions, Miss Verna Ziglar; Christian Social Concerns, L. C. Siler; and stewardship and finance, J. T. Warren.

The congregation of the Staley Methodist Church is to be congratulated upon the erection and the dedication, free from debt, of one of the more beautiful of the smaller churches in this area of the state. From within there is the reverential beauty and the worshipful atmosphere and from without the lighted cross at night gleams as a beacon and as a symbol of hope to those who pass by.

Teachers, Pupils Meet At Belvidere School Reunion

Sep. 6, 1962 – A happy reunion of the students of the old Belvidere school was held Sunday afternoon at Sam Walker's cabin seven miles west of Asheboro, just off old Highway 64.

The school, which was discontinued in 1932, was located between the Sawyersville Pilgrim Holiness Church and the Asheboro County Club. The school was originally begun as a subscription school around 1886, with the county later erecting a larger building close to the original site.

According to Mrs. Etta Hoover Bulla, one of the students at the school, the school building was located on the line dividing Cedar Grove and Back Creek township while the teachers's desk and chair, along with a large blackboard, were located in Back Creek township.

Miss Loula Andrews, who was present at last Sunday's reunion, was the last teacher at the school, having taught during the school year 1931-32.

The school building and land was sold to a colored woman, Lucy Hill. The building has since deteriorated and rotted away. The land is now owned by Sam Lowe and it is said that two tracts of timber have been cut off of the land since the discontinuation of the school.

L. F. Ross, prominent Asheboro business man, a former teacher at the school, was the principal speaker at the school reunion last Sunday. He related his experiences at the school and told of his difficulty in providing proper instruction for the beginners in the ABC's on up through the seventh grade. He said he was unable to spend more than eight or ten minutes to a class.

He described the school as consisting of one large room, two small cloak rooms, a stove, a water bucket and a homemade broom.

Former students present for the reunion were Albert Trotter, Charlie Bulla, Annie Trotter Hughes, Edna Dix Andrews, Fleta Hoover Trotter, Fannie Hoover Johnson, Etta Hoover Bulla, Frank Bulla, Kate Hoover Hinshaw, Lee R. Nance, Lucinda Hoover Ball, Nell Spencer Jackson, Dewey Hoover, Florence Trotter, Elsie Trotter Hill, Fred Hoover, Joe Trotter, Laura Dix Cecil, D. W. Nance, Clarence Snider, Nancy Hoover Cox, Blanche Hughes McKenzie, Laurin Walker, Waymon Trotter, E.N. Nance, Wilbur Kearns, Lester Kearns, Pete Bulla, C. L. Walker, Claude Kearns, Gilbert Kearns, Grady Hughes, Pearl Kearns Davis, Sam Jackson, Alberta Hill Poole, Fred Spencer, Mrs. Hazel Trotter Foster, Ruby Trotter Maness, Joe Hoover, Bess Walker Finch, Sam Walker, Clara Kearns Walker, and Faye Walker English.

Former teachers in attendance were L. F. Ross, Miss Loula Andrews, Moleta Kearns Briles, Nell Spencer Jackson, Faye Walker English and Clara Kearns Walker, with the latter three having been both students and teachers at the school.

The idea of the school reunion originated with Sam Walker and Waymon Trotter and they were assisted in the sending out of the notices by Mrs Trotter's sister, Mrs. Annie Trotter Hughes. When the organization was effected for the continuance of the reunion, those three people were named president, vice president and secretary and treasure respectively of the organization. A collection was taken to help defray the expenses of the organization.

Following the talk by Mr. Ross and the business part of the meeting, watermelons were cut and the group enjoyed a period of fellowship and a discussion of the years when they were students together at Belvidere school.

Some of the former students had not seen each other in over 40 years. An interesting document on display at the reunion was an old program of a Belvidere Exhibition which was in the possession of Lester Kearns. It was an exhibition which was held Apr. 7, 1917 and some of the recitations listed were "Betwext and Between," by Robert McDowell, "Will and Won't", by Clyde Nance, "The Whipping Johnny Didn't Get" and a Leak In the Dike."

It was noted that two preachers, Walter Trotter and Cleta Briles, had come from former Belvidere students and also two postmasters, Mrs. Bess W. Finch, present postmaster at Asheboro, and Albert Trotter, a retired postmaster at Robbins.

They Met At Revival Meet But Lived Near For Years

Sep. 13, 1962 – On Saturday, Sept. 8th, a well-known couple of western Randolph County celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

The next day, Sunday, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lolar P. Harris gathered at the Harris home on Route 1, Trinity, near the Westfield Methodist Church, for a family dinner in honor of the couple.

Also present were many of the 19 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren of the honored couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have spent their entire lives in the western part of Randolph County. Mr. Harris, who is now 75

years of age, has always lived in the immediate vicinity of where he and Mrs. Harris are now living.

Mrs. Harris, whose age is 72, was born about three miles away, near the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. She was the former Julia Ellen Gordon and Frank Gordon and Jane Miller Gordon.

Mr. Harris's parents were Emsley Harris and Marinda Williams Harris and he was one of the eight sons of his parents. Only one other of the sons, Charlie Harris, is still living.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Harris were reared on farms; however, Mr. Harris's father was also a school teacher in Randolph and Davidson counties for around forty years.

Mr. Harris attended Pierce's School, near Westfield, for most of his school days but attended Taw's College, near Tabernacle, where his father taught for one year. Mrs. Harris attended Gibson's Academy a mile and one half from her home and during one of the ten years she attended, the school was taught by Emsley Harris, the man who was later to become her father-in-law.

The schools the couple attended were one teacher schools and the school term was for the months of Nov., Dec. and January if the school committee had to buy the wood but was for an additional month if school patrons furnished the wood.

Mrs. Harris remembers walking the mile and one half to school during the sleet and ice in mid-winter and also remembers that she often fell down on the ice and spilled the dinner which she carried to school in a lunch basket for herself, her brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were reared about four miles from each other but did not become acquainted until about two years before their marriage when they met at a revival meeting at Jackson Creek where Mr. Harris's family attended church. Although Mr. Harris owned a buggy at the time, the couple remembers that they walked the four miles from the church to Mrs. Harris's home that Sunday afternoon and that Mr. Harris carried her umbrella.

Upon remarking of the number of couples that period of fifty years ago and more that became acquainted at church, Mrs. Harris said that they "didn't have nowhere else to go."

The couple was married on another Sunday, Sept. 8th, 1907, about nine or ten o'clock in the morning in the yard at the home of Jordan Skeen near the Tabernacle Methodist Church. They had first gone to the home of Sam Barnes, a magistrate, and upon not finding him at home located him at the Skeen home where they were married.

In a horse and buggy, they went on, following their marriage, to church services at Jackson Creek where they had first met and then to Mrs. Harris's home near Pleasant Grove for a wedding dinner.

They went on to Mr. Harris's home on the same day for a wedding supper and since Mrs. Harris had never seen her mother-in-law before, she said that just before they reached the residence, she was "about to turn around and go back."

Housekeeping for the newly married couple of fifty-five years ago was first established with Mr. Harris's parents and since his mother died shortly after their marriage, they lived with his father for many years. Later they build a house near the old Harris home and 18 years ago they erected the house in which they are now living, about a quarter of a mile from Highway 64.

Six children, all of whom are living, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris. They are James Lolar (Jim) Harris, of

Route 1 Trinity; Mrs. John Marinda Barnes, of Route 1, Trinity; Mrs. Vaden Harris, of Route 3, Asheboro; Mrs. Fred (Lillian) Robbins, of Route 3, Asheboro; Mrs. Richard (Mattie) Coltrane, of Route 2, Asheboro; and Brown Harris, of Route 1, Trinity.

Mr. Harris has always engaged in farming and sawmills work, although he quit the latter about five years ago. He still does some farming and takes great pride in his two mules, Minnie and Jeff, who he keeps looking very sleek and fat. In speaking of his mules, Mr. Harris said: "I always kept good mules." Mrs. Harris stated that he wouldn't retire from his farming interest "as long as he keeps mules." In addition to the care of his mules and his farming interest, Mr. Harris milks a cow and keeps some chickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris attend the Westfield Baptist Church but sometimes go to Mrs. Harris's old home church, the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, and to Tabernacle Methodist Church where Mr. Harris's parents are buried. The Jackson Creek Church, where Mr. Harris remembers riding to services on a horse behind his father and where the couple first became acquainted, has since been disbanded.

Lolar and Julia Harris don't appear to have been married for fifty-five years. Both of them are active and interested in their family and what is going on about them. Mr. Harris is erect of stature, has a twinkle in his eye and spring in his steps, especially when he goes to the barn to show off his mules, Minnie and Jeff.

Over 500 Descendants Of Joshua Routh Family Here

Sept. 17, 1962 - The Joshua Routh family held their annual family reunion Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Bethany Methodist Church near Millboro.

Descendants of Joshua Marion Ruth and his wife, Sallie Hannah Julian Routh, have been meeting in a family reunion since 1949 when they separated from the general Routh reunion and organized their own family group.

According to a history of the Joshua Routh family, published in Sept., 1961, there were 511 descendants at that time, counting the in-laws. Of that number, 492 were still living. It was estimated at the reunion last Sunday that 25 more had been added during the year.

The annual meeting began that Sunday at 11:30, with an opening song led by Odell Routh, of Route 1, Climax, who is secretary and treasurer of the reunion organization. The address of welcome was given by the reunion president, Max Collins, of High Point; vice president of the family organization was Toy York, of Route 1, Staley.

Special music was rendered during the morning session by a quartet, The Bethany Four, composed of Odell Routh, Elmer Routh, Harold Allred, and Robert Johnson, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Johnson at the piano.

Devotions were led by B. Z. Routh, of Greensboro, a local preacher at the Proximity Methodist Church, who was elected chaplain of the Joshua Routh reunion organization at last year's meeting. He spoke on "The Christian Home".

Following luncheon on the church grounds, an afternoon session was held at which Judy Ruth sang a solo entitled: "Stranger of Galilee".

In the family count, the Vernance Routh family won on the basis of percentage, with 38 out of the 72 descendants of

this family being present. However, the Page Routh family had 82 of their number in attendance.

Toy York was moved up to the presidency of the reunion organization, Charles Monnett, of Greensboro, was elected vice president, Odell Routh was re-elected secretary and treasurer and Lawrence Routh was named to serve as chaplain at the gathering next year.

Joshua Marion Routh was born in 1840 and died in 1898 at the age of 58 years from a stroke of paralysis which he had suffered eight years earlier. He was born in the area east of the Gray's Chapel Methodist Church but upon his marriage to Sallie Hannah Julian in 1866, they reared their family in the Millboro community, close to the Bethany Methodist Church.

Joshua Routh served as private in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and fought in some of the outstanding battles of that conflict.

It is said that when he returned home following the war, he had only \$15 in his pockets. But he managed to purchase several hundred acres of land in the next few years and in the years to follow and it is estimated that his holdings at the time of his death, based on today's values, were worth approximately \$150,000.

A small man of stature, he weighed approximately 100 pounds. Due to his small size, those who remember him say that he would very often sit as a small boy, cross-wise in a chair or in the window at church and usually would have his feet drawn up under him.

He was honest but very conservative and a slogan was "never buy any thing until it was decided that it was an absolute necessity and even then wait awhile longer to be sure that this decision was correct.

Born to Joshua and Sallie Julian Routh were these children: Orion Pedellar Routh, 1867-1939, who served as a Methodist minister for around forty years; John Page Routh, 1871-1953; Balfour Zachariah Routh, 1873-1945; William Vernance Routh, 1875-1957; Mrs. Lou Velia Routh York, 18??-1858; and Clarence Cuberson Routh, 1883-195(?).

In the book of genealogy published last year by the organization of Joshua M. Routh descendants, there are pictures of the children and grandchildren of Joshua and Sallie Julian Routh and also a complete list of all of the descendants of the couple including the names of the people to whom they married.

All of the children of Joshua and Sallie Julian Routh are now dead, the last one, Mrs. Lou Velia Routh York, having died in 1958. Three of their in-laws, one son-in-law and two daughters-in-law, are still living and two of them, G. Mike York, of Route 1. Staley, who is 91 years of age, and Mrs. William Vernance Routh, of Greensboro who is 86 years of age, were present for last Sunday's reunion.

Announcement was made that the reunion would be held at the same time and place next year and plans were tentatively made for expanding of the program on that occasion. The entire group, led by Odell Routh, sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," using the last verse as a dismissal prayer.

Century Old Trinity Doctor Says He Will 'Keep On'

Oct. 1, 1962 - Dr. Jefferson Davis Bulla, "a devoted physician - a trusted and beloved friend and neighbor,"

reached the one hundredth year of his life Friday, Sept. 28 and said, in relation to the continuance of his practice, "I reckon I'll have to keep on."

He made this announcement at his spacious country residence on Route 1, Trinity, as he celebrated his 100th birthday Friday, amid the well wishes of hundreds of friends, patients, former patients and people prominent in the official life of the state and nation.

The announcement reversed one made on the occasion of his 99th birthday when he had said he would quit upon reaching his hundredth birthday. But the patients keep coming and as he said last Friday, "I don't want to leave home and I don't want to die."

The quotes in the opening paragraph were a part of a citation read in full: "The Men's Bible Class of Mt. Vernon Methodist Church present a Citation to Dr. Jefferson Davis Bulla on his One Hundredth Birthday." "A Devoted Physician - a Trusted and Beloved Friend and Neighbor, Sept. 28, 1962."

It was in Aug., 1888 that Dr. Bulla came to the Mt. Vernon community to begin the practice of medicine with the late Dr. Thomas Winslow. This was following his graduation from the Baltimore College of physicians and Surgeons, but Dr. Bulla says that he actually began his practice two years before that, with his father, the late Dr. A. C. Bulla.

He got married to the former Mattie McCrary, the next month after the beginning of his practice and said he "didn't have five dollars" at the time. According to Dr. Bulla, "there wasn't much money in the country at that time, but I got plenty to eat."

But this venerable country doctor, the last of his kind, has never refused to attend a person because of the lack of money. During his practice, which has spanned three quarters of a century, his philosophy has been, "if they had any money to pay me, I took it and if they didn't, I went on anyway."

For many years he was the family doctor in the vicinity in which he lives and the surrounding areas. It is estimated that he has delivered 5,000 babies during his long practice. An average of ten to fifteen patients still come to his home daily, particularly for the treatment of fungus or what is more familiarly known as "athlete's foot."

Dr. Bulla's birth occurred in Back Creek Township, about four miles west of Asheboro, and the home in which he was born is still standing on old highway 64 and is occupied by members of the family of one of his deceased sisters. His Mother was the late Millicent Rush Bulla.

In addition to his doctor father, a brother, Dr. A. M. Bulla, was also a country doctor in the Back Creek area for many years prior to his death several years ago at the age of 94. Dr. Arch Bulla, son of Dr. A. M. Bulla, is another doctor in the family and is now retired after serving for many years as the Wake County Health Officer.

The current doctor in the family and the one who will be carrying on the family tradition is Dr. Jefferson Davis (Jeff) Bulla, II, grandson of the hundred year-old doctor, who is now serving with the Armed Forces Induction and Processing Center in Raleigh as part of his active duty tour with the U. S. Navy as a reservist.

The young Dr. Jeff Bulla came from Raleigh to join with other members of the old doctor's family for a birthday celebration which was held on Sunday following his birthday at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church hut which is located near the doctor's Country residence.

Only three children from the family of ten born to the older Dr. Bulla and his wife are still living, eight of whom were reared to manhood and womanhood. One son died only recently. Dr. Bulla's wife died in 1935. His living children include a daughter, Mrs. William Farlow of High Point, and two sons, Dewey, who resides with his father, and Jack of Route 2, Asheboro. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dewey Bulla, assists in the receiving of patients and the dispensation of his medicines.

Dr. Bulla's mind is clear and he has an excellent memory. His thoughts went back on the day of his birthday, to the days of his childhood and he remembered the first church he attended, the Smyrna Grove Church which was erected close to the old family homestead. He remembers, as a small boy, going to sleep on one of the slab benches which was used in the structure. That particular church was disbanded but recently a new church with the same name was erected on the same site and Dr. Bulla expressed a desire to visit the site and identify some of the graves in the old cemetery.

His hearing is somewhat defective but his eyesight was good enough to catch the photographer in a surprise picture which he was trying to make. It was thought that he could not walk about without some assistance but as he left his residence with members of his family to go to the home of a grandson for a birthday supper on the evening of his 100th birthday, he refused the preferred assistance of a daughter-in-law.

He received 259 cards and letters of congratulation and birthday wishes on the day of his birthday, hundreds had come earlier and after his birthday, including congratulatory notes from President John F. Kennedy, Governor Terry Sanford, Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Senator B. Everett Jordan and Congressman Harold D. Cooley.

Congressman Cooley wrote a lengthy letter in which he said in part: "This is my humble salute to a great man on the occasion of his 100th birthday. On this day every one who knows you honors you. Your State and Nation are proud of you. You are the living symbol of that absolute devotion and dedication that has made the "Country Doctor an American."

Tribute was also paid to him on his hundredth birthday by the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina and the news of his birthday was flashed to the state, the nation and the world by the news media of radio and television.

But we go back to the words of the citation from his church for the more complete summation of the life and works of Dr. Jefferson Davis Bulla. "O devoted physician - a trusted and beloved friend and neighbor.

Pastor Charlotte - Bound Gives Last Sermon Sunday

Oct. 25, 1962 - Rev. W. C. Bearden, whose ministry has extended throughout Randolph County in nearly three years of residence, will move to another field of labor on Nov. 1.

He has resigned the pastorate of the Balfour Baptist church in North Asheboro to become pastor of the Greenland Avenue Baptist Church in Charlotte.

The North Asheboro minister, who came to the Balfour Church in Dec., 1959, will conduct his last services at the church on Sunday, Oct. 28th. He will preach at both the 11

a.m., and 7:30 p.m. services and the ordinance of baptism will be administered at the evening service.

A reception in honor of the Rev. Mr. Bearden, his wife and son, Harold, will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the church Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30.

A veteran of twenty years in the ministry of the Baptist denomination, Rev. Mr. Bearden is a native of South Carolina. Before coming to the church in North Asheboro, he served for over eleven years at the Mt. Hope Baptist Church, near Morganton. He is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College.

One Hundred and ninety two additions have been recorded at the Balfour Baptist Church since Rev. Mr. Bearden became its pastor. Total church receipts have increased from \$24,557 to \$41,056 during the tenure of his pastorate there. Also, a building has been erected for the use of the Balfour Baptist Mission at the approximate cost of \$25,000.

On the associational scene, he has just completed two years as associational director of the Training Union of the Randolph Baptist Association, has served this year as chairman of the planning committee of the annual meeting of the Randolph Baptist Association and on Wednesday morning of this week preached the annual sermon at the yearly meeting of the association.

During his stay here, he has also conducted many revival meetings at various Baptist churches throughout the county and elsewhere in the state.

He has also served a one year term as vice president of the Baptist Pastor's Conference of the Randolph Baptist Association and as secretary of the Asheboro Ministerial Association.

In 1961, he served as campaign director for the annual drive of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation, which proved to be one of the most successful drives in recent years. He has served as vice chairman of the local chapter since that time.

For over two years he has served on the board of directors of the Randolph Tuberculosis Association.

The Greenland Avenue Baptist Church, to which Rev. Mr. Bearden is going, is located in the southwest section of Charlotte. The church has a Sunday school enrollment of 900 and a church membership of from 800 to 900. The Sunday School is completely departmentalized.

The physical plant of the Greenland Church consists of an auditorium seating approximately 850 and a chapel which will provide for approximately 250. There is also an educational building comprised of three stories.

Besides the pastor, the church staff consists of a Minister of Music and a secretary.

In connection with his departure, Rev. Mr. Bearden expressed his esteem "not only for the people of the Balfour Baptist Church, but also for the people of Asheboro and Randolph County." He said "I have never served a finer group of people anywhere and I have never lived in a place which seemed like home more than Asheboro. I shall always regard these three years as three of the greatest years of my life."

The people of the Balfour Baptist Church, the people of Asheboro and the people of Randolph County will also regard his comparatively brief stay in our midst as a period of accomplishment and a time of service. Although our regret is voice at his leaving, we wish him well and bid him God-speed as he leaves for another field of labor.

Lone Survivor Of Large Family Now Awaits Reunion

Nov. 22, 1962 – Mrs. Mary Vandelia (Delia) Nixon Millikan, who will be 86 years of age on Jan. 23, will be the sole representative of her generation when the Nixon family reunion is held Sunday at the Gray's Chapel Methodist Church.

The lone survivor from a family of 11 children, whose parents were Quinton Nixon and Jane Jones Nixon, Mrs. Millikan resides at the old ancestral home on Route 1, Climax, in the northeastern part of Randolph County.

At the time of her birth a three-room house, with the log kitchen on the east end, part of the original building still remains a part of the present rambling, two-story structure in which Mrs. Millikan resides with a daughter and son-in-law.

The 11 children of Quinton and Jane Nixon, in the order of their birth, were Alfred (Alf) Nixon, Mrs. Rehama (Hamie) Nixon Ellison, Billy Nixon, who died at the age of 4, Aaron (Bud) Nixon, Thomas (Tom) Nixon, Lindsey Nixon, David (Davey) Nixon, Mrs. Delia Nixon Millikan, Zeb Nixon, Tyson Nixon and Mrs. Betty Nixon Lineberry.

Paternal grandparents of the large family of children were Pierce Nixon and Ember Hinshaw Nixon.

Quinton Nixon, father of the group, was a farmer although Mrs. Millikan said he didn't do much since he had a "gang of boys" to do it for him. Mrs. Millikan remembers dropping corn behind a horse during her early years.

Mrs. Millikan and her brothers and sisters attended the Lineberry School, a log building, to which they walked a mile and one half to the east of the Nixon homestead. They attended three months a year during the mid-winter months and in those years, three quarters of a century ago and more, Mrs. Millikan remembers that the weather was extremely rough. One teacher, Bill Patterson, would say every morning after a big snow, "well, boys, you'll have to patch the blanket again."

Churches which were attended by Mrs. Millikan and others members of her family during those days were the Grays Chapel Methodist Church, at which members of her family are buried, Cool Springs, Melanchthon, and Sandy Creek, all of which were several miles away. Asked if they walked to these churches, Mrs. Millikan said: "Lord, yes."

Leaving the old homestead upon reaching maturity, Mrs. Millikan went to Randleman where she stayed with Mrs. Jane Lamb and assisted her in sewing. Mrs. Lamb resided at the present location of Pugh Funeral Home.

It was in Randleman that she met and married Joe Tom Millikan, who died in 1928. Mrs. Millikan and her family lived in Randleman until 1918 when they moved to her old homeplace where she has resided since.

Six sons, David Hal, Noah Worth, Joseph Alfred, Rudy Clark, Rom Nixon and Arza and one daughter, Lena Maie, now Mrs. Thomas May, were born to Mrs. Millikan and her husband, the first three sons having died in 1943, 1944 and 1945. A foster son, Robert Rouse, now residing on Route 2 Liberty, was also reared by Mrs. Millikan.

Excelling in knitting and crocheting, Mrs. Millikan says that she learned to knit on broom straws at the age of 11 or 12. She remembers that in the beginning she would get her threads so tight she could hardly proceed on the stocking she would be knitting.

She spends a greater part of her time in knitting and crocheting. Her daughter says that she can hardly get her to quit for her meals. But Mrs. Millikan says "I have to have something to pass off the time."

Many lovely bedspreads, stoles, caps, bedroom slippers and other knitted and crocheted pieces exist throughout the Millikan residence as an example of the type of work in which Mrs. Millikan is so skillful. One especially beautiful garment is a colorful afghan which Mrs. Millikan made for her daughter.

Mrs. Millikan's daughter is now assisting her in the making of the bedroom slippers and they are engaged in the making of all sizes and colors of these items of footwear.

Asked if she did anything else beside her knitting and crocheting, Mrs. Millikan said: "Of course, I shuck corn and I dug a whole row of potatoes this fall."

Typical of the hardy frontier woman of the earlier years, Delia Nixon Millikan could tend to her knitting and other household duties but on the other hand, she could still plant and shuck corn, dig potatoes and perform other manual tasks which require strength and fortitude.

She is not only the last of her generation in the Nixon family but she is also one of the last of a type which has made this country into the strong, resourceful nation in which we live today.

For Normal Life – He Needs Operation

Nov. 22, 1962 – A 25 year old Asheboro resident who wants to live the life of a normal man, is scheduled to undergo "open heart" surgery in Jan. at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

Calvin Monroe Carter, who lives with his mother, Mrs. Mary Foster Carter, at 1926 McDermott St., underwent a similar but less complicated operation at John Hopkins Hospital thirteen years ago.

At that time over \$2,000 was raised to defray the cost of the surgery on Calvin's heart, which included the insertion of an artificial valve to his heart.

But the upcoming operation, which will require the replacement of the artificial valve which has given out and the replacement of two of the natural valves which are now defective too, will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000, or more.

A public appeal is being made to raise the money for this second operation on the heart of Calvin Carter, because it is only through these means that the money will be secured. His mother, a 51 year old widow, is his sole support and she is unable to raise the money which will be needed.

Mrs. Carter, who is employed as a looper at Stedman Hosiery Mill, is a diabetic and has undergone considerable hospital expense and doctor's bills for her self as well as for her son, who has been a patient in the local hospital three times in the past two years. She is still paying for the modest home in which she and her son reside on McDermott St. and these house payments, added to doctor's bills, hospital expense and provisions for herself and her son, easily consume all of her earnings.

A Calvin Carter Fund, to take care of the expenses of the forthcoming operation at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., has been set up at the First National Bank in Asheboro.

Contributions may be turned in to this bank and also may be given to Warren D. Smith, of 1925 McDermott St., a city

mail carrier and a neighbor of Calvin Carter, or to Rev. W. S. Brady, of Route 3, Asheboro, Box 151 who is pastor of the Foster Street Pilgrim Holiness Church, at which Calvin Carter and his mother attend.

Calvin Monroe Carter was born as a "blue baby" on July 29, 1937. His birth occurred in Liberty but he spent his earlier years on Route 1, Ramseur, near Parks Cross Roads Christian Church, and it was while living in that vicinity that he underwent the first operation on his heart at the famed Baltimore hospital.

He was the next to the youngest of the six children of his parents, all of the other children having now married and are living away from the home of their mother. His father and mother are separated and his father has remarried.

The mother of Calvin Carter said that she knew something was wrong with her son about a week following his birth, as he seemed to be affected with a spasmodic condition. At first only a heart murmur was detected by the physician but the young baby became worse and began turning blue. At about the age of one, it was realized that the child was a "blue baby" but it was thought that he might outgrow it.

But he didn't outgrow it and after beginning to walk at the age of 16 months, it was discovered that he could only walk a few steps at a time without falling.

While playing with his brothers and sisters, they would often have to carry him around on their backs. The doctors did not give much hope for his recovery and said that he might die at anytime.

This condition existed until before his 12th birthday when his mother read in Life Magazine about another boy in the same condition who had been operated on at John Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, Md. She wrote the hospital about Calvin and the hospital answered, telling her to take her son to the family doctor for X-rays and to send the X-rays to the hospital.

Upon the receipt of the report on the X-rays, the hospital in Baltimore told the young boy's parents to bring him to the hospital, giving them a date for an examination which was about six months later. They took him on Sept. 6, 1949 and he underwent about three days of extensive examination. Out of his examination came the decision to operate and insert the artificial valve.

The function of the valve, which opens and closes, is to let the blood in and out of the heart. Since that time use of the artificial valve has been discarded and the present system is to form a valve out of a portion of the patient's arm, thus allowing the valve to grow into the person's being and not deteriorate like the artificial valve.

But instead of the insertion of the one valve as in the 1949 operation, this time three out of the four main valves to Calvin Carter's heart will have to be replaced. He will have to remain in the hospital for 30 days and then remain in the vicinity for periodic check-up for another 30 days.

At the time of the operation 13 years ago, he remained in the hospital for 15 days and stayed in Baltimore for another 15 days for the check-ups.

Hospital officials have asked that Mrs. Carter accompany her son to Baltimore and remain with him for the 30 days that he will remain in the hospital. A brother of the young man lives in Baltimore and it is at this home that he will stay during the check-up periods.

Since the operation of 1949, he has returned to the hospital every two years for an examination and it was when he went to the hospital in Sept. of this year that the

doctors told him of the need for the second operation, they told him that if the operation is not performed, he will soon become an invalid and be confined either to his bed or a wheel chair.

Following the operation of thirteen years ago. Calvin Carter enrolled in the first grade at the Coleridge school. He was 12 years old at the time and had never been to school a day in his life. He continued in school for four years and had begun on his fifth year when the Baltimore doctors advised him to quit. At the time he had completed the fourth grade and had started in the fifth grade.

He developed a nervous condition and his mother felt that it was due to being in classes with children so much younger than he.

His condition since the operation in 1949 has only permitted a limited activity. In 1957 he received training from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Public Instruction in the repair of lawn mowers and since that time has maintained a little shop at the rear of his home. However, at the time of his last examination at John Hopkins, the doctors prohibited this activity and said that he should have quit it earlier.

He likes hunting, rabbits, squirrels and birds, and keeps four Beagle dogs to assist him in his hunting pursuits. But, as he expressed. He often "sits down to rest and lets the dogs run."

He doesn't like television but does enjoy listening to football games over the radio at the home of a neighbor. In company with his neighbor he attended his first football game on the occasion of Asheboro's homecoming game this fall. Other than these activities, he spends his time at home, visiting with the neighbors and socializing with the people at the store nearby.

All of Calvin Carter's hopes are based on the operation which he hopes to undergo in Jan. The doctors have told him that if the operation is a success, and they say that it has an 85 percent chance of being a success, he would be able to live like any other man and would be able to get a job. And as Calvin expresses it, "a man has got to have a job if he lives"

Calvin Carter wants very much to live a normal life. He wants to get a job and even has in mind the kind he would like to have, garage work. He wants a job in order to make the burden easier for his mother and he also has some other things in mind.

He was relating the reasons why he wanted to revert to a normal condition and he ended up by saying, "Besides, I might want to settle down." Upon being asked if that meant marriage, he grinned and answered in the affirmative. He added, "I'm not getting any younger, that is for sure." He denied having any particular girl in mind, saying that in order to get a girl, "you got to have a car and some money."

He figures this is the first chance he has ever had to become like other people and he doesn't want to miss the opportunity.

In discussing his prospects in the event he is unable to have this operation on his heart his mind reverted back to the helplessness of his childhood and he said: "ain't got no big brothers and sisters to carry me around now."

Thirteen years ago there was a tremendous response to the need of 12 year old Calvin Carter. Donations came quickly and spontaneously from church groups, children, stoners, mills, construction gangs, restaurants, civic clubs, and dozens of other groups. They came from Asheboro,

Greensboro, Burlington, High Point, Fayetteville, Siler City, Lexington and McCain.

Calvin Carter's need is even greater now than it was thirteen years ago. Because now, there is more involved than his physical need. That is whether he becomes more active than his present status or whether he is confined to his bed or a wheel chair as an invalid. Rather, it is whether Calvin Carter assumes his rightful status as a man engaged in the normal pursuits of life, happiness and ordinary living.

Out Of Work, Confined Too - Father In Need Of Help

Dec. 10, 1962 - A 44 year old Army veteran, living west of Asheboro, has been confined to his home for over a year because of an infected lung. He has not been out of his house for eight weeks.

Friends and neighbors of Carl Morris are seeking to raise funds to complete an unfinished room in the Morris home, the need for which has become more urgent due to Mr. Morris having to remain indoors.

Residing on Route 2, Asheboro, three quarters of a mile, from the Mt. View Church, other members of the Morris family include Mrs. Morris, the former Mary Miller, and two children, Keith, 16 and Irene, 11. The family live on a part of the place at which Mrs. Morris's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, lived.

It was a year ago this past month that Carl Morris had to quit his employment with the construction forces of S. E. Trogdon and Sons. However, his health had prevented full time work prior to the time he quit.

He entered the Veteran's Hospital in Durham the same month he quit his employment and remained there for a month and a half, except for coming home for a few days at Christmas. During his stay at the hospital, he was operated on twice for a blockage in his lungs.

Since coming back from the initial stay at the hospital, he has gone back once a month for a check-up. His condition is characterized by weakness and shortness of breath and a tank of oxygen is kept in the home to assist him in his breathing.

The purchase of a considerable amount of medicines and the purchase of oxygen has proved to be very expensive based on the limited income of the Morris family. Their income is derived solely from Social Security disability benefits and a small pension from the Veteran's Administration.

This is not enough to take care of the medical needs of Mr. Morris, provisions for the home, clothing and school supplies for the children, let alone the finishing of a bath room which has been estimated at \$400.

The Morris home, although plainly furnished, was scrupulously clean and neat, with everything exactly in its place.

The children, Keith, who is in the 11th grade at the Farmer School, and Irene, a sixth grader at the Tabernacle School, were also neat and exceptionally well mannered and behaved.

The Mt. View Church, where the Morris children attend the services, have helped the family off and on in a small way and the Sawyersville Pilgrim Holiness Church, located across the new 64 Highway where the family reside, recently gave them a "pounding" and also a sum of money. Rev. Bill Payne is the pastor at the Mt. View Church.

Rev. M. M. Holmes, pastor of the Sawyersville Church, has agreed to accept funds for completion of the half bath which is desired for the Morris family and any money for this project maybe sent to him at his mailing address on Route 2, Asheboro. Funds for this purpose may also be given to members of the family.

Carl Morris was a strong, hard working man before he became afflicted with the lung disease which has rendered him useless as far as work and getting around is concerned. He worked for many years with S. E. Trogdon and Sons, having been employed with them before he entered the Army prior to the beginning of World War II.

A native of Rowan County, he lived in Denton and Liberty before coming with his father to the western part of Randolph County in 1935.

He was stationed with the U. S. Army Combat Engineers at Scofield Barracks in Honolulu at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor in Dec., 1941. He went from there to the island of Siapan shortly after the invasion of that island. He spent 43 months overseas in the Pacific area during the world conflict.

That is one reason why Carl Morris's friends and neighbors are wanting to help him during the ordeal through which he is going at the time. He spent many months in the lonely and forsaken areas of the South Pacific during World War II, and he has worked hard to provide and maintain for his family since that time. It is felt that his case is a worthy one. It is hoped that the plumbing facilities maybe installed in his home before Christmas.

Carl Morris and his fine family are not asking for help. Also, they have done well, considering the circumstances with which they have been confronted. Through all of the afflictions which have come upon them, including the serious illness and hospitalization of Mr. Morris, they have maintained their dignity and self respect. That is all the more reason why their friends are making this effort in their behalf.

As we approach this Christmas season, it would be well to remember those who are less fortunate, physically, financially and otherwise.

Balfour Kids Study Asheboro Industries

Dec. 13, 1962 - Industries of Asheboro have been the subject of an interesting study by Mrs. S. R. Campbell's 6th grade at the Balfour school.

This study was climaxed by an exhibit of products from forty-two Asheboro industries which was shown at the meeting of the Balfour P. T. A. last Thursday evening.

It was a six weeks unit in the Social Studies class, with other subjects being correlated with the unit. Not only did the class study about the industries of Asheboro but they also traced the progress of the spinning wheel in the home to the modern machinery of today.

They followed the raw materials to the finished products and they determined the reasons why the industries located in Asheboro.

These reasons, namely, were market, employment, raw materials, center of North Carolina, climate, transportation, including Carolina and North Western Railway, Roadway Express and Standard Trucking Co., and the contribution which the pay rolls has made to the city of Asheboro.

Letter writing and arithmetic came alive to members of the class during the course of their studies on the industries of Asheboro.

It was also the first meeting of the students with the public, with members of the class contacting the industries by letter and with personal contact. Their vocabulary was increased by the learning of new words and phrases.

They learned also more about the City of Asheboro, thus becoming more appreciative of their town, they learned more about the people who have made contributions to the industries of Asheboro, they learned how the industries have helped Asheboro, and they learned about the hard work which has gone into making the clothes and other items which they had heretofore taken for granted.

The students and their teacher, Mrs. Campbell, express their appreciation to the industries of Asheboro, who were extremely cooperative, and to the parents of the students for their cooperation in the most worthwhile project.

They also express their appreciation to their school principal, Grady King, and to their art director, Dwight Holland, for their assistance in the display of the products from the industries.

Reports on the project were heard by Dr. Johnny R. Parker, City School Elementary Supervisor, and the school principal, Grady King.

Asheboro industries contributing finished products to the project were P & P Chair Company, Stedman Manufacturing Co., Smart Styles, Union Carbide, Klopman Mills, Burke Hosiery Mills, Charmeuse, Asheboro Braid Company, Asheboro Hosiery Mills, Cetwick Textile Co., Potter Manufacturing Co., Arch Hosiery Mills, Larry Milberg and Company, Blue Gem Manufacturing Co., Teiko Seamless Hosiery Co., Acme-McCrary Corporation, Mid-State Paper Box Co., Tie-Rite Neckwear Company, B. B. Walker Shoe Company, Hoffman Mills Corporation, Cornelison and Hallman Hosiery Co., and Piedmont Stave and Heading Co., Inc.

Also, Asheboro Concrete Company, Central Chair Company, Bess Maid Inc., L-Ranch Shop, Inc., Tip Top Hosiery Mills, Inc., Genreal Electric Co., Rampon Surgical Hose, Quality Blind and Awning Co., Dreamland Mattress Co., United Products, Inc., Steadman Hosiery Mill, Von-Tex Hosiery Mills, Inc., Our Baby Mills, Allen Machine Co., Moffitt Knitting, Mills, Inc., Richard Grey Hosiery Company, Pinehurst Textiles Inc., Myrtle Made Lingerie, Voncannon Hosiery Mill and Fairground Hosiery Mill.

Members of the class pursuing the study, procuring the products and arranging the exhibit were Mike Allred, Ronald Beasley, Albert Cardwell, Edward Gatlin, David Garner, Dennis Hooker, Tommy Hurley, Steve Jordan, Julius Lambe, Darrell Needham, Steve Rollins, William Swaney, Craig Wallace, Danny Wicker, Danny York, Donald Kearns, Connie Browne, Diane Campbell, Vickie Davis, Martha Farlow, Donna Hunt, Ava Johnson, Cathy McElhannon, Hope Moody and Ginger Skelton.

Siler Couple In Staley Have Golden Anniversary

Dec. 20, 1962 - A Staley couple, distinguished and well known in that area, were honored Sunday, Dec. 16th on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The honored couple, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Siler, greeted their neighbors, friends and relatives at a golden wedding reception from two to four o'clock in the Fellowship Hall of the Staley Methodist Church.

Hosts for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Jackson H. Siler, their son and daughter-in-law.

Mr. Siler, a retired Staley merchant and former wholesale grocery dealer in Raleigh, and Mrs. Siler, who served as Staley postmaster for 14 years, were married Dec. 18, 1912, at the home of Mrs. Siler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Vestal, in Chatham County, three miles northeast of Staley.

Son of John Haywood Siler and Victoria Cooper Siler, Mr. Siler was also born in Chatham County, two miles east of Staley. One of eight children, three girls and five boys, he was reared on a 700 acre farm and attended the Zion Methodist Church where his father served as superintendent of the Sunday School and as choir director for over 30 years.

Mrs. Siler, the former Margaret I. Vestal, was also reared on a farm and her family consisted of two boys and three girls. She attended a rural school and then the school at Liberty where she was a classmate of Liberty's Mayor Troy Smith.

The couples lived within three miles of each other prior to their marriage and have known each other all of their lives. Their families were good friends.

L. C. Siler stayed on the farm until he was 19 years of age. He went west at that time, working for a year in the states of Idaho, Washington and California. He also visited Canada while he was gone.

Fifty years following his western trip, Mr. and Mrs. Siler visited the areas where the Chatham County youth had stayed in those earlier years, particularly the vicinity of Pullman, Washington, where Mr. Siler had lived and worked on a ranch belonging to some cousins who had originated from the Chatham County area.

Mr. Siler saw quite a bit of the country during his year's sojourn in the west and on the trips to and from that part of the country. Mrs. Siler, however, had remained in her home community prior to their marriage and remarked that "Greensboro was as far as I got."

But this was soon remedied, as directly following their wedding of fifty years ago the couple left on a wedding trip which took them to New York City and Washington, D.C.

They were married on a Wednesday afternoon, with the Rev. Thomas Andrew, pastor of the Rocky River Friends Church, performing the ceremony. Mrs. Siler's family attended both the Rocky River Friends Church and the Hickory Grove Methodist Church, their home being located in the general area of both of these churches.

Four couples attended Mr. and Mrs. Siler at their wedding of fifty years ago. They were Miss Ora Hollady, who served as organist, and Hunter Ray, Miss Bessie Siler and G. W. Perry, Miss Clara Curtis and R. C. Teague, Miss Fonna Ray Vestal and Sam B. Foushee. Two of the couples, Miss Siler and Mr. Perry and Miss Curtis and Mr. Teague, later married each other.

Some of the wedding attendants were present at the golden wedding anniversary last Sunday. However, Mr. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Teague are now deceased. Two of the attendants, Miss Siler and Miss Vestal, were sisters of the bridal couple. Miss Hollady is now Mrs. Ora H. Barker of Greensboro, and Miss Vestal is now Mrs. D. O. Frazier of High Point.

For their wedding trip to New York City and Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Siler boarded the train at Staley. They were accompanied to the station by most of their wedding attendants and for the trip to the station the bridal couple and attendants went by horse and buggy.

They saw all the points of interest in New York City and Washington, D. C., riding over New York in a rented Cadillac automobile with a guide and in the Capitol City in a horse drawn carriage and guide. They took a boat to the former place of the Statue of Liberty and also viewed the just completed Manhattan Bridge.

Upon their return from their wedding trip, the couple established a home in Greensboro where Mr. Siler worked for a year as a salesman with the North State Paper Company. Afterwards, they moved to Raleigh where Mr. Siler was associated with a brother in the wholesale grocery business for 18 years.

They came back to Mr. Siler's old homeplace two miles east of Staley where they lived for several years before moving to Staley proper in 1940. Mrs. Siler became postmaster in 1943, with Mr. Siler serving as clerk in the office and also operating a mercantile business in Staley.

Mr. Siler sold his store a month after Mrs. Siler's retirement as postmaster and since that time he has built some rental houses with which his time has been occupied since retiring from the store business. Since moving to Staley, he has served as a member of the town council.

Mr. and Mrs. Siler have the one son, Jack, who is married to the former Mary Warren, also of Staley. She is a member of the faculty at the Liberty High School.

It was appropriate that the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Siler be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Staley Methodist Church, because it was Mr. and Mrs. Siler who gave the land for the erection of the new church structure over five years ago.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Siler have served on various church committees at the Staley Methodist Church, with Mr. Siler having been a member of the building committee and now serving as a member of the official board at the church. Their son, Jack, is presently serving as superintendent of the Sunday School.

At the anniversary celebration, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Siler greeted the guests at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall and presented them to the honored couple, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Siler.

Mrs. Siler, who as a bride fifty years ago, was dressed in a traveling outfit, consisting of a tan coat suit with hat and gloves to match, was dressed for the anniversary occasion in a black dress with gold accessories and a gold throated orchid as her corsage.

The guests were served from a table in the Fellowship hall, covered with a white crocheted cloth over gold satin, with gold ribbon and white bells at the corners. The floral arrangement on the table consisted of yellow chrysanthemums and snapdragons, with gold candelabra and yellow candles.

On one end of the table was the four-tiered golden anniversary wedding cake of white and gold, topped by the miniature bride and bridegroom, with the arch having been used in the wedding cake of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Siler. The punch bowl, embedded in ivy, was on the other end of the table.

Presiding at the punch bowl was Mrs. Marshall R. Cox, Jr., and serving the cake squares, nuts and mints was Mrs. Junior Caviness, a niece of Mrs. L. C. Siler.

Mrs. Glenn Smith, sister of Mrs. Siler, registered the guests while Mrs. Charles M. Saley, Jr., assisted with the gifts.

Thus, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Siler, one of the most widely respected couples of the Staley area, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Distinguished, youthful looking, loyal church members and civic minded, many old friends and newer ones came to honor them for the fine outstanding people that they are and to extend best wishes upon the fiftieth anniversary at their marriage.

As March of Dimes Nears A History Of Its Work

Dec. 31, 1962 – (Editor's Note – With the beginning of the 1963 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County on Tuesday, Jan. 1st, Ralph L. Bulla, county director, has issued the following statement in connection with the drive.)

Jan., 1963 marks the 25th anniversary of the National Foundation or what we know better as the March of Dimes. This organization was founded by the late President, Franklin Delanor Roosevelt, in 1938.

Although the March of Dimes was founded for the treatment and care of polio patients, its facilities were expanded in 1959 to include birth defects and arthritis.

In connection with the latter two diseases, statistics reveal that at least 11 million people in the United States suffer from some form of rheumatic disease. They also say that about one in every 16 babies is born with a significant defect. In the United States, a quarter of a million infants are born with significant malformations each year. Of these, 34,000 are still born or die within the first month of life.

However, the much larger portion of March of Dimes funds is still being expended for polio patients.

But, since 1960, the Foundation and its chapters have established 36 new medical Treatment Centers for birth defects and arthritis which involves almost half the nation's medical schools.

The most recent Treatment Center is the North Carolina Birth Defects Special Treatment Center. This medical facility was set up by funds from 70 North Carolina Chapters of the National Foundation – March of Dimes, in cooperation with the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, and has as its purpose the fighting of one of the nation's greatest childhood crippling diseases – birth defects. In a joint effort, the chapters have contributed \$29,536 in March of Dimes funds in a grant that will enable medical specialists working as a team to provide top modern treatment for children with birth defects in North Carolina. The Randolph County Chapter of the National Foundation contributed \$300 to this project.

Another recent addition to the National Foundation's research, patient aid and professional education programs is the Salk Institute for Biological Studies which is scheduled to begin operations with a staff of world renowned scientists in 1963.

Other programs to which the local chapter and volunteers contribute include national research of the kind that produces Salk and Sabin polio vaccines; health scholarships; and financial aid to patients suffering from birth defects, rheumatoid arthritis and polio.

During the past 25 years, funds of the National Foundation have been expended in this manner: \$385,500,000 for medical care; \$73,600,000 for research; and \$38,000,000 for professional education. On a percentage basis, 58% has gone into the medical care program; 11% in the research program; 8% in the education program; 5% in

community services; 5% in administration; and 13% in fund raising.

A financial summary of the Randolph County Chapter of the National Foundation for the period -1938 through Dec. 31, 1961 shows that in March of Dimes receipts we have had a net total of \$232,965.42, of which \$108,830.89 was retained by the local chapter and \$124,134.53 was sent to headquarters for national programs. However, a total of \$155,055.53 was returned to our chapter for emergencies, with the local chapter only repaying to headquarters the amount of \$1,174.31. Therefore, the actual distribution of all funds in Randolph has been \$262,712.11 for the local chapter and \$29,746.69 for the national programs.

In 1954, \$21,220.29 was raised for the March of Dimes in Randolph County, making the greatest amount to be raised in a single year. This is in comparison to the past three years when \$7,651.08 was raised in 1960; \$8,770.99 in 1961; and \$6,757.40 in 1962.

Major reasons for the decline in March of Dimes funds are the decrease in polio affliction since the advent of the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines, the single appeal of the United Fund in Asheboro, excluding the solicitation of March of Dimes funds from the local industries, and the banning of March of Dimes solicitation from Randolph County Schools.

However, with the decline of March of Dimes receipts, it has been most fortunate that expenditures for local polio patients has also decreased in recent years. In 1956, over \$30,000 was spent in polio patient care in Randolph County. This is compared to \$2,067.88 which was spent last year.

Funds were spent locally during the past year for items such as \$141.25 for new braces and repairs to braces for polio patients; \$190 for attendant care for one of our most afflicted patients; \$500 to the National foundation for amortization for an iron lung, rocking beds and chest respirators for two of our respiratory patients; \$441.98 for the purchase of a new wheel chair for one of our patients and the repair of another wheel chair belonging to one of our patients; \$110.00 for the manufacture of corsets for two of our patients; and \$282.12 towards the cost of surgery and hospitalization for a patient.

Distribution of March of Dimes funds raised in Randolph County is made on this basis: 25 percent for research, with the remainder split evenly between the local chapter and National Headquarters.

Thus, 37 1/2 percent of the money raised is kept in the county for the benefit of the local patients. So far, we have not spent any funds locally for patients with birth defects or arthritis. However, the money which we send to research and to National Headquarters is used for those two projects the same as for polio.

Last year, we spent practically all of our share of the March of Dimes money for the treatment of local polio patients, and in the upkeep and rent of their equipment. The local chapter is completely out of debt. However, we try to keep a reserve fund of approximately \$2,000 or \$2,500 on hand to take care of any emergency which might arise.

We were very glad two years ago that we had some money on hand, as a 6-year-old Ramseur school girl was stricken with polio. Her parents were not financially able to provide the medical attention she needed. Except for funds which we had on hand, allowing this child to receive the best of medical care, she might have been rendered

helpless for the rest of her life. As it is, she has the use of her entire body, except for the use of one arm.

Although we do not have many new polio patients in Randolph County since the effective polio vaccines were developed, there are still many patients who will need care, treatment and equipment for as long as they live. Several of these patients are not in a financial condition to provide these things for themselves. This fact, coupled with our new needs in arthritis and birth defects, point out the need for a continuation of the March of Dimes. The Randolph County Chapter of the National foundation will appreciate your support in the 1963 March of Dimes.

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Sophia Youth Aided By March of Dimes

Jan. 7, 1963 - One of the recipients of last year's March of Dimes money was a 16-year-old Sophia youth who was stricken with polio when he was less than two years old.

Wayne Parrish, 11th grade student at Randleman High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Parrish, underwent his second operation this past summer at Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro.

The operation consisted of a stabilization of his right wrist, taking a piece of bone from his hip and applying it to his wrist as a means of strengthening the use of that joint. Prior to the operation, his wrist was weak and he was unable to hold anything with his right hand and arm.

He has a much greater use of his hand and arm since the operation and he and his family consider the operation a decided success. His first operation dealt with the stiffness of the joints in his fingers and enabled him greater use of the right hand.

All of the cost of the surgery and hospitalization of the operation this past summer was borne by the Randolph County Chapter of The national Foundation except that which was paid from an insurance policy.

Wayne Parrish was strong healthy baby when he became afflicted with polio on Thanksgiving Day in 1947 before his second birthday the following Apr.

He had been sick a few days previously and it was thought that he had pneumonia. But he had improved and seemed in a fine condition when he was put to bed the night before Thanksgiving. However, when he woke up the next morning he had lost the use of his right arm.

Since it was a holiday, he did not see a doctor that day, but upon receiving medical attention the next day, it was decided by the doctors in attendance to give him the polio test. He remained in the Randolph Hospital that night and the next day was taken to the polio hospital in Greensboro.

He was the second new patient to be admitted to this hospital where he remained for five months. His right arm was paralyzed for four months. He regained the use of his arm but still had to wear a brace on it until the most recent operation. His arm has grown longer but not having a muscle; it has not developed like his other arm.

But otherwise, Wayne Parrish is a strong, normal and well developed young man. He is athletic and received his letter in track from Randleman High School last year. He likes to drive a car and also dates regularly.

He is the next to the youngest child in a family of eleven children. His brother, Paul, is two years younger and in the ninth grade at the Randleman High School.

Wayne Parrish and his family are grateful for the assistance which they have received from the March of Dimes. A hard working family, things haven't always been easy due to the large number of children in the family.

The March of Dimes, on the other hand, has been glad to have been a part of the recovery of Wayne Parrish and is proud of the development of this fine, young student.

Many polio patients in Randolph County have been helped with the aid of March of Dimes money and will continue to be helped from funds which are received in the March of Dimes drive which is currently in progress in this community.

Rural Choir Sings At Polio Benefit

Jan. 10, 1963 – A rural church choir, very much in demand for the past two years, will be among the featured groups at a March of Dimes singing Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Flag Springs Methodist Church.

The choir at the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church, along with Carl King and the Disciples of Song, will participate in the singing which is being sponsored by Clendon Richardson, a polio patient and member of the Flag Springs Church.

The Parks Cross Roads choir has sung on the Good News program over Radio Station WGWR for two years this next month, a program which has been conducted by the church pastor, Rev. Richard Gray.

During that time the choir has sung at several places outside of Parks Cross Roads church and is not able to fill all the engagements to which invitations are extended. Among the places to which they have gone have been churches in Greensboro and Carthage, the churches at Shiloh and Eastside in Biscoe where the Rev. Mr. Gray has filled the pulpits, and other places. The choir also sang at a March of Dimes benefit singing in Ramseur during the 1962 March of Dimes.

The choir is directed by the Rev. Mr. Gray, with Nathan Cox serving as song leader. The Rev. Mr. Gray is in his fourth year as pastor of the Parks Cross Roads Church. Also an eighth grade teacher in the Liberty School, he is a graduate of the Bob Jones University in Greenville, S. C.

Between forty and fifty people comprise the Parks Cross Roads choir, making it one of the largest choirs in this area, particularly in the smaller church group. The choir practices regularly every Thursday evening and, according to Rev. Mr. Gray, the development of the choir and the manifestation of interest in the music at Parks Cross Roads has "helped our church."

At the March of Dimes singing Sunday afternoon, selections will be rendered by the choir and also by a quartet and two trios from the choir, along with soloists Nathan Cox and Charles Ward.

Among the members of the Parks Cross Roads choir are Mrs. Lorene Brooks, Mrs. Doris Arrington, Miss Gwen Cox, Miss Carolyn Cox, Mrs. Dwight Stout, Mrs. Ruth Burgess, Mrs. William Cox, Mrs. Nannie Cox, Mrs. Wade Edwards, Mrs. Lynn Burgess, Mrs. Raymond Swaim, Mrs. Nathan Cox, Mrs. C. E. Moser, Mrs. J. T. Smith, Mrs. Raymond Cox, Miss Judy Carmac, Mrs. Faye Johnson, Mrs. Bernice Johnson, Miss Diane Johnson, Mrs. Harold Cox, Mrs. Billie Ann Gray, Miss Toni Patterson, Mrs. Linda Moser, Mrs. Frieda Mae Waisner, Mrs. Nancy Moffitt, Mrs. Golda Patterson and Mrs. Mary Ruth Cox.

Also, Rev. Richard Gray, Nathan Cox, Charles Ward, Worth Cox, Dean Cox, Alton Cox, Dwight Stout, Paul Craven, Gregg Cox, Wade Edwards, Lacy Patterson, Hugh Burgess, Steve Moser, Harold Waisner, William Moffitt, Eddie Chriscoe and John Brooks.

Pianists for the group are Mrs. Bob Stanley and Mrs. Linda Brooks and organist is Mrs. Mary Lois Wright.

Father's Interest More Than Most

Jan. 17, 1963 – Harold See Spencer, the Archdale chairman for the 1963 March of Dimes drive, has more than an ordinary interest in the current campaign for funds in Randolph County.

Because his 10 year old daughter, Deborah Lynn, who was stricken with polio at the age of three, has just recently started walking without the aid of braces.

This past summer Debbie Spencer underwent surgery for muscle transplants on both of her legs at Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro. Before this operation, she had worn braces and had walked on crutches for a while following her attack of polio in Sept., 1955.

Since the operation on her legs this past summer, she has discarded her braces and is just as active as any young girl of her age. She plays kick-ball and baseball at the Archdale school where she is a fifth grade student. She is also a member of a Girl Scout troop and is active in her class at Sunday School.

Debbie was three years old in Aug., 1955 before she was stricken the following month. Her whole left side and her right leg were affected. However, later only her legs were affected.

She remained at the Greensboro Polio Hospital for six month's only coming home at Christmas time. Upon being discharged from the hospital, she was wearing a full brace and a half brace.

Besides giving credit to the Supreme Being, Debbie's parents credit the fine work of the nurses and the therapists at the polio hospital along with the determination of the young girl and her parents for the recovery which she has accomplished.

Debbie Spencer is today a normal, happy young girl living with her parents and two brothers, Harold Craig, 5, and Rickey Lee, 3, in a beautiful, remodeled home on Hattie St., in Archdale. Her father is owner and manager, in partnership with his brother, Robert Spencer, Jr., of the Red Dot Super Markets in Archdale.

Harold Spencer paid for the surgery on his daughter's legs last summer and he took care of the expenses of her treatment and equipment prior to the operation.

But he realizes what the facilities of the National Foundation meant to his family at the time of Debbie's initial illness and he realizes that some parents are not so fortunate in bearing the expenses which come with the care and treatment of polio.

This is why he is spearheading the March of Dimes drive in the Archdale area and this is why he is urging that you contribute to the March of Dimes between now and the end of the drive on Jan. 31st.

No Heart Surgery For Calvin Carter

Jan. 17, 1963 – A Young man who left his home in Asheboro on Jan. 6 for a complicated heart operation in

Baltimore, Md. returned Monday night without having undergone surgery and with disappointment in his heart.

Calvin Carter, 25, of 1926 McDermott St., had been scheduled to have an open heart operation at John Hopkins Hospital which would have permitted him to live the normal life which he so desired.

It would have been similar to the one which was performed on him 13 years ago when as a "blue baby" he could not have lived long without the surgery which was performed.

After X-rays and a strenuous test on his heart on this most recent trip to Baltimore, the doctors decided that, due to the pressure which had formed around Calvin's heart he would only stand a fifty-fifty chance of surviving the operation at the present time.

They said, however, that he would still have to have the operation, as his condition would gradually get worse as time went on. They indicated that as his condition grew worse, the pressure would lessen and that actually he would then stand a better chance of coming through the operation safely.

Nevertheless, they left the decision as to whether to operate up to Calvin Carter and it was he who decided to postpone the operation at the present time.

He will return to the hospital next Sept. and if the operation is not performed at that time, he will return to the hospital more frequently for checkups. Previously, he only went every two years.

The operation, if it had been performed, would have consisted of the replacement of three valves to the young man's heart, to replace the natural valves which have deteriorated. The operation 13 years ago replaced one of the valves to his heart.

On his recent trip to the hospital, he was admitted on Jan. 8 and submitted to Xrays on that day. On the following day, he was put through an exhaustive and painful test which lasted four and one half hours. Tubes were attached to his legs and run to his heart, with the functions of the heart being displayed on a screen for the view by four doctors and two nurses.

Later, Dr. Helen B. Taussigg, who operated 13 years ago and who would have performed the operation this time, accompanied by eight doctors, relayed the findings to Calvin and his mother, Mrs. Mary Carter, who accompanied him to Baltimore.

Calvin Carter's condition and his need was told to the people of Asheboro and Randolph County in a feature article in The Courier-Tribune in Nov. of this past year.

Rev. W. S. Brady, pastor of the Foster Street Pilgrim Church, also appeared in a series of radion broadcasts in behalf of the matter. A Calvin Carter Heart Fund was set up at the First National Bank and over \$1,100 was raised for the upcoming operation. Three hundred and seventy-eight dollars and ninety-four cents was raised in a public singing at the Fayetteville Street School auditorium on the Sunday which he and his mother left for Baltimore.

All fund raising activity was conducted by the Rev. W. S. Brady, whose church Calvin and his mother attend.

The young Asheboro man was told while he was at the hospital in Baltimore last week that his operation, when performed, would be one of the most complicated which they had ever done. But Calvin has great faith in his surgeon, Dr. Taussigg, and said: "she has done it once and I believe that she can do it again."

He was dissappointed in the results of the trip to Baltimore but this young man, desiring more than anything to be able to live like other young men of his age, is not discouraged. He is looking forward to the time when the operation will be performed and says, very persistently, "I have got to have it."

Both Calvin and his mother wish to express their appreciation for the kindness which was extended to them during their plans for the trip to Baltimore and for the money which was raised for their expenses. They would like to thank each one personally but that being impossible, they have asked that their appreciation be extended through this article in the paper.

Ramseur Area Woman Was First County Polio Victim

Jan. 24, 1963 - The current March of Dimes drive has brought to mind Randolph County's first known polio patient, whose affliction occurred over fifty years ago.

Miss Ellie Brady, whose illness was diagnosed as infantile paralysis, still lives in the house at which her sickness occurred, located on Route 1, Ramseur, in the lower edge of Coleridge Township and the upper edge of the Pleasant Grove community.

She was about five years old at the time, which was in the late summer of the year 1911. At first, her sickness was attributed to an aftermath of an attack of whooping cough which she had suffered in the spring of that year.

For a time her doctor, Dr. R. R. Burgess, of Coleridge, did not know how to treat her, as this was the first case of this disease in that area. It is said that another case occurred soon after that, with the young son of Jim Deaton, who lived on the other side of Coleridge, also being afflicted.

Her right arm and leg were affected but the paralysis later left the arm and settled only in the leg. In later years her left leg also became affected, as the doctors said that she put too much weight on that leg, causing it also to become weakened.

For a while Miss Brady walked without braces but as time went on and her legs became weaker, she was unable to walk without the braces and has been wearing them for many years. She is now wearing her fourth set of metal braces and before that wore leather braces.

Mary Ellie Brady is the daughter of the late Amos E. Brady and Letha Ann Craven Brady and she resides with a sister, Miss Mettie Brady, in the house which belonged to their maternal grandfather, Jerry Craven. Misses Ellie and Mettie Brady have three sisters and one brother, Franklin, who lives a short, distance up the road from the old homeplace.

The old homeplace, a hundred years old or more, is old fashioned with its wide board paneling and stands close by the roadside, almost close enough, as one neighbor expressed it, for the water when it rains to fall off of the roof into the road.

Ellie Brady and her sisters and brother attended the one-teacher school at Maple Springs a mile and one half away. Because of the weakened condition of Ellie's legs, she had to be pulled to school in a little red wagon with roller bearings. She was not able to attend school when it was rough and because of these conditions was only able to reach the 3rd grade in school.

But this lack of schooling has not proved to be too much of a handicap for Ellie Brady, She is a pleasant, very jovial

type of person who enjoys life and meeting with people in general. She attends almost every Sunday the services at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church where she is a member and where her sister, Mettie, is the pianist.

Miss Brady has undergone surgery one time since she became afflicted when at the age of 14 her feet were straightened at St. Leo's Hospital in Greensboro. For a short period after that, she worked at the Blue Bell Overall Factory in that city.

Later she was taught to do sewing through the efforts of the North Carolina Rehabilitation Agency and she did quite a bit of sewing during World War II. She still does some sewing and also folds shoe laces for Julian Brady at her home

Her needlework accomplishments also include crocheting and tatting and there are many bedspreads and other small pieces to attest to her handiwork.

There have been many polio victims in Randolph County since Ellie Brady was afflicted with the disease in the year 1911. Most of these polio patients have faced their situation in a courageous manner and have adjusted themselves to the circumstances with which they have found themselves.

None of them, however, have reacted in a more favorable manner than Ellie Brady, the county's first patient. She has paved the way for the others who have suffered after her.

Aunt Mollie Has A Birthday

Jan. 24, 1963 – A Negro woman, Aunt Mollie Capel, who has seen a lot of Randolph County history pass before her, recently celebrated her 86th birthday with the white children of the neighborhood as her guests.

The event occurred at Aunt Mollie's home on Route 2, Asheboro, west of the city and not far from the Tabernacle school.

The guests were children, some of whom are now grown, who had been cared for by Aunt Mollie during the long years she served the public as a cook and a nurse.

Aunt Mollie was in complete command of the birthday party, as she was with the giving of the information for this interview and the posing of her picture.

She brushed off all assistance, saying, "let me line it up, if I can. Let me do the talking."

"The generation I have come through is wonderful" said the venerable old woman and when Mrs. Allen Robbins, with whom she stays at night, interjected to say "tell him about your Dad," Aunt Mollie replied: "well, we ain't scratching up Dad, now."

It was later revealed that her father was married four times and lived to be 103 years old.

The birthday party seems to have taken root when "Miss Berta Briles and her daughters from High Point" sent a birthday cake to Aunt Mollie. Mrs. Lee Briles and family formerly lived at the Hoover Hill mine place and as Aunt Mollie expressed it, "I hoped her to raise her children."

The cake, complete with candles, was sent and Aunt Mollie hit on the idea of having a party, with the guests to be the white children of the neighborhood in whose homes she had assisted.

She pointed out at the beginning that Barbara McElreath was the honor guest because "she belonged to another church." Another word of explanation brought out the fact that all of the other guests belonged to the Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church.

Despite the fact that Aunt Mollie has since 1904 belonged herself to the Melita Grove Missionary Baptist Church, near to her home, she still holds close to her heart the Mt. Shepherd church. She explained this by saying "I grew up in the corner at Mt. Shepherd and we had a back seat in that Mt. Shepherd church." Later she said "because Mt. Shepherd don't forget to pound me."

Other guests at the birthday party were Scotty and Stevie Bunting, Judy, Jerry, Deborah and Jimmy Robbins, Carolyn and Celia Dunn, Betty Dunn, Kate Robbins, Gerald Robbins, Bryce Robbins, and Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Kindley.

By word of explanation about Mrs. Robbins, with whom she has stayed for many years at night, she said in relation to Mrs. Robbins not being at the party, "leaving out the oldest one, she came to see the cake - Miss Gertie, I told her she thought more of the cake than she did me."

In her efforts to "line up" the account of the party in proper procedure, the name of Barbara McElreath appeared in the middle of the other guests and upon learning this, Aunt Mollie reproved Mrs. Robbins and a grandson who were helping with the guest list and said: "why didn't you tell me. I wanted all of my Methodist children together."

The birthday party occurred on Saturday, Jan. 12, following Aunt Mollie's birthday on Jan. 9. It was held under the old oak tree in the aged Negro's yard, where she had played with the children many times in the years which have passed.

The cake was placed in a turkey dish which Aunt Mollie said was "going on 200 years old." The table cloth was Indian made. (Aunt Mollie pointed out that Indian blood ran through her veins).

First saying she wanted to "honor those who presented the cake." Aunt Mollie started her account of the party by saying that the group sang Happy Birthday. Then there were presents and the birthday honoree admitted "it made me cry when they come back."

At the age of 8 years, Aunt Mollie went to stay in the home of Tom Hoover for "my board and clothes." At that time Mr. Hoover, later an Asheboro undertaker, ran a farm in that area. Aunt Mollie, in describing some of her activity on the farm, said "I was a fast learner when I was young."

After Mr. Hoover quit farming, Aunt Mollie went back home where she was married at the age of 15. Before leaving home for the stay with the Hoovers, after she came back home and even after she was married. Aunt Mollie attended the Popular Spring School this side of Mt. Shepherd.

Having been married twice, her first husband was Joe Harris, of Lynwood. They lived in a shanty at Hoover Hill immediately following their marriage. Later, her husband who was a well digger "sunk a well" for Jesse Hinshaw who in return for his labor gave him two acres of land on which Aunt Mollie's house now stands.

Four more acres of land was added to the original tract which Aunt Mollie says that she "worked out at Dr. Phillips" over in the Fuller Mill community. She worked for 14 years at the home of Dr. Phillips and later "went in service with Miss Kate Hendrix," a member of the Phillips family, at Statesville.

She has worked in many homes in Asheboro and throughout Randolph County.

As she expressed it, "I have served the public all my days. I have been strong and stout. I haven't found my equals in work. I have followed cooking far and near. I have spent my

life waiting on the sick." This service was discontinued around 12 years ago when she became disabled to work.

However, according to a later statement in the conversation with this interesting woman, she said that she still does her housekeeping, cleans the yard, mows, splits wood and pursues other similar activities.

Both of Aunt Mollie's husbands were preachers, with Aunt Mollie saying "one was local and one ordained."

Most of Aunt Mollie's people are buried in the cemetery at Mt. Shepherd, including her two husbands. Asked if she would be buried there also, she said: "I hope so, right in between my two men."

Teased as to her continuing her marriages, to follow the example of her father who was married four times, she said: "I ain's about to follow up Dad."

Aunt Mollie has no income except a small amount from mending for people, which she does without the aid of glasses. She applied for an old age pension several years ago but was told that she could not get anything unless she was willing to sell her home. This she refused.

In addition to her own home in which she stays during the day, there is a room, called "Mollie's room," in the home of Mrs. Allen Robbins in which she stays at night. Aunt Mollie has lived with every family which has owned this house, including the families of Dan Nichols, Alex Sanders, Melvin Parrish, a Mr. Stokes, and Rome Harris who owned the house prior to the Robbins family. It was during the residence of Melvin Parrish that the "Mollie room" was built exclusively for her use.

Asked how she did maintain herself since she has no income, she said: "I do my own canning, preserving, don't have to buy much and when the churches pound me, it goes a long ways" She added, "the churches are good to me."

Two philosophies expressed by her were "I always learnt that humble was the way to get through life" and "I try to master my own business and let other people alone."

These statements may be and are probably true but this writer has the idea that Aunt Mollie Capel is a predominant factor in the white neighborhood in which she lives. It is our feeling that she is an object of respect from the people who have known her all of their lives. Seemingly, when Aunt Mollie speaks, it is regarded as a command from the people whom she has served so many years.

This was evidenced by the invitations which went out to her birthday party. Those who were invited came and those who were not invited stayed at home except the one who only came to see the cake and another one who came to make pictures of the event.

This then is the story of Aunt Mollie Capel. It's telling came about when she "called up this young generation to help me eat this cake." The young generation then decided that her story should be told, her picture made and her philosophy passed on to the public which she served for so long. Aunt Mollie, aware of what was planned and being the honest, scrupulous person she is, said: "if they don't pay for it, I'll beat the lard out of them."

Yes, much of Randolph County history has passed before Aunt Mollie Capel. She has seen it from the inside and from the out. She has seen much that she refused to "scratch up". Independent and proud but yet also devoted and humble, she has spent her life in the service of her fellowman and she has spent it in such a manner that has

been able to command the respect of those whom she has served.

His 88th Birthday Celebrated Sunday

Feb. 7, 1963 – The 88th birthday of John H. Fox, a native of Brower Township, was celebrated Sunday at a family gathering at Wood's Rest Home on North Main St. where he has been residing for over five years

This was the second consecutive year that Mr. Fox's birthday has been observed in this manner.

A lifelong resident of Route 1, Seagrove, he had resided all of his life at the place at which he was born until his admission to the rest home in Asheboro six years ago this coming June.

His old homeplace is located in sight of the Antioch Christian Church. His parents, James and Catherine (Katie) Brady Fox, lived there before him and it was there that he reared his large family of children.

Mrs. Fox, the former Sarah Maness, died nearly two years ago. Also, two of the couple's children. Yancy and Cora Fox, died when they were small.

The other children are Mrs. Dora Marley, of Route 1, Seagrove, Samuel Fox, of the old homeplace, Oscar Fox, of Willimantic, Conn., Zimeriah Fox, of Route 1, Seagrove, Emmett Fox, of the old homeplace, Mrs. Myrtis Ritter, of Route 1, Seagrove, Mrs. Nellie Chrisco, of Route 1, Seagrove, Mrs. Johnsie Norwood, of Oakland Ave., Asheboro, and Mrs. Yvonne Craven, of Route 2, Seagrove.

There are also 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The birthday gathering consisted mainly of the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, with a few other relatives and friends also present. Among the friends were J. W. Ritter, whom he has known for 48 years, Mrs. J. W. Ritter and Mrs. Rosie Cox.

Clinton Asbill, a nephew offered the thanks prior to the eating of the birthday meal.

Mr. Fox, whose birthday actually occurred on Jan. 31, is the last surviving member of his immediate family. He was the only son of his parents and he had four sisters, one of whom died in early childhood. The three sisters who lived to maturity were Mrs. Bessie Asbill, Mrs. Nettie Hayes and Mrs. Louisa Brown Ferree.

The farm on which Mr. Fox grew up developed into an acreage of around 300 before he sold part of it. He gave a portion of his land to supplement the size of the Antioch church cemetery, with the legal transaction of this gift taking place around two years ago.

Asked what he did as a child growing up at the old homeplace, he said: "when I wasn't farming, I rabbit hunted." He attended the old Antioch School "a month at a time" where he said "he learnt to read and spell." Two of his former teachers were Joe Phillips and Henry Albright.

He is a former Sunday School teacher at the Antioch Christian Church which was founded ten years following his birth. He said that before the beginning of the Antioch church he attended services at "Shiloh and Pleasant Grove."

The aged man spends much of his time at the rest home in reading, particularly the scriptures. It is estimated that he has read the Bible through approximately for each of the years that he has been at the home.

Over four score years of the life of John H. Fox was spent at the place where he was born, in the lower edge of Brower Township, on a hill in sight of the

Antioch church. Nearly six years ago he left the old homeplace to be cared for at a home in Asheboro. Although he seems to be contented at the place he is, he still hasn't forgotten the place where he spent so many years of his life. He expressed it this way: "I'm treated all right here but I'd rather be at my old home."

Seagrove Youth Presented Eagle Scout Honors Sunday

Feb. 21, 1963 - A 16 - year-old Seagrove youth, who has attained achievement in many phases of youth activity, was awarded the highest rank in Scouting in a ceremony Sunday evening at the Seagrove Christian Church.

Larry Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hancock, received the Eagle Scout Award at the close of the evening worship service at the church. It was only three years ago this month that he first became a Scout and joined Seagrove Scout Troop No. 513 as a charter member.

The presentation ceremony was conducted by Harris Coffin of Asheboro, an Eagle Scout Counselor and a member of the Eagle Scout Board of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts of American.

He was assisted by J. D. Williams, Post Advisor of Seagrove Explorer Post No. 513, of which Larry Hancock is a member. David (Butch) Cox, an Eagle Scout and member of Asheboro Explorer Post No. 527, served as escort.

Mrs. A. B. Hancock, mother of the Eagle Scout recipient, pinned the award emblem on her son while he in turn clasped the Eagle Necklace around her neck. The father of the youth stood with the group during the ceremony.

Prior to the presentation of the Eagle Award, Rev. Avery Brown, pastor of Seagrove Christian Church, spoke to the assembled group on the subject, "Reputation or Riches." Appropriate remarks were also made by Rev. W. E. Eaton, pastor of the Community Baptist Church.

It was noted during the proceedings that this was the third Eagle Award to be given to a Seagrove Scout and it was announced that a fourth Scout in that area had been approved for an Eagle Award presentation.

Three months following his joining of Scout Troop No. 513, sponsored by the Seagrove Lions Club, Larry Hancock became a Second Class Scout. Five months later, in Oct., 1960 he became a First Class Scout and during Feb. of the next year he attained the Star Rank in Scouting. He became a Life Scout during May, 1961 and this past year he was approved for the Eagle Scout award.

During his three years of Scouting he has earned a total of 23 merit badges and has also received the God and Country Award, having been approved for this award on Nov. 14, 1960.

He has compiled one year of perfect attendance since becoming a Scout and has been credited with 175 hours of civic service as a part of his scouting career.

An honor student in the 10th grade at Seagrove High School, Larry Hancock has also been successful in other activities in which he has engaged, particularly in 4-H Club activities on the county, district and state level.

He is currently serving as president, of the Randolph County 4-H Club and on the county level has been a county project winner 21 times. He has completed five years in the 4-H Club.

On the state level, he was a state project winner in home grounds beautification last year and was awarded a trip to the 41st National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. He has also served on the staff of the "Clover Leaf," a state 4-H publication.

He is also a member of the F.F.A. Club at Seagrove High School, plays on the junior varsity basketball team and is manager of the girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams.

A member of the Seagrove Christian Church, he is currently serving as vice president of both the Pilgrim Fellowship in his local church as well as the Pilgrim Fellowship group of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Church. He has completed seven years of perfect attendance at Sunday School.

Log Cabin Thing Of The Past

Feb. 28, 1963 - The new Pisgah Methodist Church building, presenting a striking appearance with its gabled front of colored glass and its bell tower standing fifty feet above the landscape, will be opened for worship Sunday morning, Mar. 3, at 11 o'clock.

The new church building is a distinct contrast to the present church building, located on the other side of the church cemetery, which was erected around 1912 and is a startling contrast to the original structure of worship, a log cabin, of around one hundred years ago.

Dr. Ralph Taylor, of High Point, Superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church, will speak at the first worship service in the new building. The service will be in charge of the church pastor, Rev. Roy L. Eubanks.

With J. Hyatt Hammond and Associates, architects, drawing the plans, the new Pisgah Methodist Church building was designed for functional use but yet reflects a worshipful atmosphere throughout its entirety, in both interior and exterior designs.

Constructed of exposed masonry blocks both inside and outside, the first view of the church, looking from the road, is towards the sanctuary end, with its large gable shape inset with colored glass and held in place with a large cross. To the right and connected to the church is a three pier campanile or bell tower fifty feet high and with two bells located at the top.

The entrance to the church building, placed on the right, is away from the road and is located at the junction of the Sunday School wing and the sanctuary. From the entrance lobby, the sanctuary, the Sunday School classrooms and the two rest rooms are accessible.

In the sanctuary the effect of the open truss framework and the view to the the chancel creates an atmosphere of reverence and marks the sanctuary as a place conducive to worship.

The chancel is planned around the latest Methodist recommendations and is divided. The lectern is located to the right of center in front of the organist.

The altar is located at the back of the chancel in the center of the church and is backed up with the same colored glass backdrop that is seen when first approaching the church from the outside.

In the rear of the sanctuary are two classrooms which are separated from the sanctuary by sliding door which permits them to be thrown together for use as a fellowship hall. The kitchenette is in one wall which can be closed off by a sliding door.

The architectural plans for the building will permit the Sunday school wing to be extended in either direction as the need for new rooms arises. The sanctuary, with present seating capacity of 125, has been constructed to allow expansion for future needs.

Approximate cost of the new church building is \$25,000. It is estimated that an additional \$3,000 will be spent for pews and other equipment.

Building committee for the church project consisted of Eli Callicutt, chairman, Howard Cagle, Delbert Slack, Jimmy Cagle and Farrell Slack, Miss Pauline Luther served as treasurer of the building fund. Contractor for the building was J. D. Cagle. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Oct. 7, 1962.

Origin of the building fund was Mar. 7, 1956, with initial gifts being one thousand dollars from Mrs. Novia Luck and ten dollars from Mrs. Jellyce Vuncannon. From that date on, however, the first Sunday offering went into the building fund.

This continued until Mar., 1961 when a pledge campaign was directed by Rev. Rollin Gibbs. The pledge campaign was conducted by a financial crusade organization composed of an executive committee including Rev. Roy L. Eubanks, Howard Cagle, general chairman, Miss Pauline Luther, building fund treasurer, Eli Callicutt, special gifts chairman, and Mrs. Paul Trogdon, major gifts chairman; captains, Farrell Slack and Jimmy Cagle; and team members, Lenton Slack, Carolyn Laurcerica, Betty Jo Cagle, Evelyn Luther, Eli Callicutt, Mamie Luther, Paul Trogdon and Charles Cagle.

At the time of the pledge campaign, there was \$4,500 in the building fund. Nine thousand dollars has been raised since the beginning of the financial crusade. A loan will be procured to finish paying for the new building, furnishings and other equipment.

Pisgah Methodist Church had its beginning in services which were held in a log cabin which was located on the opposite side of the road from the present church building and cemetery. A spring on the same side of the road provided the church congregation with water for many years prior to the digging of a well.

It is fairly definite that the original services began around one hundred years ago, as a deed conveying the land for the first church building was dated nearly ninety seven years ago, on Mar. 22, 1866. On this date Franklin Auman, John Parks and John Newman, deeded a two-acre tract of land, part of the present church property, to Labon Slack, John Procter and John Parks, trustees of the Episcopal Methodist Church at Mt. Pisgah.

Additional land was deeded in 1912 by J. D. Welch and wife, Della, in 1939 by the Randolph County Board of Education to James Shaw, Eli Callicutt and E. W. Parks, trustees, and in 1962 by Mrs. Jessie Cox Bass.

The transfer of property in 1939 contained the land next to the church on which the old Pisgah school was located. Upon disbandment of the school, the land was deeded to the church.

One report is that following the deeding of the first tract of land in 1866 a log building was constructed on the site and was the first formal place of worship, followed by a small frame building. However, the frame building is definitely remembered and has been described as being similar to the present frame building except for being smaller. The first frame building was used until the present frame

building was erected around 1912, at which time the first frame building was sold to Andrew Lucas who converted it into a barn.

According to Mrs. Delbert Slack, one of the present members of the church, it took around five years to finish the second frame building which is now being discarded as the place of worship.

She said the building was erected by the church members and the people of the neighborhood and she remembers her father taking a lantern and working on the building at night.

Three Sunday school rooms were added to the second frame building at Pisgah over fifteen years ago.

At one time, just prior to the unification of the Methodist Church, consideration was given to the idea of doing away with the Pisgah church. Reason for this was due to the church being the only Methodist Episcopal church in the general area and therefore it was impractical to place the church with other churches on a charge. At that time it was a part of the Eldorado charge in the extreme western part of the county and surrounding counties.

But after unification of the Methodist Church, the Pisgah church was placed with other churches in this area and is now a member of the South Randolph Charge, consisting also of the Flag Spring, New Hope and New Zion churches.

For a church which nearly went out of existence over a quarter of a century ago, the Pisgah Methodist Church has staged a strong comeback, as is evidenced by the opening for worship of the new and adequate structure on next Sunday.

The new church building has not been erected on money raising schemes which, according to the pastor, "often replace giving on the part of the people." It has been built instead through the dedication and the sacrificial giving of the membership of the church and their friends and the capable leadership of the church pastor, the Rev. Roy L. Eubanks.

This has especially been noteworthy, considering that the membership of the church numbers only 57 people, including children and inactive members. Only 21 persons who work at public work attend church regularly at Pisgah.

Membership in the church include the following people: Mrs. Myrtle Auman, Mrs. Hazel Beane, Mrs. Nancy Beane, Miss Wilma Cagle, Howard Cagle, Mrs. Ora Cagle, Miss Betty Jo Cagle, James Cagle, Mrs. Helen Cagle, Glenn Cagle, Mrs. Voila Cagle, Charles Cagle, Eli Callicutt, Mrs. Vida Callicutt, Jerry Callicutt, Mrs. Essie Cooper, Mrs. Mae Cox, Ianson Cox, Miss Silvia Ann Cox, Mrs. Mozelle Craven, Mrs. Rozine Davis, Miss Peggy Freeman, Mrs. Bertha Garner, Mrs. Blendon Hammond, Mrs. Emma Handcock, Mrs. Canary Hodge, Mrs. Gertude, Hodge, Donald Laurcerica, Mrs. Carolyn Trogdon Laurcerica, and Mrs. Jessie Hodge.

Also, Lester Lucas, Daniel Luther, Mrs. Fleta Luther, Albert Luther, Miss Mamie Luther, Miss Ruby Jean Luther, Mrs. Dorothy Luther, Mrs. Evelyn Luther, Miss Lois Luther, Miss Pauline Luther, Wayman Luther, Mrs. Emma Morgan, Mrs. Esta Moffitt, Mrs. Etta Ragsdale, Mrs. Eula Shaw, Delbert Slack, Mrs. Cloie Slack, Farrell Slack, Mrs. Betty Slack, Lenton Slack, Paul Trogdon, Mrs. Delma Trogdon, Miss Marilyn Trogdon, Jr., Gary Trogdon, Sammy Trogdon and Mrs. Jellyce Vuncannon.

County Man Led Full Life, Recalled At His 89th Year

Mar. 11, 1963 — A long time tax lister, elections judge, member of the original board of directors of the Randolph Electric Membership Corporation and resident of Route 2, Bennett, was honored Sunday on the occasion of his 89th birthday.

In addition to the above accomplishments, James Thomas (Tommy) Powers also helped to organize the Beulah Baptist Church nearly sixty one years ago and is the only charter member of the church still living.

Members of Mr. Powers' family, including his three children and many of his 15 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren, gathered Sunday for the third consecutive birthday dinner in his honor. It is planned to continue the birthday affair for the duration of Mr. Powers' life.

"Tommy," as he is familiarly and not disrespectfully known to a vast number of friends and acquaintances, says that he wants to live to be 90 years of age.

But for a man who still sees without glasses, drives his own car and who has just recently returned from an airplane flight to the west coast, he is due for many more than four score and ten years.

Tommy Powers came to his present homesite, located in Pleasant Grove Township, in the extreme southeastern part of Randolph County, in Nov., 1898, directly after his marriage to Mirinda Cockman, a native of Moore County near Carthage. He had bought the place about three years earlier.

Mr. Powers was also a native of Moore County but was born up in the Deep River section north of High Falls and only around three miles from the place at which he is now residing in Randolph County.

Born Mar. 3, 1874, his parents were John Henry (Jack) Powers and Cynthia Ritter Powers and he was the oldest of their twelve children, all of whom are still living except for one. More unusual is the fact that all of them still reside within a short distance of each other, approximately six miles apart.

Mr. Powers five brothers and six sisters include Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jones, deceased, Mrs. Nancy Cheek, Joe R. Powers, Mrs. Lydia Ann Jones, Mrs. Aggie Kidd, Johnny Powers, Herbert Powers, Mrs. Sarah Cheek, (Pink) Powers, Mrs. Ollie Moffitt, and Bennett Powers.

Having been born and reared on a farm and also having followed farming since his marriage, Mr. Powers said: "I don't know anything but farming."

However, he did leave his father's farm for a brief period at the age of 21 in order to work at High Falls. This work consisted of helping to dig a race, building a dam and blasting out for a water wheel. He worked from sunup until sundown and received for his labor the amount of fifty cents per day.

However, Mr. Powers was not paid in money for this work which he did in High Falls. He was given instead a bushel of corn for each day's work and in order to convert the corn into cash money he had to haul it to Carthage, 20 miles away, where he sold it for fifty cents a bushel.

His schooling was received in "a little old country school called Purvis." This school was located in the upper edge of Moore County and consisted of a log building with one door and no glass windows. He also went to the Fall Creek

school "for a spell", to which he walked a distance of four miles, but said he learned the multiplication table walking to and from the school.

His last education was received at the Mt. Olivet Academy at Erect, a private school, which he only attended for part of a session. At that time he was 21 years of age.

It was following his attendance at the Mt. Olivet school that he purchased the original portion of the land on which he now resides. He bought 100 acres, for which he paid \$285, also sold a corn crop and used the money he made working at High Falls.

As time passed he continued adding more land to the original 100 acre tract until he owned more than 400 acres. But he has given much of it away to his children and he is now back to around 150 acres. According to Mr. Powers, however, all of the land is still in his family.

His marriage occurred on Oct. 30, 1898 and he said that his grandmother picked his wife out for him. According to Mr. Powers, "she didn't make a bad selection because we only lacked 11 days of living 60 years together." Mrs. Powers died on Oct. 19, 1958.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Powers but they only raised four of them, two dying in infancy. One daughter, Mrs. Clara Shelton, died at the age of 24 years. The other three children are Mrs. Lillie Purvis, of Greensboro, Curtis Powers, of Route 2, Bennett, and Avery Powers, of Coleridge.

Curtis Powers live on an adjoining farm from his father and he and his sons operate a large poultry business, including a hatchery, layers and broilers. It was in the main plant of this business that the birthday celebration was held last Sunday.

Mr. Powers and his wife first started housekeeping in a log house which was situated on his farm, later built a two-story house and then added onto it. He still lives there with his grandson, Thurman Shelton, son of his deceased daughter whom he reared from the age of 4, and his grandson's wife and three children. Mr. Powers "plan to be there until I turn my toes up."

Shortly after the turn of the century, since there "wasn't any church in the bend of the river," Mr. Powers and others got busy on the the organization of a place to worship. Services were held for around a year in a log house and then a brush arbor was erected and a protracted meeting was held. Out of these efforts came the organization of a place to worship. Services were held for around a year in a log house and then a brush arbor was erected and a protracted meeting was held. Out of these efforts came the organization of the Beulah Baptist Church in July, 1902, with 15 male and 16 female charter members.

The church, located just inside the Randolph County line, is today one of the strongest rural churches in the area. Mr. Powers still attend there regularly, having attended both Sunday school and preaching services last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Curtis Barbery, was also present at the birthday observance of his only living charter member.

Mr. Powers has been a staunch supporter of the Randolph Electric membership Corporation since its organization in 1939 and has served continuously since that time on the organization's board of directors. He attended in Jan. the annual meeting of the national organization of the REA at Las Vegas, Nevada and has attended all of these meetings except one in 1948.

He has never missed an annual meeting of the electric cooperative on the local level and has only missed one monthly meeting of the board of directors. He also attends many of the regional meetings.

While attending the national meeting in Las Vegas, he visited the Hoover Dam and during a stop of his airplane flight at Los Angeles, Calif., he was visited by a granddaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Shelton Acquinin, who resides in that city.

Mr. Powers retired this year as the tax lister for Pleasant Grove Township, a position which he held for many years, but is still serving as the Republican Judge in the elections for the Pleasant Grove Precinct, in which position he has served for probably fifty years or more.

Although retired from active work on the farm, Mr. Powers still likes to get around and says that he "gets blue" when he doesn't have something to do. His son, Curtis, says "I can't keep him out of my hen house" and said that his father usually came around when he heard the power saw going so that he could trim up the trees which had been cut. Sometimes when he can't find anything else to do, he gets in his car and drives to Asheboro and other places.

Genial, alert and still very active, Tommy Powers continue to be an integral part of Pleasant Grove Township, the upper edge of Moore County, the southeastern corner of Randolph County, and the entire county and surrounding areas as far as the Randolph Electric Membership Corporation is concerned. Through many years, actively in these areas have revolved around this man and he has figured largely in all that has gone on around him.

"I'm Behind On My Fishing" He Says Upon Retirement

Mar. 11, 1963 - E. C. (Elroy) Cox, well known Randolph County native, retired on Mar. 1, as office manager of the Asheboro office of the Graham Production Credit Association, a position which he had held for over 18 years.

"I'm behind on my fishing" said the white-haired, but otherwise youthful looking resident of Route 4, Asheboro. In support of this statement, associates of Mr. Cox in the credit association presented him with fishing equipment at a meeting in his honor in Graham last Friday.

Mr. Cox said "I'm quitting work" in an answer to inquiries regarding his future plans. But he said he didn't plan to spend all of his time fishing. He plans to spend considerable time in his garden and the growing of flowers. He also wants more time to visit the sick and shut-ins and intends also to travel around some.

It was Nov. 15, 1944 when E. C. (Elroy) Cox assumed the position of the Asheboro office of the Graham Production Credit Association. Prior to that time there was only a part time office for the association in Asheboro.

In 1944, the year he assumed the position, the Graham Production Credit Association only had \$40,000 out in loans in Randolph County. This past year the association had \$1,108,000 in loans in the county. The association, organized in 1933, as strictly a farmers's corporate lending association.

When Mr. Cox took over the association's office in Asheboro, his first office space was upstairs over J. V. Wilson's office on Lawyer's Row. A few years ago he moved downstairs on Lawyer's Row below Archie Smith's

law office. This past July he moved into a suite of offices in the Griffin Clinic Building.

The association promised Mr. Cox that when the loans for the company reached \$500,000 in Randolph County he would be given a secretary. That goal was reached about ten years ago and he hired Mrs. Grace Councilman who is still serving in that capacity.

Credit association officials have praised Mr. Cox for the excellent record which he has maintained throughout the more than 18 years of service with the association. Out of the numerous loans which he has handled, not one dollar has been lost in the loans transactions.

Mr. Cox will be succeeded by Millard B. Gibson who has come to Asheboro from Whiteville and who has had 14 years of experience with the Graham Production Credit Association.

E. C. (Elroy) Cox was born at the farm home of his parents, the late A. C. Cox and Ellie Lewallen Cox, at the foot of the mountain on the old Cox Road. He was next to the youngest of eight children in the family. His maternal grandfather was the Rev. Henry Lewallen, a Methodist Circuit Rider.

He remained on his parent's farm until he was 25 years of age, at which time he was united in marriage with the former Nancy Hoover, daughter of the late George Hoover and Lanie Ann Johnson Hoover, and a native of Back Creek Township.

Following their marriage, he and his wife moved to Asheboro on South Cox Street and he went to work with the Southern Delco Light Company as a salesman for farm lighting plants. His territory included Randolph and Moore counties. Later frigidaries were added to his sales products with this company.

After 15 years with the Southern Delco Light Company, his service terminated with the coming of rural electrification to this area and he moved to a farm on the Cox Road and began the operation of a dairy. He continued this operation until World War II when his son, who were helping him, entered the military service.

His children are Mrs. George Thies, of Hickory, the former Clara Cox, an interviewer with the North Carolina State Employment Service Division; George William (Bill) Cox, of Asheboro, office manager of the Enterprise Oil Co. and E. C. Cox, Jr., of Charlotte, office manager of Lassiter Container Corp. of that city. There are nine grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox, long active in church work, are presently members of the Asheboro Friends Meeting. Mr. Cox has served as a Sunday school superintendent and once served as a choir leader for twenty years.

They still reside on a part of the farm on the Old Cox Road but seven years ago sold the farm and their big two story house, retaining only a small portion of land on which they built a smaller house more suited to their needs since their children left home and since an illness suffered by Mrs. Cox seven years ago.

It is there Mr. Cox will spend his days of retirement. But even though he has quit work, it is expected that his gardening, his flowers, his visiting and most certainly his fishing will keep him well occupied.

They Planned For Years, Now Building New Church

Mar. 14, 1963 – Ground Breaking services for a new building for the Pleasant Grove Christian Church were held Sunday afternoon, Mar. 10, beginning at 2:30. The church is located between Coleridge and Bennett.

Approximately 100 members of the church congregation and visitors stood in the bright sunshine for the reading of the church litany, prior to the spading of the dirt for the new structure.

Rev. Dolan Talbert, pastor of the Pleasant Grove church, conducted the groundbreaking service for the replacement of the 50 year-old structure which is now being used. The church itself was organized in 1842.

Rev. L. M. Presnell, pastor-at-large of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian denomination, delivered the address for the occasion, speaking on the subject: "Building the True Church."

Those persons spading a shovel of dirt for the breaking of the ground for the new building were the pastor, Rev. Dolan Talbert; the speaker, Rev. L. M. Presnell; Leland Jones, representing the building and planning committee; Wade Bray, representing the building and finance committee; Claude Bray, representing the board of deacons; Frank Brown, representing the board of trustees; John Madison Brown, honorary chairman of the board of trustees; Recil Leonard, superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. Geneva Jones, representing the women's fellowship; Harvey Brady, representing the laymen's fellowship; Miss Nancy Brown, representing the senior youth fellowship; Miss Linda Simmons, representing the junior youth fellowship; J. H. Brown, church treasurer; and Clayton Brown, contractor.

Actual construction of the new building was scheduled to begin the day following the ground breaking service. It will be built alongside of the old building which will be dismantled upon the completion of the new building.

The contractor for the building, Clayton E. Brown, of High Point, is a native of the Pleasant Grove community. He will be assisted by Colon Cheek, of Thomasville, also a native of the community.

The new building will be a colonial style structure and will consist of a Sanctuary, Sunday School plant with 18 classrooms and a pastor's study.

A building and planning committee, charged with the responsibility of the design and construction of the building, is composed of Leland Jones, chairman, James Caviness, J. H. Brown, John Madison Brown, Rev. Carl Brady, and Mrs. John T. Brown.

Thinking and planning for a new church building at Pleasant Grove began around six years ago during the pastorate of Rev. Mack Welch. At the time of the coming of the present pastor, Rev. Dolan Talbert, in Feb., 1960, over \$4,000 had been raised toward the erection of a new building.

Personal donations and efforts of the Woman's Missionary Society, now the Women's Fellowship, played a big part in the early raising of funds for the new building. The women's group held suppers and around four or five years ago began holding an annual harvest sale for the benefit of the building fund.

Also, about a year ago the church began to reserve the fourth and fifth Sundays offerings for the fund and on last Easter Sunday the donation of thirty pieces of silver was observed by members of the church.

The idea of this offering was to turn the price of betrayal into an offering of love and on Easter Sunday the silver, amounting to 700 pieces, was brought into the church for dedication and as a contribution to the building fund. The total pieces of silver weighed 16 lbs.

A self-denial campaign will be inaugurated prior to Easter this year and on Easter Sunday the offering will be dedicated to the building fund.

A canvass for funds has also been made, conducted by the building and finance committee headed by Wade Bray. Other members of this committee, designated as collectors, are Mrs. Sylvia Brown, Mrs. Myrtle Coble, Mrs. Geraldine Brown, Mrs. Mary Lee Brady, Mrs. Geneva Jones, Mrs. Flossie Simmons, Mrs. Roxie Saunders, Mrs. Shirley Talbert, Miss Nancy Brown, Franklin Brady, Recil Leonard, Eddie Brady, John Thomas Brown, Sammy Leonard, Marvin Jones, Harvey Brady, Norman Brown, Kermit Brady and Herman Brown.

As an additional move in the planning of the new building, the finance committee purchased last Oct. a tract of timber, cut it and sawed the framing for the building. Since they only needed 73,000 feet and the tract which they bought amounted to 100,000 feet, the remainder was sold at market price and the proceeds applied to the building fund.

The men of the church cut the timber and hauled the logs without charge and the logs were sawed by Odell Brady for cost. These savings and other economies in the processing of the lumber enabled the church to save approximately half or \$4,000 on the framing bill for the new structure.

Brick for the building has been donated by Rev. Carl Brady, of Bennett, a native of the Pleasant Grove Community and a former pastor of the church.

Cash on hand towards the new building amounts to \$14,000 and it is estimated that the lumber and brick on hand for the structure has a valuation of \$11,000, making a total of \$25,000 with which to start the building. Cost of the new building is estimated at \$50,000.

A barbecue supper, to be held for the benefit of the building fund, will take place in the fellowship hall of the church on Saturday, Mar. 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. The cooking of the barbecue will be done by Chirpy Estridge.

The first church building at Pleasant Grove lasted from the organization of the church in 1842 until the erection of the present structure in 1913. At the time of the building of the second church in 1913, the pastor of the church only preached once a month. It is said that the minister preached one Sunday in the old church building and when he arrived for his sermon one month later the new building, which is the present one, was completed and ready for use. The Fellowship Hall at the church, a separate building, was erected in 1953.

Present membership of the church is 287. The cemetery, one of the largest rural cemeteries in the area, contains 903 graves.

Lightning Routs Family From Home

Mar. 18, 1963 – A loud clap of thunder and a streak of lightning came in the early dawn of Sunday morning and the Clegg Rush family, of Route 3, Asheboro, awoke to find their house on fire.

Asleep in the seven-room structure were Mr. and Mrs. Rush, a son, Dale, and their invalid daughter, Miss Carrie Rush.

The fire originated about 6:25 a.m. when the streak of lightning ran into the front of the house on the electrical wires, igniting the building in the area of the front rooms and the front porch.

The lightning struck a large cedar tree in the front yard and also a cedar tree in the back yard. A rabbit nesting underneath some farm equipment in the front yard was struck dead and a large rock upturned and moved by the stroke of lightning.

The house was completely demolished by the fire and only a very small portion of its furnishings were saved.

Upon being awakened by the extremely loud clap of thunder, members of the Rush family smelled smoke and realized their house was on fire. The son rushed to a neighbor's house about a mile away to summon help.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush concentrated their efforts towards removing their daughter, Miss Carrie Rush, from the house. Miss Rush, an invalid for 18 years, had been bedfast for the past 16 years. In getting her out of the burning house, her parents wrapped her in the covering of her bed and carried her through the rain to a pickup truck in which she was transported to the home of the neighbor Charles York.

Besides her lingering illness, Miss Rush has been ill recently with the flu and it is feared that the shock and excitement of the fire and the exposure to the elements will prove harmful to her condition.

Mr. Rush and his son came back to the burning house and assisted by others who had gathered by that time, were able to remove an electric stove, a refrigerator, a bed, a washing machine, one wardrobe and a few other items from the building.

All of Mrs. Rush's clothing and those of the invalid daughter were burned up.

But neighbors and friends were responding to the need of the burned out family even before the fire had completely burned down. People were offering to bring stoves and other items of furniture to start the family back to housekeeping. The family was making plans to establish a temporary residence in the old Mint Rush house east of their residence.

At the New Union Methodist Church on the same morning of the fire, a considerable sum of money was raised for the benefit of the family in their time of need. The Rush family attend the New Union church.

The feeling of the community was expressed by one of its citizens when he said: "Clegg Rush has a lot of friends and they'll see that he get's another house."

The Clegg Rush farm consists of 118 acres and is located between the Tot Hill Farm and the airport property owned by the city of Asheboro. The farm originally belonged to Mr. Rush's grandfather. Located on the farm is the old Balfour Cemetery, containing the graves of Co. Andrew Balfour, Revolutionary hero, and members of his family.

Handicapped Girl Seeking Employment

Apr. 8, 1963 - A handicapped young woman in North Asheboro, aided by the Vocational Rehabilitation agencies of North Carolina, is seeking employment following her graduation from Asheboro Commercial College.

Miss Rosa Belle Lawrence, who lost her right leg at the age of seven years, is now available for employment in a general secretarial capacity.

Her training at the commercial college in Asheboro included typing, bookkeeping, speed writing and accounting. She graduated around three weeks ago.

Miss Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Lawrence and a resident of 1816 Bennett St., is a 1960 graduate of Asheboro High School.

Illness, which has plagued this young woman during most of her lifetime, became serious when she lost her leg at the age of seven and recurred a couple of years ago when she spent considerable time in a Chapel Hill hospital.

But her health improved, she was able to resume her studies at Asheboro Commercial College where she had attended before her last illness and now that she has graduated, she is very desirous of securing employment.

She is being assisted in her efforts by James Twigg, Vocational Rehabilitation representative, who also helped her in the preparatory period at the commercial college in Asheboro.

Employment is needed by this young woman in order that her adjustment may be completed and she will be able to assume all aspects of the normal living which has previously been denied her.

Well-Known Couple Observe Their Golden Anniversary

Apr. 22, 1963 - A well known church leader and his wife, both natives of Randolph County, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Apr. 14, at their home in North Asheboro.

Surrounded by their five daughters and greeted by their many friends and relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearce observed their fiftieth anniversary at the same house in which they started housekeeping the day following their marriage on Apr. 10, 1913.

Their daughters, Mrs. Edna Heath, of Greensboro, Mrs. Margaret Moody, of Legend Park, Asheboro, Mrs. Frances Burkhart, of North Asheboro, Mrs. Lucy Parish, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Bonnie Davenport, of Miami, Fla., were hostesses at the open house observance which occurred at the Pearce residence Sunday afternoon from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moody greeted the guests at the door and presented them to the receiving line composed of the honored couple and their five daughters.

The guests were served cake squares and orange punch from a table in the dining room which was covered with a lace cloth over gold. A gold candelabra with yellow candles and an arrangement of yellow roses, asters and snapdragons was placed in the center of the table, with the white three-tiered wedding cake, topped with the golden wedding bells and the insignia denoting the anniversary year, and the punch bowl embedded with ivy, on either ends of the table.

Other flowers of the yellow and golden hue, were predominant throughout the other parts of the house, including a vase of yellow roses presented by J. Frank McCrary, former long time employer of Mr. Pearce.

Mrs. Stanton Poole, neice of Mrs. Pearce, served the cake squares, with Mrs. Troy Hackett pouring the punch.

Misses Janet Moody and Sarah Parrish, two granddaughters of the honored couple, registered the guests with Mrs. Charlie Harrelson, cousin of Mrs. Pearce,

and her daughter, Miss Evelyn Harrelson, assisting in the gift room.

Goodbyes were said by Mrs. Charlie F. Fagg, a long time friend and former next door neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce.

For the anniversary event, Mrs. Pearce wore a light blue lace dress, with black accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. She was dressed for her wedding of fifty years ago in a white satin dress and a white hat.

The wedding a half of a century ago took place at the home of the officiating magistrate, J. A. (Jimmy) Neighbors. It occurred on a Thursday afternoon at around 4 o'clock and out of the several friends and relatives in attendance at the wedding, there was only one of them, Mrs. Charlie Harrelson, present for the golden wedding anniversary celebration last Sunday afternoon. At the time of the wedding fifty years ago, she was Miss Florence Millikan.

John Calvin Pearce was born Aug. 18, 1888 in a section below Erect, the son of Calvin Windsor Pearce and Lucy Ann Teague Pearce. His father died when he was four years of age and at the age of six years his mother, in order to support her family, brought them to Ramseur where employment could be secured in the cotton mill. The young boy started to work in the mill at the age of eleven at the wage of twenty five cents per day. He continued to work in the mill until the age of 17 when he began working in the company store for one dollar a day.

In the meantime he attended the free school at Ramseur, several subscription schools and finished the high school at Ramseur. He also attended Mars Hill College for one semester.

Upon the completion of his schooling, he began teaching school at Spero, located on the railroad between Asheboro and Randleman. It was at Spero, during his first school year, that he met Mrs. Pearce who resided in that community.

Mrs. Pearce was the former Annie Bonier Bulla, who was born on Dec. 12, 1891 in Back Creek Township about four miles west of the Spero Community. Her parents were Frank I. Bulla and Frances (Fanny) Millikan Bulla.

Her birth occurred on the premises of her paternal grandfather, Squire Alfred Bulla, situated on the west side of Back Creek, but at an early age her family moved to a place east of the creek where she spent most of her earlier years. But at the time of her marriage, the family was living at Spero, a short distance down the railroad from where the school was located. Mrs. Pearce attended school at Lena's Grove and at Spero, both schools being one teacher schools at the time of her attendance. Her first teacher was Martha Redding and some of her later teachers were Russell Ashworth, M. U. Canoy, Ida Henley, Mae Farlow, Sallie Davis and Bertha Pierce.

The marriage of John Pearce and Annie Bulla followed shortly after the close of the year he taught at the Spero school. However, at the time of the marriage, he was operating a store two miles north of Asheboro which he had purchased earlier in the year, along with a house and twelve acres of land.

It was in this house that they established their household the day following their marriage and it was in this same house that they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Sunday afternoon.

The store in different buildings, continued to be a part of the property, with Mr. Pearce operating it at various times

until recently when it was torn down to make way for the new Highway 220 by-pass.

However, the Pearces have not lived in the house continuously, leaving it twice in order that Mr. Pearce might teach in the Holly Springs and Erect schools and once to operate the company store in Worthville. Other schools in which he taught were Central Falls and the Bailey's Grove school which later became the Balfour school.

In addition to operating a store and teaching school, Mr. Pearce was an employee of Acme Hosiery Mill in Asheboro for over 25 years before his retirement several years ago. Since his retirement, he and Mrs. Pearce have spent a portion of every winter in Florida.

J. C. Pearce has had one of the most consistent church records in Randolph County. His service in the church began as a youth of 12 years when he was converted and joined the Ramseur Baptist Church.

In Dec., 1956, he completed a continuous service of over fifty years as a deacon in the Baptist Church. His service as a deacon was only broken then because of a rotation plan which was installed for the board of deacons in the church.

His tenure of service has been found in the Ramseur Baptist Church, First Baptist Church in Asheboro, Worthville Baptist Church, Balfour Baptist Church, Balfour Baptist Mission, and in the work of the Randolph Baptist Association.

Besides his service as a deacon, he has served as Sunday School Superintendent in most of the churches he has attended, as a teacher and in almost every capacity within the organization of the churches he has attended.

Both he and Mrs. Pearce are charter members of the Balfour Baptist Church, the church of their present membership, and his latest service in that church has consisted of work at the mission and on the pulpit supply committees of the church.

Mrs. Pearce served for many years as president of the Woman's Missionary Society at the Balfour Baptist Church and in other positions in the churches at which she and Mr. Pearce have belonged.

She was also the first president of the Balfour P.T.A and served as president of the association at two other times. At the present time she is active in the Balfour Home Demonstration Club.

The large number of people who called at the Pearce home last Sunday afternoon, even after the appointed hours, and the cards, the gifts and the congratulatory notes which they received attest to the esteem with which John and Annie Pearce are held not only in their home community but throughout Randolph County.

Devoted to their home and their church and to their community, John and Annie Pearce are symbolic of the community life which has contributed greatly to the progress and the civilization which we have maintained and strengthened through the years which are past.

He Drove Cross - Country, Still Owns First License

Apr. 29 1963 - Fifty years ago last Thursday, Apr. 18, 1913, Walter Parks, Route 5, Asheboro furniture and appliance dealer, bought his first automobile and fifty years ago on the following day, Apr. 19, 1913, he began operating an automobile for the first time.

Since that time he has owned several automobiles, has driven from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Key West to Canada, and yet has never received a traffic citation – not even a parking ticket.

He has only been stopped once, in Burnswick, Ga., to be reminded that his tail light was out.

The only visible reminder of that first automobile purchase of a half century ago is the license plate which Mr. Parks has on exhibit at his place of business on Highway 220 south of Asheboro, just this side of Ulah.

Constructed of heavy enamel, with a white background and red letters, the license plate was one of the first issued in the state of North Carolina. Prior to 1913, only a license number was issued and if the owner had a license plate, he had to make it himself.

Mr. Parks 1913-14 plate - it ran with the fiscal year - cost him five dollars. He also has on display a 1915-16 plate, which has a grey background with black letters.

The car purchased by Mr. Parks in 1913 was a five passenger touring car called the Hupmobile. It was black, the top could be let back and it had curtains to put up on the sides to keep the rain and cold out. It is thought that this make of automobile was discontinued around thirty years ago.

Although a native and almost lifelong resident of Randolph County, Mr. Parks was living in Thomasville at the time of the purchase of the automobile and was employed with the Carolina and Yadkin River Railroad as a clerk.

The car was purchased in Greensboro at a cost of \$1,050 and contained the standard gear shift, three speeds and reverse, which Mr. Parks said "was hard to change."

A friend drove the car from Greensboro to Thomasville for Mr. Parks but the new owner himself drove the car to Lexington the next day. However, Mr. Parks said that he had been "studying the gear business" prior to that time, as he also served as a bookkeeper for a garage in Thomasville.

An interesting sidelight, soon after he purchased the car, occurred during a visit to Asheboro. Mr. Parks said that he and a friend, who was the owner of a Ford automobile, stopped on Main Street in Asheboro to discuss their mutual experiences as new car owners. He said they were parked in front of what was formerly the Cox-Lewis Hardware for two hours and during that time only two other automobiles passed along the street.

According to Mr. Parks, the fastest they drove the automobile, "before he traded it for a Ford," was 47 miles an hour. That was just about the top speed for the automobile.

Besides traveling all over the United States in the various other automobiles which he has owned, one trip covered 9,000 miles and took him to California, Washington state and Mexico. Mr. Parks has also traveled extensively outside the continental limits of the United States.

In 1952-54, which include Jamaica, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and in 1956 he went to Cuba.

Seventy-two-year-old Walter Parks was born June 7, 1890 in the area between the High Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church and Pisgah. He was the son of Brooks Parks and Elizabeth Presnell Parks. He grew up on a farm and attended the Pisgah school. He later futhered his business education through correspondence courses.

He married the former Fleeta Luck, also of the Pisgah area, and they celebrated their golden wedding on Dec. 4, 1960.

they are the parents of four daughters, Mrs. Virgil A. (Mary) Mitchell, of Marion, Ind., Mrs. Sam (Ruth) Newby, of Jamestown, Mrs. Morris (Kate) King, of Sanford, and Mrs. John (Vera) Storey, of Route 5, Asheboro.

Formerly in the plant business, Mr. Parks and members of his family grew tomato plants and vegetable plants in the Pisgah area and in Darien, Ga. For over twenty years.

The family went to Darien, Ga., for the winter months during the time they were in the plant business.

For 15 years they lived in Seagrove where Mr. Parks first operated a grocery store and then a furniture and appliance business. Mr. and Mrs. Parks came to their present location in Feb., 1962. They reside in a lovely, new home beside the furniture and appliance store which Mr. Parks operates.

Mr. Parks recently retired as a member of the Randolph County Tax Commission. Mrs. Parks also worked in the tax office several years ago.

A member of the High Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church for 52 years. Mr. Parks has also been active in the affairs of the denominational, state and national wise. He has attended five quadrennial conferences of his denomination on the national scene and he has only missed one conference of the denominational organization in the state since 1925.

Also, his son-in-law, Rev. Mr. Virgil A. Mitchell is the Executive Secretary of Church Extension and Evangelism of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of American.

All of his daughters attended college and three of them are college graduates. The youngest daughter, Mrs. Storey, is a member of the faculty of the Charles W. McCrary Elementary School in Asheboro.

Although in semi-retirement, Mr. Parks had in mind the opening of his business in a new location when he said: "I'm too old to do anything but I have to have a place to stay." Painting has been a hobby for many years and several examples of his handiwork adorn the walls of his store.

Asked as to what he attributed his safe driving record, considering the many thousands of miles he had driven, he said: "The Lord's been mighty good to me, I always ask his direction every morning."

But Walter Parks, substantial and reliable, has excelled in more than safe driving. His business standing, his public duty, his contributions to his church denomination and his fine family attest to his achievements in other fields.

Familiar Face Leaves Job Dispatching Farmer Mail

May 9, 1963 – A token of appreciation for long years of service "beyond the call of duty" in dispatching mail at Farmer, was presented to Percy C. Morgan Monday evening, May 6, by the Farmer Grange.

Mr. Morgan retired on Apr. 15, as the clerk in charge of the Farmer Rural Station of the Asheboro Post Office and before the discontinuation of the Farmer Post Office on May 31, 1956; he had served as Postmaster at Farmer since May, 1927.

The grange meeting, at which Mr. Morgan was presented a plaque, dealt with the U. S. Mail Service, with Cecil Storey, assistant Postmaster of the Asheboro office, speaking on various aspects of the mail service.

Miss Hope Hubbard spoke in reminiscence of old post offices which formerly existed in the Farmer area. The plaque to Mr. Morgan was presented by R. C. Adams,

Farmer High School agriculture teacher, who presided over the meeting.

When Percy Clay Morgan became Postmaster at Farmer in May, 1927, he succeeded A. L. (Lineberry) Hill, who moved to Denton to operate a mercantile business. At the time of his appointment, Mr. Morgan was farming and carrying mail on the Farmer Star Route, a contract job, to a small post office called Pipe, located near to Lassiter's Mill.

While Mr. Hill was serving as Postmaster at Farmer, Mr. Morgan did barbering on Saturdays at the post office site and he continued as a barber, except on a greater basis, during the twenty nine years he served as Postmaster and also since, he has served as the clerk in charge.

He is still cutting hair at Farmer but plans to discontinue his barbering at the end of this month, thus ending around thirty eight years of public barbering at Farmer.

Actually, he cut hair at home before he went into a public shop, saying that he "commenced on my brothers and the neighbors."

Born sixty seven years ago in Jackson Creek, next to the Piney Grove Methodist Church, his parents were Moses Morgan and Flora Bingham Morgan.

His paternal grandfather, I. G. B. Bingham, served as Postmaster at Flora, located near the Canaan Methodist Church, and Mr. Morgan's mother was named after that office.

Mr. Morgan's father, Moses Morgan, served as Postmaster at Jackson Creek where the family resided until Percy was 17 years of age. At that time the family moved to the present Morgan homeplace near Farmer in order that members of the family might live closer to the Farmer school.

Residing at the old Morgan homeplace is a sister, Miss Ocia Morgan, who served as assistant postmaster at the Farmer office during the years of Mr. Morgan's service there. Mr. Morgan and his wife, the former Eunice Setzer, a native of Maiden in Catawba County, live in a smaller house beside of the old place.

Mrs. Morgan, who was the daughter of a Baptist minister, is a teacher at the Farmer school.

A variety of experiences was enjoyed by Mr. Morgan during the nearly thirty six years that he dispatched the mail at Farmer. He recalls that he sold quite a few savings bonds during World War II. It was also during World War II that the fourth class office at Farmer came close to becoming a third class office.

Questioned as to why he was discontinuing both his postal employment as well as his barbering. Mr. Morgan said it was because he wanted some time off. He elaborated a little farther by saying that he "wanted a few Saturdays off."

Confined for nearly thirty eight years by his barbering and his work at the Farmer office, Mr. Morgan said: "I have never seen the Farmer boys play ball."

His confinement really goes back farther than that, to the days when he worked on his father's farm, and which he described as follows: "Back when we were boys, we never got any Saturdays off except when the ground was wet." He plans to continue the farming which has occupied him to a small extent throughout the years of his public service.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan who have no children, live alone except for the cat, Pretty Face, who is claimed by Mrs. Morgan. Mr. Morgan, however, is also fond of the cat but says "she keeps too many."

Percy C. Morgan, for many years a familiar face in the mail service at Farmer and as a barber, will soon receive a well deserved rest. He will have his Saturdays off and as he expressed: "you can do more like you want to."

He retires from the long years of public service with the thanks of a grateful community who appreciate the performance which went "beyond the call of duty."

Old Friends Gather, And Recall The Past

May 30, 1963 – It was a time for reunion at Farmer Sunday, May 26, and many classes of the former years at the Farmer school met in a joyous period of reminiscence and fellowship.

It was planned from the beginning to have a reunion of the graduation class of fifty years ago. But the class of 1913 only consisted of five members, one of whom is dead, and it was therefore decided that the group in attendance would be too small.

Later, the idea of including the classes of 1912 and 1914 was discussed and then it was expanded to include everything from 1916 back.

Actually, it ended up with some who attended the school since 1916 but, regardless of the dates, it was a happy and sometime hilarious group of old Farmer students and graduates, numbering approximately 125, who gathered for the reunion last Sunday. All of the living members of the class of 1913 were present for the reunion event. They were Mrs. Dorothy Hubbard Kearns, of Greensboro, Mrs. Maude Lassiter Wager, of Chapel Hill, Mrs. Cammie Nance Kearns, of Archdale, and Mrs. Hester Stuart Champion, of Laurel, Del., Mrs. Effie Presnell Cole, also a member of the graduating class of fifty years ago, is deceased.

Mrs. Dorothy Hubbard Kearns, a member of this class, and her sister, Miss Hope Hubbard, a member of the class of 1911, were in charge of the arrangements for the reunion of the various classes. They were assisted by Mrs. Kearns' husband, Elbert Kearns, also a member of the 1913 class but who did not graduate.

It seems that many boys in the early Farmer classes did not graduate because of the requirement that they take Latin. It is said that a greater part of the boys did not see the necessity of taking Latin and therefore forfeited their chance of graduating from High School.

The Farmer school was established as a state high school in 1907, thus bringing out the first graduation class in 1911. There were seven members of this class, including Conrad Horney who had completed the requirements for graduation earlier but who received his diploma with the 1911 class. Other members of the class were Miss Alma Lassiter, former teacher at Asheboro High School, Margaret Parrish Dillon, of High Point, Miss Hope Hubbard, Walter Kearns, deceased, Kate Dorsett Egerton, of Raleigh, and Rosa Thompson Barnes, of Greensboro.

All of the living members of the 1911 graduating class were present for the reunion except Mrs. Thompson.

At the time of the 1911 graduation, there were only three teachers in the entire school, including George W. Bradshaw, Gertrude Bell, and Frances Marshall.

Prior to the establishment of the high school at Farmer, students beyond the elementary grades attended the Farmer Academy or what was later known as the Farmer Institute. This was a private school and was attended by students from many sections of Randolph County.

Members of the 1912 graduating class at Farmer included Maleta Macon Neece, Mabel Stuart Cox, Gertrude Ridge Thornburg, Betty Bingham Byrd.

Esta Horney Morgan, Maude Nance Shelton and Roy Cox, Sr., all of whom were present at the school reunion except the latter two.

Members of the 1914 graduating class were Mittie Russell Horney, Lena Steed Walker, Juanita Kearns Lanier, Myrtle Barnes Hill and Alice Thompson Johnson, part of whom were present for the reunion.

The scheduled time for the reunion was 1 p.m. and the first order of business was the partaking of a sumptuous picnic luncheon which was spread on tabled in the Farmer Grange Hall, site of the occasion. But before the appointed time arrived, the Grange Hall was full of old Farmer students, greeting each other heartily and swapping experiences of the years gone by.

Expressing the thanks for the meal was Rev. Wade Thompson of Candler, a Methodist minister and a former student at the school. Some of the other former students in attendance included Dr. A. C. Bulla of Raleigh who served for many years as Wake County Health Officer before his retirement a few years ago, Ira L. McDowell, a chairman of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, and Mrs. Bess Walker Finch, Asheboro Postmaster.

The oldest former student in attendance was Mrs. Bessie Kearns, of Greensboro, who left the school in the year 1896. Mrs. Kearns, now 85 years of age, was married to Marvin Kearns the day before she left the school.

Also in attendance were Mrs. Kearns' children who also attended the Farmer school, including Mrs. Ethel Kearns Hogshead, Mrs. Luna Kearns Hames, Lewis M. Kearns, Jr. and Eugene W. Kearns, all of Greensboro.

The Farmer school building at which most of the former students attended, was burned to the ground on Feb. 15, 1923. Origin of the fire was never known.

A complete list of those attending the reunion is not available. However, those known to be present included the following some of whom were families of the old students, Esta Horney Morgan, Dorothy Hubbard Kearns, Elbert Kearns, Ethel Kearns Hogshead, Bessie Kearns, Ocia Morgan, Hope Hubbard, Sallie Miller, Earlie Miller, Tom Morgan, Edith Parrish Hammond, Mabel Stuart Cox, Fred J. Cox, C. C. Horney, Myrtle Morgan, Edward Morgan, Luna Kearns Hames, Colbert Walker, Pallie Parish Walker, Mittie Russell Horney, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Kearns, Hester Stuart Champio, Mr. and Mrs. William Horney, Mr. and Mrs. Ira McDowell, Mrs. Elmer Burkhead, Mrs. Ida Burkhead, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Burkhead, Margaret Parrish Dillon, Cly Lewis and Robert Lewis.

Also, Alice T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. George Kearns, Gertrude Ridge Thornburg, Eugene Horney, Arthur Macon, Bid and Annie Lee Kearns and son, Tony, Mrs. Wade Thompson, J. F. Johnson, Wade Thompson, Roscoe Myers, Mary Myers, Ruth Surratt, Bruce Surratt, Raymond Walker, Iris Walker, Dorscy M. Lewis, Cathy Conner, Elaine Walker, Ida Parrish, O. E. Parrish, Ora Hall Myers, Myrtle B. Hill, Dorothy H. Hall, Jan Hall, Jill Hall, Mrs. L. E. Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fuller, Jr. and son, Robert III, and Ruth Brady Cranford.

Also, Jim Cooper, Louis M. Cooper, Irene L. Cooper, Van Cranford, Mr. and Mrs. Graham B. Egerton, Dr. A. C. Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Reese Kearns, Maleta Macon Neece, Claude

Walker, Carl Walker, Lucille Kearns Gragg, Bernice (Bunny) Kearns, King Gragg, Gene Horney, Gladys Horney, Edith and Alton Kearns, Henrietta and Charles Newlin, Alma J. Lassiter, Maude Lassiter Wager, Paul Wager, Bess W. Finch, Eugene Walker, Baxter Elliott, Eugene W. Kearns, Virginia Rush Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walker and Percy Morgan.

They Hold Dedication And Renew Their Faith

May 30, 1963 – Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, serving both Randolph and Davidson counties, held a service of dedication Sunday, May 26, and also received new members, both on the profession of faith and the transfer of letters.

In addition, there was an infant baptismal service, a memorial service and the partaking of the Communion, to complete one of the most outstanding days in the long history of the church.

The Pleasant Grove Church, located just inside of the Randolph County line on old highway 64, is believed to have been started about 1840.

Rev. John H. Carper, of Thomasville, superintendent of the Thomasville District of the Methodist Church, delivered the sermon of dedication, speaking from the subject: "We believe in the Church." All of the services throughout the day were conducted by the church pastor, Rev. John M. Nelson.

Also participating in the service of dedication were J. W. Sowers, chairman of the Official Board; Sam Arnold, superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. Clyde Jarrell, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Robert Green, chairman of the building committee; and Hal Hughes, treasurer of the building committee.

At the conclusion of the service of dedication, five members were received by the transfer of letters, seven members were received by profession of faith and rededication, and Lora Ann Ward, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ward, received the rites of infant baptism.

A picnic luncheon was held on the church grounds prior to the convening of the afternoon service.

On the second Sunday in Nov., 1960, the congregation of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church occupied its newest church structure for the first time. This was the fifth building to be used by the church group.

The first two buildings were constructed of logs and the third structure, a small frame building, was never finished, even though it was used as a place of worship for about twenty years.

The fourth building, the large frame structure which was replaced in 1960, was begun in the year 1890, the same year in which the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church was organized. Before that time, the church was a part of the Holston Conference which included part of Virginia and possibly Tennessee.

According to the available records, the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church has belonged to six circuits, four districts and two conferences. Presently the church is a part of the Tabernacle Charge, including the Pleasant Grove, Tabernacle, Piney Grove and Mt. Zion churches.

Since 1910, a total of twenty seven pastors have served the Pleasant Grove Church. These men have been Rev. H. V. Clarke, Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle, Rev. J. A. Holmes, Rev. W. Legette, Rev. J. M. Varner, Rev. P. E. Parker, Rev. P.

H. Brittan, Rev. N. M. Modlin, Rev. J. M. Randall, Rev. S. T. Barber, Rev. C. P. Goode, Rev. A. S. Raper, Rev. B. A. Siske, and Rev. W. M. Rathburn.

Also, Rev. A. C. Kennedy, Rev. C. E. Williams, Rev. G. B. Ferree, Rev. D. A. Payne, Rev. Atlas Ridge, Rev. Paul M. Cassell, Rev. Robert Oakley, Rev. C. F. Tate, Rev. Cameron Dodson, Rev. Walter Thomas, Rev. John S. Paschal, Rev. Archie Disher, and the present pastor, Rev. John M. Nelson.

Among those pastors who served the church before 1910 were the Reverends Woodley, Webb, Bagle, Crater, Lanning and Govinar.

When the present L Shaped brick and block structure which was dedicated Sunday, was begun in 1960, the Pleasant Grove Congregation had a total of \$10,000 in the building fund. Before the time of dedication arrived, the amount of \$5,000 was received from the Duke Endowment. The remainder, approximately \$25,000, came from the local congregation and friends in the comparatively short time from the beginning of the new structure in 1960 to the day of dedication on last Sunday, May 26th.

It is estimated that the Woman's Society of Christian Service was responsible for \$2,500 of the amount needed for the new building.

The new building was not completely finished at the time the congregation entered it on the second Sunday in Nov., 1960. But the people worked hard during the intervening time and the entire church plant, both the interior and exterior, looked neat and trim, spic and span for the occasion of its dedication.

Only one thing was lacking - the beautiful red carpet which will be laid on the aisles and before the chancel in the church sanctuary. Otherwise, the sanctuary was impressive with its pasted green block walls, its exposed beams, its circular stained glass windows, depicting the Holy Bible and the cross, and its oak pews of natural finish and similar paneling for the choir loft and the pulpit area.

In addition to the church sanctuary, the building consists of seven Sunday School rooms, two rest rooms and a heating plant.

Serving as building committee for the structure, at the time of its erection, were Robert Green, chairman; Hal Hughes, treasurer; and J. W. Sowers, Edgar Floyd, R. C. Plummer, Jack Swaney and Sam Arnold.

Included in the dedication of the new church building was also the dedication of the new church pews and other gifts. This part of the service was held in the afternoon.

Pews were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Loflin and family; Mr. and Mrs. David Snider and family; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jarrell, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jarrell; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Floyd and family; Rev. John M. Nelson, in honor of former pastors of the church; by Ray Plummer in memory of and in honor of K. P. Plummer; by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Plummer, in memory of J.W. Johnson; in memory of J. M. Arnold, by his family; in memory of I. P. Arnold, by his family; by Sam, Frances, Gary and Karen Arnold; in memory of Rev. J. M. Varner, by his family, by the Woman's Society of Christian Service; by Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Summey, Revonda Summey and Pearl Hick; by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sechrest; in memory of I. F. Gordan, by his family; in memory of Mrs. J.W. Sowers, by J. W. Sowers; by the Young Adult Class of the Sunday School, Robert Green teacher; and by Robert and Golda Green and their daughter, Beth.

It was more than a dedication for the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church on Sunday, May 26th. Although the new building was set apart and consecrated to its proper use, the greater significance of the occasion seemed to be the renewal of faith on the part of the church congregation and their determination to forge ahead to an even greater service to God and mankind.

With a solid heritage behind them and the bolstering of their ranks by the addition of the fine young people who came into the church on the day of dedication. The Pleasant Grove Methodist Church is now well equipped to continue its ministry to the people of both Randolph and Davidson counties who live within its bounds of service.

A Reunion For Them As Patients Gather

June 6, 1963 - Around sixty people attended the second annual picnic of polio patients Sunday at the home of Clendon Richardson and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richardson, on Route 4, Asheboro.

Began last year primarily as a reunion of polio patients who were together several years ago at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro, there were 13 people present this year who had been afflicted with polio.

Besides Clendon Richardson, these included Joseph W. Coughlin, of Wheaton, Ill., Jackie Bost of Mt. Pleasant, James J. Carroll, of Route 2, Raleigh, Robert Kuettnner, of Raleigh, Mrs. Forrest A. Hockenberry, of Kannapolis, who attended as Miss Faye Sullivan last year, Jo Ann Waller, of Salisbury, Larry E. Beck, of High Point, Miss Juanita Shytle, of Lincolnton, Lucy L. Henderson, of Route 1, Staley, Larry Winecoff, of Kannapolis, D. E. Wall, of Winston-Salem, Harry Honbarger, of Route 7 Salisbury.

Mr. Coughlin, mission's secretary of the Christian Service Brigade, an international organization for "winning and training boys for Christ," attended the picnic outing on his way to direct a boys' camp at Conyers, Ga.

He was stricken with polio while serving his organization in Costa Rica and was brought to the Greensboro hospital for his recuperatory period.

Also present for the reunion event were four nurses who served at the polio hospital, Miss Bertie Willis, Mrs. E. B. Shore, Mrs. Verla Edwards and Mrs. Gladys Drummond; Dr. Roy M. Smith, who administered to the patients during the time of convalescence; and the hospital administrator, T. W. Cope. All of these former hospital personnel were from Greensboro.

Harry A. Doll, a retired engineer who designed gadgets for the convenience of the polio patients during their sojourn in the hospital and upon their return home, and his wife were present for the picnic occasion. Formerly of Greensboro, the Dolls are now from Armand Beach, Fla.

Ralph L. Bulla, chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation and 1963 drive chairman for the March of Dimes, was present as was Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, a member of the chapter executive committee.

Leonard Richadson, brother of Clendon Richadson, welcomed the group in the behalf of the Richardson family, following which a sumptuous picnic supper was enjoyed on the spacious lawn of the Richardson residence. Movies of former days at the polio hospital, music and fellowship were the order of the occasion after the eating of the meal.

Besides those mentioned previously, others in attendance at the picnic outing were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bost and son,

Randy, of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. James J. Carroll and children, of Route 2, Raleigh, Mrs. Elizabeth Kuettner, of Raleigh, Forrest A. Hockenberry, of Kannapolis, Herman Mills., of Draper, Peggy Jean Fisher, of Salisbury, Billy Ray Langley, of Route 1, Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Winecoff, of Kannapolis, Mrs. T. W. Cope and children, Roy Smith, Jr., and E. B. Shore, of Greensboro, Mrs. D. E. Wall, J. E. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Welch, of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shytte, of Lincolnton, Ray Petrea, of Kannapolis, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richardson, Mrs. Leonard Richardson and children, Karen, Doreen, Pamela and Colon, and Raymond Richardson, of Route 4, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Renigar, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Burgess and Mrs. Ruth Bell, of Asheboro, and Mrs. Harry Honbarger, of Route 7, Salisbury.

Former Native Gives Memorial Gift

June 6, 1963 – A former Tabernacle Township native, who left the community over 55 years ago, returned last Sunday to present a memorial gift to the Tabernacle Methodist Church.

Mrs. Eva Hill Moore, now a resident of Clayton, presented a bronze urn to the church in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. Sallie Richardson Hill.

The presentation was made at the 19th annual commemoration of the homecoming service at the Tabernacle church, with Worth Cox, president of the homecoming association, accepting the gift in behalf of the church.

Mrs. Moore's mother, Sallie Richardson Hill, died Jan. 19, 1935 and is buried in the church cemetery. Mrs. Hill, daughter of William and Evelyn Bivens Richardson, was born and reared in the Tabernacle community. The Richardson homesite was located at the present location of the Gallimore family, with a relation existing between the two families.

Eva Hill Moore, whose father was Joseph Hill, left the Tabernacle community with her family in 1907. At that time she was 12 years of age. The family moved first to Asheboro and then to the Spero community.

But Mrs. Moore still remembers her childhood days in the Tabernacle community. She remembers going to Sunday School at the Tabernacle church, then a wooden building facing the cemetery, and she also remembers going to day school at the one-room building known as Taw's College.

Although she has not been back too many times since she left over a half of a century ago, in referring to the church and community, "it will always be near to me."

Besides her mother, four infant brothers and sisters are buried in the church cemetery and also a 19-year-old brother, Archie, who was drowned in the community.

Mrs. Moore left the Asheboro vicinity in 1912 and has been living in Clayton since 1916. Accompanying her to Tabernacle from Clayton last Sunday were her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alma Barbour, and their two sons, Ronnie and Phil. Accompanying her from Asheboro to Tabernacle were two nieces, Mrs. Albert Myers and Mrs. McKinley Pritchard.

Following the presentation of the memorial gift, the visitors from Clayton and members of the Hill family in this vicinity held a picnic luncheon at the Youth Building of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Officers elected for the observance of the homecoming service at Tabernacle next year are as follows: president,

John Younts; secretary, Mrs. Larry Thomas; and program committee, Mrs. Wayne Myers, Mrs. Dalton Briles and Mrs. John Younts.

Only Small Congregation, But They Build New Church

June 6, 1963 – With a record of sacrificial giving behind them, the congregation of the Hughes Grove Baptist Church entered into a new church building on Sunday, May 26.

Built at an estimated cost of \$20,000 three – fourths of the amount has already been raised by the small church congregation, of which only fifteen pay one tenth of their modest incomes into the treasury of the church.

There are between forty and forty five members of the church, with many of these members being children.

Located on Route 2, Thomasville, just across the Randolph County line in Davidson County, the first church building was erected in 1932. At the time of its erection, it was planned to erect a non-denominational building to serve for funerals at the Hughes Cemetery which was located on the site around one hundred years ago.

However, an evangelistic prayer band held services on the site and a member of the prayer band was Robert Surratt, a Missionary Baptist. A church was organized six months after the erection of the building and with Robert Surratt as its pastor, the church became the Hughes Grove Baptist Church.

Although just across the Davidson County line, part of the church land is located in Randolph County and it was the desires of the church group that they belong to the Randolph Baptist Association. The church serves about equally the people of both counties.

Land for the cemetery was given by Jimmy Hughes and it was from him the name of the cemetery and the church was derived.

Sammy Hughes was the first person to be buried in the cemetery. Land on which the cemetery was located was part of the Hughes homesite. Land for the church structure was given by Charles Varner. Site for the parsonage, to be built at a later date, is alongside of the church property but is located in Randolph County.

The first church building built during the depression years, was erected with free labor and gifts of money and timber, mostly the latter. It is estimated that not more than seventy five dollars in cash was spent in the erection of the first church building.

According to J. W. (Will) Jester, one of the veteran members of the church, back then "money was money and you got things cheap." Strangely enough, the building which supposedly cost seventy five dollars to erect over thirty years ago has now been sold for the amount of \$137.50. The building will be torn down and used in the erection of a private residence.

Fifteen years ago three Sunday School rooms were added to the original structure and J. W. Jester, being in the sawmill business at the time, gave the framing, weatherboarding, ceiling and flooring for this addition.

It was originally decided to build a church parsonage and for this purpose the Hughes Grove church had raised \$5,000. Then, the people decided to erect a new church building first and therefore borrowed the parsonage

amount, added approximately \$10,000 to it and started the new church building in the mid-summer of last year.

The new building consists of an auditorium and a full basement, with eight Sunday school rooms being located in the basement. There are also two rest rooms.

Dimensions of the building are 36 by 46. The building is brick veneered with an interior of sheetrock and maple paneling and a celotex ceiling overhead. New oak pews and pulpit furniture of the same design have been placed into the church sanctuary.

Building committee for the erection of the new building were the pastor, Rev. M. P. Beasley, the Sunday School superintendent, Bert Wilson, J. W. Jester and Lester Jester.

As a means of raising the money for the erection of the church building, any money in the church treasury exceeding \$200 was placed in the building fund. In addition to finishing paying off the indebtedness on the new building, the church plans to pay back the \$5,000 which it borrowed from the parsonage fund.

Pastors of the church, in addition to the first pastor, Robert Surratt, and the present pastor, M. P. Beasley, have been, in the order of their coming, Sam Snyder, C. C. Roberts, Frank McDaniel, supply pastor, Otis Hampton, Horace Conner and Charles McDowell. It was during the pastorate of Charles McCowell that the parsonage fund was started around 12 years ago.

The present pastor, who resides in Archdale, has been pastor of the church for around 10 years.

He preaches every Sunday morning and along with J. W. Jester hold Bible classes on Sunday nights. Bert Wilson, the Sunday school superintendent and also chairman of the board of deacons, is a local licensed minister and sometimes holds services in the absence of the minister.

J. W. Jester, a Sunday School teacher of 45 years experience and also choir leader for the church, has also occupied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

Other members of the board of deacons besides the chairman Bert Wilson, are Carl Beasley, son of the pastor, Lester Jester and J. W. Jester.

Situated in an isolated area, on a narrow dirt road between the boundary line of the two counties, the Hughes Grove Baptist Church has not operated without opposition during the thirty one years of its existence. There have been persecutions but J. W. (Will) Jester, devoted to his church and living beyond his three score years and ten, expressed it in this manner; "We have had it rough but we are rejoicing in it."

Speaking of the problems which they had encountered as a church group, he said: "It was first a challenge to God. He will answer the challenge. As he has answered the challenge, it has become a challenge to every member of the entire community."

The Hughes Grove Baptist Church, although isolated and remotely situated, is fulfilling the mission for which it was organized. The new church building, erected through sacrifice, loyalty and devotion to both god and fellow man, will expand that mission and reflect greater service to the people of the rough terrain on which the place of worship stands.

Neighbors, Clubs, Churches Join; Their Efforts Help Rebuild House

June 6, 1963 – Eight weeks from the day their home burned to the ground, lacking one day, the Clegg Rush family moved into a nice, new home located on the same site on Route 3, Asheboro.

This was done with the assistance of the Cedar Grove Community Development Club, the Cedar Grove Home Demonstration Club, contributions from various churches and individual friends.

The Rush home was struck by lightning in the early hours of Sunday morning, Mar. 17, and members of the family awoke to find their house on fire. The house was completely destroyed by the fire, with only a small part of the furniture saved.

Asleep in the house at the time of the fire were Mr. and Mrs. Rush, a son, Dale, and their daughter, Miss Carrie Rush, an invalid, who has been bedfast for 16 years.

Mr. Rush made immediate plans for the rebuilding of the burned residence. In this effort, the community, the churches, friends and relatives joined in a most spontaneous manner.

Although the responsibility for the construction of the house was assumed by its owner, Clegg Rush, many of the smaller projects connected with its construction was assumed by the people of the community and added greatly to the comfort and convenience of the structure.

Immediately following the fire monetary contributions were received from the new Union Methodist Church, where the Rush family attend, the Back Creek Friends Meeting, the Science Hill Friends Meeting, the Hopewell Friends Meeting, the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, the Farmer Methodist Church and Stedman manufacturing company, where Mrs. Rush is employed.

The Cedar Grove Community Development Club, headed by L. B. Watson as chairman, assumed the responsibility of the plumbing and installation of the bath room fixtures, including the tile on the floor and walls and the installation of fixtures in the kitchen, including cabinets, a kitchen sink, a hot water heater, an eight-foot freezer locker and the covering of inlaid linoleum on the floor.

Mr. Watson, chairman for this project, expresses his appreciation to all those who assisted in this project and especially recognizes Carl Walker who contributed the pipe and furnished the labor for the plumbing and Lindsey Walker who built the cabinets in the kitchen and the bath room.

Working under the supervision of Delbert Hill, who was hired by Mr. Rush to construct the house, many men of the community volunteered labor towards its construction.

At one time about a dozen men came in and sub-floored the house in about an hour and one half. The three Rush sons, Harvey, Nash and Dale, assisted greatly in this phase of the construction of the house.

The house, consisting of a living room, three bedrooms, kitchen and dining room together, and the bath room. It has insulated siding on the outside, with sheetrock and an overhead of celotex on its interior. Its dimensions are 28 by 42, there are double windows in most of the rooms, with sliding doors in the closet area in the bedrooms.

Upon the completion of the house, a house warming was sponsored by the Cedar Grove Home Demonstration Club, of which Mrs. George Voncannon is president. The club's gift to the Rush family was an electric coffee maker, while many other household items of a useful nature were

brought by the residents of the community who came to the house warming.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush and the members of their family are very grateful for the kindness of their friends and neighbors and the people of the Cedar Grove community and elsewhere at the time of the disaster which destroyed their home. They wish to take this opportunity of expressing their most heartfelt thanks.

Their Golden Anniversary

June 10 1963 – Asheboro Friends meeting, which had its beginning fifty years ago this month, will hold a golden anniversary service Sunday, June 16, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Herschel Folger, former Minister of the First Friends Meeting in Greensboro, now associated with Guilford College, will be the speaker for the occasion. Bascom G. Rollins is the minister of the local Meeting.

Fannie Johnson and Nettie Lewallen, the only two charter members living out of the original group of sixteen, will be present to be honored at the anniversary service.

A picnic luncheon in the fellowship hall will follow directly the anniversary service, including a period of fellowship and the renewal of acquaintances.

The Asheboro Friends Meeting has a sparse beginning in Asheboro fifty years ago, in contrast to the strength of the meeting and its commodious accommodations of the present day.

For the first two years of its existence, the original Asheboro Friends had no meeting place of their own.

They met instead in other churches of the city and in the Armory hall which was located at that time on Sunset Avenue.

The first organized meeting was held at the First Baptist Church, on the first Sunday in June, 1913, at which time Ada Lee, Minister of the Archdale Friends Meeting, came down and worshipped with them.

Interest in the organization of an Asheboro Friends Meeting had come about from a number of families in Asheboro who had originally come from older Friends meeting Houses in this area, such as Back Creek, Science Hill, Hopewell, Marlboro and Cane Creek.

Ada Lee returned to Asheboro the following month, on July 21, and met again with those interested in organizing a Friends Meeting, this time at the Asheboro Presbyterian Church. The organization of the group was effected a little less than two months later, on Sept. 14, 1913.

Upon invitation of the Asheboro Presbyterian Church, the Asheboro Friends joined with them for Sunday School and prayer meetings for a time, with worship services being held at the Presbyterian Church and the Armory Hall. Ada Lee, the woman minister from Archdale who first met with the group, was called to become the first Minister of the Asheboro Friends Meeting.

The group became sufficiently strong before two years had passed to become organized into an independent Monthly Meeting. Official approval of this organization was given at a meeting of the Southern Quarterly Meeting of Friends which was held at Back Creek Mar. 27, 1915.

An extract from the minutes of the quarterly meeting describes this authorization as follows: "The committee appointed to investigate the subject of establishing a Monthly Meeting at Asheboro reported that they were united in granting the request which is satisfactory to this meeting. Levi Lowe, Louisa Lowe, David Farlow, Sophrona

Farlow, William Winslow, Samira Lowe, Benoni Stout, Delia Hinshaw, William Woody, Ellen Woody, Lewis Spencer and Anna Spencer were appointed to meet at Asheboro on the sixth day before the second First day in the next month at 10:00 a.m., and set up said Meeting to be known as Asheboro Monthly Meeting, and report to next Meeting."

The committee met, as outlined in the above report, and the first order of business, after reading the minutes of their appointment of Benoni J. Stout as Clerk for the day.

Charter members of the Asheboro Friends Meeting, as set up on that day, Apr. 9, 1915, were Eleazer Winslow, Hannah Winslow, Albion R. Lowe, Mattie Lowe, Ida Phillips, Elwood Cox, minister, Mary A. Cox, Irvin T. Cox, Leonta Cox, Milner A. Cox, minister, Nettie Lewallen, Eli H. Bean, Julia Bean, Fannie Johnson, Ella Bowman, Carrie Skeen, Evangeline Rush, and Virginia Lowe, an associate member.

In 1915, the same year of organization, the Asheboro Friends erected a small frame structure on Hoover Street, 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 an educational building was erected on the site. Worship on this same site continued through Sunday, Dec. 27, 1959 when the final service was held in the old building and at the old site.

Because in Oct., 1953, a building committee had been named and a fund started towards the erection of a new worship room, to be built at the old site of the Asheboro Friends Meeting House on Hoover Street. It was planned to attach the new building to the three-story brick educational building which had been erected at the Hoover Street site in 1948.

However, these plans were changed later and the decision was made to build on a new site.

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 new plans were made for the erection of the place of worship on this site.

A new building committee, composed of Van Neal, chairman, Lloyd Kemp, Bill Underwood, L.B. Cagle, Tilmont Slack, Carlton Thomas, Stella Fagg, J. C. Stevenson, John Kemp, Treva Neal, Novie Cagle and Bertha Councilman, was named and S. E. Trogdon and Sons, local contractors, were hired to construct the new building.

A groundbreaking service was held on Sunday, Nov. 2, 1958. The first service in the new building was held on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1960. An open house observance was held on Sunday, Feb. 14, 1960, and a service of consecration was Sunday, May 1, 1960.

In the erection of their new building, Asheboro Friends built with vision and they built for the future.

From the small, frame structure which they built two years following their organization of a half of a century ago, they have moved into a Colonial style structure, which exterior dimensions are 40 by 100 feet for the worship room and 43 by 187 feet for the educational building.

The educational building, with its fellowship hall, 23 class rooms, 7 rest rooms, church parlor, library, church office and pastor's study, is complete and adequately equipped to carry on a well balanced church program. But it is the worship room, beautiful in its simple architectural line, its recessed lighting, devoid of ornaments and equipment with Colonial type pews of a white African mahogany finish, that

is the most outstanding feature of the sturdily built Meeting House.

Approximate cost of the building, including furnishings, was \$170,000. The indebtedness on the building has been reduced to approximately \$27,000 and this is expected to be paid off by the end of 1965.

Present membership of the Asheboro Friends Meeting is 450 members, with 360 enrolled in the Sunday School.

The United Society of Friends Women, organized in 1916 as the Ladies Aid Society and later known as the Womans's Missionary Society, had been a contributing factor in the development of the meeting through the fifty years of its existence and, in addition to supporting its home and foreign mission projects, has raised a considerable amount of money towards the financing of the new Meeting House.

Present Clerk of the Monthly Meeting is Horace Tillman. Lloyd Kemp is superintendent of the Sunday School. J. C. Stevenson is Clerk on Ministry and Counsel and Tilmont Slack is president of the United Society of Friends Women.

Former Ministers of the Meeting, besides the first Minister, Ada Lee, and the present Minister, Bascom G. Rollins, have been Elwood Cox, Milner A. Cox, Eli Reece, Joseph Peele, Fred Ryan, Alvin C. Gregory, John M. Permar, Herman A. Parker, D. Virgil Pike, Seth B. Hinshaw and David O. Stanfield.

The Asheboro Friends Meeting, an outgrowth of the traditional and pioneering qualities of the early Friends Meeting Houses in this area, has firmly established itself as an integral part of the religious activities of Asheboro during the fifty years of its existence.

Their contribution has been and continues to be a vital factor in the development of a wholesome and well balanced community life. Asheboro Friends can be proud of their past but they can also look with renewed vision for even greater accomplishments in the future.

Mount Vernon Methodists Break Ground For Building

June 13, 1963 - A ground breaking service for new educational facilities and a sanctuary at the Mount Vernon Methodist Church, Route 1, Trinity, was held Saturday afternoon, June 8, at 3 o'clock.

The service was conducted by the church pastor, Rev. W. C. Anderson, with Dr. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church, offering the prayer and delivering a brief address for the occasion.

An unusual feature of the ground breaking service was the participation of the oldest member of the church, Dr. J. D. Bulla, whose age extends over one hundred years and eight months, and the youngest member by christening, George William (Chip) Lee, II, who is five months of age.

Spadefuls of dirt for the new building were turned by both the aged doctor, for over seventy five years a revered figure in the Mount Vernon community, and the five-month-old infant, who was held in his mother's arm and used a miniature shovel for the occasion.

Others scheduled to participate in the ground breaking service were Roland Trotter, longest church membership; Miss Martha Redding, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship; Mrs. Mae Walker, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. H. L. Jarrett, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild; H. L. Jarrett, president of the

Methodist Men; McCrary Peace, chairman of the Official Board; L. G. Bowman, Lay Leader; Larry Peace, Assistant Lay Leader; Joe White, chairman of the Trustees of the Church Property; Worth White, Sunday School Superintendent, and J. G. Fulton, chairman of the Building Finances.

A building fund for the erection of new facilities at the Mount Vernon Church was begun approximately two and one half years ago. Then in Nov., 1961, a Building Fund Crusade in the interest of the new building was conducted with Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs as director. At that time the pastor of the church was Rev. James G. Allred.

Personnel for the fund crusade included an executive committee, composed of Mrs. Barbara Lee, chairman, J. G. Fulton, Joe White and James G. Allred; special gifts committee, Cone Spencer, Herb Jarrett, Stanley Davis and Jake Bristow; majors, Iris Bristow and Earl Reece White; and captains, Mary Lee Elder, Norman Elder, Zeola English, McCrary Peace, Jake Bristow and Emory Peace.

Also, workers Blanche Walker, Billy Ledwell, Joe Sam White, Don Eldridge, Gretchen Davis, Boyd Davis, Larry Peace, Troy Skeen, Etta Mae Walker, Ray White, Lorence Peace, J. G. Fulton, Glenn Hill, Cone Spencer, Jack Wall, Bill Lee, Joe White, Stanley Davis, Gloria Hill, Peggy Ledwell, James Allred, Barbara Lee, George Davis, Betty Lee Jarrett, Charles Miller, Mildred Spencer, Thomas Redding, Ola Whitt, H. L. Jarrett, Zelma Peace, Worth White, Pearl English, Gilbert English and Grady Peace.

Crusade secretary was Peggy Ledwell while the banquet committee was composed of Elizabeth Jarrett, Zelma Peace, Catherine Peace, Hazel English, Oleta White and Lelia Ann White.

Approximately \$25,000 has been raised thus far for the construction of the new buildings. The educational part of the new structure will be erected first and is expected to cost \$56,000. Upon completion of the educational building, it is planned to proceed immediately with the erection of the church Sanctuary.

The Educational building to consist of brick and block construction, will be an L shaped building, 42 feet wide and 90 feet long on one end and 38 feet long on the other end. It will include 11 class rooms, a choir room and pastor's study. There will be a covered driveway on the south end for the convenience of the congregation in times of inclement weather.

Some partitions of the educational building will be omitted temporarily in order that the space may be used as a temporary sanctuary while the old church building is being torn down and the new sanctuary is being built.

The present church building was erected in 1923. A remodeling program was undergone about twelve years ago.

Construction of the new facilities at Mount Vernon are being supervised by a building committee, composed of Worth White, chairman, Joe White, H.L. Jarrett, Alton Spillman, E. Cone Spencer, L. G. Bowman, Sr. Mrs. Gilbert English, Mrs. Flavius Carter, Earl Reese White, McCrary Peace, Norman Elder and J. G. Fulton, who is serving as the treasurer of the committee.

Mitchell Builders of High Point are the general contractors and Robert W. Connor, also of High Point, is the architect.

It is expected that the educational building will be completed the latter part of Aug.

He Sees His Brother, For the Second Time

June 20, 1963 – Around sixty years ago two brothers, ages 18 months and 7 years were separated by the death of their parents. They did not see each other again until 1945, over forty years later.

Another long period elapsed and their second reunion came last week in Asheboro, with the arrival of Roy Smith, of Montreal, Canada, from the Province of Quebec, to visit his brother, the Rev. Loren Smith Kent, pastor of the Community Chapel Church east of Asheboro.

It was after the turn of the century that the parents of the two brothers died, the mother's death occurring after the father's death by three months. At the time, Loren was a year and one half old and Roy was seven years of age. There were also two more brothers and a sister.

The parents were living at the time of their death in Yarmouth, the Province of Nova Scotia, in Canada.

The sister was married but the boys, being younger, were sent to homes of various relatives. Loren, the younger, went to live with an aunt in Boston, Mass. While Roy, next to the youngest, went to live with a half-brother in Pubnico, Nova Scotia. Loren took on the name of his adopted parents and added the name of Kent to his original name of Loren Smith.

Roy Smith, having been born and growing up in the peninsular province of Nova Scotia, became a merchant marine and followed this profession for many years before beginning the operation of small fishing boats in Nova Scotia. It was in a small fishing village of Nova Scotia that the brothers were reunited in 1945, over forty years following their separation.

Loren, who was only 18 months old at the time of the separation, had not remembered his brother and said: "I was 43 years old before I saw him." Roy, of course, did not remember his younger brother, Loren, who had grown to full manhood during the intervening years.

But the brothers became acquainted during the three months of their visit together, which time was spent engaged in commercial fishing.

The second separation of the two brothers lasted until the early hours of Wednesday morning of last week when they were reunited again in the new and neatly kept parsonage of the Community Chapel Church of the Cedar Falls road. Roy Smith had made train connections to High Point and upon arriving there around midnight had to come in a taxi to Asheboro.

Having lived for eight years with a daughter in Montreal, a city of over one million inhabitants, he was somewhat confused over the train connections which brought him to High Point in the middle of the night and more confused upon arriving in Asheboro in the stillness of the early morning hours. Without any disparagement of the local environs, he said: "I was looking for a city."

But when daylight came and his brother began taking him over the town and the people came to his brother's church, he became more impressed and now he says "the people are awfully friendly, the ones I have met."

He had never been south before inland, only coastal trips to Key West, Havana, New Orleans and other places during his service with the merchant marine. He much prefers his native Nova Scotia to his present residence in Montreal where the temperature last winter went to 30 below zero and the snow, which came before Christmas, reached a

depth of 96 inches. However, he said that the temperature in Nova Scotia, where he desires to return reached 4 below zero last winter.

The visiting mariner, still rugged near the age of 68, speaks often of his life in the maritime service and his service as a cook on the coastal ships to which he was attached. He realizes that those days are behind him but his thoughts are still directed to his life as a fisherman. In the warmth of his reunion with his younger brother, he expressed this sentiment: "he and I would like to go fishing."

But the Rev. Loren Smith Kent and his wife will remain in Asheboro, where they have lived for nearly nine years, ministering to the ready little flock at the Community Chapel where they are serving faithfully and well.

However, his brother's visit has meant much to Loren Smith Kent. Having left the family circle as an infant child, without the knowledge which normally exists within a family group, the minister said, in connection with his brother's visit: "I have learned a lot about my people that I didn't know, things I have wanted to know for years."

Roy Smith will remain for two weeks or maybe longer. He visited another daughter in New Jersey before continuing on to Asheboro for the visit with his brother and sister-in-law. The sister and one of the brothers of Roy Smith and Loren Smith Kent are dead and the other brother, living in Sagus, Mass., has not been seen by Roy Smith since 1952.

Dairy Farmer Appointed To F.H.A.

July 4, 1963 – A young Route 1, Sophia, dairy farmer has been appointed a committeeman for the Randolph County unit of the Farmers Home Administration, a federal lending agency.

Carr V. Redding, Jr. has been named to the three-member county board, succeeding Eugene P. Walker whose term has expired. The appointment became effective July 1.

Other members of the board are C. Alton Spillman, of Route 1, Trinity, and Harvey P. Brower, of Route 1, Staley. Mr. Redding was appointed for a term of three years.

Announcement of the new appointment was made by P. D. Jackson, of Pittsboro, supervisor for the Randolph and Chatham units of the Farmers Home Administration.

Duties of the F.H.A. committeemen are to review and pass on applications for loans, certify real estate loans, advise and recommend in other types and procedures of the lending agency.

The new committeeman is a member of a well known Randolph County family, particularly in the Back Creek Township area. His father, who died ten years ago, was a well known beef and cattle dealer. His mother is the former Annie Wall.

Carr V. Redding, Jr. was born near Flint Hill, in the vicinity of the old Redding homestead, but moved with his family to the location of their present residence, near Marlboro Friends Meeting House, when he was two years of age.

He attended the New Market elementary school and graduated from Randleman High School. Upon the completion of his high school work, he began the operation of a dairy on his father's farm in 1952, one year before his father death.

He discontinued his dairy operation in 1954 upon his entrance in the U. S. Army where he served for two years with the Army Engineers at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

His dairy operations were resumed following his discharge from the Army and he has continued to maintain a medium sized dairy farm since that time, having approximately 180 acres in open pasture and cultivation.

The young dairyman's farming interest has been confined exclusively to the growing of feed and grain to include the producing of nitrogen as a fertilizer and crop dressing product.

Married to the former Peggy Moffitt, of Archdale, in 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Redding are the parents of two young sons, Carr Vaden III (Little Carl), age 6, and Curtis, age 4. They reside in a modern brick home next to the residence of Mr. Redding's mother and the place where he grew to young manhood.

The family attend and are members of the Marlboro Friends Meeting where Mr. Redding has served as an usher for the past four years.

A baseball enthusiast, he is co-manager and pitcher of the Marlboro Softball Team and he is a member of the New Markert Civitan Club.

Golden Anniversary Celebrated

July 4, 1963 – A golden wedding anniversary celebration and a reunion of their entire family for the first time in nine years occurred on Sunday, June 23, for Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lee Hicks, of the Spero section of Route 2, Randleman.

It was a joyous family reunion for Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, their eight children, 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and it was a huge anniversary celebration with nearly three hundred of their relatives and friends in attendance.

The anniversary event occurred in the fellowship hall of the Balfour Baptist Church where Mr. and Mrs. Hicks attend.

All eight of the Hicks children stood with their parents as they greeted the friends who came to the open house event which lasted from 2 p. m., to 5 p. m. They are Eugene Hicks, Siler City, Mrs. Joe (Jewel) Rich, Route 2, Asheboro; Hal Hicks, North Asheboro; Air Force Capt. C. L. Hicks, Jr., of Warner Robins Air Force Base, near Macon, Ga.; Mrs. E. J. (Louise) Steinhof, Fall River, Mass.; Winfred Hicks, Greensboro; Mrs. Jimmy Diane Johnson, Greensboro; and Mrs. Delette Gardner, Route 2, Randleman.

A tremendous number of gifts, bearing messages of love, esteem and friendship for the Hicks family, were displayed at the open house observance and are now being placed at the Hicks residence in the Spero section.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks have lived in the Spero section since 1917, having moved to Asheboro the year before from their home near Candor. Mr. Hicks, who was a miner by trade, came to this vicinity to work in the old Copper Mine which was located in North Asheboro. Although retired now for the past several years, Mr. Hicks has worked throughout his lifetime in many of the mines in this vicinity, surrounding counties and in Virginia.

He is a native of the Fuller's Mill section in the western part of Randolph County. His parents were Ruffin Hicks and Laura Carriker Hicks. He is now 75 years of age.

Mrs. Hicks, the former Ida Lee Maness, was born in Montgomery County but grew up in Moore County, near the Big Oak Christian Church near Biscoe. Her parents were Hugh Maness and Mary Jane McCaskill Maness. She is 69 years of age.

Mr. Hicks was working at the Lola Gold Mine Between Candor and Troy at the time of their marriage on June 16, 1913. Mrs. Hicks father was working at the mine also and she alternated every other week with a sister in staying at a mining cabin to cook for their father. Her acquaintance and marriage to Mr. Hicks resulted from this service to her father at the mining camp.

Following their marriage before a cousin of Mrs. Hicks, Justice of Peace Arch McCaskill in Candor, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks went on their honeymoon by train to Thomasville to visit with relatives of Mr. Hicks, and according to Mrs. Hicks, "we had a great trip."

Besides their eight children who attended their wedding anniversary celebration, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks were also the parents of two other children, Glenn and Nellie Ruth, who died at the respective ages of two and five and one half years.

Attending the fiftieth anniversary celebration were two sisters and a brother of Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Mae Beane, of High Point, Mrs. Mary Grant, of Route 2, Hamlet and Will Maness, of Asheboro, and a half-sister of Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Cora Fuller of Route 1, Trinity.

Also in attendance were four former schoolmates of Mrs. Hicks at the Oak Grove school in Moore County, Dr. Archie McDuffie and his sister, Miss Ethel McDuffie, of Candor, Miss Blanche McKinnon of near Biscoe, and Mrs. Mary Belle McCaskill Loflin, of Asheboro.

It was at Miss McKinnon's home that Mrs. Hicks stayed the night before her marriage fifty years ago. As the two young girls walked the next morning between the two homes, Ida Lee Maness revealed to her friend that she was going to be married on that day, Miss McKinnon asked her friend to wait while she returned to her home to procure a wedding gift.

That gift of fifty years ago was a table cloth of Miss McKinnon's own handiwork. Her fiftieth wedding anniversary gift at the celebration on Sunday, June 23, was also an item which she had embroidered with her own hands.

Flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sutton of Gabbs, Nevada, old mining friends of many years ago who knew Mr. Hicks in the western part of this county, were sent to the anniversary celebration.

Old friends, dating back to childhood days, to the earlier married years and later years, remembered Claude and Ida Hicks on their anniversary date. The easy informality of their lives and the kindness and affection with which they regarded their fellow man endeared them to many people and those people did not forget them upon the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary.

New Balfour Baptist Church Pastor Arrives, First Sermon This Sunday

July 4, 1963 – A new pastor, Rev. John W. Woody, arrived Monday to assume the pastorate of the Balfour Baptist Church north of Asheboro.

A native of Grantville County, near Oxford, the new minister came to the Balfour church from the Enon Baptist Church in Burke County, near Valdese, where he had served for the past five years.

His predecessor at Balfour, Rev. W. C. Bearden, who left the church last Oct. to take a pastorate in Charlotte, also came to the North Asheboro community from Burke

County, having served the Mt. Home Baptist Church near Morganton.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Woody, of Route 1, Oxford, the new minister grew up on a dairy farm which his father still operates. He graduated from the Berea High School in the vicinity and attended the Enon Baptist Church in the same locality where he became a member at the age of 14.

Following his graduation from high school, he enrolled at Campbell Junior College at Buie's Creek and from there became a student at Wake Forest College where he graduated with the class of 1951.

He enrolled at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall of 1951, with the beginning of that establishment, and graduated with the first seminary class in Apr., 1954.

During his junior year at Wake Forest College, he became the pastor of the new Sandy Creek Baptist Church in Vance County and of the Inez Baptist Church in Warren County and continued in the work of one of these churches throughout his first year at the seminary.

His next church was the Harris Chapel Baptist Church in Franklin County which was terminated a year following his graduation from the theological seminary.

Before going to the Enon Baptist Church near Valdese, he also served the Albertson Road Baptist Church in High Point.

His wife, the former Rebecca Anne Ayscue, is a native of Henderson and they were married in 1952 during his second year of seminary work. They are the parents of two daughters, Rebecca Lynn, who will be nine years of age in Aug., and Mary Linda, age six.

The new minister, who will be 34 years of age in Oct., will preach his first sermon as pastor of the Balfour Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock

Miss Minnie Retires

July 15, 1963 – Miss Minnie Lee Hoover, the official court reporter for the 19th Judicial District, has resigned her position, effective July 1, after over a half of a century of service.

During that time she had served the courts of the 19th district, composed of Cabarrus, Montgomery, Randolph and Rowan counties, as well as courts in various other counties of the state.

A sprightly little figure, familiar in many courtrooms of North Carolina, Miss Hoover was described, at the time of her resignation, by Judge Frank M. Armstrong, resident judge of the 19th Judicial District, as "one of the most beloved, respected and efficient women ever to hold such an important and responsible public office in the Judicial Department of our state government."

"Miss Minnie," as she is affectionately known by a host of friends and acquaintances in the judicial circles of North Carolina, was born in the western part of Randolph County, the daughter of Thomas J. (Tom) Hoover and Kate (Kitt) Gray Hoover. She came with her parents to Asheboro at the age of five years where she has resided since that time.

Since 1910 she has lived at her present address at 355 South Fayetteville Street. When the family first moved to Asheboro they lived in the vicinity where the Acme-McCrary Recreational Building is now located and then lived in a house which was on the present location of the Ingram-Brinson Building.

Upon moving to Asheboro Miss Minnie's father first operated a dray and in later years became one of the town's undertakers.

Miss Minnie attended the Asheboro school and finished the 9th grade there. After concluding her education at the Asheboro school, she worked as a substitute operator at the telephone office for fifty cents a day and took shorthand lessons at night.

Her teacher was Miss Mattie Porter who at that time was the bookkeeper and stenographer for the Crown Roller Mill. Miss Porter later became the wife of Dr. W.J. Moore, formerly a well known Asheboro physician.

The shorthand lessons were taken three nights a week for three months at Miss Porter's residence, located next door to the house in which the Hoover family lived, and the cost of the lessons were two dollars and one half for the entire course.

Typing was not included in the course, so Miss Minnie secured an instruction book with the touch system and taught herself how to type.

Her first job was a temporary one, as she took the place of J. O. Redding's stenographer at the chair factory which he ran in Asheboro. She worked for a month in this position and was paid twenty five dollars for her services. She said she put "the twenty five dollars in the Bank of Randolph and far as I know it's still there."

Her next position, a permanent one, was with congressman William Cicero Hammer, who at that time was serving as the district solicitor. He also had a law office, with J. A. Spence as his partner, and was the owner and publisher of The Asheboro Courier.

Miss Minnie worked with Congressman Hammer for five years and it was during that time that she took up court reporting. This was done with the encouragement of Congressman Hammer who allowed her to practice the job in the courtroom while he was in court.

She attributes the beginning of her long, successful career as a court reporter to Congressman Hammer, who advised, encouraged and helped her in her early days in the courtroom. Although she said "he was a hard taskmaster."

Since his appointment as a Superior Court Judge two years ago, Miss Minnie has enjoyed working with Congressman Hammer's grandson, Judge Hal Hammer Walker. As a gesture of this respect and esteem for Miss Minnie, Judge Walker recessed the civil term of Randolph Superior Court in her honor on Monday of this week.

There have been many "wonderful Judges" in Miss Minnie's life since she began her career as a court reporter, around the year 1910. She mentioned several of them but said it would take considerable more time to remember all with whom she had served during her tenure of more than fifty years.

However, she did say that she had "never had a row with one of them and never did one of them speak a cross word to me." She also said "I am proud of the way I got along with both the Judges and the lawyers with whom I have served. They have been considerate and patient."

In the earlier years of her service, Miss Minnie served as the court reporter at the murder trial of Gaston B. Means in the Cabarrus County Court which lasted for three weeks. New York detectives participated in the trial and it was one of the most famous trials in North Carolina court history.

The stenographic skill and ability which Miss Minnie has exhibited as a court reporter throughout the years of her

service did not come entirely out of that one, little shorthand book which she studied at night following her days at the Asheboro school. During the years of her service with the courts, she continued her studies in books and magazines on shorthand, and court reporting and was a subscriber for many years to "The Shorthand Reporter." In addition, she also studied many books dealing with the proper use of the English language.

When Miss Minnie began her employment in the office of Congressman Hammer, she received thirty dollars a month. When she first became a court reporter, she received five dollars a day. During her years of service, she has seen this pay increase by five times.

Asked what she would do now that she has retired, Miss Minnie said "nothing, just nothing." But it seemed that the strangeness of her retirement, after over fifty years of continuous service, was still upon her to the extent she was unable to think about the days ahead.

Living with her at the 355 South Fayetteville Street residence is a sister, Mrs. Sue Hoover Vestal.

There was never any let up in the official activity of Court Reporter Miss Minnie Lee Hoover. She remained alert to the very end of her career and was still capable of recording and transcribing the lengthiest and most difficult of courtroom procedure. The years did not take their toll on "Miss Minnie."

But let the summation of her long career and the expression of appreciation for her service come from one of the many court officials with whom she worked for so many years, the Resident Judge of the 19th Judicial District, the Honorable Frank M. Armstrong, of Troy. He said, "I need not speak of her personal friends - she commands not only the high regard but the deep affection of the Bench and Bar and the court officials in all of the Counties in which she served. I need not speak of her loss - that is written already."

Half - Century Wedding Year Observed By County Couple

July 18, 1963 - A retired cotton mill worker and his wife, living in an old fashioned two-story house overlooking Deep River and the village of Franklinville, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, July 14.

With all of their seven living children in attendance, in addition to other relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Connie E. Benner observed the occasion of their wedding of fifty years ago with a sumptuous picnic dinner at the Glenn McMasters home of Route 1, Franklinville.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Benner during the course of their marriage. The fourth child, Claude, died at the age of five and one half years.

The others, three of whom live in other states, are Sherman E. Benner, of Albemarle, Mrs. Belvin (Dorothy Jane) Curtis, of Franklinville, Mrs. Walter (Geneva) Parham, who recently moved from Nashville, Tenn., to Richmond, Va., John Benner, of Route 2, Ramseur, Raymond Benner, of Hiawah, Fla., Lloyd Benner, of Simpsonville, S. C., and Mrs. Glenn (Loretta) McMasters, of Route 1, Franklinville.

Since 1930, the Benners have lived in the big nine-room house, with its huge back porch, its front porch and the upstairs balcony, located a short distance across the river from the heart of Franklinville but yet a place you have to drive two miles around the road to reach.

Mrs. Benner was the former Nellie Jane Patterson and following her marriage to Mr. Benner on a Wednesday evening, July 16, 1913, at the home of her father, William G. Patterson, in Franklinville, Mr. and Mrs. Benner lived at short intervals in Greensboro, Siler City, and in Alamance County but came back to Franklinville in 1918 and have lived there since.

The wedding of a half of a century ago was performed by Justice of Peace Clarence Parks in the presence of several relatives and friends. Attending the bridal couple were Miss Flora Strutts, now Mrs. Edgebert Hill, of North Asheboro, and L. C. (Lucion) Frazier, of Franklinville, who later married a sister of Mr. Benner.

For her marriage vows of fifty years ago, Mrs. Benner was dressed in the traditional white dress, saying "I hired it made." However, she added: "I baked my own wedding cake."

Mrs. Benner's mother, Maggie Williams Patterson, had died when she was a young girl and she and a sister alternated with working in the cotton mill and staying at home to keep house for their father and their younger sisters and brothers.

The Patterson family, of which Mrs. Benner was one of ten children, originally came from the Parks Roads community below Ramseur where they lived on a farm. They moved to Franklinville when Mrs. Benner was a small girl.

Mr. Benner was born in Chatham County, a short distance from Glendon, but moved with his family to Coleridge at the age of nine years. He began working at the Enterprise Manufacturing Company, a cotton mill, at that age for the total amount of ten cents a day.

Only weighing two pounds at the time of his birth, Mr. Benner estimates that he weighed between fifty and sixty pounds when he began working in the mill. He said: "I was a small potato."

The family only lived a year in Coleridge and in 1903 moved to Worthville where Mr. Benner again went to work in the cotton mill. Before leaving Worthville, he was making between forty and fifty cents a day, working from six o'clock in the morning until six o'clock at night, with forty minutes off at lunch.

Coming to Franklinville in 1906, Mr. Benner went to work in the cotton mill at that place, owned by Hugh T. Parks, for wages of fifty cents a day. An older sister worked for sixty cents a day.

Mr. Benner said that his mother, Mrs. Mittie Groce Benner, purchased a house near the Baptist church on the wages which he and his sister made, in addition to providing for three younger children in the family. The house and one acre of land was bought for a little over \$500.

Mr. Benner said that he secured very little of formal education, going to school for one week in Chatham County and for three or four months of the year in Worthville and Franklinville. Mrs. Benner also attended the Franklinville school. At that time the children in the mill village would leave their employment in the mill during the school months, returning to the mill when their classes were over.

At the time of their marriage, Mr. Benner was making seventy five cents a day at his employment at the cotton mill in Franklinville. He returned to work the day following their marriage.

In 1919, following the return of the Benners to Franklinville in 1918, Mr. Benner became a fixer at the Franklinville mill and he remained in that job until his retirement in 1958.

Now he "piddles around" his 108 year-old house and its more than 100 acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Benner have closed in one of the areas of their large back porch and in this closed in area, they have a big freezer locker packed with meats and vegetables. It was in this area that the picnic dinner was spread for the anniversary occasion last Sunday.

Mr. Benner is 70 years of age and Mrs. Benner is 69. Having been married at the age of 20, Mr. Benner jokingly remarked that "I ain't never been a free man yet."

Mr. and Mrs. Benner, very young in appearance and comparatively young in years, were a happy, contented couple as they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Sunday. They have weathered the hardships of the earlier years, the work in the mills, the long hours and the meager wages, and now, with their children all reared and gone into homes of their own, they are living a peaceful existence in the big house overlooking the river and the town.

Large Family Gathers For Her 87th Year

July 18, 1963 - Mrs. Lula Emily Smith, whose descendants have numbered 165, observed her 87th birthday Sunday, with many members of her large family in attendance.

The family celebration came one day before Mrs. Smith actually reached the age of 87 and was held at the Randolph Rest Home south of Asheboro.

Mrs. Smith has been living at the home for the past several months under the care of a granddaughter, Mrs. Vernon Burrow, who with her husband are directors of the Randolph Rest Home.

The aged woman was married to James Oliver Smith who died in Mar., 1955. Prior to his death they resided on Route 1, Asheboro at a place where they moved from Stokes County on Jan. 1, 1920.

The Smith family, consisting of nine children and other dependents came to Randolph County to raise tobacco and because of Mrs. Smith's health. It was thought that she had tuberculosis and the doctor said that moving to a "piney country" would help her condition. The place to which the family moved had a lot of pine trees on it. The turpentine in the pine trees was supposed to be good for tuberculosis.

It developed that Mrs. Smith did not have tuberculosis and she has lived 43 years since that time and is still able to get up and about, although her general health is not good.

Seven of Mrs. Smith's children are still living. They are Oscar Smith, Fred Smith, Harry Smith, Mrs. Carrie Pugh, and Mrs. Emma Malone, of Route 1, Asheboro, Larston Smith, of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Nellie Garner, of Elon College.

The deceased members of the family are William Smith and Elwood Smith.

In addition to the nine children born to Mrs. Smith and her husband, there have been 43 grandchildren, 104 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

An unusual note among the descendants is that Oscar Smith, oldest son of Mrs. Smith, and his wife are the parents of 14 children. They have 55 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Martha Jackson, of High Point, 79 year old sister of Mrs. Smith, was in attendance at the family celebration Sunday. Also in attendance were two ministers, Rev. Jesse Tucker, of High Point, and Rev. Charlie F. McDowell, of

Route 1, Asheboro. The devotions for the family event were conducted by these two ministers.

Old Home Kept One

July 25, 1963 - Manly Ashworth has lived his entire life, amounting to more than 72 years, at the old family homestead now more than one hundred years old.

The old part of the house, ceiled and framed with wide planks, was built in 1840 - the new part sixty years later.

Water is still carried up a steep hill from a deep spring, as it has been throughout the years of the family's existence, and until last week, light for the household was provided by oil lamps in strategic spots within the house.

But electricity (lights) came to Manly Ashworth's last week and the lifelong resident of the old house said: "I certainly have been enjoying them. It seemed like I was in a new world."

Thirteen lights were installed in the rooms and on the porches and two flood lights were installed on the outside. For the first nights of the new installation. Manly kept all the lights on and a neighbor and relative calling on him said that the house was "lighted up like a hotel."

The old Ashworth residence, located on Route 3, Asheboro, five miles southwest of Asheboro in Cedar Grove Township, is still unpainted after over a hundred years of existence. But it blends nicely with its rural setting and the rail fence which extends clear across the western part of its location.

The lawn is wide and long, including the greater portion of the house clearing, and is neatly mown. The trees are many and of various kind. There are the cedar trees, the big oak between the house and the barn, and the big beech tree near the spring which Manly said "it would take about two men to meet around it."

Then there are the cotton bushes which surround the place, the crepe myrtle, the formosa bush, the red bud and the spruce pine.

The house faces the east, is covered with a tin roof which was installed sixty years ago, has ivy on the chimney and has latticed railing, complete with gates, on its porches which extend across the front of the house and the south side.

Manly Ashworth's parents were William Russell Ashworth and Martha Francis Sheridan Ashworth. His grandparents, who had the first part of the house built in 1840, were Joel and Elizabeth (Betsy) Ashworth.

Russell Ashworth, Manly's father, was one of Randolph County's best known school teachers of the earlier years. He taught school for 42 years. It is said that he also served the country as Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds.

This veteran school teacher, described by his son as having been "educated to the highest," was taken out of school at the age of 17 to serve in the Confederate army, where he remained for over two years. He began teaching following his discharge and in his earlier years of teaching was paid twenty five dollars a month, out of which he had to pay four dollars a month for board.

Besides Manly, there was eleven other children in the Ashworth family. These included Walter, William Penn, who died as an infant, Elizabeth H., Rachel Camelia, Joel Addison, Viola May, Annettie Agness, Orlando Osborne, Core, Mattie Francis, and Rona Grace.

All of them are now dead except Manly, Joel, who lives on Route 3, Asheboro, Mattie, who lives in Los Angeles, California, and Grace, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

Listed among the Ashworth children were some school teachers, a doctor, a nurse, a stenographer and those in other capacities. But none of these occupational achievements exceed the contribution of Manly Ashworth, who has remained throughout his lifetime at the old homestead.

He stayed on the farm, cared for his mother who died in 1955, has lived with his sisters who at various times have come back to the old place, and has generally acquired the reputation among those who know him as being an honest and upright man.

His life is plain and unassuming and his philosophy is simple. He trusts his fellow man whom he addresses as "my friend." And he expresses his faith in this statement: "I believe in God and all of His righteousness."

Except for the power company's right-of-way, the light poles and the lights which blaze forth at night, everything remains the same at the old homestead, much of which has been there over a hundred years.

The house, with its split level floors separating the 1840 structure from the 1900 additions, has not been changed since the turn of the century. The same path leads to the deep-walled spring which has never gone dry and where the old milk boxes continue to remain in existence.

Within the house, Grandfather Joel Ashworth's old clock still sets on the mantel and in the same room is his old bookcase, both of which are over one hundred years old. In the front parlor, furnished in the style of another generation, is the organ which was purchased for the benefit of one of Manly Ashworth's sisters.

The old lamps still set in the places to which they have become accustomed through the years of their service. Because, as Manly, practical with the experience of many years, "the power might go off."

The quietness of the place, both within and without, with the nearest neighbor half a mile away, still pervades as in former years. The only exception is the occasional roar of an airplane overhead or the faint sound of a big truck on the highway a distance away.

But most unchanged is Manly, the simple philosopher, respected by his neighbors and friends is a man who believes in God and his fellow man.

Sunday Was Homecoming For Bethel Baptist Church

Aug. 8, 1963 – Sunday, Aug. 4, was a busy day for the Bethel Baptist Church, located near the Tabernacle school on old Highway 64, with a homecoming service in the morning, picnic luncheon at noon and a singing and baptizing in the afternoon.

But, as far as that is concerned, Bethel has been a very busy church since its organization July 28, 1940.

Three years ago, on homecoming day, the congregation entered its new completed church building for the first time. For two years or so before that time, worship services had been held in the basement of the building under construction.

Before the structure was started, the congregation had worshipped in the old Shepherd school building, which land

and building had been purchased for the use of the newly formed church group.

The beginning of the Bethel Baptist Church came about with the holding of a revival meeting in the old school building three years or so before the organization of the church in 1940.

Holding the revival service were Rev. F. B. Clark, of Thomasville, and Rev. Robert (Bob) Surratt, of near Lexington. Rev. Mr. Clark was to later become the first pastor of the church.

Several professions of faith were noted in the revival services and due to the interest which was manifested, it was decided to begin the holding of Sunday School and preaching services in the old school building.

These services continued until the organization of the church. The organization was effected by Rev. R. E. Heath, who at that time was serving as Vice Moderator of the Randolph Baptist Association, and occurred at 2 o'clock on a Sunday afternoon.

The organizational meeting ended that Sunday afternoon by the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and it was noted in the minutes of the meeting that the offering was \$3.50.

In contrast to the offering at meeting of twenty three years ago, the church offering last Sunday amounted to over \$200.00

With the beginning of the services and the organization of the church, the old school building was purchased from W. C. Causey for \$400. The minister, Mr. Clark, Ray Hoover and wife, Queen Hoover, and Mrs. Hoover's mother, Mrs. Charity Kindley, signed the mortgage for the payment of the building. The above group were also listed as trustees of the church at the time the old school building and one acre of land was purchased on Nov. 20, 1940. final payment was made on this purchase three years later.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Kindley were among the first members of the church and Mr. Hoover, who died in 1948, was the first person to be buried in the church cemetery. He was the first buried in the cemetery of the Tabernacle Methodist Church but was reburied shortly thereafter when his wife and others helped to prepare a cemetery location at the Bethel church.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover was also brought to the Bethel cemetery for reburial from the Piney Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Hoover continues to be one of the active members at the church. Her mother, however, died in the same year as her husband. One of the ministers, Bob Surratt, who helped to hold the first meeting, is also dead. Rev. F. B. Clark who had been slated to speak at the homecoming service Sunday, is living at Henderson but due to illness was unable to be there for last Sunday's service.

There have only been three pastors of the church, the Rev. Mr. Clark, Rev. O. L. Brower and the Rev. Claude Byerly who is now in his 12th year as pastor of the church. Under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Byerly, the new church building valued at \$30,000, has been erected and the indebtedness paid in full.

The Sunday School has an enrollment of 178, with an average attendance of 140. The active membership of the church approaches 100.

Fifteen new members were baptized into the membership of the church as the concluding part of the homecoming services last Sunday. The baptismal service was held at 4

o'clock in the afternoon at Lambeth's pond on the Hoover Hill mine road, directly following the singing at the church.

Mrs. Queen Hoover remembers another baptismal service, the first to be held at the organization of the church, with a similar group submitting to the ordinance of baptism. This baptismal service, however, was held at the old mill pond on Uwharrie River.

Board of Deacons at the Bethel Baptist Church consist of Arthur Lambeth, chairman, Winfred Hunt, Cramer Hunt, Waymon Trotter and Roy Edwards. Sunday School Superintendent is Cramer Hunt and choir leader is Waymon Trotter.

Children Fill Their Lives; Meet Sunday At Old Home

Aug. 8, 1963 – Seventeen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. William Oscar Smith, of Route 1, Asheboro, fourteen of whom are still living.

Thirteen of these children and their families came together Sunday at the old homesite, located near the Mt. Taber Pilgrim Holiness Church, to celebrate the 67th birthday of their father.

The mother of the children is only 65 years of age and looks even younger. The couple were married 46 years ago last Dec. 24.

Oldest of the children is 45 years of age while the youngest of the group is age 20. There are 55 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. One of the sons in the family, age 38, whose wife died about three months ago, is the father of 10 children.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith came to Randolph County on the first day of the year, 1920. They came from Stokes County, of which both were natives, along with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smith, and other members of the Smith family. Mrs. Smith was the former Primmie Adelaide Browder.

Mr. Smith and his father left Stokes County on the last day of the year 1919, making the journey in two-horse wagons. The other members of the family came by automobile. Mr. Smith recalls that it took them two days to make the trip, stopping over for the night with a relative north of High Point.

The Smith family set up residence on Route 1, southeast of Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith have lived within three miles of that place ever since, except for returning to Stokes County for one year shortly after they came to Randolph County.

Sawmilling, log cutting, farming and raising chickens have been the principal occupations of Oscar Smith, with some public work at Franklinville. Mr. Smith remembers that he has, in the years past, worked twelve hours a day at odd jobs for a dollar a day.

Asked the inevitable question of how he had managed to provide for such a large family, Mr. Smith frankly and honestly said, "I just don't know." Mrs. Smith later said: "The Lord has provided a way," a sentiment in which Mr. Smith concurred.

Nobody, least of all the Smith family, would say that it was not hard. But many, if not all of them will tell you that they "enjoyed life and had plenty to eat." However, other things may not have been so plentiful and as one of the older girls mentioned: "some of the little fellows had to sit by the fire in the winter months."

When the family moved to the land on which they now reside in 1926, they occupied a log house with one room and a shed. At that time there were about five children.

Three or four more of the children, were born before they moved to a larger house on the same land. However, before leaving the log house, two rooms were added to it. The family, with only one child, the youngest, left at home, are now living in the third house on the same land to which they came in 1926.

One of the boys told about the children sitting on a bench at the table when they ate and the same boy, the youngest son in the family, said that he was often called upon to get a brush from the woods to keep the flies away from the table, as there was no screens on the doors and windows at that time.

But the older children helped their parents provide and care for the younger ones, with some of the older girls in the family being required to plow and do other work of the manual type.

Nevertheless, the large families of children were healthy and Mr. Smith said that he never had to call a doctor for one of them, except one of the children who died of meningitis. Two of the children died in infancy and another one died at the age of 8 months.

One reason for the children being so healthy might be attributed to a story told by one of the sons that every Sunday morning all members of the family lined up and was given two table spoonfuls of castor oil. Mr. Smith never did admit to this being true but it seems that a lot of home remedies were used.

The fourteen living children are Mrs. Opal Kirkman, Paul Smith, Harold Smith, Roger Smith, J. W. (But) Smith, and Mrs. Doris Henson, of Route 1, Asheboro, Mrs. Mabel Burrow, Mrs. Betty Parks, and Mrs. Barbara Davis, of Asheboro, Mrs. Myrtle Craven, Of Randleman, Mrs. Virginia Cox, of Ramseur, Raymond Smith, of Route 5, Asheboro, Mrs. Elizabeth Garren, of Route 2, Asheboro and Miss Faye Smith, who resides with her parents.

Most of the seventeen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith were delivered by a mid-wife, with no doctor in attendance. None of the children were born in a hospital. The cost of delivery for the first children was two dollars but the cost later went to five dollars and it is thought by the Smiths that the cost never went beyond seven dollars.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are now receiving social security payments and Mr. Smith raises hogs, of which he has about 100. They raise quite a bit of garden produce not only for themselves and the children away from home but for the neighbors as well. Even back when most of the children were at home, Mr. Smith still had plenty of vegetables and other produce to give his neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Smith, calm, unwrinkled and not showing the effects of bearing a family of seventeen children, said: "I'm going to take it as easy as I can for the rest of my life." However, it is judged that she still does plenty and would not be satisfied to completely quit the world which has occupied her 65 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are proud of their large family of children and the children in turn look upon their parents with a great deal of respect. It is a happy family group with affection and congeniality existing among all of its members.

All of the children in this large family are regarded as hard working, God-fearing and respectable citizens of the

communities in which they live. None of them, according to their father drink, smoke or curse and they are indeed a group which reflect credit upon the parents who bore them.

Pastor Followed Father's Steps; Now Serves Here

Aug. 15, 1963 – Rev. R. Sam Parker delivered his first sermon as pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church Sunday morning, speaking from the subject: "The Challenge of the Age."

The new minister, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Pamela Denise (Pam), arrived last Thursday to take up residence at the church parsonage located next to the church on North Fayetteville Street Extension.

He comes to the neighbors Grove church from the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Clyde, located in Haywood County in the western part of North Carolina, where he had served for the past five years.

Born in Lincoln County, town of Long Shoals, the new minister is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Roy H. Parker, who now reside in Old Fort where his father is pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church of that place.

His father is a veteran minister in the Wesleyan Methodist Church and was serving as pastor of the church at Clover, S. C., where the new Neighbors Grove preacher attended high school before he joined the United States Navy in 1948.

He served in the Navy for four years, part of his service being spent in the state of Washington and the remainder in the Hawaiian Islands. It was during this period that the United States was engaged in the Korean conflict.

While serving in the navy, Sam Parker was married to Emma Marie Flint, a native of Clover, S. C., and it was also during his naval service that the daughter, Pam, who in now 11 years of age, was born at the Oak Harbor Naval Hospital in Washington State.

Pam will be a 6th grade student in the local schools this coming school year.

Directly following his discharge from the Navy, he enrolled at the Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, S. C., where he graduated in 1956. During his second year at the school, he became the pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Old Fort, the same church of which his father is now the pastor.

He continued at the church for a year following his graduation and then served for a year at the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Rose Hill. His next pastorate was at Clyde, from which place he came to the Neighbors Grove Church.

Active in civic affairs at Clyde, he served for one year as president of the chamber of Commerce, secretary and treasurer of the volunteer fire department for four years and had been a member of the Planning and Zoning commission for the town of Clyde for the past two years.

On the conference level of his denominational group, he served for the past two years as a member of the Western District Missionary Board and has served for one year as a member of the Board of Managers of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Born as Roy Samuel Parker, the new minister of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church will be 33 years of age next month.

New Blood Fights Child's Affliction

Aug. 15, 1963 – The coming of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Asheboro today and Friday brings to mind a story of love and generosity which has revolved around a blonde, blue-eyed boy of three in the upper part of Randolph County.

Brooks Rockett Wright, whose third birthday occurred on July 31, is afflicted with hemophilia, a disease characterized by a tendency to bleed immoderately.

Six times since Apr. the attractive little boy has received hospital care and attention. Before that time he had only been hospitalized once. His affliction was noticed at the age of six months.

Local Red Cross records state that the child received 16 pints of blood during his recent periods of treatment at Cone Hospital in Greensboro, Duke Hospital and North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

But, as is usual in cases where blood has been received, cards asking for replacement did not go out for little Brooks Wright. Because friends and relatives of the little boy and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Wright, of Route 1, Randleman, responded immediately and more than replaced the blood which he used.

At least 23 pints of blood was given to replace the blood which had been given to the afflicted child. Much of this came through fellow employees of the child's father at Union Carbide in Asheboro and through the efforts of the little boy's great-uncle, Hubbard Rockett, of Route 1, Randleman, who is associated with King-McIver, Inc. in Greensboro.

As the little boy's mother expressed it, "you just don't realize the need for giving blood until you have someone in your own family who needs it."

But the concern and the care for 3 year-old Brooks Rockett Wright did not start nor will not stop with his recent need for blood at the time of his hospitalizations.

His parents are devoting their lives to helping the child adjust to his affliction. In the case of little Brooks, the disease did not have a hereditary origin as is the case of seventy percent of those afflicted.

The Wrights live in a secluded area, a mile or so off of Highway 220, near the home of Mrs. Wright's paternal grandparents, Mrs. L. E. Rockett and the late Mr. Rockett.

Their home is modern and sits off the road across an expansive lawn with plenty of shade trees. Mrs. Wright is the former Billie Rockett and she grew up in the area in which she and her husband and little boy reside.

The young mother and her husband are endeavoring to learn all of the aspects of the disease with which their son is afflicted, in order that they may help him to live as normally as is possible.

One factor which has provided for his comfort until he reaches the age of awareness was the padding of the floor and walls of his room with foam rubber, allowing him to move about without sustaining the bruises which develop readily with the disease with which he is afflicted.

Little Brooks Rockett Wright is surrounded with love, devotion and care. Also, he will probably never lack for the blood which he will need throughout the years of his life. There are many others, however, who are not as fortunate as this little boy. It is for these that you are urged to come out on either today or Friday, Aug. 15 and 16, at the National Guard Armory and donate a pint of blood.

Buntings Have Fiftieth; Still Live In Same House

Aug. 15, 1963 – Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bunting, of Route 2, Asheboro, were honored, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, at a reception and open house event Sunday, Aug. 11, in the Fellowship Hall of the West Chapel Methodist Church.

Extending to them the honor and serving as host and hostesses for the occasion were their seven children, four sons and three daughters.

The four boys stood along side their father and the three girls flanked their mother in the receiving line between the hours of 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., as the entire family group greeted the approximately 175 relatives, friends and neighbors who called by to greet them on the occasion.

Standing with their parents as they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary were Mrs. Everett (Reva) Morris, Asheboro, George Bunting, Route 2, Asheboro, Mrs. Herbert (Lola) Pugh, of Route 1, Franklinville, Jay Bunting, Route 2, Asheboro, Mrs. Olan (Ina Mae) Dorsett, Route 2, Asheboro, W. Ray Bunting, Asheboro, and Herman Bunting, Route 2, Asheboro.

It was fifty years ago, exceeding one day, and also at 2 o'clock on a Sunday afternoon that James Alson (Altie) Bunting and Mattie Pearl McDowell were united in marriage at Gray's Cross Roads between Asheboro and Farmer.

A church, called Lebabon, was located at Gray's Cross Roads at that time and a Friends Minister, John Tillman, was holding revival services at the church at the time the couple came to get married. The minister told them to come early in order to avoid the crowd but when they reached the wedding site, the crowd was already there.

The couple had arrived on the scene riding in a buggy, accompanied by two other couples riding in two other buggies, so because of the crowd who had already gathered the bride decided "we're not coming in, we'll just sit here in the buggy." Therefore, the marriage vows were said while the couple sat in the buggy.

For her wedding of a half of a century ago, the bride wore a white silk dress, trimmed in lace. Her accessories consisted of long white gloves, white slippers and a white hat. For her golden wedding reception last Sunday afternoon, she wore a Navy Blue silk print dress, with black accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

At the reception Sunday afternoon Mrs. Bunting's daughters and daughters-in-law wore matching corsages of yellow chrysanthemums.

Registering the guests at the door for the golden wedding anniversary event were Miss Nancy Morris and Duane Bunting, grandchildren of the honored couple.

After the guest had greeted the family group in the receiving line, they were invited to the reception table covered with a white Queen Anne lace cloth over yellow, with the corners of the table decorated with white and gold wedding bells, tied with gold ribbon that draped in front to each end.

In the center of the table was a crystal container with an arrangement of yellow snapdragons, mums and Shasta daisies, mixed with greenery. On each side of this were crystal candelabra holding three golden tapers.

At one end of the table was the four-tiered wedding cake on a crystal stand decorated with four love swan and topped by a wedding bell with the inscription of 50 in gold

letters and covered with lily of the valley. At the other end was the punchbowl, embedded in an arrangement of ivy and yellow Shasta daisies.

Mrs. George Bunting presided over the punch bowl, with Mrs. W. Ray Bunting cutting the cake. Assisting in serving the cake, punch, nuts and mints were Mrs. Jay Bunting, Mrs. Herman Bunting, and two graddaughters, Misses Becky Bunting and Janet Dorsett.

Two more granddaughters, Misses Cynthia and Kathy Bunting, presided over the gift table.

James Alson (Altie) Bunting, son of Alson Bunting and Elizabeth Coltrane Bunting, was born a half of a mile or so from where he and Mrs. Bunting now reside, their present residence being in the locality northwest of the West Chapel church. He was reared on a farm and attended the one-teacher school at Long Branch, situated on old Highway 49.

Mrs. Bunting, daughter of Cicero McDowell and Rhodema Hoover McDowell, was also born in the same vicinity and came to reside as a very young girl in the same house in which she and Mr. Bunting now live. She attended the one-teacher school at Back Creek, walking a distance of three miles to the school.

Altie Bunting and Pearl McDowell practically grew up together, being reared in the same community. Mr. Bunting said he had known her as long as he had know anybody and "I worked for her daddy." Also, his youngest sister married her oldest brother.

However, Mrs. Bunting and her people moved to Albermarle and she worked for three years in a mill at that place before she came back, according to Mr. Bunting, "to help me farm."

Following their marriage on that Sunday afternoon of fifty years ago and the wedding supper at the home of Mr. Bunting's parents, they lived on the place where Mr. Bunting was reared until 43 years ago they moved to the place where Mrs. Bunting and her people lived before moving to Albemarle, their present residence where they having been living ever since.

They remember in connection with their wedding, that Mr. Bunting got up at four o'clock the next morning and went back to the threshing machine, for which he hauled water for the old steam engine.

The fifty years of the married life of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bunting have been happy ones. They have reared their seven children in the two-story house which sets close to the side of the rural dirt road.

An eighth child, Gilbert died at the age of four and one half months.

The old house, probably a hundred years old, has resounded throughout the years with the laughter of the parents and their children as they enjoyed the family fellowship and the days of their youth together.

West Chapel Methodist Church has meant a great deal to the life of this closely knit family. The parents have attended the church since early childhood. Mrs. Bunting has been a member of the church since the age of 14. The seven children have grown up into the church and now many of the 16 grandchildren are in attendance.

Recently the church Sanctuary was re-modeled and lengthened and the Fellowship Hall erected. Therefore, it was fitting that the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Bunting, extended to them by their children, be held in the new Fellowship Hall which they helped to

build and to which their pastor, Rev. Jimmy Williams, and the other members of the West Chapel congregation could come and join with them for the special occasion.

Mr. Bunting, erect of posture at age 72 and Mrs. Bunting, with only a few white hairs in her head at near 70, are still young in appearance and movement.

Although the seven children have now left the family homestead and they are living alone in the old house by the side of the road, they are both happy and content with the knowledge, as expressed by Mrs. Bunting, that we raised a good bunch of children.

Homecoming Draws Them Far And Near

Aug. 22, 1963 – From far and near they came Sunday to the annual homecoming service at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, located in the south-western part of Randolph County, near the Montgomery County line.

They came from Montgomery County, Asheboro, High Point, Thomasville, Eleazer, Wagram and many came from the other churches in the Mt. Lebanon area.

It was an all day affair, with good singing and preaching in both the morning and afternoon and a picnic dinner spread on an L-shaped table during the noon hour.

The old, the young and the children were there, with two sisters, Mrs. Roella Luther Daniels of Route 2, Troy, and Mrs. Corinna Luther Phillips of High Point, remembering the church when it existed only as a brush arbor with services being held during the summer months.

Mrs. Daniels, age 76, and Mrs. Phillips, age 78, are two of the oldest living members of the church, along with Miss Christine Ledwell of Route 5, Asheboro, age 75.

Mrs. Daniels recalls that she attended the brush arbor barefoot and wearing a bonnet." She also remarked that "they had some good meetings back then. People come for the good of it and didn't come to show their finery."

Although there was some finery in evidence last Sunday, there was also a good meeting and the people seemed to have "come for the good of it."

The young pastor, Rev. D. C. Sullivan, who came to the church five years ago next month on his 29th birthday, preached a sermon Sunday morning, with great evangelistic fervor, on the subject; "Hindrances to Blessings."

The choir, in turn, sang some of the older songs of the church, such as "I'll Live In Glory," "Life's Evening Sun." "Amazing Grace" and "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Contributing greatly to the singing at the Mt. Lebanon Church are members of the Strider family who have long been noted for their good singing. It has been said that "there was never a Strider who couldn't sing."

Leading the singing Sunday was big Lacy Strider who serves as the church's choir leader. His brother, Malcolm, is the assistant. Their father, Walter I. Strider, was for many years the Mt. Lebanon choir director and the present church piano was donated to the church in his memory.

Special singing was rendered Sunday by a quartet, composed of Lacy Strider, his sister, Mrs. A. J. Williams, Clay Strider and Valon Callicutt, a trio, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Strider and Mrs. Williams, with Mrs. Clay Strider accompanying both groups at the piano, and the Russell duet, also a part of the Mt. Lebanon musical groups. Outside singers were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Smith of Liberty.

Highlighting the singing at Mr. Lebabon's homecoming Sunday was the clear, melodious voice of Malcom Strider, the younger son of the Strider family, singing as a solo "I Surely Will, O Lord. I Surely Will."

The Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church was organized in 1890. However, meetings were held in the brush arbor several years prior to that time. The congregation is still worshipping in the church's original building which has been remodeled and added onto several times.

Welch's Brush Arbor comprised the name of the first services held at Mt. Lebanon, probably deriving its name from Welch's School which was located nearby.

For a while the church also went by the same name but was changed later to Mt. Lebanon. According to Mrs. Roella Daniels the building was first "just a hull of a church."

But it is a clean, neat structure now, with nice pews and pulpit furniture and has a very aggressive organization for the rural area in which it is located. Present for Sunday School last Sunday were 92 people, a jump of 13 over the attendance from the preceding Sunday. But the church building was completely filled for the homecoming service at 11 o'clock.

Alvin Shaw is the superintendent of the Sunday School and also chairman of the Board of Deacons. Others serving on the board are Arthur Hurley, C. B. (Claude) Shaw, Clyde Williams and Lindsey Luther. Mrs. Alvin Shaw is president of the Woman's Missionary Society. There are approximately 130 members of the church.

The people like to come to Mt. Lebanon for the annual homecoming service.

They like to come not only because of loyalty to the church and their association with it through the years of the past but because of the informality, the friendliness and warmth they feel in its services and the fervent spirit which is displayed from its pulpit.

A Busy Summer for 4-H Youth: Won Top Honor

Aug. 29, 1963 – A 16 year old youth will return to Seagrove High School Friday, after an eventful summer in 4-H Club activities.

Larry Birchel Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hancock, Route 1, Seagrove, became a member of the Honor Club during State 4-H Club Week in Raleigh July 22-27, to receive what is considered the highest honor which can be bestowed upon a member of the North Carolina 4-H Clubs.

It was also during that same 4-H Week that he received another state honor by winning the State Electric Demonstration contest as the representative from the Northwestern District of 4-H Clubs in North Carolina.

Prior to this eventful 4-H Club Week in Raleigh, Larry had been selected to attend the Virginia 4-H Short Course, held on the campus of V.P.I. at Blacksburg, Va., to which only one boy and one girl in 4-H activities in the state of North Carolina are entitled to go.

This selection was made by the State Extension Staff, comprised of representatives from the six 4-H Club districts in the state.

Larry Hancock's admission into the State Honor Club, coming after his 16th birthday on last November 4, made him one of the youngest eligible members ever to be tapped into that coveted group.

A 4-H Club member cannot apply for the Honor Club until reaching his 16th birthday and then the application is

processed through the county 4-H representative and a district screening board, with final consideration by the state group.

The winning of the State Electric Demonstration had its beginning back in May when Larry won the electric demonstration at County Demonstration Day in Coleridge.

Following that, he was adjudged the winner of the Northwestern District of 4-H Clubs, composed of 17 counties which was held at the Northwest Division High School in Davidson County on June 14.

It was the fourth straight year that Larry had won both the county and district electric demonstrations. However, for the first three years he had worked as a team with Alvin Voncannon but entered both contests this year as an individual contestant.

Other 4-H Club activity for this summer included attendance at Camp Millstone near Ellerbe July 28 – Aug. 3 where he served as a junior leader and also attendance at the State 4-H Electric Congress at Charlotte Aug. 12, 13 and 14.

At this meeting, county, territorial and state winners of electric demonstrations were recognized and on one of the days Larry gave his winning demonstration at the State 4-H Club Week in Raleigh.

His formal activity for the summer ended with the trip to Charlotte but he continued his 4-H Club activity by beginning a compilation of his leadership record, to be submitted later through proper channels for consideration on a leadership award.

Larry who will enroll in the junior class at Seagrove High School on Friday, joined the Seagrove Junior 4-H Club in the fall of 1957. He was ten years old at the time and a student in the fifth grade at the Seagrove school.

Upon joining the 4-H Club, he began working on four projects, home grounds beautification, small fruits, crafts and health.

In the fall of 1958 he became a county winner with his project in home grounds beautification, the same project with which he became a state project winner in 1962. The latter honor entitled him to a trip to the annual session of the National Congress of 4-H projects such as electric, forestry, gardening, money management, recreation, swine and others. In his six years of 4-H work, he has completed 36 projects within the areas in which he has worked.

In addition to winning on the state level his home grounds beautification project and his electric demonstration, he has been a winner 24 times in county demonstrations, a winner eight times in district demonstrations and a territorial runner-up and first place winner in the electric project.

He has also excelled on the county level in citizenship and community relations.

From the county to the state level, he has been a member of 73 committees and served in 1962 as a member of the staff for Clover Leaves, 4-H publication of State 4-H Week.

He has made 89 talks, from the local to the state level, participated in 213 exhibits, 169 demonstrations and 13 radio programs. He has also written 23 news stories and recruited 35 new members.

He is currently president of his local club, now designated as the Seagrove Community 4-H Club. Other officers in the local club have included the positions of grade captain twice and reporter of the club.

On the county level, he has served as secretary of the county council twice and is currently the retiring president of

the county council. He has also served as the vice president and president of the county electric workshop and was a candidate for district vice president in the last elections.

Larry credits a great deal of his success in 4-H Club activities to his advisor, Richard Freeman, county 4-H leader.

He has a sister, Janice, age 14, following in his footsteps. She has already been a county winner in 4-H projects several times and a runner-up in district competition.

Besides his prominence in 4-H Club activities, Larry has been president and vice president of the Pilgrim Youth Fellowship of the Seagrove Congregational Christian Church, where he and his entire family have seven years of perfect attendance, and has served as vice president of the Pilgrim youth Fellowship of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches. He is also a member of the choir of his local church.

A member of Explorer Post 513, he is an Eagle Scout with 23 merit badges and has also received the God and Country Award of the Boy Scouts.

He will serve this year as assistant editor of the Seagrove High School annual, Se-Hi, and will automatically assume the editorship next year. He was varsity basketball manager last year and also played on the junior varsity basketball team, of which he was co-captain. He is a member of the FFA of the Seagrove School and has won nine awards in that group. He is a member of two other school clubs and his scholastic average last year was 94.6, putting him fifth in a class of 109.

In the short span of six years, Larry Hancock has made a name for himself in 4-H Club circles around the state. In doing so, he has brought credit to his home community of Seagrove, where he has also distinguished himself for service to his church, his Scout troop and his school.

Proud Day For Huldah Church

Sep. 2, 1963 – Sunday, Aug. 25, was a proud day for the membership and congregation of the Huldah Baptist Church, as they held open house for their new parsonage building from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The commodious new residence, modern in its design and substantial in its construction, now awaits the arrival of a new pastor, Rev. Billy Metters, who will assume the Huldah pastorate on the first Sunday in Oct.

Consisting of six rooms, two baths, a carport and full basement, the new building has an established value of \$25,000, including the land on which it is built.

However, the men of the church, working two shifts on a voluntary basis, contributed a great deal of labor to the construction of the parsonage and therefore brought the actual cost well below the estimated value.

Plans for a parsonage at the Huldah Baptist Church started in Feb., 1959, when a savings and loan fund, which had been used to clear off the indebtedness of the church, was continued as a means of financing the erection of a parsonage.

In Aug., 1959, the church purchased three acres of land from Ray Hayworth which adjoined the church property, located on Route 5, Asheboro, and north of Seagrove, for use as the parsonage site and as additional burial grounds for the church.

The purchase price of the land came out of the savings fund, with the fund being continued as a means for the future financing of the actual construction.

On the fifth Sunday in Dec., 1962, at a quarterly business meeting, the church voted to proceed with the building of a parsonage. A building committee, composed of Lewis Thomas, Harvey Reeder and Ralph Graves, was appointed.

The building committee was assisted by the board of trustees of the church, composed of J. D. Chriscoe, chairman, Ottis Graves and Ralph Graves, and the board of deacons, composed of Cicero Bennett, chairman. Walter Voncannon, Ralph Graves, Lewis Thomas and Tommy Maness.

The treasurer of the church, Wayne Thomas, also served as secretary and treasurer of the building program, with Mrs. J. D. Chriscoe serving as both the church and parsonage clerk.

Clayton Ammons was hired by the church to supervise the construction of the new parsonage, with other outside workers being Albert Freeman, Rom Rush and Charles Pittillio, Architect for the building was L. E. Edwards.

An all electric home, including the heating, the residence has a brick exterior with white ornamental railings extending along the front porch and down the front and back stoops.

A utility room is located off the carport and outside the entrance to the combination family room and kitchen. The cabinets and eating bar in the kitchen are finished in natural birch, with the remainder of the room painted with a beige finish the same as the hall and living room.

The walls and overhead of the entire upper area of the house is covered with sheetrock, with a rolled design overhead, and is insulated overhead, in the walls and underneath.

The three bedrooms are painted in blue, orchid and green while the study, with its built-in shelves, is finished in pink. One of the bath rooms is finished in blue ceramic tile with white walls while the other one is finished with green ceramic tile.

All of the upper floors are covered with a late design of linoleum except for the hardwood floors in the living room and one of the bedrooms. Each room in the house is furnished with matching drapes of very beautiful designs.

Mrs. J. D. Chriscoe and Mrs. W. C. Cox, who served on the committee to select the drapes, the linoleum floor covering, the ceramic tile and the colors of the rooms, also served as the committee for open house.

The receiving line was composed of the newly named pastor, Rev. Billy Metters, the supply pastor for the past 10 months, Rev. W. M. Leonard, and the deacons of the church.

Presiding at the guest register was Mrs. Jesse Graves. A tour of the parsonage was conducted by ladies of the adult class. The serving of the refreshments was handled by the young ladies of the church, with Miss Linda Thomas serving as chairman.

Goodbyes were said by J. D. Chriscoe, the Sunday School Superintendent and chairman of the board of trustees, and Wayne Thomas, the church treasurer and also the treasurer of the building fund.

Rev. William Kenneth (Billy) Metters, who will assume the pastorate of the Huldah Baptist Church the first of Oct., is presently residing on Route 2, Carthage. For nearly seven

years he has served as the pastor of the Red Branch Baptist Church in that vicinity.

In addition to the Red Branch church, he served until two years ago the Flint Hill Baptist Church, located in the same area.

Before becoming pastor of the two churches in Moore County, Rev. Metters had been an evangelistic preacher and radio evangelist in the vicinity of High Point, of which place he was a native.

Married and the father of three children, Sharon, 15, Charles, 13, and Kennie, 11, he is a graduate of the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. Now in his early thirties, he has been a licensed preacher since the age of 19.

The newly named pastor at Huldah is no stranger to Randolph County Baptists, as he has held revival meetings at the Maple Springs, Russell's Grove, Central Falls and Clear View Baptist Churches in this county.

Rev. W. M. Leonard, supply pastor at Huldah for the past months, is a resident of Route 2, Bennett. He was formerly a well known Baptist pastor in Randolph County until his retirement from the active ministry a few years ago.

Members of the Huldah congregation credit Mr. Leonard with providing the church with an excellent supply pastorate during its months of seeking a pastor and during the process of building the new parsonage.

The Huldah Baptist Church, organized in 1896, had its beginning in a brush arbor meeting near the old Rock Springs school which was located a short distance from the present church site.

For many years some of the older people of the community referred to the church as the Rock Springs church.

The church was named for Huldah Staley who gave two acres of land for the erection of the first church building, a frame structure, and for use as a burial grounds. The present brick building was erected in 1954

Many Ministers Attend Pilgrim Church Event

Sep. 5, 1963 – Six ministers were in attendance at the annual homecoming service Sunday at the Ramseur Pilgrim Church.

They were, Rev. James C. Smith, pastor of Guilford Pilgrim Church and Dean of Southern Pilgrim College at Kernersville; Rev. Forbis Kivett, who came out of the Ramseur Pilgrim Church; Rev. R. J. Hobbs, pastor of the Ramseur Pilgrim Church; Rev. W. A. Way, a former pastor; Rev. Arthur Holt, of Greensboro, and Rev. Wray J. Smith, of Kernersville, a former pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Holt was the speaker for the homecoming service. His sermon subject was "Setting Up Landmarks."

A Randolph County native, son of Cicero Holt, he was born at Holt's Mill in the White's Chapel area but moved to Ramseur at an early age.

He remembers attending services at the Ramseur Pilgrim Church and sitting on planks in a small frame structure. He is a retired minister of the Church of the Nazarene and resides in Greensboro.

The wife of this 69 year-old minister is the former Ada Smith, daughter of Roe Smith, of the Pleasant Ridge vicinity.

Rev. W. A. Way was pastor of the local church in 1911 and 1912. His wife is also a native of the Ramseur area,

having been the former Mamie Cox, of near Ramseur. He is now a resident of Greensboro.

The Rev. James C. Smith is a son of the Rev. Wray J. Smith and lived in Ramseur during the pastorate of his father.

The young minister, Forbis Kivett, is the son of George Kivett, a member of the Ramseur Pilgrim Church, and served as youth director of the First Pilgrim Church in Greensboro until recently when he resigned to enter Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

Forbis Kivett's grandfather, also named George Kivett, gave the land for the location of the church building shortly after its organization in Nov., 1903. The church had its beginning in a tent revival which was held in May of the same year.

Fond Memories Held Of Belvidere School

Sept. 5, 1963 – Students of the old Belvidere school held their second annual reunion Sunday at Sam Walker's cabin west of Asheboro. Around 200 former students and members of their families were in attendance.

The first reunion was held last year following efforts by Sam Walker, Waymon Trotter and Annie Trotter Hughes in getting the group together. These three former students served as the first reunion officials in the capacities of president, vice president and secretary and treasurer respectively.

Located in the general area of the reunion site, the old Belvidere school building was situated on the Back Creek – Cedar Grove township line between the Sawyersville Pilgrim Holiness Church and the present location of the Asheboro Country Club.

Sam Walker presided over Sunday's reunion of the Belvidere students, standing outside the cabin underneath a huge sigh proclaiming "Welcome The Belvidere Clan."

Rev. Everett Wright, pastor of the Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church, pronounced the invocation. Several songs were sung by the Old Union quartet and hymns and ballads were sung by Vaughn Marley and his string band.

A corsage and a special welcome was given by the reunion president to Miss Loula Andrews, former Belvidere school teacher, in recognition of her contribution to the Belvidere school and the community.

Former teachers at Belvidere were recognized and in addition to Miss Andrews, Clara Kearns Walker, Ruth Kearns Lawrence, Moleta Kearns Briles, Minnie Briles Kennedy, Faye Walker English and Nell Spencer Jackson were in attendance.

Three of these, Clara Kearns Walker, Faye Walker English and Nell Spencer Jackson, were also former students at the school.

Some of the oldest students in attendance at the reunion were Mamie Hale Ragan, 88, her brother, Addison Hale, 86, Charlie Bulla, 81, Bessie Hinshaw Peace, 80, her sister, Lena Hinshaw English, 77, and Fannie Hoover Johnson, 78.

Some of the younger students present who attended the last schools at Belvidere included Lucinda Hoover Ball, Helen McElreath Loflin, Edith Hill Sears, Aster Staley, Lee McElreath and Donald McElreath.

Lee McElreath, age 38, had in his possession a perfect attendance certificate from the school dated Mar. 31, 1933, signed by Miss Imogene Lewis as the teacher. Mr. McElreath believes that this was the last year the Belvidere

school was in existence and this belief is contrary to a previous statement that the school closed in 1932.

Among those in attendance were three married couples, all former students at the school, including, Frank and Etta Hoover Bulla, Albert and Fleta Hoover Trotter and Sam and Nell Spencer Jackson.

Elected for next year's reunion were Joe Hoover, president; Wilbur Kearns, vice president; and Clara Kearns Walker, secretary and treasurer.

Following the program proceedings, which were interrupted many times for the exchange of greetings among former students, those in attendance were served sliced watermelons.

Former students in attendance included Sam Walker, Pete Bulla, Frank Bulla, Etta Hoover Bulla, Frances Walker Smith, Charlie Bulla, Jean Trotter Routh, Waymon Trotter, Annie Trotter Hughes, Fleta Hoover Trotter, Albert Trotter, Lewis Hoover, Kate Hoover Hinshaw, Fannie Hoover Johnson, Sam Nance, Pearl Kearns Davis, Clara Kearns Walker, Wilbur Kearns, Lester Kearns, Eugene Kearns, Addison Hale, Everett Trotter, Blanche Hughes McKenzie, Ruby Trotter Maness, Dora Kearns Lowdermilk and Claude Kearns.

Also, Edna Dix Andrews, Clarence Snider, Donald McElreath, Carl Walker, Worth Briles, Jim Hinshaw, Gilbert Kearns, Edith Hoover Loflin, Wade Briles, Mrs. James Carmac, Mrs. Lloyd Small, Claude Walker, Laura Dix Cecil, Nancy Hoover Cox, Dan Bulla, Faye Walker English, Bess Walker Finch, Joe Trotter, Lucinda Hoover Ball, Wade Nance, Paul Nance, Fred Hoover, Lee McElreath, Lena Hinshaw English, Sam Jackson, Nell Spencer Jackson, and Bessie Hinshaw Peace.

Also, Cline Trotter, Dewey Hoover, Eula Morgan, Marie Kearns Baker, Mullie Kearns Chandler, Clyde Nance Scott, Edwin Snider, Helen McElreath Loflin, Mamie Hale Ragan, Edith Hill Sears, Aster Staley, Frank Hughes, Ulysses Nance, Ruth Miller Nance, Norman Miller, W. I. Miller, Mildred Spencer Mallory, Nate Lowe and Hazel Trotter Foster.

Annual Trek Begins Down Pumpkin Road

Sept. 5, 1963 – The pumpkin road has been opened again and the tourists are making the annual pilgrimage to the pumpkin patch of L. B. (Bascom) Craven, located on Route 1, Seagrove, slightly northeast of Why Not.

Mr. Craven didn't do so well with his pumpkins this year, as the largest one only weighs 225 pounds. A smaller one weighs 200 pounds.

In the five years or more that he has been growing big pumpkins, his biggest one was grown last year and weighed 260 pounds.

Before last year his pumpkins weighed up to 127 pounds. One year he had twenty which weighed over 100 pounds.

This year's variety was crossed with seeds from pumpkins grown in Australia, Pennsylvania and Iowa. During this season he watered and fed the vines continuously during the growth of the pumpkins.

If Mr. Craven didn't succeed as well this year with his pumpkins, he had real good luck with his Bohemian squash. On a dozen vines he grew about 85 of the beautiful, gaily colored specimen. The squash are round, looking like a pumpkin, except they are tiered and striped with various colors.

He has also grown some butter beans which have an average length measurement of 12 inches and he is growing goards again this year, both the Martin and Handle type.

One way of reaching Mr. Craven's residence is to go past Why Not on Highway 705, take the first dirt road to the left and go a mile or so to the craven house located on the right side and close by the roadside.

Mr. Craven said that one Sunday during the pumpkin season last year an estimated 100 cars and 500 people visited his home and viewed the large pumpkins and other plants of unusual variety.

Minister Has Varied Background

Sept. 16, 1963 – A young minister, with a varied career already behind him, is serving as the Minister for the South Plainfield Friends Meeting, located on Route 1, Sophia, on the extreme northeastern edge of Back Creek township.

Carl Lee Brooks, Sr. began his ministry at South Plainfield the first Sunday in July and has made a favorable impression upon the members of the meeting during his brief tenure of service.

His assignment came from the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, in which group he is a recorded Minister, and his immediate past assignment was the Concord Friends Meeting in Greensboro where he served for two years.

During the past year he has also served an interim ministry at the Deep Creek Friends Meeting at Yadkinville.

Before assuming the ministry of the Concord and Deep Creek Meetings, he taught Christian Education for three years in the public schools of Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Prior to that time he had taught school for one year at the Northland Indian Mission at Peace River. Province of Alberta, in Western Canada where he was also in charge of the school's mission.

He grew up in Greensboro where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brooks, are still living. He graduated from Senior High School, now Grimsley, and attended one year at Pfeiffer College.

He transferred to the Cleveland Bible College in Cleveland, Ohio, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Religious Education degree. It was while attending this school that he met and married his wife the former Anna Mary Weaver, who was also a student at the school.

Mrs. Brook's home town was Marion, Ohio. She and her husband are now the parents of five children, Nancy Lee, 13, Rebekah Lynn, 9, Crystal Lane, 8, Tempie Ann, 6, and Carl Jr. 4. Tempie Ann was born while the couple were living in Canada and therefore has a dual citizenship which will exist until she reaches the age of 18.

After completing his studies at the Cleveland Bible College, Mr. Brooks enrolled in Bluffton College, a liberal arts college at Bluffton, Ohio, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree.

This versatile minister has also attended the School of Theology at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, the graduate school at Guilford College and is presently studying for his Master of Arts degree at the Fuller Summer Seminary at Winona Lake, Ind. This school was formerly the Winona Lake School of Theology but is now under the management of the Fuller Seminary of Pasadena, Calif.

Since coming back to the Greensboro area, Mr. Brooks has conducted classes at John Wesley College in Greensboro.

South Plainfield people are pleased with the accomplishments and varied career of their new minister and are looking forward to a profitable outgrowth during his stay with them.

Old Camp Meeting Stirs Up Memories

Sept. 19, 1963 – Despite the chilly weather, a capacity crowd attended the homecoming service and the beginning of camp meeting at Chapel Hill Methodist Church Sunday at the camp meeting and church site on Route 3, Denton, about a quarter of mile across the Randolph County line into Davidson County.

Services were held in the large tabernacle which has stood on the church site for around one hundred years, although the canvas curtains which surround the structure were dropped Sunday because of the cool weather.

Many of the older residents at the camp meeting Sunday remembered how open fires were built on rock heaps around the tabernacle in the years gone by to take the chill off the services.

One of those who remembered this and other matters pertaining to the old time camp meetings was Mrs. Martitia (Tisha) Russell Frye, 81 year-old resident of Route 3, Denton, who has been coming to the Chapel Hill camp meeting longer than any other person.

Mrs. Frye remembers coming to the camp meeting at the age of seven but thinks that her mother brought her at about the age of three. She has only missed about three of the camp meeting sessions since she first remembers coming at the age of seven.

Mrs. Frye recalls the time when her parents, Julius and Adeline Bean Russell, and the members of their family came to the meeting in a covered wagon, drawn by two horses, and remained throughout the day. She especially remembers bringing the coffee pot with them for the brewing of their coffee.

Her family, who lived about three miles from the camp meeting site, always returned home at night but many others came and lived in slab shanties through the duration of the camp meeting. Some even brought their stock with them, especially their cows so that they might have milk for use during the camp meeting period.

The Tabernacle, under which services will be held this week unless the weather gets too cool, is a sturdy structure which is kept in excellent repair by the Chapel Hill church group. The original part of the tabernacle was constructed by logs hewn by an axe and were put together by wooden pegs.

In later years the building was extended on all side.

A concrete floor has replaced the dirt floor which was formerly covered with straw and a tin roof has replaced the old shingle roof. There is now an altar railing with a velvet kneeling pad and a choir loft but otherwise the old building is much like it appeared one hundred years ago.

Newer benches have supplemented the real old beaches which were used in the beginning and a row of electric lights stretch across the exposed beams, replacing the lamps which were formerly fastened to the tabernacle beams.

The Chapel Hill Methodist Church was established in 1854 but the first frame building was replaced with the present

brick structure in 1899. The graveyard is one of the best kept rural cemeteries and the entire church and camp meeting grounds present a lovely and neat appearance.

Rev. Austin (Bud) Frye, of Route 2, Trinity, preached the homecoming service and will conduct the revival services throughout this week. His subject Sunday morning was "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death." The church pastor is Rev. Thomas F. Pritchard.

The 81 year-old Tisha Frye and some of the older camp meeting attendants remember services when the people shouted down the tabernacle aisles and even climbed the sturdy posts which support the roof of the old building.

One gentleman present at Sunday's camp meeting session from Montgomery County recalled the beautiful singing which resounded in former years from the old tabernacle. He especially remembers the group singing "Kneeling At the Mercy Seat" and said you could hear them "a way down the road."

Cameras Whirred, Reporters Came: He Passes 101st

Oct. 3, 1963 – The Television cameras whirled, the newspapermen were in and out, Life Magazine's representatives were there, relatives, friends and neighbors dropped in and the patients came on the 101st birthday of Dr. Jefferson Davis (Jeff) Bulla on Saturday, Sept. 28.

All of this activity was concentrated at the rambling country residence of the venerable doctor, a Randolph County native, on Route 1, Trinity, in the Mt. Vernon Church community north of Hillsville. The occasion was more significant this year for the outside news media because it is believed by them, that Dr. Bulla is now the oldest living doctor in North Carolina and perhaps in the United States.

But for the people of the Mt. Vernon community, it was just another birthday for their friend, their neighbor and their family doctor for the past seventy-five years. For it was in 1888 that Dr. Bulla came to the community for the practice of medicine. He was born south of the area in Back Creek Township.

Dr. Bulla said the photographers "took pictures a thousand times" on the day of his birthday. Asked if it bothered him, he said it didn't "because I can't see or hear."

However, that may have been a slight exaggeration because he recognized this reporter immediately when he visited him on the morning following his birthday. A little later on, when a patient knocked softly on his door, the doctor heard easily and told him to come on in.

He left his home on the evening of his birthday for a supper celebration at the home of a grandson and on the next afternoon he attended a family celebration at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church hut.

On Friday before his birthday he went with a neighbor to see the new television tower in the Sophia community and also traveled in the vicinity of his old homestead in Back Creek Township.

He still smokes cigars and received several on the occasion of his birthday. He also received many congratulatory cards and from Carl Hill, of nearby Hillsville, he received a beautiful arrangement of red carnations.

In addition to the patients he still sees at his home, the doctor mails out gallons of his specialty, a treatment of athlete's foot, to places in North Carolina, Virginia,

Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, New York and other places. According to his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dewey Bulla, who assists him in his practice, he packs much of the medicine himself for mailing.

The first year of his second century has now passed and there is no noticeable difference from that of a year ago. Dr. Jeff Bulla remains unshaken, immovable and firmly to the life which he has now lived for one hundred and one years.

Day For Golden Agers

Oct. 3, 1963 – Nineteen elderly people were honored at a golden age party, sponsored by the Brown's Cross Roads Home Demonstration Club, Sunday afternoon at the club house in the Brown's Cross Roads community.

A reception honoring the older people of the community and nearby vicinities was held from 3 o'clock until 5, with many of the community's residents calling during that time to pay their respects to the older citizens of their community.

Those present comprised an accumulated total of 1,443 years, Mike York, of Route 1, Staley, at the age of 92, was the oldest person to be honored.

Others recognized during the reception were Alfred Smith of Rt. 4, Siler City, 82; Mrs. Lillie Marley of Rt. 1, Staley, 82; Mrs. Ida York of Rt. 2, Ramseur, 81; Mrs. Doska Staley of Rt. 2, Ramseur, 81; Mrs. Ida Branson of Rt. 1, Staley, 79; D. N. Johnson, Rt. 2, Ramseur 79; Mrs. Emma Brower of Rt. 2, Ramseur, 77; and Mrs. Addie Sharpe of Rt. 2 Ramseur, 75.

Also, Jesse Burgess of Rt. 2, Ramseur, 73; L. M. Sizemore of Rt. 1, Staley, 73; Mrs. D. N. Johnson of Rt. 2, Ramseur, 72; Mrs. Stella Barker of Rt. 2, Ramseur, 72; Mrs. Maude Anthony of Carthage, 72; Mrs. Dora Cox, of Rt. 2, Ramseur, 71; Rev. J. C. Edwards of Liberty, 71; Jeffrey Barker of Rt. 2, Ramseur, 71; June Burgess of Rt. 2, Ramseur, 70; and Mrs. Alfred Smith of Rt. 4, Siler City, 70.

Three married couples, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Barker, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith, were among the honored group.

Mrs. Anthony is a former resident of the Brown's Cross Roads community and it was in her home that the Brown's Cross Roads Home Demonstration Club was organized in 1939. She was among those who were instrumental in getting the club organized and she served as the second president of the club.

This was the first time that Mrs. Anthony had visited with the Brown's Cross Roads club group since she left the community in 1945.

Mrs. George (Emma) Brower, one of those honored at Sunday's reception, joined the Brown's Cross Roads Home Demonstration Club in the spring of 1940, after the first two meetings of the club.

Jesse Burgess, also of the older people honored Sunday, rode his horse to the golden age party in his honor. He said he had sold his car because his children were afraid he would have a wreck and now uses his horse as a means of conveyance.

Mrs. J. V. Langley and Mrs. Alfred Brower were members of the planning committee for last Sunday's event.

Greeting the guests at the door were Mrs. Willie Brower, president of the Brown's Cross Roads Home Demonstration Club, and Mrs. Luke Edwards and Mrs. L. M. Sizemore.

The decorations, consisting of gladiol, small golden marigolds and lighted gold tapers, were planned and arranged by Mrs. Roby Coe, Mrs. Wade Edwards and Mrs. C. G. Staley.

Mrs. F. W. Owens presided over the punch bowl, while Mrs. Henry Lawson and Mrs. Jack Burgess served the cake.

Mrs. Alton Allen made the yellow chrysanthemum corsages and boutonniers which were pinned on those being honored. Miss Judy Langley and Miss Betty Brower wrote the invitations to those who were invited to attend.

Others of the Brown's Cross Roads Home Demonstration Club, in addition to Mrs. Brower, are Mrs. Luke Edwards, vice president; Mrs. Henry Lawson, treasurer.

It was a joyous occasion for the honored older residents of the Brown's Cross Roads community, as well as a happy event for the club members and other citizens of the community who came out to honor and respect the people who have rendered great service to their community in the years that are past.

All of the honored guests were seventy years of age or older and were residents of the Brown's Cross Roads community, former residents or otherwise connected through family ties with club members. A similar occasion was sponsored by the home demonstration club year before last.

Hooker Couple Celebrate Their 65th Year Together

Oct. 10, 1963 – Friends and neighbors honored Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hooker, of Route 2, Randleman, on their 65th wedding anniversary Thursday, Oct. 3.

The Sunshine Prayer Circle of the North Asheboro community met with the Hookers on the afternoon of their anniversary and presented them with gifts in the form of "an old fashioned pounding."

Hostesses for the event were three neighbors, Mrs. Stanton Poole, Mrs. Douglas Underwood and Mrs. Joe Brantley, and a close friend, Mrs. Albert Myers.

Coffee and cookies were served and those in attendance brought many staple food items for the benefit of the honored couple. The Balfour Home Demonstration Club presented the couple with a decorated wedding cake inscribed "Happy 65th Anniversary."

A beautiful arrangement of white chrysanthemums, pink gladiolus and pink roses were sent by a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hooker, for the occasion.

Present for the anniversary event were two ministers, R. Sam Parker, pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, who spoke to the gathering, and Carl Lee Brooks, Sr., minister of the South Plainfield Meeting, who offered prayer for the occasion.

Mrs. Hooker has been an invalid since she suffered a stroke three years ago. She has been unable to talk since that time. Her condition was aggravated a year ago last June when she fell out of a wheel chair and broke her hip.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hooker are 89 years of age, he having been born Apr. 6, 1874 and she on Mar. 12, 1874. A 93-year-old brother of Mr. Hooker, Riley Hooker, lives with the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooker came to Randolph County with their family from Stokes County in 1921. However, Mr. Hooker is

a native of Patrick County, Va. Since coming to this county, they have lived the entire time in the Spero section.

The elderly couple appreciate the kindness of their friends and neighbors for the gifts which were presented to them on the occasion of their anniversary and for the interest which has been extended to them since the illness of Mrs. Hooker. They are especially grateful for the thoughtfulness which has been shown them by their close neighbor, Mrs. Stanton Poole, in their time of need.

Farmer Golden Agers' Day

Oct. 10, 1963 – Members of the Farmer Home Demonstration Club staged a golden age party for the people of the Farmer community Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. R. Hammond.

The delightful occasion took the form of a tea held from 3 o'clock until five, with the modern architecture of the Hammond residence complementing the other appointments of the home demonstration event.

The tea table was covered with a white cloth and was centered with an arrangement of yellow marigolds and goldenrod in a milk glass container, with lighted tapers in milk glass holders on either side.

Fall flowers were used predominantly throughout the house. Corsages of pale yellow mums, with gold ribbon and net, were presented to all of the ladies and matching boutonnieres to the men.

Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. H. P. Kearns greeted the guests at the door while Mrs. Charles Bescher, Mrs. Clay Yates and Mrs. Carl Kearns poured the hot chocolate and served the cookies and nuts.

Recorded music was played during the appointed hours of the tea.

Charter members of the Farmer Home Demonstration Club, some of them within the golden age group, who were recognized as being present included Mrs. Marvin Bescher, Mrs. Carson Cranford, Mrs. G. C. Cranford, Miss Hope Hubbard, Mrs. J. R. Hammond, Mrs. J. B. Hinson and Mrs. H. P. Kearns. Mrs. Carson Cranford has never missed a meeting of the club during its 24 years of existence.

Other golden age people, club members and visitors in attendance at the tea were Mrs. Nellie Bingham, Barnum Bigham, Carl Nance, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Copple, Mrs. Clem Allred, Mrs. Gurney Pierce, of High Point, Mrs. Maria Wieters, G. C. Cranford, Mrs. L. R. Bane, Rev. and Mrs. Bryson Smith and son, Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker of Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Morgan, Mrs. Kate Gearren, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Arnold, Mrs. Louie Pierce, Sam Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Elliott and Carson Cranford.

President of the Farmer Home Demonstration club is Mrs. J. R. Hammond. The committee planning the golden age observance consisted of Mrs. H. P. Kearns, Mrs. Carl Kearns, Mrs. Clay Yates and Mrs. Charles Bescher.

Open House Celebrates Dover Church Expansion

Oct. 17, 1963 – An open house observance on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 13, marked the completion of a new parsonage for the Dover Baptist Church, located on Route 2, Seagrove.

It was indeed a happy occasion for the Dover church congregation, as this was the first parsonage to be erected by the church since its organization in 1833.

The area surrounding the new structure literally swarmed with people Sunday afternoon as members of the Dover congregation, friends and visitors came to see the new parsonage which has an estimated value of \$25,000.

It is a brick-veneered building, 83 feet and 4 inches long and 29 feet wide at its widest part. It consists of 10 rooms, including one full bath and half-bath with shower, and has a carport and front terrace on the right side of the building.

A color scheme of honey beige walls with harmonizing fiberglass drapes prevails throughout the house with the exception of the ceramic tile baths. The full bath is in pink and white and the half bath in lemon and white.

In the living room and den, Holiday Stone fireplaces extend to the ceiling in each room.

The floor of the pastor's study is covered with nylon carpet in a honey beige color which accents the walls of the same shade. In this room a built-in desk extends across the end of the room and one side of the study is taken up in book shelves.

The living room and two of the bedrooms have hardwood floors. The den, kitchen and dining area is covered in heavy gauge vinyl in shades of beige and white. The other two bedrooms are in inlaid linoleum in the beige and white motif also.

The lighting fixture in the living room is a cascade candelabra while in the den and dining areas antique copper lamps of Early American design provides the light.

The kitchen is lined with natural finish birch cabinets with built-in coppertone oven and cooking unit. A utility room provides needed space just outside the kitchen area.

Heating is furnished from a hot-air heating plant which has been installed in the new residence.

It was only last spring that members of the Dover congregation began thinking and planning for a new parsonage. An actual vote never was taken on the matter. Instead, it was agreed to let the matter hinge on a special offering which was taken on Sunday, Apr. 21.

The offering on that Sunday amounted to \$1,636 and after that the offerings on first Sundays were set aside for the new building. Another special offering on Sunday, Oct. 6, amounted to \$1,400. From an estimated value of \$23,000, it is only planned to borrow \$10,000 on the structure.

Mrs. Earl Baldwin and children, of Biscoe, donated one acre of land on which to build the parsonage. The late Earl Baldwin was an active member of the Dover church and served as the superintendent for many years.

Another large contribution was the framing, subflooring and sheeting which was donated by J. H. Allen of Route 1, Star. Transue Williams, also of Route 1, Star, donated the grading and dozer work.

The building committee, which saw the structure through to a successful completion, was composed of Kennie Brewer, chairman and J. H. Allen, Lealon Davis, Fred Hare, Albert Hancock, Willie Brewer and Val Greene.

General contractor for the building was Wayne Wright, of Seagrove, Construction was started in Sept.

At the time of its organization in 1833, services at the Dover church were held in a log building. Later a frame building was erected and in 1954 this building was brick-veneered with other renovations and additions.

Present pastor of the church is the Rev. James Moon, former pastor of the Clear View Baptist Church near Cedar Falls. He came to the church the first Sunday in Mar. of this year and succeeded the Rev. M. D. Chriscoe who died in Oct. 1962 while serving in the pastorate of the church. Prior to the pastorate of Rev. M. D. Chriscoe, the late Dr. Ernest Hancock, well known author and Bible scholar served approximately 18 years.

The Dover Baptist Church has a membership of 425 members, 329 of whom are resident members. The Sunday School enrollment is 312, with an average attendance of 237.

Superintendent of the Sunday School is Kennie Brewer. Church clerk is Charles Kennedy. Members of the board of deacons are Roscoe Hogan, chairman, Lealon Davis, Albert Hancock, Kennie Brewer, Carson Rose and Lacy Greene.

The church is a member of the Montgomery County Baptist Association but is located in Moore County, about a mile and one half from the Montgomery County line and about six miles from the Randolph County line.

At the open house observance last Sunday afternoon, the ladies of the church served refreshments to the large crowd who were in attendance.

Randleman Couple Observe 50th Year

Oct. 17, 1963 - A retired railroad man and his wife, residents of Randleman since 1923, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary Friday, Oct. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Hill, both natives of Randolph County, did not observe their golden wedding anniversary with fanfare or celebration. Instead, the day was passed quietly with their only child, a daughter, Miss Allene Elizabeth Hill.

Another child of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, a son, Harrison Kearns Hill, died at the age of 11.

Benjamin Harrison (Ben) Hill was born on Jan. 1, 1891 in the area south of Trinity, near Frazier's Siding and in the vicinity of a post office named Progress. He was the son of Sidney and Mary Davis Hill.

He attended the schools at Oak Forest, southeast of his home, Glenco, northeast of his home, and at Glenola. Reason for leaving the first two schools was the discontinuation of those institutions of learning. At the time of his marriage, he was working on the farm with his father and doing part time work in the Glenola brick yard.

Mrs. Hill, the former Ara Rebecca Kearns, was born west of Asheboro, near Caraway Creek. Her parents were Allen and Nancy Rush Kearns. She was born Sept. 8, 1895.

She attended the Locust school in the Farmer-Parker's Mill area and upon moving with her parents to Glenola at the age of 14, she enrolled at the school in that place. It was at the Glenola school that she became acquainted with the person to whom she would later be married.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill were married on a Saturday afternoon, Oct. 11, 1913, at 4:30 at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. F. Nance, a Pilgrim Holiness minister and brother-in-law of the bride.

After a month, the couple moved to a home on Route 2, Trinity and in 1917 Mr. Hill became employed with the High Point, Randleman, Asheboro and Southern Railroad, now known as the Carolina and North-Western. He remained in the employment of this railroad for 27 years, quitting in 1944 because of ill health.

He was promoted to track foreman in 1923 and because of this change in position he moved with his family to Randleman. In 1928 the family moved to the house in which they are presently residing across from Pugh Funeral Home.

An excellent track foreman, Mr. Hill points with pride that the railroad never had to use a derrick on one of his jobs. Prior to his becoming track foreman, a derrick had to be used quite a few times, particularly on the old loop track in Randleman.

Incidentally, before the loop track in Randleman was done away with and taken up, the distance from High Point to Asheboro was the only place on a Southern Railroad where the train passed the 20 – mile post before it reached the 19 mile post. This was due to intricate maneuvering of the train in getting on to the loop in Randleman.

A few years before Mr. Hill retired from the railroad, he suffered an accident in which he lost the sight in one of his eyes. The accident occurred when a scale flew off of a hammer with which a workman was spiking.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill and daughter, Allen, have been consistent church attendants throughout the years of their family life. They first attended the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Randleman and then transferred to the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church in North Asheboro. They now attend the Midway Wesleyan Methodist Church between Randleman and Worthville.

Mr. Hill served for many years as the Superintendent of the Sunday School at the Neighbors Grove church and was the treasurer of the Midway church. He has also served in many other offices of the churches he has attended.

Since his retirement from the railway service in 1944, Mr. Hill has spent his time in gardening and jobs around the house, Two heart attacks in addition to a diabetic ailment, has restricted his activities to a great extent.

Ben Hill and his wife have lived quietly, attended church regularly and discharged their responsibilities as citizens of the community in which they have lived. They have conducted themselves with dignity and have acquired the respect of all those who know them.

Their faces are serene, their consciences are clear and as they approach the sunset years of their lives, they need not look back with regret.

They Cross Country For Family Reunion.

Oct. 17, 1963 – Their three children, one from Tennessee and two from California, came in to help Mr. and Mrs. Mike Allred celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Saturday afternoon, Oct. 12, at their home on Route 1, Asheboro.

With their daughter, Mrs. Gladys Allred Norman, of Claremont, Calif., and their two sons, John H. Allred of Nashville, Tenn., and Robert R., Allred, of Costa Mesa, Calif., standing with them, Mr. and Mrs. Allred greeted their friends and relatives in open house observance from 1 o'clock until 4 o'clock.

The guests were served sandwiches, cookies, cake, mints and punch from a table covered with a yellow and white lace cloth.

Centering the table was a huge, four-tiered white wedding cake, decorated with yellow roses and topped with golden wedding bells and an inscription denoting the anniversary event.

Also on the table was an arrangement of yellow snapdragons, mums and roses. In other areas of the house were arrangements of yellow fall flowers.

Michael Lewis (Mike) Allred was born in Ramseur seventy years ago this coming Dec., the son of Peter Allred and Lizzie Maner Allred. At the time of his birth, his father was a shoe cobbler in Ramseur. He not only mended shoes but also made brogan shoes for a time.

When Mike Allred was 12 years of age, his family moved to Franklinville where he attended school and also went to work in the cotton mill, at that time the Franklinville Manufacturing Co. He had attended school in Ramseur before moving to Franklinville.

Mrs. Allred, the former Dora Alice Kinney, is 72 years of age. She was born in Grant Township, near Spoon's Chapel Church, the daughter of George Kinney and Sarah Jane Hammer Kinney.

Her family moved to Franklinville also when she was six years of age and she went to work in the Franklinville Mill at the age of nine, working in the summers only until she quit the Franklinville school at the age of 12 to work permanently at the mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Allred were both working in the Franklinville Mill, side by side, at the time of their marriage on Oct. 12, 1913. They continued working in the mill until Mrs. Allred's retirement seven years ago and Mr. Allred's termination of employment in 1959.

However, Mrs. Allred did part time work after her retirement until last year and Mr. Allred has also done some part time work since his retirement. Mrs. Allred estimates that she worked regularly for 56 years.

After an acquaintance which had extended a greater part of their lives and a courtship which had continued off and on for five years, Mr. and Mrs. Allred were married on a Sunday evening at the home of the officiating magistrate, W. C. (Wes) Jones, who lived next to the Fairmont Methodist Protestant Church in Franklinville. The church has since been discontinued.

According to Mrs. Allred, "it was a funny wedding." A revival meeting was in progress at the church, next to where the officiating magistrate lived, and it seemed that when Mr. and Mrs. Allred arrived for their marriage, he had already left home to attend the services.

The magistrate's son, B. C. Jones, who still lives in Franklinville, was sent for his father and when he returned to perform the marriage, most of the church congregation came with him. Mrs. Allred and her bridegroom-to-be, confused at the thoughts of being married before all of those people, tried to run. But the crowd caught them on the back porch of the magistrate's home and it was there the wedding took place.

For her wedding of fifty years ago, Mrs. Allred was attired in a grey woolen dress with small silver stripes and she wore high top button shoes, a stylish mode of footwear a half century ago.

For her golden wedding anniversary celebration last Saturday, Mrs. Allred wore a blue crepe dress with a corsage of yellow orchids.

A month following their marriage fifty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Allred moved into one of the mill houses in Franklinville, a house they later purchased. At the time of their marriage, both of them were making a dollar a day a piece at the mill at which they were employed.

Four years ago they moved into a modern new home on Highway 64, between Asheboro and Ramseur. The yard is beautifully landscaped and there are many flowers. All of this beautification has been done by Mr. and Mrs. Allred themselves.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Allred keep busy. In the words of Mrs. Allred, "I just have to be doing something." Since discontinuing her part time employment at the Franklinville Mill, she has made 125 aprons and sewed together 14 quilt tops.

Mr. and Mrs. Allred have attended the Franklinville Pilgrim Holiness Church since its organization in 1921. In fact, they are two of the three surviving charter members of the church.

All three of their children are doing well for themselves, perhaps due to the hard work and perseverance of their parents. Their daughter's husband, Ronald A. Norman a former Asheboro resident who accompanied his wife to the fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration, is owner and manager of the Norman Ford Sales in Pomona, Calif.; their oldest son, John H. Allred, is regional manager of the General Adjustment Bureau, Inc., Nashville, Tenn.; and their youngest son, Robert R. Allred, is manager of the Southern California Thrift and Loan Company in Costa, Mesa, Calif.

The Allreds had another son, Bill Allred, who died at the age of 19. They also have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Allred visit their sons and daughter quite frequently. Mrs. Allred having been to California seven times and Mr. Allred four times. Mrs. Allred has flown to the west coast three times and her children sent tickets for another plane trip but she decline, due to several plane accidents about the time she was planning the trip.

Mrs. Allred likes to talk, does it spontaneously, Mr. Allred is more on the quiet side. Hard work, a loyal service to their place of employment and the rearing of a fine family would perhaps comprise the more outstanding attributes of their lives.

The regard and consideration which is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Allred by their three children and members of their children's family attest to the manner in which their daughter and two sons were brought to maturity and responsible lives of their own.

The coming of their children all the way across the country for their golden wedding anniversary and their frequent arrangements to have them visit them in their homes in other states, clearly determines that Mr. and Mrs. Allred brought their children up under the Biblical injunction to "Honor Thy Father and Mother.

Midway Church Worship Carried Out In New Home

Oct. 24, 1963 – Dedication and formal opening services for the new, contemporary structure of the Midway Wesleyan Methodist Church occurred Sunday, Oct. 20.

The beautiful new building was occupied Sunday morning for the first time, with the Sunday School moving in at 9:45 from the old church building across the road.

Rev. Boyd C. Kistler, who is serving his third tenure as pastor of the church, conducted the morning worship service at 11 o'clock and preached the first sermon in the new building.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, the program of dedication was held. Rev. Dewey O. Miller, president of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, delivered the dedicational sermon.

The new church building located on Route 2, Randleman, midway between Randleman and Worthville, is of masonry construction, brick over block. The exterior is constructed of colonial brick with the interior of block finish.

The front of the building is glassed-in, with its divided light separated by four brick columns. The roof of the building is supported by laminated arches, twelve feet apart, with a cedar rez finish. The overhead decking on the ceiling in the sanctuary consists of tectum, a compressed wood fiber which off-white contrasts beautifully with the stained wood of the arches.

In the vestibule area and on both ends of the sanctuary, the construction is of wood paneling with a candlelight finish. The floor in the sanctuary is covered with resilient tile with a buff finish and a marble design. The center aisle, pulpit and altar area are covered in beige carpeting.

The paneling enclosing the altar and choir areas has a nutmeg finish while the modern new pulpit furniture is oak with a matching finish. The new church pews are also oak with a light oak finish.

Blocks in the sanctuary are painted with off-white, nearly cream color. The sanctuary windows are aluminum, of a modern design and obscure glass.

Lighting in the beautiful new sanctuary is more than adequate from the 142 tubes in the partially concealed lighting of the fluorescent type. Spot lights emphasize the pulpit area and cast a reflection on the large hand hewn cross of white pine, finished in cobbots stain, which faces the congregational space.

Besides the sanctuary, which has a seating capacity of 325 with adequate space for fifty chairs if needed, there is also two classrooms, a nursery, a church office and a pastor's study on the main floor of the building.

The basement area, most of which is above ground level, contains ten large classrooms, rest rooms, storage space, a furnace room and a hallway six feet wide. One of the classrooms is large enough to accommodate prayer meeting services, youth services and other group meetings.

The basement consists of the same construction as the upper part of the building, except the floors in the rest rooms are covered with ceramic tile, the ceiling is of the acoustically type, and the windows have clear glass.

Classrooms on the downstairs level are painted in various pastel colors and have matching drapes at the windows.

Heat for the building is derived from a forced hot water heating plant, with four zones allowing the different areas to be heated separately.

A finishing touch to the completeness of the entire building is the aluminum steeple of a slender design, with a ball and small cross and setting on a flared base.

Cost of the building is \$97,000, including the furnishings. The church had \$25,000 on hand at the beginning of construction and \$13,000 was raised during the building program. The remainder will be financed through building and loan shares.

Robert Conner of High Point was the architect for the new structure. E. K. Gragg and son of Greensboro were general contractors. E. K. Gragg married the former Lucille Kearns, a native of Farmer.

Building committee assisting with the planning and construction of the building was composed of H.B. Slack, Jack Allred, Mrs. Troy Stalker and Mrs. Sammie Hill.

Interest in a new building for the Midway Wesleyan Methodist Church became evident several years ago and in 1954, during the Rev. Mr. Kistler's second tenure of service, a two acre tract of land across the road from the current church building was purchased for the purpose of erecting a new building.

Crowded conditions at the church made it necessary for the engaging of architectural services for a new building in May, 1962. Plans for the new building were approved by unanimous vote of the church on Nov. 4, 1962. Contract for the construction of the new building was let on Feb. 16, 1963.

The Midway Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized in Jan. of 1936. The first unit of the frame building, in which the last service was erected shortly after the organization of the church. Six Sunday School rooms were added later.

Present Sunday School enrollment for the Midway Church is 250. On the first Sunday in Oct. this year 279 people were present at a rally day service sponsored by the Sunday School of the church.

Rev. J. Paul Hardin of Greensboro, immediate past pastor at the church, was present to participate in the dedicatorial service last Sunday afternoon. Several other ministers were also among the large crowd in attendance at the service.

In less than thirty years, the congregation of the Midway Wesleyan Methodist Church has planned, prepared and made ready for occupancy one of the most adequate and beautiful church structures in this area. With twenty-seven years of fruitful ministry behind them, the Midway congregation now prepares themselves for even greater service in the years ahead.

Clothing Dated At Old Fashion Day

Oct. 24, 1963 – "Old Fashioned Day" was observed Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church

For the third consecutive year, members of the Fayetteville Street congregation dressed themselves in the old fashioned attire and came to church, some on horseback, some in open buggies and carts and one group in a two-seated carriage drawn by horses.

The church pastor, Rev. L. E. Morrison, wore a long cutaway coat with black trousers and white starched shirt. The Sunday School superintendent wore an old fashioned tie and derby hat.

Many of the other men wore other modes of old fashioned dress, with some wearing overalls and black hats. At least one man grew a mustache for the occasion.

But it was the women who outdid themselves for the observance of "Old Fashioned Day." They were dressed in various types of the fashions of former years, hoop skirts and otherwise. Some of the dresses were gingham, some were black taffeta and some were made of other types of material of earlier years.

It was the same with the bonnets, some black, some gingham but they all added up to bonnets galore. There were also some hats which resembled those worn in the good old days of long ago.

The old fashioned observance continued throughout all of the services of the day. For the night service, the old gas lanterns were brought into use and were supplemented by old lamps and candles.

There was a big, old fashioned Bible on the pulpit stand and one of the principal attractions of the occasion was the old-type pump organ which was played in a very capable manner by Mrs. Maxine Owens.

The singing was from the older songs of the church and included was "The Old time Religion" and a solo entitled "Old Fashioned Way."

Stirring messages were brought in both morning and evening worship services by the young minister who believes in "an old fashioned gospel of the shed blood of Jesus Christ."

The Rev. Mr. Morrison came to the church three years ago from West Virginia. The church has steadily grown under his pastorate to become one of the larger church groups in Asheboro, particularly in the Sunday School attendance.

A feature of the Sunday evening service was the old fashioned testimony meeting in which many members of the congregation, both young and old, arose to their feet to tell of God's goodness and mercy and to ask that the people pray for their continuance in the way of salvation.

It was exhilarating Sunday for the large Fayetteville Street congregation and their visitors and friends to momentarily leave off the cares, the rush and the problems of the modern trend and revert back to the time when people loved god and found time to mingle with their fellowman.

U. S. Is Home Now, But England Calls

Oct. 28, 1963 – A Franklinville couple, who came to this country from England in 1952, are still relishing a visit they made to their homeland this past summer.

William Dwan and his wife, Emma Priscilla Dwan, left for their visit on June 7 and returned to this country on Aug. 22.

It was in May, 1952 that Mr. and Mrs. Dwan first came to this country, to join their daughter, an only child, who was married to the Rev. J. C. Dunevant, at that time pastor of the Franklinville Baptist Church.

During World War II, J. C. Dunevant, a Sergeant in the United States Army, met Doris Violet Lillian Dwan while on a furlough in London. He was stationed in Gloucester, England. The Dwan family lived at Kent, a suburban town fifteen miles outside of London.

Sergeant Dunevant returned home after the war and in 1946 Doris Violet Lillian Dwan came to this country and she and the Sergeant she met in her home country during the war were married.

Exactly five years later, to the very day, her parents came over on the British Liner, the Queen Mary, to join their only child at her home in Franklinville.

They lived with her for a year and then moved into a house located on Clark Ave. in Franklinville where they have live since. Their daughter and her husband and their five children now live in Albermarle where the Rev. Mr. Dunevant is serving as the Associational Missionary of the Stanly County Baptist Association.

Mr. Dwan began working in the shipping department of The Randolph Mills in Franklinville in July, 1952 and he remains in the employment of that company.

As Mr. and Mrs. Dwan have lived in Franklinville and he has worked in the mill, their thoughts have remained with their mother country and they began saving their money from the very beginning for a visit back. As Mr. Dwan said: "It took me eleven years to save the money for that trip but I don't begrudge a penny of it. It was well worth the money."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dwan speak very highly of their friends and neighbors in Franklinville and say that "you couldn't wish for better folks. They are sociable and generous."

But they lived in England so many years of their lives, Mr. Dwan is now 67 years old and his wife is 69, and in discussing people who have left their native country, Mrs. Dwan said "their hearts are really in their own country."

With Mrs. Dwan especially, there are many ties in England. She is the eldest of a family of five brothers and five sisters and the family was very close, living in the near vicinity of each other. Even though her daughter is living in the United States, Mrs. Dwan feels very strongly the ties of her homeland and the absence of her large family over there.

According to Mrs. Dwan, the feeling for her family has come back "stronger since we have been over there." Perhaps as an explanation and so as to not mean any disloyalty to their many friends in Franklinville, she said: "I have got so many brothers and sisters over there."

A mutual respect exist between the Dwans and the people of Franklinville and just before their departure for the return visit to England, the congregation of the Franklinville Baptist Church presented the couple with a nice gift as a token of their esteem for them. Since coming to this county, Mr. and Mrs. Dwan have joined this church which their son-in-law formerly pastured.

It was a good time of year for Mr. and Mrs. Dwan to return to England. Mr. Dwan said, "in June it's rose time over there, and according to him the countryside was very beautiful. He said that although London is an ugly place, the English villages are very pretty, with no signs, gas stations, inns or stores to blemish them.

He said that conditions in England have improved considerably since the war, especially in respect to their housing and the improvement of their industries. He said they were now building their factories more out in the countryside and they looked very inviting with their glass fronts and green lawns.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Dwan worked afterwards as a sort of a stevedore at the London ports. He said jobwise and weatherwise, conditions were more agreeable in Franklinville.

As this reporter visited him on a sunny autumn afternoon at his home in Franklinville, the door was open and he said "you can't sit in a house in England at a time like this without the heat on."

When Mr. and Mrs. Dwan went to New York to board the big liner, the U. S. United States, for their voyage to England, they were taken to that city by their son-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Dunevant. Upon their return trip, they were met at the Greensboro railroad station by their daughter, their son-in-law and two of their grandchildren.

William and Emma Priscilla Dwan have made their trip, the one they saved so long for, they have visited with all of their English relatives and friends and they enjoyed every minute of it. They have returned to their adopted country but the yearning for their homeland is still there.

They regard this country and its people as wonderful and there are perhaps advantages in living over here. But, as one of them expressed it, "no matter where you live, there is no place like home."

Grantville Elders Paid A Rare Honor

Oct. 31, 1963 – Grantville's first senior citizen observance was held Sunday afternoon at the community building, beginning at 5 o'clock.

Featuring the widely attended event was a buffet supper, consisting of various items of food, including meats, vegetables, salads, cakes, pies and drinks.

The occasion was sponsored jointly by the Grantville Community Development Club and the Bethel-Grantville Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. Lester Byrd, Mrs. Paul Johnson and Mrs. C. C. Macon, members of both groups, served on a committee which planned for the honoring of the senior citizens of the Grantville community.

Some others outside of the community were also honored but were people whose relatives are identified with the Grantville Community Development Club and the Bethel-Grantville Home Demonstration Club.

Prior to the partaking of the sumptuous meal Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Lester Byrd, a member of the committee, extended words of welcome to the honored group.

She was followed by appropriate remarks from Joseph (Jody) Coltrane, minister at the Bethel Friends meeting, who was a special guest along with his wife and three sons, Clark, Mike and Gregg.

Following the meal, three songs, "Where We Will Never Grow Old," "Amazing Grace," and "God Be With You Until We Meet Again," were sung by those present. This song period was led by Mrs. Howard Byrd, accompanied by Mrs. Paul Tedder at the piano.

Mrs. Byrd dedicated the songs to the senior citizens with the remark that they were thus being honored because "we love them so much."

Senior citizens in attendance at the supper, including some wives not in the specified age group, were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gann, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Humble, John A. Wright, Mrs. Harrison Bean, Mrs. J. E. Coble, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lawson, and Miss Allie Spoon, of Route 4, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Voncannon, John E. Wright, Mrs. W. J. Byrum, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Luther, Mrs. C. C. Craven, Mrs. Beulah Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Rassic Cagle, Mrs. Willie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cagle, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Craven and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Fogleman, Charlie Cagle, Route 1, Seagrove, Mrs. John W. Rich, Asheboro, and Mrs. Tom Brown, Route 5, Asheboro.

Not present, but also honored and sent a plate of food were Mrs. Robert Needham, Route 1, Ramseur, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Wright, Route 1, Asheboro, and Mrs. Mary Pugh, Route 1, Asheboro.

The oldest man presednt was John A. Wright, age 84, while the oldest woman present was Mrs. Dan Voncannon, age 79.

They'll Aid Hungry By Drive For Wheat

Nov. 11, 1963 – A drive to help the hungry people of the world will be launched in Randolph County during the week of Thanksgiving from Nov. 24 to Dec. 1st.

Faced with the statistics that 10,000 deaths occur each day because of starvation and that one half of the world's three billion population live in perpetual hunger, an over all drive is planned in Randolph County by the local organization of CROP.

This designation is known as the Christian Rural Overseas Program, later to be known as the Community Resources for Overseas Programs, and is a program of Church World

Service, a major department of the National Council of Churches.

The local drive is being conducted by the Randolph County CROP Board, of which Rev. L. E. Mabry is chairman; Rev. Ron Hall vice chairman; Miss Mary Tom Watson, secretary; and Mrs. Louise Lowdermilk, treasurer.

E. C. Routh is commodity manager; Ralph L. Bulla, publicity director; and Ray Thomas, campaign director.

Area supervisors have been named as follows; New Market, Mrs. D. S. Davis; Providence, Mrs. Porter Anderson; Franklinville, Otis Thomas; Columbia, Mike York; Richland, Brower and Union, Charles Teague; Concord, Cedar Grove and New Hope, Mrs. Charles Elliott; Level Cross and Randleman; Mrs. Paul Gray; Grantville, Clinton Brown; Coleridge and Pleasant Grove, Don Gates; and Back Creek, Fred McCain.

An organization meeting was held Thursday evening at the First Methodist Church, at which time Rev. J. D. Blake, of Atlanta, Ga., southeastern director of Church World Service, and Rev. Elvin Franz, of Elkhart, Ind., National Field Representative of the same organization, were present to explain the CROP program and to assist in the organization of the local drive.

A canvass will be made throughout Randolph County during the designated week, based on a bushel of wheat as the symbol of giving.

If money is given as the equivalent for a bushel of wheat, the value of wheat has been established at two dollars a bushel.

However, wheat or other products will be accepted instead of the cash value and in the event these products are given outright, the cash value will be realized by conversion through the commodity manager.

In some instances the actual project collected has been sent overseas but in most cases this has happened when the collection amounted to a car load.

But whenever the product which is eventually sent overseas as a result of the CROP drive reaches its destination safely, without falling into Communist or black market hands, the United States government refunds the freight expense which was incurred in the overseas shipment.

This freight refund and other advantages in the purchase of CROP supplies increase the value of every dollar given to CROP to an estimated amount of \$4.74.

CROP products to the Hungry people overseas are sent according to the request of missionaries of all denominations in the countries to which the products are sent.

The CROP program is nondenominational and also includes church groups not listed as members of the National Council of Churches in the distribution of food and other supplies without regard to race or creed, a Catholic mother and a recipient in a needy county overseas said: "I couldn't understand why this would happen to me.

In addition to food in some cases seed is sent for the growing of food. Or a garden tractor may be sent for the tilling of the soil. Baby chicks are sometimes sent for the raising of poultry to replenish the food supplies of the needy countries.

In some countries food is used for wages in the development of a community project, therefore extending "relief with dignity."

A film strip "Partners in Service," was shown and explained by the Rev. Elvin Franz at the meeting Thursday evening and he also told of three countries, England, Holland and Germany, who have established commodity programs of their own to help the needy people of the world.

The programs of these three counties were established to return, to some extent, the help which these countries had received during their time of need.

It was also disclosed at the meeting Thursday evening that CROP in the first six months of this year had sent 247,406,184 pounds of supplies to the needy and hungry people of the world, with these products valued at \$13,499,371.

In his opening remarks to the meeting Thursday evening, the chairman of the Randolph County CROP Board, Rev. L. E. Mabry, cited two scriptures, one found in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" and "Who Is My Neighbor?" He spoke of the need to alleviate the pain and suffering of hunger and said "we have found that the outlook of the little fellow living on the other side of this terrestrial globe is very important to us."

It was also brought out at the meeting Thursday evening that "We have a responsibility to people who do not believe like us."

Twenty piedmont counties in North Carolina will participate in the CROP drive and in the furtherance of the drive; Governor Terry Sanford has proclaimed the "Week of Thanksgiving as CROP Week in North Carolina." In his proclamation, the Governor said that "hunger is the world's number one problem."

W. C. Yorks Given Anniversary Honor

Nov. 11, 1963 - W. C. York, a practicing attorney in Asheboro since 1930, and his wife, Mary Sikes York, were honored Sunday, Nov. 3, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

A reception in their honor was held Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at their home on Route 2, Randleman, four miles north of Asheboro on Highway 220.

Hostesses were Mrs. Grady Councilman, Mrs. Herman McDowell and Mrs. Myrtle H. West. Approximately 350 guests called during the afternoon and evening.

Born in Ramseur seventy two years ago last Apr. 13, William Carson York was the son of Alfred Henry York and Mandy Allred York. His great-grandfather, Brantley York, was the founder of York's Institute, which later became Trinity College and Duke University.

Mr. York's father was a well known business man in Ramseur, serving as a Texaco oil distributor and operating a grocery store and watch repair shop.

His only brother, G. Ed. York also a well known Ramseur business man, died last year.

W. C. York grew to young manhood in Ramseur, helped his father in the store and graduated from Ramseur high School. Upon graduation, he acquired a teacher's certificate and began teaching school.

Mr. York recalls that prior to receiving his certificate to teach, he attended a teacher's institute in Asheboro for two weeks and for part of the time he rode a bicycle back and forth between the two towns. Some of the time he also rode the train to Cedar Falls, putting his bicycle in the baggage car, and then came on into Asheboro on the bicycle.

Schools which he taught included Hardin's School near Liberty, West Bend school, Dunn's Cross Roads in Union Township, Gold Hill, Piney Grove High School in Montgomery County, and at Spero.

It was while teaching at Dunn's Cross Roads, located near the Center Baptist Church, that he met the woman he was to marry ten months later. Mr. York boarded with Mrs. York's mother during the school term at Dunn's Cross Roads, although at that time Mrs. York was working in Asheboro.

Mrs. York worked for several years at Acme Hosiery Mills and was also regarded as an expert seamstress.

The couple were married on Nov. 1, 1913 at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Asheboro, located at that time at the present side of The Randolph Hospital. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Thompson, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. York was a member at that time.

Attending the ceremony were Miss Modetta Hinshaw and Earl Osborne, who were married four weeks later, and Chief of Police, Duncan Steed. Mrs. Osborne was present for the fiftieth anniversary celebration, however, her husband and Chief Steed are now deceased.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. York established a household on West Pritchard St. where they lived for forty years before moving to their North Asheboro residence.

After teaching at his last school, Mr. York worked in a retail furniture store in High Point where he was employed when he received the call for military duty in World War 1. However, the day he was to leave, the armistice was signed and he entered the railway mail service.

But W. C. York had long maintained a desire to become a lawyer, even though his father had discouraged the idea. After his marriage and following the death of his father in 1916, his wife encouraged his ambition and he enrolled at the University of North Carolina where he graduated with his law degree in 1930.

He had studied previously in the law office of Congressman W. C. Hammer and it was in the Hammer building on Lawyer's Row that he established his law office upon his graduation from law school.

His first office was upstairs in the law building, he later moved downstairs but is now back upstairs, next door to his original office. He has practiced continuously in the same building since 1930.

A veteran operator of fairs, W. C. York began with the Greensboro Agricultural Fair in 1909. A charter member of the North Carolina Association of Fairs, he has operated fairs at five different sites in Asheboro and vicinity and has been manager of the Center of North Carolina Fair, across from his home, since 1945.

Mr. York is a member of Marietta Masonic Lodge No. 444 and will receive his fifty year's membership pin next Mar. Mrs. York is a charter member of High Point Chapter No. 106 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. York broke her hip in June, 1962 and has been partially disabled since that time. She spends quite a bit of time at the York cottage at Yaupon Beach, near Long Beach, at which place her accident occurred. Mrs. York will be seventy years of age next Jan.

Mr. and Mrs. York are not the parents of any children but they partially reared two cousins, William Martin, of High Point, assistant chief of the High Point Fire Department,

and Merton Branson, assistant director of the Randolph Industrial School.

Messrs. Martin and Branson and their wives, along with Mrs. Osborne, their wedding attendant, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lassiter, of Candor, cousins of the Yorks, stood with Mr. and Mrs. York last Sunday afternoon as they greeted the many friends who called upon the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Haskins presented the guests to the receiving line and Miss Cheryl Hopkins and Mrs. Mary Sikes Brittain presided over the guest register which was lighted and decorated with gold ribbon and white bells.

In the dining room the table was covered by a cut work cloth over gold taffeta draped from the floor and caught up with gold bows, white bells, and greenery. The table was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake, topped with a fiftieth wedding anniversary insignia and decorated in gold, green and white.

On either side were three branched gold candelabra holding lighted bittersweet tapers. The punch bowl at one end of the table was encircled with ively and yellow mums. On the other end of the table was a mass arrangement of yellow and bronze mums and white snapdragons.

The punch bowl was presided over by Mrs. E. S. Millsaps, assisted by Mrs. Carl Clark and Mrs. Steve Somers, of Reidsville. Serving cake, nuts and mints were Mrs. David Knox, of Cleveland, N. C., Mrs. Tom Allred, of Randleman, Mrs. B. H. Hopkins, Mrs. Genevieve Lee, Mrs. Thelma Sikes and Mrs. Richard Pugh.

Mrs. Cletus Franklin of Candor, presided over the gift room, assisted by Miss Sandra Hopkins and Miss Connie Lee.

The music room was conducted by Miss Jane Councilman. Soft music, including tunes which were popular fifty years ago, was played throughout the afternoon and evening.

The house throughout was decorated with yellow and bronze mums, yellow roses and artificial arrangements. On the buffet there was a large artificial arrangement made in the shape of a wedding ring with accessories of two wedding bands in a gold box lined in black velvet and placed on the mirror. In the center hallway there was a table decorated with a gold tray. On the table was placed a long stemmed gold pipe, two gold coffee cups, an antique syrup jug and snuff box with a tooth brush container.

Mrs. York was attired for the occasion in a dusty rose lace dress and she wore a white corsage.

Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Buck Woodley.

Spencers Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Nov. 14, 1963 — The Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Spencer, Route 4, Asheboro, was celebrated Sunday afternoon Nov. 10, at an open house observance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Robbins at 960 Uwaharrie St.

Honoring them on this occasion were their five children, four daughters and one son. Mrs. Robbins, the former Iris Spencer, is one of the four daughters.

The other children are Mrs. Ruby Spencer Foster, Mrs. Pauline Spencer Rich and Bobby Spencer, of Asheboro, and Maudie Spencer Goins, of High Point.

The spacious Robbins residence was attractively decorated in the traditional gold motif for the anniversary celebration.

On the secretary beside of the guest register, there was an arrangement of yellow and white snapdragons and mums in a gold bowl.

The table on which the punch bowl and wedding cake were placed was covered with a handmade crocheted cloth over gold. The punch bowl was encircled with ivy and golden baby mums.

The four-tiered wedding cake was decorated with golden bells and had golden ribbon streamers extending from it. On the table also, flanked by candelabra with lighted tapers, was another arrangement of yellow and white snapdragons and mums.

Larry Rich, grandson of the honored couple, and his recent bride greeted the guests at the door and presented them to the receiving line, composed of the honored couple, their son and four daughters.

Mrs. Spencer was attired for the occasion in a crepe dress of Teal blue and she wore a corsage of yellow rosebuds.

Registering those who came was Miss Penny Robbins, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer.

The guests were directed into the dining room by Mrs. Randleman Ferree, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, while punch was poured by Mrs. Bobby Spencer.

Assisting in the serving of the decorated mints, nuts, cake and cheese biscuits were Misses Vicky and Jill Walker, granddaughters of the honored couple, and Mrs. Jack Rich.

Miss Pam Rich, also a granddaughter, directed the guests into the gift room where goodbyes were said by Donald Foster, a grandson, and Mrs. Foster.

Piano selections were played during the open house observance by Miss Rebecca Mabe.

Many friends and relatives called at the Robbins home from 2 o'clock until 4 o'clock to greet and to extend their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are natives of Stokes County. Mrs. Spencer is the former Lucy Jane Bullins, daughter of the late J. C. Bullins and Catherine Shelton Bullins. Mr. Spencer is the son of the late L. L. Spencer and Nancy Ida Smith Spencer.

The couple were married Nov. 11, 1913 at Stuart, Va. By the Rev. Joseph Biggs. They moved to Randolph County in 1924.

Besides their five children, the couple have ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Spencer is a retired farmer and spends much of his time engaged in hunting in the various seasons. At the present time, he is an avid deer hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are members of the Flag Springs Methodist Church and their minister was present to join with their other friends and relatives in extending best wishes on the passing of the half century mark of their marriage.

A youthful looking couple, Mr. Spencer is 67 years of age while Mrs. Spencer is one year younger.

The open house observance which honored Mr. and Mrs. Spencer on their golden wedding anniversary was a delightful affair and was a fitting tribute from the Spencer children to their parents.

Coleridge Class Resumes Its Play

Nov. 18, 1963 – After a lapse of five years, the senior class play at Coleridge High School was resumed Nov. 9th with the production of a farce comedy, "Peck's Bad Boy."

The presentation of the three-act play was an outstanding success and was enjoyed by an audience which nearly filled the high school auditorium.

Sponsor of the play was Mrs. Evelyn Gates, English teacher at the school. Mrs. Gates was also sponsor of the last play given at Coleridge five years ago.

Heading up the cast for the play Saturday night were Laverne Joyce, who played the part of Henry Peck, Sr., the harassed father, while the inimitable Freddie Smith played the part of Henry Peck, Jr., the bad boy.

Other members of the cast included Jimmy Duffy, Henry's friend, Gary Cox; Annie Filmore, the next door brat, Edna Kidd; Sadie Murray, a charming lady of 40, Virginia Wright; Ivar Plenty, a psychologist. Bobby Wright; Nancy Murray, Sadie's daughter, charming, Sarah Albright; Helen Murray, Sadie's daughter, charming, Dianne Johnson; Bessie Semple, a brat, and Aggie Semple, a brat, played by twins Gladys and Alice Wright; Dahlia, the Peck's colored cook, Carolyn Parks; and Schultz, the local grover, Donald Brady.

A musical program was rendered prior to the opening curtain and during the intermission by Howard and Hoyt Cox, of Asheboro, with steel guitars; Miss Emma Allen, soloist, accompanied by her sister, Miss Velma Allen; Don Gates, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Evelyn Gates; and a quartet of high school girls, Phyllis Pugh, Toni Patterson, Hilda Cagle and Carolyn Gates, accompanied by Susan Gates and Howard Cox.

Miss Mary Jane Craven served as mistress of ceremonies for the proceedings.

Prompters were Misses Nellie Moffitt, Patricia Cagle and Mary Frances Wright, Make-up was in charge of Mrs. Hilda Chloe Smith and Miss Phyllis Brady.

Programs were planned by Misses Phyllis Brady and Nellie Moffitt and Tommy Barton. Usher for the occasion was Clarence Cottrell. Publicity was in charge of Miss Patricia Cagle.

Kate Gearren Has Clothed The Needy In Many Lands

Nov. 21, 1963 – Kate Gearren lives in the bend of Caraway Creek, at the end of a dead-end road on Route 3, Asheboro, a mile or so east of Farmer. She never leaves her home except when someone comes in and gets her as she and her husband, Bob Gearren, have no way of conveyance.

But this sprightly little woman of three score years and ten has a world outreach which would exceed a person having access to thousands of people.

Since June of this year, she has made 104 new garments, mended 1,000 pounds of old clothing and pieced 30 quilts, all of which has been sent to needy people overseas.

For many years Mrs. Gearren has rendered this type of service in cooperation with the American Friends Service Committee, with regional headquarters located in High Point, but during the past few years there has been a marked increase in her contribution to the needy overseas.

This has been especially true since her five children have left home and her husband has ceased his active work as a carpenter, sawmill operator and farmer. Living alone with her husband in the big two-storied gabled house at the end of the road, Mrs. Gearren says that her activity "keeps you from getting lonesome."

Last year she made 165 new garments, mended 1,012 pounds of old clothing and pieced 27 quilts. Roughly, she estimates that she has made more than 500 new garments, 75 cloth toys, pieced more than 200 quilts and mended in the thousands of pounds of old clothing.

Kate Allred Gearren was born about a mile and one half from where she now resides, on a farm located on the Uwharrie River. Her father was Dock Allred and in addition to being a farmer, he ran a cotton gin and had a mill which ground corn.

Her mother, Caroline Brown Allred, died when she was 12 years of age and Mrs. Gearren had to assume the domestic responsibilities of the household at this early age. However, she says she also helped to pick cotton and run the cotton gin.

She was born one year before the founding of the Science Hill Friends Meeting House and she has attended and been a member of that meeting since early childhood. It was with the Science Hill missionary society that she became interested in the work of the American Friends Service Committee around twenty years ago.

But her interest and participation in this cause gained new impetus in recent years and Mrs. Gearren spends most of her days and part of her nights sewing on the garments which are sent overseas. She only takes time out to cook for her husband and to care for the 82 laying hens which she has raised in cooperation with the Clinard Milling Company in High Point.

In fact, it is Gilbert Clinard of that company who hauls most of the clothes which she makes and mends into the AFSC headquarters in High Point. He performs this service when he brings the feed for her chickens and takes the eggs back with him.

During the years that Mrs. Gearren has been engaged in her activity with the American Friends Service Committee, word has got around and people from all denominations and areas send and bring their scraps of cloth and old clothing to her.

She said that the Methodists, Baptists, Christians and other denominations provide her with as much or more material and clothing than the Friends and that it comes from Farmer, Asheboro, Denton, Chapel Hill the western part of North Carolina, Arlington, Va. and many other places.

No scrap of cloth is too small for Mrs. Gearren's use and it was amazing to see the multitude of small and even tiny garments which she had fashioned out to the pieces which has been sent her.

If there is enough cloth for sleeves, she puts sleeves in but if not, the garment goes sleeveless. She had on hand, when this reporter visited her, a number of small, short coats of the heavier material. There were also many little pairs of shorts and tiny undergarments.

Due to receiving more small pieces of cloth than larger ones, most of her garments are made for children. However, if she receives a larger piece of cloth, she makes an adult garment. Pieces too small for garments are used in the quilts, of which she has made so many.

It wrings your heart with gratitude and it fills your being with tenderness to see boxes of tiny garments which you know will find needy recipients in Algiers, Hong Kong and the other countries to which they will be sent.

The old clothing which has been discarded by the people who give it to Mrs. Gearren is mended and washed, if

necessary, by Mrs. Gearren and sent on its way along with the new clothing which she has made.

Her sewing is done by hand and on the Economy Rotary sewing machine which she purchased 48 years ago. In reference to her sewing machine, she said: "it's antique but I am antique with it."

But there is nothing outmoded in the outlook of this little woman who lives in the bend of the Caraway. She has seen world vision and she is following it with every ounce of the stored up energy which vibrates and fills her small being. The contribution which Kate Gearren has made and is making enables her to take a place alongside of any fullfledged missionary on a foreign field.

Bush Hill Masonic Lodge Latest Tar Heel Member

Dec. 5, 1963 - Masonic dignitaries from all over North Carolina were present at the meeting for the institution of the Bush Hill Masonic Lodge in Archdale Friday evening, Nov. 29.

The meeting was held in the renovated building which has been presented to the newly formed Masonic order by Archdale merchant B. A. (Benton) Byrd, himself a member of the new group.

Among the prominent North Carolina Masons in attendance at the meeting were W. Edward Burtner, of Charlotte, Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina; Sam A. Hennis, of Mount Airy, Senior Grand Warden; Arnold J. Koonce, of High Point, Junior Grand Warden; Charles A. Harris, of Raleigh, Past Grand Master and presently Grand Secretary; Pete Dudley, of Raleigh, assistant Grand Secretary; and Robert N. Bass, of Raleigh, Junior Grand Deacon.

Also, Rev. Troy G. Robbins of Greensboro, Superintendent of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home; Rev. A. D. (Leon) Gray, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage; H. D. Holland, of Asheboro, District Deputy Grand Master of the 29th district of Masons of North Carolina; William H. Templar, of Greensboro, District Deputy Grand Master of the 34th District; David Lewallen of Asheboro, Master of Balfour Lodge No. 188; Howard Swink, Senior Warden of the Balfour Lodge; and Fred Lane, Secretary and former Master of the Balfour Lodge.

The newly formed lodge was organized under dispensation and will remain under probation until next Apr.

The lodge is composed of thirty six members who comprise more than four hundred years of previous membership in Masonic lodges in North Carolina and other states.

Members of the Bush Hill Masonic Lodge are William Lee Albertson, Reggie Dalton Auman, Carlie Oscar Blake, Ira Lee Echols, Albert Elias Kennedy, Hicks William Lance, Henry Clay McPherson, John Howard Payne, Kelley Jennett Poole, Joseph Gail Riddick, Robert Jones Royals, Delanul L. Webster, Percy Latham White, Shelton Cecil Hamilton, George Edwin Griffin, Jacob Lawrence Darr, Jr., Herbert Lee Jarrett, Clyde Ayers, Yale Edward Sheppard, Lloyd Homer Taylor and Irving Dawson.

Also, William Henry Bell, Odell Howard Johnson, Charlie Samuel Willyard, Robert Francis Cummings, Carroll Eugene Graham, Efrid Reichardt Sullivan, Gerald Wayne Underwood, William Cebert Jarvis, Wiley Columbus Wilson, Clyde Curtis Stutts, William Clarence Johnson,

Thomas Oscar Gray, Robert Samuel Thompson, Trela Rutherford Hendrix, and Benton Asbury Byrd.

Officers of the lodge are Master, Robert J. Royals; Senior Warden, C. O. Blake, Junior Warden, W. C. Johnson; Treasurer, Clyde Ayers; Secretary, H. C. McPherson; Senior Deacon, Dr. W. C. Jarvis; Junior Deacon, Wiley Wilson; Senior Steward, Thomas Gray; Junior Steward, Albert Kennedy; Chaplain, Lloyd Taylor; Tyler Odell Johnson; Trustee, P. I. White; Trustee, T. R. Hendrix and Trustee, W. L. Albertson.

P. I. White is a veteran of nearly a half of a century of membership in a Masonic Lodge while Robert J. Royals the new Master of Bush Hill Masonic Lodge, has been a member of the fraternal order for thirty three years.

Membership in the new Bush Hill Lodge has come from the following lodges, Numa F. Reid, Acacia, Hiram and Piedmont Masonic Lodges in High Point; Schiller Masonic Lodge in Denver, Colorado, the Doric lodge in New Bern; the Elonville lodge in Hattiesburg, Miss; and Masonic lodges in Thomasville, Sparta and Biscoe.

It was significant that the new Masonic Lodge be named Bush Hill which as the original name of the Archdale settlement. It was about 1765 that a group of Quakers coming up from South Carolina, established the northwestern section of what is now Randolph County and called it Bush Hill. In 1887, the name was changed to Archdale, in commemoration of John Archdale, the Quaker Governor of North Carolina.

The idea for the Bush Hill Masonic Lodge originated last Apr. when three or four residents of Archdale, all members of lodges elsewhere, speculated on the need for a lodge in the Archdale community.

The discussion took place at Byrd's Curb Market and upon hearing the remarks, B. A. Byrd, owner and proprietor of the market said; "If you fellows want a lodge, I'll furnish the building."

The men took him up on it and plans for the formation of the lodge have been underway since that time. Preparatory meetings have been held in Dr. W. C. Jarvis' office, Clyde Ayers basement and the Randolph Presbyterian Church.

In the meantime, the men have renovated the building offered to them by B. A. Byrd, which formerly served as a dwelling house. They have torn the partitions out, painted, made furniture, and effected other repairs and changes. The building now consists of a Lodge Hall, Assembly room, Kitchen and Rest Rooms.

A lease Arrangement, for a dollar a year, has been worked out with Mr. Byrd, with the permanent possession of the building to pass into the ownership of the Bush Hill Masonic Lodge after ten years.

Byrd, civic minded and a veteran of World War II, has participated in other community endeavors in Archdale and vicinity.

Lodge Master Royals, with over three decades of membership in Masonry, was Master of the Numa F. Reid Masonic Lodge in High Point in 1941. He became a Certified Lecturer in Sept. of this year, enabling him to tender greater service in the formation of the new lodge.

The new lodge Master credits H. D. Holland, District Deputy Grand Master of the 29th District, for his assistance in helping to get the lodge started and especially thanks Fred Lane, of the Balfour Masonic Lodge in Asheboro, for his counsel and assistance in the formation of the new group.

Newest Eagle Is Seagrove Youth, Gary Dewey King

Dec. 9, 1963 —Gary Dewey King, a recent recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, has compiled an outstanding record in scouting since joining Scout Troop No. 513 in Oct., 1960.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton King, Route 4, Asheboro, he was awarded the highest rank in scouting in ceremonies at the Seagrove Methodist Church Nov. 18.

Members of his Scout Troop No. 513, sponsored by the Seagrove Lions Club, also participated in the Eagle Award program. Eagle Scouts Alden Rumpfelt and Larry Hancock, both of whom are members of Scout Troop No. 513, served as escorts.

Seagrove Mayor Bobby Voncannon and also a lay leader in the Methodist Church of that place conducted the devotionals for the award program. Harris Coffin, of Asheboro, an Eagle Scout Councillor and member of the Eagle Scout Board of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts of America, presented the Eagle Scout Award.

The mother of the 14 year old Eagle Scout recipient pinned the award emblem on her son while his father watched proudly by their side.

Gary King passed off his requirements for the Eagle Scout Award last Aug., less than three years after becoming a Tenderfoot on Oct. 3, 1960. He attained the Second Class award on May 22, 1961 and also became a First Class Scout in Oct. of that year.

He became a Star Scout June 4, 1962 and received the Life Scout award Oct. 2, 1962.

Merit badges, necessary for the eagle rank which he received last month have been awarded him in fingerprinting, citizenship in nation, citizenship in community, citizenship in home, scholarship, woodcarving, public speaking, home repairs, first aid to animals, fishing, first aid, forestry, personal fitness, nature, life saving, swimming, cooking, camping, safety, public health, and fire manship.

He has received an Instructor's Warrant, in recognition of his proficiency in scouting skills and his ability to share this knowledge with younger boys, In his scout troop, he serves as the troop scribe.

His attainment of the Eagle Scout Award has been made under two scoutmasters, first J.D. Williams and Howard Beck, presently serving as Scoutmaster for Troop No. 513. Asheboro Attorney G. E. Miller served as his Eagle Scout Counsellor.

Members of the freshman class at Seagrove High School, Gary King is a straight A student. He serves as his class reporter and is a member of the junior varsity basketball team.

He is also a member of the Seagrove Community 4-H Club and serves as the club's vice president. He is currently the Junior Health King for 4-H Clubs in Randolph County.

Grandson of Mrs. Will Staley, Route 4, Asheboro, and Mrs. Bertha King, Route 2, Seagrove, He also has a younger brother, Tony, a fourth grade student at the Seagrove school. The young Eagle Scout and his family attend the Mt. Shepherd and Rock Hill Primitive Baptist Churches.

Carl Smiths Celebrate 25th Year Together At Open House Dec. 8th

Dec. 12, 1963 — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 8, at a reception and open house at their home on Worthville Rd. between Randleman and Worthville.

Guests called during the afternoon from three to five o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married Dec. 24, 1938 in Bennettsville, S. C. but celebrated their 25th anniversary early because of the upcoming holidays.

Mr. Smith is a native of Albermarle and Mrs. Smith, the former Willie Belle Wallace, came from Richmond County. They have lived in Randleman since 1939.

A veteran of the Air Force during World War II, Mr. Smith served overseas in Italy. Since coming to Randleman, he has been a hosiery mill employee, a grocery clerk, worked at a wholesale grocery house and is now self-employed as a representative of Charles Chips.

For the Sunday afternoon reception, the guests were greeted upon arrival by Mrs. Tom Allred, who presented them to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Edgar B. Helms, of Pineville, sister of Mr. Smith, and Roy Smith, of Albermarle, brother of Mr. Smith and an attendant at his wedding of twenty five years ago.

Mrs. Richard Crouse directed the guests to the gift room where many gifts, appropriate to the occasion, were displayed. Amount the gifts denoting the anniversary occasion were twenty six silver dollars.

Mrs. Frank Trogdon presided over the guest register, over which an arrangement of silver bells with ribbon of similar hue was predominant.

On the table, which was covered with a Chantilly lace cloth over pink taffeta, was a crystal punch bowl surrounded by silver and greenery at one end and the four-tiered wedding cake, topped with a silver wedding anniversary ornament in silver and white net at the other end.

In the center of the table was an arrangement of white mums with lace fern and interspersed with silver net. The arrangement was flanked on either side with four lighted tapers in crystal candelabra. Miniature silver bells tied with silver bows hung from the corners of the table.

Mrs. Troy Hall presided over the punch bowl and the decorated white cake squares, nuts and pink and white mints were served by Mrs. Howard Bass, of Charlotte, a niece of Mrs. Smith. Assisting with the serving and entertainment of the the guests were Mrs. Paul Richardson and Mrs. Leonard Surratt.

Mrs. Smith was attired for her silver wedding anniversary occasion in a white and silver brocaded dress with silver slippers. She wore a white purple throated orchid with silver leaves and net.

Her sister, Mrs. Helms, wore a blue and silver brocaded dress with a large white mum, sprinkled with silver glitter, as her corsage. The hostesses also wore similar corsages, with the men in the reception party wearing silver carnation boutonnières.

For the decorating of the Smith residence, a large white poinsettia was placed on the coffee table in the living room while white candles and holly were arranged on the mantle. In the den a beautiful arrangement of permanent holly. Reindeer and candles were featured on the television set, with other arrangements of the end tables.

Soft music was played throughout the time of the open house period.

Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. (Buster) Brown.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Helms, of Pineville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and two daughters, Virginia and Wanda, and Miss Velma Smith, of Albermarle, Mrs. Ray Cooper, of Aquadale, Mrs. Howard Bass, of Charlotte, Mrs. M.B. Snuggs, of Robbins, and Rev. Bill Brady, of Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, the honored couple, are active members of the Randleman Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Mrs. Emery Bulla Given Surprise As Family Gathers For Birthday

Dec. 19, 1963 — Mrs. Emery Bulla, 1719 Liberty Road, North Asheboro, was honored by her children at a surprise birthday celebration Sunday, Dec. 15, on which day she became 70 years of age.

Upon arrival from church services, she found nine of her ten children awaiting her, along with her close neighbors and grandchildren, old friends and other members of the Bulla family.

The occasion was planned by Mrs. Bulla's children and they in turn invited a few others to be their guests for the buffet birthday dinner.

Mrs. Bulla, the former Mattie Scurlock, has lived in Randolph County since early in her life when her parents, Robert Lee Scurlock and Bessie Crofts Scurlock, came to Glenola where her father operated the brickyard.

She is native of Davidson County and lived with her parents for a brief period in Gaffney, S. C., before they came to Randolph County.

It was while living at Glenola and at an early age she was married to the late Emery Bulla, who died Apr. 30, 1940.

A few years after her marriage, Mrs. Bulla and family moved to New Bern where her parents had moved. But the family soon came back to Randolph County where they have lived since.

A sister and a brother and many nieces and nephews of Mrs. Bulla still live in the vicinity of New Bern but none of them were able to come to her birthday celebration last Sunday.

Mrs. Bulla and her husband became the parents of ten children, all of whom are living. She also has 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Her children are, in the order of their ages, Otis, Mrs. D. E. (Bessie) McPherson, Ralph, Frank, Mrs. Glenn (Sadie) Dawson, Kenneth, Mrs. Scott (Velma) McGill, Mrs. David (Marie) Lewallen, Alfred Lyndon (Bud) and Donald.

Don Bulla, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., youngest of Mrs. Bulla's ten children, was the only one of her children not in attendance at her birthday celebration. However, he plans to visit her at the latter part of the month.

But the biggest surprise of the birthday occasion was the presence of the next to the youngest of her children, Bud Bulla, who came up from his Fort Lauderdale, Florida home, along with his wife and three children, Lyndon, Geri and Kada, for the family gathering. Mrs. Bulla had not expected to see this son and his family until next Aug.

Other members of her immediate family present were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bulla of Route 2, Randleman; Mrs. D. E. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hines and sons, Douglas and Gregg, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McPherson and daughter, Angela Elizabeth, of High Point; Ralph L. Bulla, with whom Mrs. Bulla resides, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Bulla, of North Asheboro, and their twins, Bobby, a student at East Carolina College and Patsy, a student at Elon College.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dawson and son, Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bulla and children, Dinah and Sonny, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott McGill and children, Randy and Martha all of Route 2, Randleman, and Mr. and Mrs. David Lewallen and children, April and Davy of Route 3, Asheboro.

One grandson, Glenn Dawson Jr., a student at Lenoir Rhyne College, and one granddaughter, Miss Anita Bulla, a student at Lee's McRae College, were unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rich and children, Anita and Mary Ella, and Mrs. Stanton Poole, of Route 2, Randleman, nieces and nephew of Mrs. Bulla's late husband, were also in attendance at the birthday celebration, as were other relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bulla, Mrs. A. C. Bulla and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cranford, all of the North Asheboro community

Across the road and next door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Moore and daughter, Rebecca, Mrs. Frances Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Caviness, Jr., and daughters, Susan and Kay, were also there, as was also a former long time neighbor, Mrs. Arthur Smith.

One invited neighbor and close friend, Mrs. Noah Duncan, was unable to be present because of being in Charlotte to establish residence at the Methodist Home.

Mrs. Bulla's pastor at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, Rev. R. Sam Parker, his wife and daughter, Pam, were present and the Neighbors Grove minister offered the prayer for the occasion.

Also in attendance were Mrs. Ida B. Holmes of Staley, and Mr. and Mrs. Benton Burgess of the North Asheboro community.

Many Are Mourning The Late President

Dec. 26, 1963 - The passenger cars were cold and uncomfortable as the long holiday train wended its way slowly through the chilly Virginia hills on last Sabbath morning.

I was on the way to pay my respects at the grave of our late President and to attend the memorial service in his behalf at the Lincoln memorial.

In the month since his tragic passing, I had been sharing a mutual grief with the people of Randolph County and now I felt impelled to join with the thousands of other Americans and the peoples of other lands in the pilgrimage to his grave and to attend the memorial service which would mark the end of the official mourning period.

I had heard of the thousands of people who were still filing past the place of his interment but yet was still amazed at the tremendous line of people, four or five abreast, who were passing slowly by the grave of this, one of the most brilliant men of our time.

It was mid-afternoon, with the sunshine partially blocked by the towering structure of Lee's Mansion on Arlington's highest point, and I was told by one of the honor guards that the people had been waiting when the gates were opened in the coldness of that early Sabbath morn.

He said they had come each day since the burial of our great leader and that the day of the drenching rain had been no exception.

A delegation of Spanish speaking people from New York City had assembled on the burial grounds as I left the Arlington cemetery, one of whom was in a wheel chair.

I also talked with a party of Egyptians as I returned across the Potomac River to the Lincoln Memorial but it was a three and one half year-old girl who brought to me the greatest realization of the loss which we have suffered.

Her young parents had brought her to visit the grave site of the President but due to the long line and the extreme coldness of the weather had decided to leave.

As her parents led the little girl away, she cried bitterly and said "I want to see President Kennedy."

The people, several thousands more of them, stood in silence and with bodies numbed from the cold during the impressive memorial rites which were conducted by the Inter-religious Committee on Race Relations of Washington, D. C.

The huge statue of the martyred Abraham Lincoln looked kindly down on the scene as the prayers of the various faiths intermingled and the great Howard University Choir sang "There Is A Balm in Gideon" and the Navy hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save."

The new President stood hatless as the chilling winds swept across the huge monument and as he paid tribute to the life, the works and the memory of his predecessor.

He asked for the abolishment of hatred and the instillment during this holiday period of "peace on earth good will towards men," so earnestly strived for by our late President during his brief period of service.

That spirit, particularly the diminishment of hatred, has projected itself as the only glow of light in what has otherwise been gloom and darkness.

As I have talked with the people of Randolph County and as I stood with the people of many sections, nationalities and religious faiths at the grave site and at the Lincoln Memorial, I have realized that all of us will never quite be the same.

The supreme sacrifice of this man, endowed with so many to a great extent of the smallness, the bitterness and the hate which have heretofore filled our lives.

Because he never asked what his country could do for him but instead gave himself so unselfishly in war, in the attainment of peace and the brotherhood of man.

But the memorial service was over. The sun had gone down on the western horizon. The period of official mourning was at an end. Life must again resume its accustomed way.

One hour and a half later I witnessed on the back White House lawn the traditional lightening of the Christmas tree by the new President. A boy's choir sang and the laughter of children rang out. The country had again turned to the energy, the faith and the devotion which had embodied and propelled the life and services of this forceful young President. His life had ended but his legacy remained to charter our course throughout the years ahead.

McNeills Observe Anniversary After Fifty Years Of Marriage.

Dec. 30 - Jan 2, 1963-64 On Tuesday, Dec. 31, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison McNeill, of Route 2, Seagrove, observed the fiftieth year of their marriage.

On the preceding Sunday afternoon, from 2 o'clock until five o'clock, an open house event in their honor was held

at their home, at which place they have resided for a greater part of their marriage.

Hosts and hostesses for the golden wedding anniversary occasion were their twelve sons and daughters, their daughters-in-laws and sons-in-law.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brown, Route 1, Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Kennie Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Maness and Mr. and Mrs. Roy McNeill, Route 2, Seagrove, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Herman McNeill, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bouldin, of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. June Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Lendis Hayes, Route 1, Seagrove, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McNeill, of Winston-Salem.

The guests were greeted Sunday afternoon by a grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell McNeill, and were presented to the receiving line composed of the honored couple and their children.

Guests were served in the dining area where the table was covered with a handmade crocheted white cloth over gold linen. Centering the table was an arrangement of white chrysanthemums mixed with golden bells and flanked by lighted yellow tapers in gold candleholders.

On one end was the punch bowl while on the other end of the table was the three-tiered white wedding cake, decorated with white and gold leaves and topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Mrs. Lloyd McNeill poured punch while three other daughters-in-law, Mrs. Harvey McNeill, Mrs. Dewey McNeill and Mrs. Roy McNeill served the decorated cake squares along with nuts.

A granddaughter, Miss Patty McNeill, assisted with the gifts.

Harrison McNeill, as he is familiarly known to a large acquaintance, was born 73 years ago, about a quarter of a mile from where he and Mrs. McNeill are now residing.

He attended Moody's school, a one-room frame building with a fireplace, located on what is now Highway 705 between Seagrove and Robbins. He recalls that the school had one teacher about a hundred students and that they used homemade desks and benches.

Mrs. McNeill, the former Flossie Adelaide Williamson, was born below Robbins, about a mile, but moved with her parents to the community in which she now lives at an early age. She is now 67 years of age.

She also attended Moody's school and says that the spelling which the students learned in that one-teacher school derived from a Blue Back spelling book, was "ahead of them now."

Mr. and Mrs. McNeill attended the school at the same time and Mrs. McNeill was still going at the time of their marriage.

Although Mr. McNeill had quit school before they were married, he remained in school until he was nearly grown. He said, "you couldn't get work; you might as well stay in school." Speaking further of the trends of that time, he said, "you could buy a hundred acres of land for one hundred dollars, if you could get the hundred dollars."

The couples were married Dec. 31, 1913 in Montgomery County, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Joe Comer, located at what is now Asbury Baptist Church. Snow lay on the ground as they went to the home of the minister for their wedding vows.

They traveled to their marriage site in a one-horse buggy, the same vehicle in which they had courted for a considerable time previously. The witness to their marriage was Kelly Auman, who was procured by the officiating minister. Mrs. McNeill was dressed in a brown woolen suit, which she had made herself, and she wore black button shoes.

They lived following their marriage at Mr. McNeill's home until 1917 when they built the house in which they now live. However, at the beginning, they only had three rooms.

Twelve fine children, Rona, Harvey, Dewey, Lloyd, Herman, Cleadell, Myrtle, Rachel, Clara Mae, Viola, Betty and Roy, were born to this couple in successive order and it was these children and their husbands and wives who honored Mr. and Mrs. McNeill last Sunday afternoon on their golden wedding anniversary.

Although Mrs. McNeill did not receive hospital care at the time of the birth of any of her children, she is still a youthful looking woman and has very few grey hairs in her head. Mr. McNeill's hair is not white either, but his health is not quite as good as his wife.

Mr. McNeill has been a farmer, a pottery worker, he has raised poultry and worked at a sawmill. Asked what he was doing now, he said "I am sitting in a chair."

The couple has 27 grand children and 4 great-grand children. The older of their grandchildren are older than the younger of their children.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McNeill are consistent members of the Union Grove Baptist Church. They have attended all through the years of their marriage, as one of the daughters recalled that "they carried us instead of sending us." In fact, some of the time the entire family walked the distance of approximately two miles. At other times they went to church in a wagon, especially at the time of the "big meeting," as the revival meetings were designated back in those days.

The influence of the home and the influence of the church has had its effect on the five sons and seven daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison McNeill and it was a substantial family group who gathered last Sunday afternoon at their childhood home to honor their parents upon the observance of their fiftieth year of marriage.

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He Will Be Outdoors Again In New Chair

Jan. 6, 1964 – For nearly two years, since he learned that he could never walk again, Jake Kearns, 55 year-old resident of 934 Straight Street, had been looking for a suitable wheel chair in which he could move about.

He had a regulation wheel chair but it did not permit him to get outdoors as he wanted to.

This past month, Jake's hopes were fulfilled and he was presented with a chair which he finds suitable for his needs.

Helping him to realize the predominant desire of his heart and actually delivering the chair to him last Saturday were four cousins from Georgia.

But, according to one of the cousins who participated in the providing of the chair, "a multitude of people helped," particularly the employees of three departments in an Atlanta, Ga., airlines company.

Jake Kearns is a well known resident of Asheboro, who has been incapacitated since birth. However, he was able to get about until coming out of the local hospital two years ago this month where he spent five weeks.

Shortly thereafter, he realized the wheel chair which he was using would not permit him to move about like he wanted to and he began working on plans for a more suitable one.

However, he could not find anyone who would attempt to build what he wanted and he could not find one in any of the physical therapy places or retail outlets which would suit his needs.

Last Oct. he and his mother, Mrs. W. H. Kearns, visited her sister and Jake's cousins in Georgia and it was there and at that time Jake's hopes began to rise.

Jake talked with his cousins about the situation and one of them took him to a large Atlanta retail outlet where they failed to find what he wanted.

He then outlined in details the plans he had been working on for nearly two years and the cousins set-about to work them out.

Two of his cousins, John Richardson of Palmetto, Ga., and Herbert Thompson of Fairburn, Ga., both of whom have worked a total of 31 years as mechanics at Delta Air Lines in Atlanta, Ga., began construction of Jake's chair after Thanksgiving.

They were assisted in a financial way by David Stith Kearns and Ray Kearns, of Palmetto, Ga., both double first cousins of Jake, and before the project was finished, many of the employees of the part's repair department, the paint shop and upholstery shop were taking a hand in it. Richardson and Thompson are employees of the part's repair department.

In addition, expensive equipment from the Delta Air Lines plant was used in the pursuance of the project. The two mechanics worked on it during their lunch periods and in other spare time. It took them about six weeks to complete the job.

The Chair, painted blue and white, is approximately six feet long. Its construction consists of two bicycle frames extended on the end, with an upholstered seat fastened to the frames and its is propelled by four bicycle wheels, the ones in the rear larger than those in front.

The chair has a two-wheel brake with lever action and is maneuvered by the use of the feet.

Accordinging to the four cousins from Georgia, who themselves brought the chair to Jake last weekend, the building of the chair aroused a great deal of interest to the air lines plant where it was erected. They said when the chair was brought out upon completion, "the employes flocked around it."

Needless to say, Jake Kearns was very happy upon the receipt of the chair and said "they wouldn't let me pay for it." One of the cousins said "it was a gift from the Georgia Crackers" but later amended this to "Georgia cousins" since the local ball team has not been doing so well.

David Stith Kearns and Ray Kearns are sons of Charlie D. Kearns, a native of New Hope Township in this county, who was a brother of Wilson Kearns, father of Jake Kearns. Both Charlie D. Kearns and Wilson Kearns married sisters. The mothers of John Richardson and Herbert Thompson were also sisters of Mrs. Charlie D. Kearns and Mrs. Wilson Kearns.

The bonds of family relationship and the helping hand of four cousins, added by the employees and facilities of a large air lines plant, has reached across the intervening miles to assist an Asheboro man whose need has been evident since the day he was born. In a world of selfishness

and greed, compassion for one's fellowman has again been triumphant.

She Gave All For Others, And For Personal Reasons

Jan. 6, 1964 – Last year during the March of Dimes drive in Randolph County a 12 –year-old Staley school girl, herself partially paralyzed at birth, gave her entire savings to the fund drive.

Nellie Collins York, Route 1, Liberty, known to her family and friends as "Rusty," is now 13 years old and a student in the 8th grade at the Staley school.

The money which she gave to the March of Dimes last year was mostly an accumulation of pennies which was started by an aunt who died in 1960. Rusty and her grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Adkins, with whom she has resided since birth, continued the saving of pennies after the aunt's death.

By the time the March of Dimes drive came through the Staley area last Jan., over seven dollars had been accumulated in the savings fund. Rusty and her grandmother talked it over and decided to give the entire amount to the March of Dimes.

The 67 year-old grandmother said: "We decided we couldn't give it to a better cause."

For many years March of Dimes money was used only to combat the crippling effects of polio and for the discovery of vaccines to prevent this dreaded disease. But in 1959, with the advent of successful vaccine in the prevention of polio, March of Dimes was expanded to include birth defects and arthritis.

It was the birth defects category which Nellie Collins York came under at the time of her birth on Apr. 25, 1950. She was the seventh child born to Rassie York and Lillie Adkins York.

Born at the home of her parents on Route 1, Liberty, near Red Cross, she was a premature child and only weighed three pounds and three fourth ounces at the time of her birth.

She started losing weight after birth and when her grandmother, Mrs. Adkins, got her to the hospital three days later, her weight had got down to two pounds and ten ounces. When her grandmother took her out of the hospital 41 days later, she weighed five pounds and 4 ounces.

Her grandmother took the child home with her where she has remained since. Both of the child's parents are now dead. Her father died in Dec., 1960 and her mother died in Mar., 1962.

Except for being premature, it was thought the child was normal at birth. But at the age of six months, it was noticed that she could not hold anything in her right hand. A doctor in Greensboro was consulted and he said the child had suffered a brain hemorrhage at birth and that she was partially paralyzed on the right side.

Both her right leg and arm were affected from the paralysis. She only began walking in Feb. before her third birthday in Apr. and then only after a brace had been placed on her right leg.

An operation on her leg at the age of six failed to help her defect but another one at Duke Hospital in July, 1962 was successful and at that time she was able to remove the brace from her leg.

An operation on her right arm and wrist was undergone nearly a year later at the same hospital.

But she has been in and out of hospitals and doctor's offices in Greensboro, Liberty, Durham and Winston-Salem since her birth. Her grandmother said "she has been an expensive little girl." Special shoes until the operation on her leg cost up to \$37.

Mrs. Adkins has borne all of the expenses of her granddaughters illness except for the operations, in which she was assisted by Crippled Children's agencies.

Mrs. Adkin's husband died in 1958 and her daughter, Miss Stella Adkins, who started the saving of pennies, died in Sept., 1960. Since that time she and her granddaughter, Rusty, have lived alone in a small house just off of Highway 49 on the road to Liberty.

Their means of support are small social security payments to each of them.

Thirteen year-old Rusty, so named probably because of her reddish hair, is a bright appearing, happy child who in the words of her grandmother, "likes everybody." She likes school and makes good grades, except in arithmetic, and likes her principal, Mr. Gatlin, and her teacher, Mr. York.

She is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, located about two miles from her home, and attends regularly except when she is sick or unable to get out because of weather condition. She is active at Church in G.A.'s and the Baptist Training Union.

Getting back to her last year's contribution to the March of Dimes, Rusty said: "I wish I had that much to give this time." Her grandmother, with a twinkle in her eyes, said: "You might have that much to give this time, I've been saving pennies again."

North Asheboro Women Honored At Reception In Calvary Church

Jan 9, 1964 - Two well known North Asheboro Women, soon to become residents of The Methodist Home in Charlotte, were honored at a reception Sunday afternoon in the fellowship hall of the Calvary Methodist Church.

Many friends, relatives and church associates of Mrs. Noah Duncan and Mrs. J. K. Gelbach came between 3 o'clock and five to pay their respects to these fine ladies and to wish them happiness in the new home to which they are going.

Hostesses for the occasion were the women of the Calvary church, where both Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Gelbach are affiliated in membership.

Mrs. Ernest Moody greeted the guests upon their arrival Sunday afternoon and presented them to the receiving line composed of the two honorees and members of their families.

The serving table was covered with a white cutwork cloth and had as its centerpiece an arrangement of white and yellow Shasta daisies and snapdragons, flanked by lighted yellow tapers.

Russian tea, cookies, cheese rings, nuts and mints were served to those in attendance. Pouring the tea were Mrs. A. C. Parker and Mrs. Stanton Poole.

Miss Olga Lassiter registered the guests in two guest books which were later presented to Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Gelbach.

Goodbyes were said by the Calvary church pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Mabry.

Mrs. Duncan was dressed for the occasion in a Royal purple print dress and Mrs. Gelbach was attired in a dress of winter white. Both ladies wore corsages of white mums which were presented to them by the hostesses for the reception.

Standing with Mrs. Gelbach in the receiving line and attending her at the reception were her son, David Gelbach, of Charlotte, and her daughter, Mrs. John McGlohon, of Asheboro.

Mrs. Duncan was attended by her sister, Mrs. W. C. Covington, and two nieces, Miss Sarah Helen Covington and Mrs. Bill Craven, of Asheboro. Her only son, J. A. Duncan, of Asheville, was unable to be present.

The former Mary Isa Goodman, a native of Roberdel in Richmond County, Mrs. Duncan came to Asheboro with her family in 1926 and moved to North Asheboro in 1934. However, she lived near Maxton in Roberson County just prior to moving to Asheboro. Her husband, who died in 1947, was a native of Roberson County.

Mrs. Duncan and her husband formerly operated a grocery store in North Asheboro and Mrs. Duncan herself later operated the North Asheboro Branch Postoffice. In recent years she has been employed at Eagle's Store in Asheboro.

Mrs. Gelbach, the former Mary Etta Harrell, was born in Montgomery County but came with her family to Worthville in this county at the age of one year.

She left her work in the Worthville cotton mill in 1910 to pursue a career in nursing. She worked with local doctors before and during her enrollment at Brevard Institute where she finished high school.

She received her nurse's training in Baltimore, Md. where she married her late husband, J. K. Gelbach. The Gelbachs came back to North Carolina in 1928, first to Worthville, then to Asheboro and in 1930, Mrs. Gelbach completed fifty years in the nursing profession. Since coming back to Randolph County, she practiced her profession mainly at the Randolph Hospital.

Both Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Gelbach were affiliated with the First Methodist Church in Asheboro before becoming charter members of the Calvary church upon its organization in 1950.

As a parting gift from the Calvary church, the two ladies were presented with long mirrors to place on the doors of the rooms which they will occupy at the Methodist Home.

Mrs. Duncan received an additional honor Saturday afternoon when she was surprised with a farewell party by her neighbors on Liberty Road. On this occasion she was presented with a beautiful house coat and other gifts.

Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Gelbach are two of the best known women in North Asheboro and the Asheboro vicinity. They have a wide acquaintance and the best wishes of their friends will go with them as they leave shortly to take up their residence at The Methodist Home in Charlotte.

Three Bands Supply Entertainment For March of Dimes Square Dance.

Jan. 9, 1964 - Three string bands are scheduled to participate in the square dance to be held at the Farmer grange hall next Saturday night for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

Carl Nance who has been playing continuously for the square dance group since it was originated 16 years ago,

will be on hand with his band, along with bands from Trinity and Wadesboro.

Nance is a veteran banjo player and has been playing that instrument for at least 70 years. He will be 80 years of age next month.

Playing with Nance are his son, Branson, who has been playing the guitar since he can remember, and George (Buck) Ridge, who has been playing the violin for 13 years.

Sometimes Brantley Kearns, of High Point, also joins the Carl Nance band.

Square dances, sponsored by the Farmer Grange, have been held continuously in the grange hall since 1948. They are usually held the first and third Saturday nights but the dance next Saturday night Jan. 11, is an extra one being held specially for the March of Dimes fund.

Annually, for several years, the grange has sponsored a benefit dance for the fund drive.

Square dances at Farmer started even before 1948 and were held in the agricultural building at the Farmer school. Originator of the dance was E. H. Thompson, who was serving at that time as principal of the local school. The grange took over the sponsorship of the dance in 1948.

Proceeds from the dances through the years have been used in various community projects, including the helping of needy families.

An admission price of fifty cents is charged at each dance. This price will be charged for the March of Dimes dance, except that additional contributions will be accepted to go into the drive fund.

Square dances at Farmer are largely attended and there is usually a large crowd at all of the dances. The smallest attendance is in the summer and sponsors of the dances say that the colder and rougher the weather, the bigger the crowd.

E. W. Elliott and Duke Lowe representing the Farmer Grange are in charge of the dances and have served in this capacity for several years.

Head caller for the dance is N. M. Lowe, who has also served in this capacity for many years. Before him, his brother, Glenn Lowe, worked in the same capacity.

However, an old timer who has been calling dances off and on at Farmer for 15 years is veteran Eugene Hill, of Route 2, Thomasville, who started calling dances in 1914. He is now 65 years old.

A new caller, Lawrence Williams, of Route 2, New London, is being broken in at the Farmer dances and is now assisting N. M. Lowe and Eugene Hill with the dances which are being held there.

People attend the dances from Asheboro, Farmer, Thomasville, Lexington, Rockingham, Albemarle, Trinity, Hillsville, Montgomery County, Denton, New London, High Point, and various other places in this vicinity.

A large crowd is anticipated for next Saturday night's benefit dance for the March of Dimes. Co-sponsoring the dance along with the Farmer Grange will be G. C. Castelloe, Jr., Farmer school principal and area chairman for the 1964 March of Dimes. The dance will begin at 7:30.

Shrine Officers Installed During Annual Ladies Night

Jan 13, 1964 - New officers took over reins of the Asheboro Shrine Club at the regular ladies night meeting of the club Thursday evening at the club house one mile east of Ulah.

Elected on last Nov. 14, the new roster of officers is as follows: W. C. Lucas, president; Robert L. Clark, vice president; Virgil B. Redding, secretary; and Van D. Weeks, treasurer.

Also, board of directors, co-chairmen, Bill Herlocker and Bill Lewis, and board members Joe Wise, Reece Hodgins and Ed Vick; and board of trustees, Alex Samet, Ben Coleman and Dick Vick.

Committee chairmen are; crippled children's co-chairmen Clarence McGill and Virgil Redding; membership and attendance, George Long; entertainment, Van D. Weeks; baseball game, Dwight Holland; health and welfare, co-chairmen Ed Kirby and Colbert Hinshaw; house and grounds, co-chairmen Dick Weeks and Joe Wise; and publicity, Adam Miller.

Adam Miller was also named desert dust correspondent or photographer and Jack Pugh was named ambassador.

Mr. Lucas succeeded Thomas E. (Ed) Vick, who served as president during the past year. Mr. Vick was in turn presented the "Shriner of the Year" award in recognition of his services to the club.

The Thursday evening meeting and installation of officers was a dinner event, with hosts and hostesses for the occasion being Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reaves, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McGill and Tracy McGill.

A dinner meeting for the club members and their wives is held the second Thursday night in each month, with different members and their wives serving as hosts. Serving in this capacity for next month's meeting will be Britt Gore, Malcolm Measamer, Sammy Long, George Long, Franklin Fagg and their wives.

In addition to a social meeting each month, a business meeting each month, a business meeting for the board of directors is also held monthly.

Meetings are held in the concrete block club house, with its interior of exposed beams, fireplace and kitchen, which was erected over two years ago on a 20-acre tract east of Ulah.

The Asheboro Shrine Club has been in existence approximately a quarter of a century and the new president, W.C. Lucas, was one of its founders and also served as one of the earlier presidents of the club.

The club supports the Shrine Bowl Game, an annual event to raise funds for the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children at Greenville, S.C.

In addition to their support of the Shrine Bowl Game, the local Shriners also sponsor a baseball game each year in Asheboro which features two of the state's college teams, with the proceeds also going for the benefit of the crippled children.

Last year the Asheboro Shrine Club also participated in a street block in downtown Asheboro for the benefit of the Mar. of Dimes.

Members of the Asheboro Shrine Club are Garland Allen, J. Franklin Allen, Henry Armfield, Lonza A. Badger, Dr. B. Francis Barham, Ottway Burton, Ralph Briles, Robert L. Clark, M. C. Coble, Alton Craven, Charles Crickmore, J. J. Crotts, J. P. Davis, Dr. Frank D. Edmondson, Charles F. Fagg, Jr., Sumner Farlow, Howard Freeman, Raeford L. Gaddis, J. Ralph Garner, Britt Gore, G. W. Hayworth, Jr. and L. B. Herlocker.

Also, C. E. Hinshaw, Reece Hodgins, H. D. Holland, Bruce M. Jenkins, D.B. Jones, Jesse Kearns, J. Ed Kearns,

Harold R. Klipfel, Ed Kirby, W. A. Lewis, Jr., W. L. Lewis, Sr., George H. Long, Sr., Richard Maner, J. Robert Marlowe, Clarence McGill, Tracy E. McGill, Lester McKee, Melvin E. Measamer, Adam K. Miller, J. D. Moffitt, Jack T. Pugh, Charles A. Reaves, Hallie C. Reaves and Nerius Reitzel.

Also, Alex Samet, Charles R. Scarborough, Jr., Harold A. Scott, Allen Scott, Elvin Shaw, Jim N. Sistruck, Dr. Joseph F. Suggs, Paul M. Thompson, Thomas E. Vick, H. A. Weeks, Jeff B. Weeks, Van D. Weeks, Raeford Williams, Aubrey Underwood, Samuel E. Long, Virgil Redding, Joe B. Wise, Sam H. Belton, Ray Herlocker, Ben Coleman and Roma L. Newman.

North Asheboro Woman, Family Devote Life To Mission Work

Jan. 16, 1964 – A former North Asheboro resident, born and reared in the community, and her family, have arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica where they will attend a language school, before becoming missionaries to Argentina.

Mrs. Bonnie Anne Pearce Davenport, her husband, Steve and their four children left North Asheboro Sunday, Dec. 29, caught a plane at the Greensboro airport and arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica the next day about noon.

They spent the Sunday night of their departure in New Orleans and from there to their destination they made stops at Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

On Sunday morning before they left, Bonnie stood in the Balfour Baptist Church where she had accepted Christ as a child and told her home-folks of the call which she had received.

Her husband, Rev. Stephen Walker Davenport, followed her to the pulpit, recited the call which he too had received and conducted the remainder of the morning worship service on the emphasis and needs of those who were without the realm of the gospel.

Bonnie was born May 3, 1930, the youngest of five daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearce. She attended the Balfour school and graduated with honors from Asheboro High School. She furthered her education at Mars Hill College and at Mercer University in Macon, Ga. Where she was graduated in 1952.

Since her graduation from college, she has taught school in Macon, Ga., Asheboro, Rolesville, Randleman and Columbus, Ga.

Steve, her husband, is a native of Columbus, Ga. He attended Georgia Southwestern College and graduated from Mercer University in 1953 and from Southeastern Baptist theological Seminary in 1959.

He has served a supply pastorate at Franklinville Baptist Church; he was pastor of the Main Gate Mission of the Southside Baptist Church in Columbus, Ga.; and at the time of the call to the mission field he was assistant pastor of the Flager Street Baptist Church in Miami, Fla.

Bonnie and Steve have four children, namely, Kathryn Ann, 10, Shelia Jane, 5, John Stephen, 4, and Shirley Jean, who was born Sept. 4, 1963.

They received their appointment as missionaries to Argentina on Oct. 10 from the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va. Since then they have been closing out their affairs in their homeland and getting ready to leave for the year of language study.

With everything else behind them, they came back to the place of Bonnie's birth, to her parents, her sisters and to the church which she had attended throughout her childhood.

At that Sunday morning service, when she and her husband stood before the people she had known and loved, a liberal love offering was presented to them from members of the congregation.

After the morning service at the Balfour church, only the goodbyes to parents and other loved ones remained. But the sadness of this departure was offset the next day when they were met at the San Jose airport by a large group of students and missionaries welcoming them to the field.

The older people of the North Asheboro community recall, with fond memories, the shy little girl who entered the first grade at Balfour school in the fall of 1936. They remember Bonnie later as she graduated with honors at Asheboro High School.

They watched her leave for college, first to the mountains and then to the school in Georgia. They saw her come back, marry, go to Georgia with her husband and then come back later to go with him to the seminary at Wake Forest.

One of the missionary circles at the Balfour Baptist Church has been named in her honor but to the people who have known and loved her since infancy and childhood, the influence of her life will suffice for her remembrance.

A Unique Way Of Giving, Her Every Inch Counts

Jan. 16, 1964 – A diminutive Route 1, Asheboro woman, a native of New York City and a former resident of the state of New Jersey, has come up with a novel idea for contributing to the March of Dimes drive.

Five-foot tall Mrs. Jean Juliann Filler has contributed a dime for every inch of her height and is in turn suggesting to other Randolph County residents that they do the same.

Mrs. Filler made her contribution last Sunday afternoon to Mrs. Lester Byrd, chairman of the March of Dimes drive in the Grantville-Bethel area, in which section Mrs. Filler lives in the Spoon's Chapel and Mount Tabor communities.

Looking on while Mrs. Filler gave Mrs. Byrd "a dime for every inch" were the small woman's husband, John Henry Filler, Ralph O. Cox, campaign director for the March of Dimes, and Ralph L. Bulla, chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation.

Besides giving a dime for each inch in her measurement, Mrs. Filler in reality also gave a dime for every year of her birth. She doesn't look it but she still attest to having been born in 1904. Her parents were natives of Austria, of Germany-Hungary ancestry, who came to New York City before the time of her birth.

Her husband was himself born in Austria but his parents came to this country when he was three years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Filler and their three children came to North Carolina from Union, N. J. in 1938. They lived first in Chatham County and came to their present residence in 1945.

Mrs. Filler was impressed to help the March of Dimes drive because she has a grandson who had to walk on crutches for twenty-two months and because she has seen "so many deformities" on the pediatric ward at The Randolph Hospital where she has worked for many years.

Mrs. Filler has enjoyed her work at the local hospital very much, especially her duty on the children's ward. She

serves in the capacity of nurse's aid and practical nurse and does private duty in addition to her work at the hospital.

She likes the staff and other personnel at The Randolph Hospital and after talking with this dynamic woman it seems that she like humanity in general. Before the March of Dimes group left her Sunday afternoon, she had volunteered for a house to house canvass of her community in the current drive.

The Fillers, Mrs. Filler and her husband, live in an old two-story house on a dead-end road. But there is no dead end in the desire of this small woman to be of service and help to a fellow human being.

Polio—Afflicted, But Her Life Now Is Well-Adjusted

Jan. 20, 1964 — Miss Alice Marie Dunn, Route 2, Ramseur, has been afflicted with polio for one half of her entire life.

She was 15 years of age when she was stricken while living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dunn, on Route 1, Seagrove, near the store of Elvin Beane.

It was the year of the polio epidemic and she was taken to the hospital on July 15, 1948. For a week before she had complained from a pain in her legs and in her head.

She was brought to an Asheboro doctor who diagnosed her ailment and she was carried by ambulance to a Durham hospital.

By the time she reached the local doctor, she couldn't walk and by the time she reached the Durham hospital, she remembered nothing after she passed through the doors of the hospital until she left two weeks later.

At that time she was transferred to Camp Sutton, which had just been put into use for the care and treatment of polio patients. In fact, she was the first patient at Camp Sutton.

She remained at Camp Sutton for six months and in the last month of her stay there, braces were put on her afflicted legs and she learned to walk with these new devices. Because the effect of her attack had left her paralyzed from the waist down.

Although she learned to walk with her braces she still needs crutches to assist her in getting about and can only walk without them by holding on to something.

Miss Dunn has made a remarkable adjustment in the loss of the active use of her legs. She has been an employee of Ramseur division of the Acme-McCrary Corp. for the past eleven years and works regularly except when it snows or sleets.

She attends to her domestic duties, cares for her room, does her laundry and other household tasks. She says "I do everything except mop and if I had to, I could do that too.

Alice is a familiar figure and gets about very rapidly on her long leg braces and her crutches. Incidentally, she has the same crutches she started out on fifteen years ago. However, she has had extensions put on them to take care of her increased height. She has new crutches but has never brought herself to use them, preferring the ones which have carried her through the years.

Her philosophy, "I don't feel sorry for myself and I don't want anybody feeling sorry for me." But actually, there is nothing to feel sorry about in the life of Alice Marie Dunn. Because she is leading a normal life and a full one.

It's His Thirteenth Year Of Helping Polio Campaign

Jan. 23, 1964 — On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 25, at 2:30 is the Liberty High School auditorium, Bob Loman will conduct his 13th annual singing for the March of Dimes.

It has been a consecutive event, with only one singing postponed for a week a few years ago because of a heavy snow. However, many people still came the day of the snow for the singing.

That was an indication of the interest which has been manifested through the past years in gospel singing, mainly, because of the efforts of Bob Loman.

Bob Loman has conducted many singings at Liberty and elsewhere throughout the years. He estimates at one time he was conducting singings for 45 Sundays out of the year.

On last Saturday night, Jan. 18, he conducted perhaps one of the biggest singings which has ever been held in Liberty. The singing, held for the benefit of the senior class at Liberty High School, of which his daughter, Nancy, is a member, featured the Klautd Indian Family Singers, the Gethsemane Quartet and the Palmetto Quartet. The March of Dimes singing for next Sunday will feature the Revelaters from Greensboro, the Swordsmen Quartet from Winston-Salem, the Phillips Family from Bear Creek and the Southlanders Quartet from Burlington.

Bob Loman was himself afflicted with infantile paralysis or what we know now as polio at the age of four. The attack left him with a partial disability on his left side. This affliction, coupled with his interest in singing, prompted him to begin the benefit singings thirteen years ago for the March of Dimes.

Because Bob Loman, in his own words, has been singing "as long as I can remember." His father, according to Bob "loved singing as much as I do now," and his mother, brothers and sisters were also inclined to singing.

His father, the late Robert E. Loman, Sr., was active in church and gospel singing and was a member of the White Oak mill quartet in Greensboro. The quartet sang without music and used a "pitch-pipe to pitch their songs.

His mother, Mrs. Alma Loman, resides in Greensboro and still enjoys gospel singing.

Born a little less than 43 years ago as Robert F. Loman, Jr., although he doesn't want people to start calling him that. Bob's family lived in the White Oak mill section in Greensboro and he attended the Proximity High School. Upon graduation, he went to work in the White Oak mill where his father was an overseer.

He left the mill at the beginning of the year 1943 to enter full-time evangelistic singing and traveled for two years with Rev. Henry Reese, an evangelist with the Pilgrim Holiness denomination.

After that he associated himself with an evangelistic quartet and traveled for three years with his brother, Rev. Harold Loman, who was serving in the field of evangelism.

Later, he went on his own as a music director and evangelistic singer and in this capacity traveled 16 or 17 states and in Canada. He remained in this field until coming to Liberty in the fall of 1951 as manager of a men's clothing store, Johnson's Inc., where he has been since.

However, before that, in Nov., 1942, he had married Alline Brower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Numa Brower of Liberty, and he and his wife and daughter, Nancy, had established residence in Liberty in 1947, even though he continued on his evangelistic travels.

Bob and his wife became acquainted through his brother, Harold, who was serving at that time as pastor of the Liberty Congregational Christian Church. Bob came to Liberty to assist in the youth work of his brother's church and met his wife, Alline, who along with her family attended the services at the church.

Besides their daughter Nancy, age 17, they have two sons, Eddie, age 10, and Jeffrey, who will be four in Mar.

Since becoming manager of the clothing store in Liberty, Bob Loman has confined his musical efforts to conducting singings during the weekends and other limited activity in the singing field.

This limited activity continues with the exception of a position which he assumed in July, 1962 as Minister of Music at the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Siler City.

His wife, whose grandfather, O. P. Brower, used to direct music, is a member of his church choir along with his daughter, Nancy, who is also a member of the glee club at Liberty High School. His son, Eddie, says "I don't sing, I just mess around."

But with singing as their background and their father as the predominant one in the field, it is reasonably safe to assume that Bob Loman's children will all be singers in their own right.

Active in other phases, Bob is serving in his second year on the Liberty School Board, is first vice president of the Liberty Lions Club and secretary and treasurer of the Liberty Merchant's Association. He is a past president of the Liberty Parents-Teachers Association.

Bob Loman is a leader of gospel singing in North Carolina and he has virtually made Liberty the singing capital of the state. When he directs another singing in Liberty next Sunday afternoon, the 13th annual March of Dimes singing, he will be assuming a position which he has rightfully and capably held for a great number of years.

Life Is Difficult For Local Woman

Jan. 30, 1964 – Social security disability payments are not proving sufficient for a 44-year-old Asheboro woman who lives at 807 Hoover St.

Miss Laura Smith's basic necessities are costing her more than the \$72 a month which she receives from the federal government.

Take the month of Dec. for instance, she spent \$28.25 for medicine and this was special medicine, over and above the medicine she is suppose to take all of the time. The rent of her apartment was \$25 and her oil bill was \$20.

The \$72 a month disability payment was already gone and she still had not paid her light bill, her phone bill nor had she purchased her groceries or the medicine which she takes under normal circumstances.

Living alone, she needs her phone to communicate with someone in case of sickness and to order the medicine which she needs regularly. She has no transportation with which to get about.

Her only relative in Asheboro is a sister, who has nine children, seven of whom live at home. The sister also is responsible for maintaining the expenses of her own household.

Because of illness, Miss Smith had to quit her employment at the Blue Gem Manufacturing Company five years ago. Prior to that time she worked at the Standard Tytape Co. A native of Mount Airy, she came to Asheboro in 1948 from High Point.

She has a heart condition, her arteries are hardening and her blood circulation is bad. Her general appearance is emaciated and her arms are frail.

She keeps her heat turned down as much as possible in order to save oil. In speaking of her grocery bill, she said "It is not enough to count."

But after paying for medicine, heat, rent and other utilities, there is actually nothing left for groceries.

Except for visits to her sister, all of her time is spent within the walls of the apartment in which she resides. She formerly attended the Mountain View Baptist Church and said she was a Presbyterian before coming to Asheboro.

This middle-aged woman, who has maintained a gentle dignity despite the circumstances with which she is confronted, needs additional aid besides the \$72 disability payment which she receives each month. It is not quite enough to sustain even the bare existence under which she now lives.

Silver Beaver Scout Honor Goes To Asheboro Leader

Feb. 20, 1964 – Scouting's highest award, the Silver Beaver Award, went to an Asheboro man, Elwood J. Jones, at the annual meeting of the Weatherby Division of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts of America at Liberty Sunday afternoon.

Approximately 400 scouts, scouting officials, parents and friends saw the presentation of the coveted award to the recipient, who has served for the past seven years as principal of the Brown Summit High School in Guilford County.

The presentation was made by Thomas P. Noe, vice president of the Carolina Steel Corp. and a member of the executive board of the General Greene Council of Boy Scout. He was assisted by the recipient's wife, the former Elizabeth Scotton, of Asheboro.

The couple make their home here at 907 East Salisbury Street. Before assuming the position with the Brown Summit High School, Jones was principal for eleven years at the Randolph High School at Liberty.

It was at that high school the annual scouters conclave was held Sunday afternoon, with George D. Vinson principal of the school, presiding.

After an opening ceremony conducted by Cub Pack No. 411, sponsored by the Randolph PTA, and the invocation by the man who was later to receive the Silver Beaver Award, greetings were extended by Mrs. Lenore Smith, president of the Randolph School PTA, Liberty Mayor W. B. Stamey, and A. C. Warlick, Scout executive of the General Greene Council.

Introduction of guests in attendance was made by R. V. Siler, principal of the John M. Caveness Elementary School at Ramseur.

Chartering of the scouting troops of the Weatherby Division located in Randolph County, namely, Troop No. 411 at Randolph High School, Troop No. 412 at Central High School, Troop No. 412 at Central High School, Troop No. 413 at James M. Caveness Elementary School and Troop No. 414 at Randleman Community Center, was conducted by M.B. Graeber, chairman of organization and extension.

Advancement awards were presented and announced by Henry E. Frye, assistant United States District Attorney and vice chairman of the Weatherby Division.

R. E. McIntyre, principal of J. F. Gunn elementary School in Burlington, was principal speaker for the occasion. He was introduced by Jefferson Snipes, principal of Central High School in Asheboro.

Howard K. Hunter, district scout executive, was in charge of the closing ceremony for the meeting.

Sampson Buie, Jr., district scout executive, was in charge of the entire arrangements for the scouters conclave.

Music was furnished by the Randolph High School band, under the direction of N. L. Humphrey, and the Central High School band, under the direction of G. W. Price.

The recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, who has served for eight years as chairman of the finance committee of the Weatherby Division, has two decades of work in scouting behind him. He has also served as assistant scoutmaster, vice chairman of the Weatherby Division and a member of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts.

Other Silver Beaver Award recipients in attendance at the meeting were Joe Richmond, T. P. Noe, R. E. McIntyre, B. S. Austin, J. N. Gill, J. E. Whitley and S. C. Smith.

Advancement awards were made as follows: second class, John H. Hoker from Troop 412 Arthur Cheek, Michael Cheek, Paul Covington, Tyler Ray Bivens and Jesse McNeill from Troop 413, Donald Brown, Wendell Walden, George Spinks, George Isley, James Gales, Caesar Werts, Thurman Spinks, Roger Harris, Cleo Brady, John Cheek and Russell Lineberry from Troop 413, and Bobby Thompson and Perry Nichols from Troop 443, of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Guilford County.

First class awards went to Larry Coble, Robert Siler and Lacy Brooks from Troop 411, Richard Everett, Jesse Cheek, Charles Hodges and Ronda Hammonds from Troop 412, Larry Goins, Jerry Carraway, Bradford Butler, Rodney Walden and Boyce Goldston from Troop 413, and James Johnson, Alvin Patterson, Larry Williams and Robert Coleman from Troop 443.

Star Scout Awards went to Dennis McCain from Troop 414 and David Burrell from Troop 443 while Life Scout Awards went to Carl Swygert and Phillip Lyles from Troop 442, of the Grace Lutheran Church in Guilford County.

Merit Badges were awarded as follows: athletics, Allen Isley, Madison Cheek, Wayne Brady, Charles Alston, Robert Thomas, Jerald Cassady, Thorne Gladden, Thomas Spinks, David Johnson, John Greene, Charles Carraway, David Marley, David Brown and Elsworth Cheek, all from Troop 413.

Camping, Steve Bowden, Joel Bowden, Philip Matthews, Gregory Headen, Thomas Bumpus, Richard Headen, and William Cheek from Troop 411 and James Greene Jr., Charles Hill and Howard Spencer from Troop 414; canoeing, Steve Bowden and Joel Bowden, from Troop 411; citizenship home, Monroe Gaines from Troop 414; citizenship nation, Jerry Gaines from Troop 414; cooking, Philip Matthews, Gregory Headen, Thomas Bumpus, Richard Headen and William Cheek from Troop 411, James Greene Jr., Charles Hill and Howard Spencer from Troop 414 and Edgar Douglas from Troop 413.

Also, first aid, Monroe Gaines, James Greene Jr., Charles Hill and Howard Spencer from Troop 414; forestry, Jerry Gaines from Troop 414; hiking, Joel Bowden, Philip Matthews, Gregory Headen, Thomas Bumpus, Richard Headen, William Cheek from Troop 411; home repairs, Tomocka Gladden, Marshall Brady, James Spinks, Larry

Coffin, Mason Butler, Barry Walden, Douglas Hill and Larry Wilson from Troop 413; nature, Jerry Gaines and Monroe Gaines from Troop 414; and rowing, Steve Bowden from Troop 411.

Illness Creates Burdens For Seagrove Area Man

Feb. 24, 1964 – A Route two Seagrove resident is seeking to regain his health in a Richmond, Va. Hospital following a difficult operation, while the folks at his church banded together and took an offering to help pay the expenses of his hospitalization.

Fred L. Yow, father of six children, was crippled badly with arthritis before he submitted to the operation at the Johnston-Willis Hospital in Virginia's capital city.

In fact, his legs were drawn so badly that his right leg had completely crossed over the left leg and when he walked his right leg was to the left of his left leg.

The operation, which was performed on Feb. 4, was on his right hip, consisting of an unjointing of the hip and the placing therein of a silver plate. If the surgery which was performed is a success, the same operation will have to be done also on the left hip.

On the other hand, if the operation is not successful, the surgery may have to be undone. Doctors regard the entire surgical proceedings as somewhat experimental and, along with Mr. Yow and his family, are awaiting the outcome.

But Mr. Yow, a fifty year-old veteran of World War II, had suffered so intensely before he entered the Richmond hospital that he felt he had to take a chance on finding some relief for his pain.

His life had become miserable in the condition which he found himself. He couldn't sleep, except under heavy sedatives, he suffered from a bursting headache and the more his legs crossed the harder the pain became.

Fred Yow was afflicted with back trouble at the time he entered the Army during World War II. He was sent to Alabama for his training and in the wet conditions of that area his condition became worse.

His ailment was diagnosed as arthritis and he received a medical discharge. He was sent to Duke Hospital, a Winston-Salem clinic and to other places for treatment. But he became worse as time went on and in 1960 he had to quit his employment as a sawmill operator and could only do light work on his farm.

About six or eight months ago his legs started drawing and every day it looked like he got in a worse condition. He could only walk with the aid of a cane and was able to just ease along under those conditions.

About a year ago he came under the treatment of Dr. Thomas Wheeldom, a Richmond, Va. Surgeon who has been conducting a clinic for crippled children in Asheboro for several years. Dr. Wheeldom has treated him since that time and tried several remedies which were to no avail.

He then talked with the afflicted man about going to the Richmond hospital for surgery. He first went to the hospital last Dec. for proposed plastic surgery involving the cutting of the leaders in his legs. But x-rays showed the legs were drawn too much to risk this type of surgery.

The doctors, however, talked with him at that time about the operation which he later underwent on Feb. 4. They told him the surgery would cost \$2,500 and sent him back home to think about it.

They wrote later amending the cost of the surgery and Mr. Yow, realizing that he didn't have much chance of getting any better without something being done, assented to the operation.

But the success of the operation is still a matter of time, as Mr. Yow will have to remain at the hospital for six weeks. However, for the time being, his legs are not crossed. The leg on which the operation was performed was in traction, a device for stretching and was lifted high above his head.

Anxiously awaiting the outcome of the operation is Yow's wife, the former Edith Comer, and their six children, namely, Kenneth, 14, Keith, 11, Kelly, 10, Dale, 7, and Sherry, 5. Assisting her is her oldest child, Mrs. Jane Coker, and her son-in-law, Eugene Coker.

Expenses have been heavy in the Yow household since the total disability of Mr. Yow and excessive expense began with his admission to the Richmond hospital. Besides the disability a benefit which the family receives, their only income is from 7,000 broilers which Mrs. Yow and the children raise.

His military service would have permitted Mr. Yow to receive treatment from a veteran's hospital but facilities were not adequate at those hospitals for the type of operation which he needed.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, an offering was taken at the Needham's Grove Christian Church, where the Yow family attends, to help defray the expenses of Mr. Yow's operation. The family, however, has not asked anyone to help them but instead have managed carefully in order to make an effort to meet the tremendous expense which has come their way.

Fred Yow and his family have come through much duress and anxiety since his illness and there is still a long road ahead, financially and otherwise. Much depends on the outcome of the operation on Feb. 4, but even if that one is a success, there is still another one to come.

Dimes Director Ralph Cox Paid Honor By Co-Workers

Mar. 12, 1964 - March of Dimes campaign director Ralph O. Cox, who raised \$9,281.65 to conduct the most successful funds drive in recent years, was honored Sunday for his services during the annual drive.

In a brief ceremony during the morning worship service at Bethel Friends Meeting, where he serves as superintendent of the Sunday School, Cox was presented with a certificate of appreciation from Larry J. Davis, of Raleigh, Central State Representative of The National Foundation.

Randolph County chapter chairman Ralph L. Bulla also praised Cox's work in the annual drive and introduced March of Dimes workers and National Foundation chapter members who were present for the ceremony recognizing the campaign director.

Joe Coltrane, Minister at Bethel Friends Meeting, conducted the morning service at the Meeting House. Special music was reandered by the minister and his wife and the Bethel choir.

Community chairmen, chapter executive committee members, relatives of Ralph Cox and other visitors in attendance at the morning service included Joe W. Church, M.B. Gibson, Wayne Hughes and Ernest Bortner, of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Carr Redding, Jr. and son, Carr III, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Pugh and son, Gregg, Route 1, Sophia, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Cox and son Terry, Route 1,

Trinity, A. B. Hancock. Route 1, Seagrove, Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, Staley, Elvin Cox, Ramseur, and Mrs. Lester Byrd, Route 4, Asheboro.

Following the morning service, a luncheon was held in the fellowship hall for members of the chapter executive committee, the Ralph Cox family, the minister's family and other guests.

The annual meeting of the executive committee was held after the luncheon, at which time chapter officers were reelected for another year.

These included Ralph L. Bulla, chairman; Joe W. Church, vice chairman; Mrs. Lloyd Hamlet, secretary; and Sam J. Burrow, Jr. treasurer. Other members of the executive committee are Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, Mrs. Carr Redding, Jr., and Elvin Cox. A new member, campaign director Ralph Cox, was added to the committee.

Announcement was made of expenditures from the local chapter last year amounting to \$1,706.51. This included attendant care, braces, a wheel chair, amortization of equipment, a corset, orthopedic service, medicine for an arthritis patient and other expenses.

In his report of the 1964 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County. Campaign director Cox released the following breakdown of the various communities; Archdale-Trinity, \$589.51; Asheboro, \$4,025.53; Brower-Erect, \$416.00; Cedar Falls, \$105.36; Central Falls, \$199.25; Coleridge, \$67.18; Farmer-New Hope-Cedar Grove, \$280.72; Franklinville, \$209.25; Grantville-Bethel, \$109.53; Grays Chapel, \$160.44; Liberty, \$1,160.10; New Market-Sophia-Cedar Square-Glenola, \$430.00; Pleasant Grove, \$35.00; Ramseur, \$438.41 Randleman, \$194.35; Seagrove, \$92.30; Staley \$150.21; Tabernacle, \$ \$39.72; Ulah-Flag Springs, \$305.00; Union, \$69.13; Worthville, \$101.05; Piney Ridge \$53.01; and Level Cross, \$50.00.

Chapter campaign expenses for the drive amounted to \$435.70. leaving a net total of \$8,841.66. Of this amount, 25 per cent or \$2,210.41 will be sent to the medical Scientific Research Fund of The National Foundation for studies in the causes and effects of arthritis and birth defects.

The remaining amount \$6,631.25, will be split in half with one half going to the local chapter for needs in Randolph County and the other half going to The National Foundation for the expenses of the national organization.

George Needhams Honored Sunday For Their Golden Anniversary

Mar. 16, 1964 - Mr. and Mrs. George K. Needham, Route 1, Seagrove, parents of thirteen children, were honored Sunday, Mar. 8, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Friends and neighbors called at the Needham home Sunday afternoon from two to four o'clock to greet the honored couple and their children and to extend best wishes upon the passing of the fiftieth anniversary of marriage.

Daughters-in-law and older granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Needham assisted in serving refreshments to the guests who called by during the afternoon. Many gifts were brought to the couple in commemoration of their anniversary.

The informal yet most enjoyable open house marking the event was planned by the thirteen children of Mr. and Mrs.

Needham, who constitute one of the largest families in Randolph County.

The children, ranging in age from 49 to 25, are, in the order of their birth, as follows: Mrs. Floyd (Moleta) Staley, Route 1, Seagrove; Luther Needham, Route 1, Seagrove; Brewster Needham, Route 1, Ramseur; Mrs. Robert (Emma) Ritter, Route 1, Ramseur; Kelly Needham, Route 1, Seagrove; Mrs. Floyd (Mary) Caviness, Route 1, Seagrove; Edsel Needham, Route 1, Seagrove; Mrs. Clyde (Vera) Asbill, Route 1, Seagrove; Hansel Needham, Route 1, Asheboro; Amos Needham, Route 1, Ramseur; Mrs. Edgar (Rosa) Owens, Route 1, Seagrove; Joe Needham, Route 1, Seagrove; and Monroe Needham, who lives at home with his parents.

All of the eight sons of Mr. and Mrs. Needham have been inducted into military service. Some of them served in World War II, some in the Korean War and the last son, Monroe, has recently been discharged after two years of service.

George Kelly Needham, age 72, was born on the land on which he still lives. Son of Luther and Emma Cox Needham, his birth occurred in a log house, consisting of one room and a shed. The land on which he lives was owned prior to his lifetime by his father, grandfather and great-grand father.

The Needham home is located in the southeastern section of Brower Township an it was at the nearby Antioch school that he received his education. Located close to the present site of the Antioch Christian Church, the school was later moved and then discontinued.

Mrs. Needham, the former Rachel Ellen Hayes, daughter of John and Almeda Fesmire Hayes, was born in the upper part of Brower Township but moved with her family to the lower section of the township when she was one year old. She attended the Trogdon school, in the vicinity of what is now the Riverside Baptist Church community. She is 68 years of age.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Needham were reared on farms and Mr. Needham has also followed that occupation throughout the years of his married life. He also ran a blacksmith shop for twenty years and has done carpentry work.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham were married Mar. 8, 1914 at the home of Mrs. Needham's parents. According to Mr. Needham, guests at the wedding included "a few of the kinfolks and a few who slipped in." Following the wedding, which occurred at 10 o'clock on a Sunday morning, all of the wedding guests were served dinner and in the afternoon the couple attended preaching at the Antioch church. Means of conveyance was a mule and buggy.

The couple lived with Mr. Needham's mother for a year and then moved into the home in which they now reside. Mr. Needham built the house himself, the first carpentry work he had ever done, and said at the time he "didn't know a ten penny nail from an eight-penny nail," also, he only had ten dollars when he started the building of the house.

At the time they moved into the house, only one room had a window in it and that room, the one they moved into, was not completely floored and had no ceiling. But Mr. Needham worked on the farm during the day and put up ceiling at night until the house was eventually finished.

Ironically, when Mr. Needham began the framework of the six room house, a relative said he was building "a house big enough for the neighborhood." The person who said that evidently could not foresee the time when the house would

be so crowded there would only be room enough to walk between the beds which lined the bedrooms.

The children, all thirteen of them, came with regularity and filled every bit of the space in the house which Mr. Needham started a year following his marriage to Mrs. Needham.

At one time eleven of them were at home at one time. In discussing his various occupations and the needs of his large family, Mr. Needham said: "I had to reach out and get every nickel I could."

Once when measles hit the family, ten of the children were in bed with them at the same time.

At mealtimes, benches were used at the table, with Mrs. Needham always holding the baby and the next to the youngest sitting next to Mr. Needham.

But the Needham children grew into strong and robust men and women, with all of the sons in the family qualifying for military service to their country.

Except for their 13th child, all of the Needham children have left the old homestead and have made homes of their own, although none of them live far from the home of their parents. They visit their parents on weekends and oftentimes during the week. All of the thirteen Needham children are held in considerable regard by the people who know them.

Besides the thirteen children, the family now includes 41 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Needham has been a semi-invalid for two years and unable to walk. Helping to care for her is Mrs. Nora Smith who came from High Point.

For her golden wedding anniversary celebration, Mrs. Needham wore a Navy blue dress with a white stole and a corsage of yellow chrysanthemums. She wore a blue changeable dress for her wedding vows on that Sunday of fifty years ago.

A great deal of love and respect is manifested by the thirteen Needham children for the parents who worked and sacrificed to bring them into the mature years of their lives. Affection and congeniality also exists not only among the thirteen brothers and sisters themselves but among the sons-in-law and daughters-in-law who have now become a part of the family.

It was a pleasant occasion last Sunday afternoon when this large family group got together with their friends and neighbors for the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of the heads of the large household.

Coy Comers Honored On Sunday At Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mar. 19, 1964 – A reception, held by their twelve children, honored Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Comer, Route 2, Seagrove, on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Mar. 15, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

The occasion, attended by their neighbors, friends and relatives, was held at the Comer residence, about a mile and one half from the Moore County line, where they have resided since 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer and their children are a well known singing group and make many public appearances, particularly in lower Randolph County and upper Moore County. They have presented a program for three years in succession for the March of Dimes at Brower School and this performance is becoming one of the most outstanding events of the annual drive.

The twelve children are Mrs. Ollie (Mettie) Williamson, Route 2, Seagrove, Mrs. Colon (Ethel) Kennedy, Route 1, Robbins, Mrs. Fred (Edith) Yow, Route 2, Seagrove, Tracy Comer, Route 2, Seagrove, Bill Comer, Route 2, Seagrove, Ted Comer, Route 1, Robbins, Mrs. Clarence (Evelyn) Caviness, Route 1 Robbins, Mrs. J. B. (Helen) Ritter, Route 1, Robbins, Mrs. Fred (Betty) Caviness, Route 2, Bennett, Mrs. Jack (Lola) Upton, Ramseur, Carroll Comer, Robbins, and Arnold Comer, Route 2, Seagrove.

Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Yow are twins, Mrs. Mattie Margaret Needham, the sixth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Comer, was killed in a tractor accident in June, 1953.

A large picture of Mrs. Needham hung in the hallway of the Comer residence Sunday afternoon, along which her twelve brothers and sisters stood as they received with their parents at the golden wedding reception.

Mrs. Bill Comer, daughter-in-law, and Jack Upton, son-in-law, greeted the guests as they arrived while Mrs. Jerry Dickerson, a granddaughter of the honored couple, presided over the guest register.

A fruit punch with gold and white cake squares, mints and nuts were served from a table which was covered with a lace cloth over gold. Serving as the centerpiece for the table was the four-tiered wedding cake, decorated with yellow roses and topped with a miniature bride, attired in a gold wedding gown, and a bridegroom, with the gold inscription of "50" at the top.

Mrs. Arnold Comer, another daughter-in-law, poured the punch and Mrs. Carroll Comer, also a daughter-in-law, and Miss Grace Comer, a grand-daughter, alternated in serving the cake squares.

Two other granddaughters, Mrs. Herbert Garner and Mrs. Gene Coker, assisted in the gift room.

A veteran sawmill and lumber man for nearly sixty years before his retirement early this year, Mr. Comer started off as a water boy at a planning mill at about eleven or twelve years of age.

He was born in Moore County, close to Dover Baptist Church, but lived in Montgomery County before coming to Randolph County where he was living at the time of his marriage. His parents were Adam Franklin Comer and Margaret Dunn Comer.

Mrs. Comer, the former Annie Florence Garner, is also a native of Moore County, having been born near the Acorn Ridge Baptist Church. Her parents were Bennett and Hassie Hussy Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer were married on Sunday, Mar. 15, 1914 at about noon at the home of Justice of the Peace W. H. Scott in Moore County, who officiated at the ceremony.

Their wedding attendants were Oscar Garner, a cousin of Mrs. Comer, and Annie Williams, who were later united in marriage.

They traveled to their wedding site in a one-horse buggy and after the ceremony was performed they visited with various people in the community.

For her marriage vows of fifty years ago, Mrs. Comer wore a blue dress trimmed with white lace. For her golden wedding, anniversary celebration las Sunday, she wore a black Dacron dress, accented by an eyelet jacket. Her corsage was a yellow chrysanthemum while her seven daughters wore similar corsages. Mr. Comer and the five Comer sons wore bottonniers consisting of a yellow chrysanthemum.

At the time of their marriage fifty years ago, Mr. Comer was working at a sawmill in Richmond County. For many years before his retirement, Mr. Comer operated his own sawmills and for a long time three of his sons were associated with him.

In addition to operating their sawmills, the Comers have maintained the farm on which they have resided for the past forty five years. In the earlier years Mrs. Comer and the older daughters operated the farm while Mr. Comer was away at the sawmill.

All of the thirteen Comer children were born at home, with a doctor being in attendance at the births of only three of them. A mid-wife assisted at the births of the others.

Asked about the provision for such a large family, Mrs. Comer remarked that the "Lord always made a way."

Their dependence upon a higher authority helped them in their earlier struggles and perhaps accounts for the contentment and happiness which surround them today. Mr. and Mrs. Comer and all of their children are consistent in their faith and attend church regularly. Despite their plans for the big anniversary celebration early last Sunday afternoon, all of them were in their usual places at their respective churches last Sunday morning.

Although Mr. Comer's farm acreage and timber land totals 300 acres and he has been a successful lumber man, things have still not always been easy with the upbringing of this large family. They have worked hard and they have known sorrow when one of their number was killed in the tragic accident.

But with a strong heritage behind them, they have weathered all of the hardships which have come to them and have formed themselves into one of the happiest, more closely knit family groups in this area. They work together, they share each other's problems as well as the more favorable aspects which come their way, many of them go to church together and it seems that they are the happiest when as a family group they sing the songs which tell of their faith and their belief.

The golden wedding anniversary celebration last Sunday afternoon was a tribute and a gesture from the twelve children to their parents, to express to them their appreciation as well as their pride for the two people, their father and mother, who have meant so much to them.

Tabernacle Little League May Have A New Bus Soon

Mar. 19, 1964 - Plans for the purchase of an activity bus are being formulated by the Tabernacle Little League Ball Committee.

The committee, composed of Ed Hughes, Fred Ball, Mrs. Jay Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kesler, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Johnson, have been holding a series of meetings in connection with their project.

The second meeting of the committee was held last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kesler on the Old Lexington Road, with Messrs. Hughes and Ball and Mrs. Kesler and Mrs. Baker in attendance.

Others present were Mrs. Wayne Myers, Mrs. Fred Ball and Oscar Hunt.

The meetings are being held in connection with the sponsorship of a community cookbook with which the committee will finance the purchase of the activity bus.

Committee members have been soliciting advertising from local merchants and friends and thus far have been quite

successful. The advertising will pay for the printing of the cookbooks which will be done by Asheboro Printing Co. in Asheboro

Since the Tabernacle Little League Club is not permitted to play with the Asheboro Little League clubs, they have to play with the Davidson County League near Thomasville. Therefore, the necessity for an activity bus in which to travel to and from the games.

Ed Hughes, a member of the faculty of the Tabernacle Elementary School, is serving as the general chairman for the league project. He is also the coach for the Tabernacle Little League Ball Club.

Fred Ball is the chairman, of the advertising committee, with Dwayne Johnson and Charles Kesler being members of the advertising staff.

Mrs. Jay Baker serves as treasurer for the committee and Mrs. Charles Kesler is the typist and salesmanship chairman. Mrs. Kesler is also doing the sketches to be used on the covers of the cookbook.

Mrs. Dwayne Johnson is the publicity chairman for the committee.

At the close of the committee meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kesler last Friday evening, refreshments were served by Mrs. Kesler and Mrs. Jay Baker.

Asheboro Pastor, Wife Observe Their 65th Year Of Marriage

Mar. 30, 1964 – An 85 year old minister and his wife, age 81, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sunday, Mar. 15, at their home at 232 Uwharrie St. in Asheboro.

Present for this anniversary observance for the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Shaw were their seven living children and many of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Approximately one hundred other people from Asheboro, Randleman, Ramseur, Franklinville, Farmer, Star, Thomasville, High Point, Winston-Salem and Sumter, S. C., called to pay their respects to this revered couple on the occasion of their anniversary.

Special guests included the Rev. and Mrs. B. O. Crowe, of Marion, Ind., evangelistic workers in the denomination in which the Rev. Mr. Shaw has labored for the past thirty years.

A four-tired wedding cake featured the anniversary celebration and was placed on a small table covered with a white embroidered cloth. A larger table, from which the punch was served, was covered with a white lace cloth.

One of the Shaw daughters registered the guests and the other daughter and daughters-in-laws assisted in receiving and serving the guests. The honored couple received many cards and gifts in commemoration of their anniversary.

Rev. and Mrs. Shaw were married Mar. 12, 1899. At that time Mr. Shaw was serving as a mail carrier on the Asheboro Star Route. Mrs. Shaw was the former Alice Voncannon, who lived on the road between Asheboro and Farmer.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, two of whom died in infancy and two daughters, Mrs. Etta Shaw York and Miss Ruth Shaw, passing away in later years.

The remaining seven children are Mrs. Dora Shaw Wright, of Asheboro, Mrs. Ora Shaw Leonard, of Ramseur, Preston Shaw, of Route 1, Franklinville, Mrs. Lillie Shaw McDowell, of near Winston-Salem, Harvey Shaw, of Route 3, Asheboro, Martin Shaw, of Route 2, Randleman, and James Shaw, of Asheboro.

Jesse Edgar Shaw was born near Horse Shoe Bend on Barnes's Creek in Montgomery County, one quarter of a mile from the Randolph County line. He later moved with his family to Randolph County, near the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church.

The Shaws were living in High Point when in 1904 Mr. Shaw was called to the ministry. Two years later his active ministry began as assistant pastor of the Mt. Olivet Pilgrim Holiness church near Sophia.

Other churches which he served while with the Pilgrim Holiness denomination were at Kernersville, Mt. Zion and Beulah in Davidson County, Mt. Zion in Moore County, Mt. Tabor, John Wesley's Stand, Ramseur, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Oliver, Kildee, Franklinville, Troy and Asheboro.

After his transfer to the Wesleyan Methodist denomination, he served the churches at Thomasville, High Pine, Midway, Radford, Va., Troy, Rain Hill, Rockingham, Trinity, near Erect, Hoover's Grove, and Callicutt's Chapel.

Mr. Shaw organized Callicutt's Chapel, near where he was born and where his mother is buried, around 15 years ago and he still remains as pastor of this church.

Although he officially retired as a pastor at the annual conference last year, he was appointed by the conference president to continue serving the church and he still preaches there every other Sunday. He is the oldest active pastor in the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Mr. Shaw is unusually active for one of his age and has no plans for quitting the ministry. He feels that since the Lord called him into the ministry, he should continue to preach as long as he is able.

Mrs. Shaw is not quite as active as her husband. She has been somewhat disabled during the past months and is now walking with the aid of a cane. Mr. Shaw said that she had "gained three pounds since she had been eating his cooking."

Sun For Their Anniversary But It Was Snowing Fifty Years Ago

Mar. 30, 1964 – The sun was shining for the golden wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Alvis H. Luck Sunday afternoon, Mar. 22, in contrast to their wedding of fifty years ago when snow covered the ground.

In honor of their fiftieth anniversary, a reception and open house was held at their home on Route 5, Asheboro, the same place to which Mr. Luck brought his young bride a half a century ago.

The golden wedding reception began at 2 o'clock, the time of the wedding at the home of Elwood Cox, Friends Minister, fifty years ago.

Guests were received formally until 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, but many came after that. As they came, they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Aster Staley, nephew and niece of Mr. Luck.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Luck were their only daughter, Mrs. Jonah (Edith) Cooper, Route 5, Asheboro, and their three sons, John Lee Luck, Asheboro, Clay Luck and Clyde Luck, both of Route 5, Asheboro.

Their oldest son, Clegg Luck, died in Jan., 1958 and their youngest son, Alfred M. Luck, died at birth.

Ray Luck, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Luck, registered the guests who came for the reception and Mrs. Ray Luck and Miss Patricia (Pat) Luck, granddaughters, assisted in the gift room.

Miss Midred Luck poured punch and Miss Geneva Luck served cake squares, mints and nuts to those in attendance. Both young ladies are grand-daughters of the honored couple. Assisting in the serving and entertaining were daughters-in-law and Mrs. Annie Williams, a neighbor.

The focal point in the dining room was the white three-tiered wedding cake, trimmed with yellow roses and mounted by a miniature bride, dressed in a golden gown, and bridegroom, with the inscription of "50" at the top.

Alvis Luck was born 70 years ago at the place at which he is now residing, the son of Alfred and Vina Strider Luck. He attended the Rocky Ridge school, located near to his home. His father died when he was small and he remained at the old homeplace to care for his mother, even following the time of his marriage.

Mrs. Luck a youthful golden wedding anniversary participant at the age of 64, is the former Pearl Parks, daughter of Lindo and Primmie Cornelison Parks. She attended the High Pine school in the community in which she was born.

There were no guests at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Luck on Mar. 22, 1914 except for the minister and his wife when the minister's son, Irvin Cox, and his wife, who had been scheduled to attend, failed to show up.

Mrs. Luck wore a specially embroidered white dress, with white hat and gloves and black shoes for her wedding on that snowy afternoon fifty years ago. For her golden wedding anniversary celebration, she wore a black crepe dress, with a corsage of yellow roses.

The couple rode from the minister's home after their wedding fifty years ago in an open top buggy, drawn by a mule, to the home in which they would spend their fifty years of marriage.

The nervousness which the 14 year-old bride felt during the reading of the marriage ceremony and the chillness which she felt during the open ride through the snow was nothing compared to the mixed feeling which she felt as she faced her husband's family for the first time as a family group.

Because they had all gathered, his mother, his brothers and sisters, to receive the young bride and to fete the wedding couple at a "nice wedding supper."

But later, she appreciated the help and the assistance which the more mature members of her husband's family gave her as she, a bride of 14, began to set up the operation of her household and the rearing and caring for her family.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Alvis H. Luck have now passed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, they are still young and active. They maintain the duties of their household and the farm on which they reside, about one mile and one quarter west of Ulah, and can look forward to many more wedding anniversaries.

Their family, consisting of their four children, 12 grandchildren and seven great-grand children is a closely and firmly united group and can usually be found at the home of their parents on each Sunday afternoon.

But on last Sunday afternoon, this family group was augmented by many other relatives, neighbors and friends who came to honor this couple who have spent their entire lives in the community in which they still reside.

Mrs. Mamie Williams Installed As State H-D Council President

Apr. 2, 1964 - An Asheboro woman has been installed as president of the North Carolina State Council of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Mrs. Mamie Williams of 704 East Salisbury Road, rose from the ranks of the local Home Demonstration Club to assume the highest office in the Home Demonstration State council.

Her installation occurred at the twenty-second annual State Council meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs which was held Wednesday, Mar. 25, at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh.

Approximately 5,000 club members and guests from all over North Carolina attended the annual meeting. Two bus loads of people from Randolph County were there, led by Mrs. Bettye J. Taylor, Home Economic Agent for Randolph County.

Mrs. Williams began her career in home demonstration activity in 1951 when she became a charter member of the East End Home Demonstration Club in Asheboro. In this club she had held the office of treasurer.

In the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, she has served as both vice president and president and has held the same offices in the Western District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, comprised of 19 counties.

Prior to assuming office on the state level, she served as vice president and moved this year from the first vice presidency in the presidency of the state organization.

As president of Home Demonstration State Council, she will be heading an organization comprised of 19,000 members. Part of her official duties will involve an executive board meeting in July and also a leadership training conference this summer.

Mrs. Williams, the former Mamie Shamburger, came to Asheboro from her native Robbins in 1925 in order to attend high school in Asheboro. Her father was the late Rev. J. W. Shamburger and she was one of twelve children.

Her father followed her to Asheboro and became pastor of Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. It is in this church that Mrs. Williams has also rendered outstanding service, in addition to her activity in home demonstration councils.

She has served for many years as superintendent of the beginner's and nursery departments of the Sunday School and as president of the Junior Church or training department. She also serves as superintendent of Buds of Promise, a children's organization of the Greensboro District of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

She has attended the quadrennial meeting of the General Missionary Convention of her denomination in Hartford, Conn., Los Angeles, Calif., and St. Louis, Mo., in the years 1955, 1959 and 1963 as a delegate to those national meetings.

Recently she has been appointed as a member of the Human Relations Committee for the City of Asheboro and serves as a member of the subcommittee on public accommodations.

She is married to Pennix Williams.

Community Center For New Market? It Took Combined Efforts Of Many

Apr. 2, 1964 - Three organizations in the New Market School District have combined their efforts toward making

the construction of a Community Center for the area a definite reality.

This project is well on its way with the recent purchase of and the full payment for a four-acre tract of land for the erection of the community building.

Discussion had prevailed throughout the community concerning the need for such a building but initiation for the project began with the New Market Grange. Branson Davis, a member of the grange organization and also a member of the New Market Civitan Club, was appointed to take the matter up with the Civitans.

Fadien Farlow, a member of the grange and also a member of the New Market Home Demonstration Club, was designated to approach the home demonstration club about the project.

Both Branson Davis and Fadine Farlow came back with the report that the New Market Civitan Club and the New Market Home Demonstration Club would go along with the New Market Grange and give their whole hearted support towards the building of the proposed community center.

On Mar. 12, T. Worth Coltrane, Asheboro Attorney and native of the New Market area met with a group of interested people at the New Market School to discuss the legal aspects of the proposed project.

At this meeting, it was decided that the first step would be the filing of an application for a charter with the Secretary of State's Office in Raleigh. Responsibility for the signing of the charter was placed with Emily Pugh, Master of the New Market Grange, Curtis Farlow, president of the New Market Civitan Club, and Exie Hall, president of the New Market Home Demonstration Club.

A committee of three, Colbert Beeson, Jimmy Davis and Branson Davis, was named to make plans for the purchase of suitable land for the location of the building.

The committee reported on the desirability of a tract of land located directly behind the New Market School ball field and across from the school.

Owner of the land was C. M. Farlow, a former resident of the community now living in Guilford College. Estimated value of the land was considered to be too high by the committee but after negotiations with the owner, he decided to sell the land for \$4,000 in view of the purpose for which the land was going to be used. This figure was \$1,400 less than the original purchase price.

The results of these negotiations were reported back to the three clubs by the committee and it was approved as the purchase price. Twenty-one-hundred dollars of this amount was available from the treasuries of the clubs, with the remaining \$1,900 to be raised.

The miraculous feature of the proposed project thus far has been the raising of this additional amount of money. In two weeks time, the remainder of the money needed, \$1,900, was raised through the efforts of Wade and Marie Pugh, Colbert and Halcie Beeson, Jo Ann Spencer, Sonny and Branson Davis, Lawrence and Mary Allred, Cohen and Dot Davis, Kenneth and Emily Pugh and others who went out and asked people to contribute to the balance.

On Mar. 24 the second meeting of the people interested in the construction of the community building was held at the New Market School. Attorney T. Worth Coltrane was again present at the meeting and this time brought the charter for the new organization and assisted in setting up the by-laws of the newly organized group.

For his services in the organizing of the group, Mr. Coltrane was given a rising vote of thanks.

A board of directors was named as follows: one year, D. S. Davis, Carr V. Redding, Jr., R. E. Brown and Howard Beeson; and two years, Joe Ridge, Leo Wyrick, Stanley Farlow, Clyde Spencer and Exie Hall.

Officers for the New Market Community Center were named as follows: president, Halcie Beeson; vice president, Martin Overton; secretary, Emily Pugh; treasure, Carr V. Redding, Jr.; and historian Sadie Brown.

Special guests at the second meeting of the group were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Farlow, of Guilford College, owners of the tract of land on which the building will be placed, and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Carrier, of Greensboro. Mrs. Carrier is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farlow and in whose name the deed for the land was filed.

Family Anxiously Awaits An End To Child's Ailment

Apr. 6, 1964 – A blonde-haired four year-old girl lies in a Durham hospital, with an anxious mother by her bedside, awaiting the outcome of illness with which she was stricken over two weeks ago.

With the muscles in her little body rendered helpless, this beautiful, brown-eyed girl with the golden curls can only breathe with the aid of a bird respirator which has been attached to her throat through the surgical performance of a tracheotomy.

Faith Renee McMasters, whose fourth birthday occurred on George Washington's birthday, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McMasters, who live on Route 1, Franklinville, just across the river from the village.

She became ill with her present affliction on Mar. 14, about two weeks following a bout with the flu. She had recovered from the flu and was apparently well until she woke up on the morning of Mar. 14 with her present symptoms.

Her parents carried her to an Asheboro doctor who examined her and advised that she be brought back the next day. By the next morning she was partially paralyzed and when seen by the doctor, he immediately placed her in Randolph Hospital and another doctor was called in.

She was carried to Duke Hospital in an ambulance, under oxygen, that afternoon. Her condition was diagnosed as "guillane barre," an illness which usually follows the flu or an infection and effects the muscles of the body.

Until the operation on her throat, she was kept in an iron lung at night and under oxygen tent during the day. It is said that if she had not reached the hospital when she did, she would not have survived.

The muscles which operate her lungs are not strong enough to facilitate her breathing and she now only breathes with the aid of the electric respirator which has been placed in her little throat. Neither can she move her body except for a slight wiggle of the toes and a little movement of her head.

She has been unable to speak since the operation on her throat and although the tears come to her eyes, she is unable to make a sound. She cannot swallow and is being fed through her veins.

The little girl feels no pain from her present condition and doctors say the only thing to do is to keep her living until she can breathe on her own. Drugs have seemingly had no

effect on her. Since being admitted to the hospital, she has also developed pneumonia, an infection and a friendly flu bug.

Mrs. Loretta Benner McMasters, 26-year-old mother of the little girl, accompanied her child to Durham in the ambulance and has remained at her bedside continuously since that time. Nurses also stay with her around the clock.

The 29-year-old father of the child, who lost his left arm in an accident four years ago, works at a Greensboro garage during the day and then goes from there each night to visit his little girl in the Durham hospital. Upon the conclusion of his visit, he returns to the little four room house on Route 1, Franklinville and to the other three daughters which have been born to him and his young wife.

These little girls, Darlene 8, Glenda 7, and Libby 2, are living with their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Benner, across the road from their little home, during the absence of their mother and sister and are being cared for by their grandmother.

The oldest sister, Darlene, has been ill with the mumps since her younger sister went to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. McMasters have been given no assurance as to when their little girl will regain the use of her muscles, breathe normally and become once again the healthy child who ran and played before she was stricken with her present illness. Doctors say that the last similar case lasted for three months and it was mild compared to the condition of little Faith Renee McMasters.

Another matter will face these young parents when the time comes when they are able to think about something besides the survival of their little girl and that is the expense of her hospitalization. The room in which she lies costs \$20 a day and there is the expense of three nurses daily, to say nothing of the doctors who attend her continuously.

But for now nothing takes precedence over the ultimate survival of this beautiful blonde-haired child whose life depends upon the breathing which is administered to her by means of the electric respirator which sets by her bedside.

One Man Contributed Much To Rebuild His VFW Post

Apr. 9, 1964 – A Ramseur man, W. L. (Bill) Rinehardt, has compiled an out-standing record in rebuilding the Ramseur V.F.W. Post No. 9335 in the nearly two years which he has served as Commander of the local post.

When he assumed the leadership of the post in June, 1962, for the beginning of the 1962-63 post year, the Ramseur V. F. W. had dwindled to a membership of twelve persons.

The present membership in the post is 43, more than three times the membership at the time Mr. Rinehardt began his official duties.

At the end of his first term, membership in the post had more than doubled.

The Ramseur post received its charter in 1947. All of the members which have been obtained during Commander Rinehardt's tenure of service have been reinstated members who for various reasons had dropped out of the post since its chartering in 1947. Commander Rinehardt is a charter member of the post.

For his contribution toward the upbuilding of the post, Mr. Rinehardt has received citations from national V.F.W. headquarters for membership equal or greater, and from

the North Carolina departmental V.F.W. for outstanding service in 1962-63.

During his time as Commander of the Ramseur group, the post has been cited for distinguished service by national headquarters and the district V.F.W. organization has awarded the post a plaque for a one hundred percent membership increase.

Commander Rinehardt, native of Statesville, came to Ramseur in 1945 following his discharge from the U.S. Army. His wife is the former Elizabeth Stinson, a native of this area.

Counting the time he served in the National Guard prior to his induction into active service, he was for 11 years a member of the military forces.

His overseas service included North Africa, Sicily, Italy and England.

Mr. and Mrs. Rinehardt are the parents of two children, Billy, a senior at Ramseur High School, and a daughter, Mary Lee. The family attend the Ramseur Baptist Church where Mr. Rinehardt serves as an assistant teacher in the Sunday School department.

Mr. Rinehardt, who will retire as Commander of the Ramseur V.F.W. Post in June, says that the members of the local post are the "finest group I have ever had the privilege of knowing." He further said "it has been a privilege and honor for me to serve as Commander of the post."

Serving with Mr. Rinehardt on the official roster of the post for the past year have been Robert Healey, quartermaster; Ray Kirkman, adjutant; A. G. Taylor, post chaplain; and Glenn Burgess, C. T. Hardin and Claude Hardin, trustees.

New post officers, elected at a meeting last week, include Elvin Cox, commander; Tommy Coward, quartermaster; Page Craven, adjutant; G. A. Taylor, post chaplain; and Robert G. Henley, Edward Parks and James E. Rains, trustees. These new officers will be installed in June.

The complete roster of membership for the Ramseur V.F.W. Post No. 9335 includes William Lee Rinehardt, Curtis Hilliary Lineberry, Lonnie Alvin Harvell, Elvin C. Cox, Wm. Page Craven, Arthur Gantt, Claude Hardin, T. Edward Parks, Tate W. Kirkman, Howard T. Brady, Coy T. Hardin, Jr., Wayne T. Stout, Rufus Ray Gilliland, Newby F. Phillips, James F. Rains, Thomas P. Coward, Glenn Burgess, W. Arnold Edwards, Albert G. Taylor, Sam A. Rankin, Bobby Lee Burgess, and Swanson Kennedy.

Also, Ray Kirkman, Quinton Hicks, George Robert Brooks, Robert G. Henley, John W. Hodge, John R. Brooks, Frank H. Wright, John H. Faust, Jr., Joseph E. McAlister, Julian Gaddy, Carson C. Cranford, James Hiatt Allred, Alfred F. Bodsford, Colon Max Cross, Hurley Stewart, James I. Frazier, Lloyd B. Allen, Fred W. Morgan, William C. Cox, Russell Craven, and Joe J. Palmer.

Burrows Celebrate Silver Anniversary

Apr. 13, 1964 – Mr. and Mrs. Vernon (Cap) Burrow, proprietors of the Randolph Rest Home, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Sunday, Apr. 5, with a buffet luncheon at the home at 2218 South Fayetteville Street.

Members of Mrs. Burrow's family, friends of the couple, and residents of the home were invited guests.

The celebration was especially designed for the enjoyment of the residents of the rest home who had looked forward to the event for several years. All of them were invited in for the occasion.

For those who were confined, members of the silver wedding anniversary party went to both wings of the rest home after the luncheon to sing and other-wise entertain those who were afflicted.

Present for the anniversary celebration were Mrs. Burrow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith, Route 1, Asheboro, and part of her 13 brothers and sisters. She is the second oldest child in the large Smith family and the former Mabel Smith.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John (Little John) Burrow, Mr. Burrow only has one brother, Virgil Burrow, who was unable to attend the family gathering because of the illness of his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrow are the parents of five children all of whom were present for the 25th anniversary of their parents. They are William Clayton Burrow, Mrs. Lou Ellen Burrow Wilson, Anita Burrow, David Burrow and John Thomas Burrow. There are three grandchildren in the family.

The honored couple, who have been operating the Randolph Rest Home, formerly the Randolph County Home, for over five years, were married Apr. 8, 1939 in Galax, Va.

Colorful Seagrove Area Figure Honored On His 68th Birthday

Apr. 13, 1964 – A colorful figure on Route 1, Seagrove, who has resumed a sawmilling career following his retirement from a Robbins textile plant, was honored Sunday, Apr. 5, on the occasion of his 68th birthday.

Henry Vance Cagle, his middle name came from North Carolina's Civil War Governor Zeb Vance, lives about three quarters of a mile from the Union Grove Baptist Church. He has lived in that community all of his life, except for two brief intervals when he lived in Orange and Caswell counties.

He was born and reared in a log cabin in the community, the same building to which he brought his wife, the former Myrtle Hancock, at the time of their marriage nearly a half of a century ago. His parents were Alfred and Lucy Jane Garner Cagle.

His brief education was received at the New Center School, a planked up and down building with a large fireplace. Mr. Cagle said there were cracks in the school building big enough to put his arm through. He remarked: "you didn't sweat much in there."

A man who has worked at sawmills all the way from South Carolina to Virginia, Henry Cagle has recently become employed at a sawmill again. He first started working at a sawmill, according to him, when he was "big enough to pick up a slab."

However, he is now working as a sawyer at top price, \$2 an hour, whereas when he started years ago he was making fifty cents a day.

He remembers that his first work was cutting wood for fifteen cents a cord. At one time he worked at a sawmill below Robbins, walking a distance of over ten miles to his home each Saturday evening and back again on Sunday afternoon and receiving for his efforts a dollar a day. He also worked at another place four miles from his home, to which place he walked back and forth each day and received the amount of one dollar a day.

In 1960 he retired from employment at the Robbins mill where he had worked continuously for 18 years.

Henry Cagle and his wife are the parents of six children, Mrs. Maglean Chriscoe, Seagrove, Wade S. Cagle, Asheboro, Tracy Cagle, Route 1, Seagrove, Mrs. Mexie Maness, Asheboro, Vernon Cagle, High Point, and Mrs. Ruth Cranford, Asheboro. They have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Three of the children, Mrs. Chriscoe, Wade Cagle and Mrs. Maness and their families were present at Sunday's celebration. The son from High Point came down on Saturday before the celebration while Tracy Cagle, who lives next door, was sick and unable to be present.

Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Brown of Route 2, Seagrove, parents of Mrs. Wade S. Cagle.

Henry Cagle is a strong personality, well known in the lower section of Randolph County and in other areas, and is generally liked by all who know him. He is a big talker, full of nervous energy, and makes friends easily wherever he goes. Although a strong partisan, he is still respected by those who do not share his views.

He is a member of the Union Grove Baptist Church and is a man who adds much to the atmosphere of the community in which he lives.

Claude Rouths Paid Honor Apr. 12th On Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Apr. 16, 1964 – A well known Randolph County couple, coming from families long established within our midst, were honored Sunday afternoon, Apr. 12, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

A reception and open house event provided the occasion for the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Routh, which was held at their home on Route 2, Randleman, at White Hall, near Randleman.

Parents of one of the largest families to originate in Randolph County, hosts and hostesses for the anniversary celebration were the twelve living children of Mr. and Mrs. Routh. Two more children were born to this couple but died in early childhood.

Their twelve living children are, from oldest to youngest, Mrs. Marvin (Mabel) Staley, Route 1, Sophia, Mrs. P.H. (Jessie) Massey, Route 3, Randleman; Mrs. Leo (Kate) Hollingsworth, Route 1, Sophia; Allen Jay Routh, Baltimore, Md.; Tom and Neal Routh, Randleman; John Milton Routh, Pilot Mountain; Mrs. John (Helen) Campbell, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. George (Gladys) Brown, Route 1, Franklinville; Burton Routh, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Ray (Bobbie) Hilliard, Randleman; and Clinton Ray Routh, Baltimore, Md.

Greeting the guests upon their arrival at the reception Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to five o'clock were Marvin Staley, Leo Hollingsworth, Mrs. Allen Routh and Mrs. Neal Routh, sons-in-law and daughter-in-law of the honored couple.

Registering the guests was Mrs. Howard Brown, a granddaughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Routh.

Mrs. Routh, dressed in a light blue dress of brocaded material and wearing an orchid corsage, stood in the receiving line with her husband and children. She also wore a light blue dress and hat for her marriage ceremony of fifty years ago.

Daughters of the honored couple wore corsages of yellow mums for the open house event while Mr. Routh and his sons wore boutonnieres of the same flower.

In the dining room the table was covered with a lace cloth over gold and predominant at one end was the four-tiered

wedding cake on a crystal stand, decorated with four love swan and topped by a wedding bell with the inscription of 50 in gold letters and covered with lilies of the valley.

Centering the table was an arrangement of yellow snapdragons and Shasta daisies, while at the other end was the punch bowl, embedded in an arrangement of ivy and yellow Shasta daisies.

On the sideboard in the dining room was a crystal candelabra with gold candles while in other parts of the house, including the living room and gift room were arrangements of yellow mums, gladioli and potted plants of yellow chrysanthemums.

Presiding over the punch bowl were Misses Judy Routh and Janice Brown, granddaughters, while another granddaughter, Miss Deborah Routh, assisted in the dining room in the serving of the cake, mints and nuts.

A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Milton Routh, and two granddaughters, Teresa Brown and Susan Routh, assisted in the gift room. Goodbyes were said by Ray Hilliard, P. H. Massey, Mrs. Clinton Routh and Mrs. Tom Routh, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Routh.

Mr. and Mrs. Routh, both of whom are 71 years of age, are natives of Randolph County. Mr. Routh was born in the Bethany Church community, near Worthville, one of 13 children of F. F. (Bud) Routh and Lula Prevost Routh. Mrs. Routh, the former Eutha Jean Trotter, was born in the Caraway community west of Asheboro, the daughter of Ross Trotter and Angeline Miller Trotter.

Mr. Routh, whose father was a well known surveyor, farmer, insurance man and school teacher, attended the Bethany School and the school at Worthville. One of his brothers was the late Rufus F. Routh, for many years Clerk of Court in Randolph County.

Mrs. Routh was reared on a farm, near the Mountain View Methodist Church, and attended the Belvidere School and the school at Mountain View. She had eight brothers and sisters.

Living in different sections of Randolph County, their acquaintance began when Mr. Routh assisted his grandfather, Neese Routh, in cutting the timber off of Caraway mountain, near to where Mrs. Routh's family lived.

They were married on a Wednesday afternoon, Apr. 8, 1914, at the home of Rev. J. B. O'Brien, who was living in the Bethany Church parsonage at New Salem. Witnessing the ceremony were the preacher's wife and a neighbor to the parsonage family.

On the day of the wedding, Mr. Routh left his home near the Bethany Church to go for his bride at her home in the Caraway section. He was traveling in a one-seated, rubber tired-buggy, drawn by a gray horse and it took him six hours to make the trip there and back.

After the wedding, they spent a few days with their parents before moving to High Point where Mr. Routh was employed at the Southern Car Shop, manufacturers of street cars. He was making wages of \$1.50 per day and had recently left a job at Myrtle Deck Co., where he made \$1.35 per day, changing jobs because of the fifteen cents per day increase.

The Rouths recall that furnishings for the home which they established in High Point cost \$125. The beds which they purchased at that time still remain in their possession.

They did not live long in High Point but came back to Randolph County to the Caraway section and later to the Sophia area, living on farms in both communities. Mr.

Routh worked as a carpenter for 22 years, during which time Mrs. Routh and the children did the farming.

They came to White Hall in 1947 where they built and began the operation of the Circle Inn, now operated by their son, Neal. Prior to that time, they operated a café and grocery store in Randleman.

In recent years Mr. Routh has also dealt in sawmilling and the buying of timber, defining his latter operation as being "a pinhooker." Queried as to the meaning of this term he said it was the buying of a bargain and making money on the deal. For the past two years he has had no job.

Since the upbringing of their large family, Mr. and Mrs. Routh have traveled extensively. Fifteen years ago they went to Colorado, eleven years ago they took a trip covering 9,323 miles, crossing the United States and including California, Oregon, Washington and Victoria, Canada. Eight years ago, they went back to Canada, this time to the Quebec Province. For the past four winters, they have spent five weeks in Florida.

They spent considerable time collecting antiques, glassware, and other items and also in the disposition of some of these items. The trading instinct still remains with Mr. Routh and he said if his health permitted it, "I am going to do some pinhooking this spring."

With fifty years of marriage and 14 children behind her, Mrs. Routh presents an appearance which is unbelievably fresh and youthful looking. She has taken life in a philosophical manner and, in speaking of her large family, said "we got along just as well then as people do today."

Looking back over their half century of marriage, Mr. Routh too was philosophical and said "a lot of water has gone over the dam."

He remembers a statement which he made following his marriage concerning the family of thirteen to which he belonged. He had said: "I am going to beat my daddy by one or have a set of twins. He didn't have a set of twins but he did beat his daddy by one."

This achievement, however remarkable, is not the predominant factor in the half century marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Routh. It is the diligence, the industry and the mutual effort which they have put into their union of fifty years and the application which they have exerted in the upbringing of their twelve children.

But their major effort is now behind them and they can look forward to a more relaxed enjoyment of their children, grandchildren, their trips and the more leisurely matters which they did not have the time for in the earlier years of their marriage.

Need A New Quilt Soon? Grantville Auctions One

Apr. 16, 1964 – Next Saturday night, Apr. 18, a quilt with 353 names on it will be auctioned off for the benefit of the Grantville community building.

The auction will take place at a supper which will be held at the community building Saturday from 5 o'clock until 8 p.m.

Originator of the quilt project and the person who has done most of the work on the quilt is Mrs. Ernest Craven, of Route 1, Asheboro.

Mrs. Craven, a member of the ways and means committee of the Grantville Community Development Club since its organization in 1959, started the quilt project in

Mar., 1961 as a means of raising money to help pay for the proposed community building.

She has worked on the project off and on since that time. She did the quilting all by herself, working on this phase of it at odd times for a week and one half.

Mrs. Virgil Brown helped her piece the quilt, Mrs. Dempsey Craven did the appliqueing, Mrs. Howard Byrd put some of the names on it and Mrs. Craven has done the rest.

A charge of twenty five cents a name was made for the inscriptions on the quilt and already over \$105 has been secured through this process. Also, a bid of \$35, even before the auction, has been placed on the quilt.

The names of a greater part of the residents of the Grantville community appear on the quilt, with many from outside of the community. There are also names of people who live in Kansas City, Kansas and Indianapolis, Ind. Youngest person to be listed on the quilt is James Foy Gann, 3 weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Gann.

Some people whose names were secured for the quilt have died since their names were inscribed. Others whose names are on the quilt are reaching the age of ninety years.

It is a beautiful quilt of Daisy Fan design, is pieced in colors of purple and orchid and the inscription of names is neatly done.

In addition to helping on many projects before and after the completion of the Grantville community building, Mrs. Craven has sponsored and brought this individual project to a successful conclusion.

She will not only have raised a sizeable amount of money for the community building but she has brought together a collection of names which will prove invaluable to the person who becomes the highest bidder on the beautiful quilt which she has made.

Once Called For Wife In A Buggy, Now They're Celebrating 50th Year

Apr. 20, 1964 - Lee G. Barnes, living on land his grandfather purchased in 1877, and his wife, Lydia Mae Hussey Barnes, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at a reception and open house event Sunday, Apr. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes reside on Route 2, Asheboro but their fiftieth anniversary celebration was held at the home of their youngest daughter, Mrs. Houston (JoAnne) Rogers on Route 3, Asheboro.

Other children joining Mrs. Rogers in honoring their parents were Mrs. Leo (Jewel) Barnes, Route 2, Asheboro, Morrison and John Barnes, Asheboro, and Mrs. Robert (Leta) Morton, Route 2, Asheboro.

Guests were greeted by Houston Rogers upon their arrival at the reception and were directed into the living room by Kenneth Barnes, grandson of the honored couple. There, they were received by Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and their five children.

Mrs. Barnes was wearing a black and blue checked wool suit, with a corsage of yellow carnations pinned at her shoulder. A boutonniere of a yellow carnation was worn by Mr. Barnes.

Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes wore corsages of yellow chrysanthemums, and the sons wore boutonnieres of the same flowers.

Registering the guests was Miss Sheila Barnes, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes.

Pat Morton, another granddaughter, and Brenda Barker presided over the gift room.

In the dining room the table, covered with a white cut-work cloth was centered with the traditional wedding cake, flanked at each side by silver candelabras with burning yellow tapers. Clusters of fern and yellow Shasta daisies surrounded the cake and the punch bowl, which was situated at one end of the table.

Yellow roses and yellow chrysanthemums were used as decorations throughout the home.

Mrs. Ray Auman, Mrs. Jim Williams and Mrs. Morrison Barnes assisted in the serving of cake squares, nuts and punch.

Goodbyes were said by Robert Morton and Leo Barnes, sons-in-law of the honored couple.

Approximately 175 guests called between the appointed hours of 2 o'clock until five.

Fifty Years ago, Lee Gray Barnes, traveling in a one seated buggy drawn by a bay mule, called for his future wife, Lydia Mae Hussey, who was dressed in a white suit and white hat, to carry her to their wedding site.

They were accompanied to the home of the minister, John Tillman, who at that time was serving the Back Creek Friends Meeting, by Nellie Barnes Smith, a cousin.

Although Mrs. Barnes was born between Asheboro and Farmer, the daughter of Eli and Ann Hoover Hussey, her family was living in High Point when she came back to Randolph County to be married. She remembers that she wore the white suit and white hat on the train trip down and that an attendant at the railway station in High Point remarked: "why you look like a bride this morning."

Mrs. Barnes was born on a lower section of the land on which he still resides. His parents were William Barnes and Lee Ella Lewallen Barnes and his mother died 24 hours after his birth.

He was reared in the home of his grandparents, Thomas Barnes and Sarah Smith Barnes. His grandfather purchased the land, 600 acres of it, from Jonathan P. and Jane H. Winslow, on Apr. 30, 1877 for the price of \$1,600. The Winslows had moved to Indiana where the deed of transaction was filed, signed by both the Governor of that state and the Secretary of State. Mr. Barnes still has that old deed in his possession.

However, the 600 acre tract has all been sold off to Mr. Barnes' children and other people and only 60 acres of the original tract remains in his possession.

During his boyhood, Mr. Barnes worked on his grandfather's farm, helped with sawmilling and attended the free school at Back Creek. During the latter years following his marriage, he has also engaged in farming, sawmilling, worked for a while in a hosiery mill at Asheboro and was employed with the state in the prison unit. He is now retired.

Mrs. Barnes' people moved away from the Asheboro vicinity before she was old enough to attend school. After leaving, they lived in the Providence community, where she attended school, and also lived at Worthville.

Besides the five children who are living, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes were also the parents of another daughter, Mary Louise, who died at the age of nine years. Included in their family group are also 13 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are members of the New Union Methodist Church where Mr. Barnes formerly served as

superintendent of the Sunday School. The old organ from the New Union church sets in their front parlor and it is in that room that Mrs. Barnes has often led her family group in the songs of the church and the faith in which they believe.

Two sisters of Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Candace Frazier, Route 2 Trinity, and Mrs. Bertie Spivey, of Asheboro, are still living while Mr. Barnes' only sister, Mrs. Lillie Barnes Ledwell, lives at Asheboro. His only brother, Pearl Barnes, a former law enforcement officer for Randolph County and the city of Asheboro, has been dead for several years.

Mrs. Barnes' aunt, Mrs. Debbie Barnes, still lives in the community at the age of 96 years. Mrs. Barnes herself will be 70 years of age in May while Mr. Barnes was 74 years of age last Feb.

It was a pleasant family group on Sunday afternoon, Apr. 12, at the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barnes, as the couple stood with their five children to receive their friends, kinspeople and members of their church congregation.

Virginia Native Serving Fayetteville St. Baptists

Apr. 23, 1964 – Since the first of the year, the Rev. J. Kenneth Peters has been serving as the pastor of the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church in Asheboro.

He came to Asheboro from the Goodwill Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. Where he remained for approximately nine years.

In connection with his pastorate in Richmond, Va., he directed a radio program entitled: "Good News Hour."

A native of the area near Ridgeway, Va., he grew up on a farm in that vicinity and attended the Fontaine Baptist Church near his home.

Because of the death of his father, he quit school during his high school days at Ridgeway High School but in later years graduated from the Piedmont Bible Academy in Winston - Salem.

At the age of 20, he entered the gospel ministry "not by choice but by divine constraint" and graduated from Piedmont Bible College in Winston - Salem in 1951.

While a student at the Piedmont Bible College he married Eleanor Ann Ballengee, of Hinton, West Va., also a student at the college.

The couple have four children, Joseph Kenneth, Jr., 15, Stephen James, 14, Paul Douglas, 11, and Sarah Lois, 3.

The first years of Mr. Peters ministry as a pastor were in West Va., where he served as pastor of four churches at one time until one of them, Calvary Baptist Church at Lewisburg, called him to full time service. He led this church in its first building program and remained there for five years.

Now a veteran of 18 years in the ministry, he preached his first sermon 18 years ago this month, the Rev. J. Kenneth Peters comes to Asheboro "rejoicing in his past ministry and hoping, under god, to fulfill the role of a good pastor in Asheboro."

The new pastor and his family are living at 125 W. Presnell St.

Renee Fighting For Her Life—And Many Help To Pay The Costs

Apr. 23, 1964 – Progress has been reported in the condition of little Renee McMasters who has spent nearly

six weeks in Duke Hospital fighting for the opportunity to breathe again on her own.

Shortly after entering the hospital on Mar. 15, a respirator was placed in her throat which has enabled her to breathe, as the muscles which operated her lungs had been rendered powerless and she was unable to breathe without artificial help.

Friends, churches and other groups have come to the aid of the little girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McMasters, and a "Renee McMasters Fund" has been set up to help them with the heavy expenses which are piling upon them.

Mrs. Mildred Williams, wife of the Postmaster at Central Falls, has been named custodian of the fund and any money given for the help of this family may be sent to her at Box 309, Central Falls, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McMasters live at Route 1, Franklinville, but Mr. McMasters originated from Central Falls and friends of his family in that area started the "Renee McMasters Fund."

Contributors thus far have included Central Falls Baptist Church, the Clear View Baptist Church, the Patterson Grove Christian Church and others.

The blonde-haired girl was stricken on Mar. 14 as an aftermath of the flu. Until surgery was performed on her throat and the artificial respiration started, she was kept under an oxygen tent during the day and in an iron lung at night.

A few days ago the artificial respiration was stopped for ten minutes out of the hour, then one half an hour and now it is being stopped for one hour out of every two hours. It is hoped that her muscles will soon function to the extent that she will be able to breathe entirely on her own. She has developed pneumonia five times during her stay in the hospital.

Her mother, who previously stayed with her continuously, is now only staying during the day. She is taken to the hospital by the child's father each morning and he returns to get her at night.

His car broke down recently on the way over and that has added to the expense which had already mounted way up. Week before last the hospital bill had reached over \$1,477.

The child's father, who only has one arm, works at a garage and body shop in Greensboro. He operates a wrecker for the firm at which he is employed.

Besides the little sick girl, Mr. and Mrs. McMasters are the parents of three other daughters, age 8, 7 and 2.

Lifelong Residents Of Brower Have Anniversary At 50th Year Together

Apr. 27, 1964 – Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Edward Gatlin, two lifelong residents of Brower Township, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Apr. 19, at the home of a son, Dempsey Gatlin, on Route 1, Seagrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin themselves live a short distance away, with one farm between them and their son, on the place at which Mr. Gatlin was born 72 years ago in a two-room log house.

Joining with Dempsey Gatlin in the honoring of this couple on their fiftieth anniversary were their other three children, Mrs. Homer (Lucy) Brady, Bennett, Lewis Gatlin, Route 1, Seagrove and Mrs. Archie (Clatie Belle) Kearns, Graham.

Twenty-two grandchildren are also included in this family group.

Two of the grandsons, Joe and Johnny Gatlin, greeted the guests on the Sunday afternoon of the anniversary celebration, held from two o'clock until five, and directed them into the living room where Miss Ann Gatlin, a granddaughter, registered the guests.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin were their two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Gatlin wore a grayish blue dress with a corsage of yellow rosebuds while Mr. Gatlin and his sons wore boutonnieres of yellow rosebuds.

A three - tiered wedding cake of white, decorated with yellow roses and golden bells, with the inscription of "50" and two large bells at the top, was the predominant feature of the dining room table, from which punch and cake squares were served by Misses Janice Kearns and Linda Brady, granddaughters of the honored couple.

A large floral arrangement, consisting of yellow chrysanthemums and yellow gladioli and mixed with greenery, was placed on the buffet in the dining room.

Miss Diane Brady, another granddaughter, was in charge of the gifts while Mesdames Lewis Gatlin and Dempsey Gatlin, the two daughters-in-law, served as hostesses for the entire reception and open house.

Approximately 200 of their friends, neighbors and church people called during the hours which were appointed for the anniversary celebration.

Mr. Gatlin's parents were Garrett Franklin Gatlin and Betsey Ann Stewart Gatlin and he was one of nine children born to his parents. Three of his brothers, Clyde, F. F. and Willie and two of his sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Jones and Mrs. Laura Cox, are still living.

The 71 year-old Mrs. Gatlin, formerly Cora Dell Hayes, is the daughter of John Hayes and Almedia Fesmire Hayes. She was born a half of a mile or so from the place her husband lived.

Mrs. Gatlin had a twin sister, Dora Bell Hayes Maness, who died 33 years ago. She was the mother of Rev. Bennie Maness, well known Baptist minister. Three of Mrs. Gatlin's sisters, Mrs. Sarah Murray, Mrs. George Needham and Mrs. Berta Kiser, and one brother, Andrew Hayes, are still living.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin attended the Trogdon school in the community in which they lived. Asked how long they courted before their marriage, Mr. Gatlin said, "we didn't marry at first sight."

They were married Apr. 15, 1914 at the home of Mrs. Gatlin's parents. Justice of the Peace Stanley Gardner performed the ceremony. A few relatives were in attendance. A wedding supper followed the marriage vows.

This couple, who have spent their entire lives in the community in which they now live, are both mentally and physically alert. They have lived on the same place at which Mr. Gatlin was born, except for a brief interval.

Mrs. Gatlin attends and belongs to the Antioch Christian Church where she attended as a child. She formerly attended the Riverside Baptist Church, at which place Mr. Gatlin attends now along with one of his sons. However, he is a member of the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church.

Mr. Gatlin has been a farmer for all of his life and, according to one member of the family, "farms more now than when the boys were with him."

He operates a tractor, has about 6,000 chickens and raises a few hogs.

Mr. Gatlin, with a twinkle in his eyes, and Mrs. Gatlin quiet spoken and composed, enjoyed the golden wedding

anniversary celebration which was held last Sunday afternoon in their honor. Both are youthful looking, well preserved and can expect to observe many more anniversaries beyond their fiftieth milestone.

Quiet Celebration In Apr. Honors Mrs. Briles, Of Trinity, On Her 81st

Apr. 30, 1964 - Daughters, sons and a few other relatives gathered Thursday evening, Apr. 23, for a quiet celebration to commemorate the 81st birthday for Mrs. Nancy Miranda (Nan) Cashatt Briles, a resident of Route 1, Trinity.

Although she is now one year past her four score years. Mrs. Briles is remarkable active, her hair is not near as gray as her daughter's, she sews, makes rugs, pieces quilts and goes to Sunday School every Sunday at the High Rock Baptist Church. She also sings in the church choir.

Mrs. Briles was born near the Davidson County line, in the vicinity of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, and her parents were William Giles Cashatt and Tabitha Elizabeth Yates Cashatt.

She attended Gibson's Academy, a one room school in that area, and remembers very well and laughs about the time her brother caught a yearling and rode him through the school house. There was no stock law at that time and cattle was permitted to run loose.

She worked on the farm, hoed corn and helped with the house work. She was 17 years of age when she married John Franklin Briles in 1899. He has been dead for 28 years this coming Aug.

Seven children were born to Mrs. Briles and her husband, five of whom survive. They are Archie Briles, who lives at the old home place with his mother. Bryon Monroe Briles and Mrs. Blanche Small, Route 1, Trinity, Mrs. Lessie Skeen and Mrs. Ocia Small, Route 2, Thomasville. She has 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grand children.

Six years ago Mrs. Briles and her son and his family moved out of the old house in which Mrs. Briles had lived since 1901 into a modern new home which was erected on the same site as the old house. The old house was moved aside and is being used as a barn.

It is a beautiful home site, with three towering walnut trees flanking the front area of the house. The trees were set out by Mrs. Briles husband shortly after the turn of the century.

Some of the pictures of the old house have been retained, including a fine old clock which sets on the mantel in the den. Asked if she would sell the clock, Mrs. Briles emphatically said "nobody will get that clock as long as I live."

However, she did give an old covered dish to a granddaughter, Mrs. Hoyt Robbins of Asheboro. She bought the dish with money which she made as a child picking clover blossoms and selling for three cents a pound.

She will piece quilts for anyone who will bring her some tops and has an especially nice quilt on display which is called "A Cross and A Crown."

Mrs. Briles is a jolly person, likes a joke as evidenced by the pleasure with which she recalls her brother's experience with the yearling, and is seemingly well content with whatever comes her way.

Ivey Millers Observe Anniversary: Still Live In House For 44 Years

Apr. 30, 1964 – At the quiet, rural home where they have resided for the past 44 years, Mr. and Mrs. William Ivey Miller, Sr., Route 2, Asheboro, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Apr. 26.

Honored by their daughter and their four sons, their son-in-law and their four daughters-in-law at an open house event, neighbors, friends and relatives called at their home from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

George McDowell minister at the Back Creek Friends Meeting, close to where they are located, and Mrs. McDowell greeted the guests who came to honor this couple who were celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Waie (Ruth) Nance, Route 5, Asheboro, Norman and W. I. (Nick) Miller, Jr., Route 3, Asheboro, Clayton Miller, Route 2, Asheboro, and George Miller, North Asheboro, stood with their parents in the receiving line while Mrs. Tommy Miller, a granddaughter-in-law, registered the guests.

A white crocheted cloth over gold covered the dining room table which was centered with the white three-tiered wedding cake which was decorated with yellow rosebuds and green and gold leaves. The cloth which covered the table was crocheted by Mrs. Miller.

On one end of the table was gold candelabra with five lighted yellow tapers while on the other end was the punch bowl imbedded with ivy and shasta daisies

Yellow daffodils, iris and chrysanthemums were used as floral arrangements throughout the home for the occasion of the anniversary celebration.

Mrs. George Miller poured punch while Mrs. Norman Miller and Mrs. Clayton Miller assisted in the serving of the white cake squares, decorated with yellow rosebuds, green and gold leaves, similar to the wedding cake, and the mints and nuts.

Misses Audrey, Phyllis and Ruby Miller, granddaughters of the honored couple, assisted with the gifts while Waie Nance and Mrs. W. I. (Nick) Miller, Jr., said the goodbyes.

Ivey Miller, son of Henry Miller and Jane Walker Miller, was born 82 years ago about two miles from where he presently resides. Two brothers, Walter and Harris Miller, are now deceased.

He attended Belvidere School and also Midway School, which was privately operated, for a short while. He was raised on a farm, but worked as a carpenter from the age of 16 until his retirement, twelve years ago.

Effie Estalla Cranford Miller was born 70 years ago in Montgomery County, the daughter of Arch Cranford and Annie Hill Cranford. She attended Bell's Grove School in Montgomery County and moved with her parents to Randleman when she was twelve years of age.

Coming from a family of nine girls and one boy. Mrs. Miller said that her folks "moved to town and put us girls to work." She worked in the Naomi Mill at Randleman and was employed there at the time of her marriage to Mr. Miller.

Their wedding occurred on Apr. 14, 1914, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. W. A. Way, well known Pilgrim Holiness minister who is still living.

The couple were attended by Emery Jarrett and Flossie Hill, who were later united in marriage, and Ethel Cranford, a sister of Mrs. Miller.

For the wedding ceremony of fifty years ago, the bride wore a dress of cream satin which was made by a dressmaker. For her anniversary celebration, Mrs. Miller

wore a brown Dacron dress and a corsage of yellow rosebuds.

Mr. Miller recalls that he rode to Randleman on the train to meet his wedding appointment but after getting there he hired a Model-T Ford and a driver to convey he and Mrs. Miller about town for the wedding festivities.

But they went back to the train for their wedding journey which was to Greensboro, to which place Mrs. Miller had never been up to before that time. They remained there for a few days, Mr. Miller found a job and they went back there to live for three years.

They came back to Randolph County later and have lived at their present residence for over four decades.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have a fine sense of humor and quite a few jocular remarks pass between them. Due to Mr. Miller being several years older than Mrs. Miller, he was asked if "he raised her like he wanted her to be." Mrs. Miller answered for him and quickly replied: "I raised him.

Mr. Miller was also asked why he waited so long to get married. He said: "I just waited until I got the one I wanted."

There seems to be a lot of fun and humor in the Miller family and a considerable amount of devotion among its members. This is especially noticeable with Mr. and Mrs. Miller's only daughter, Mrs. Nance visits her parents two or three times a week and calls them upon the telephone every day.

However, all of the children, the in-laws, the eleven grandchildren and the one great-grandchild joined in the plans for the golden wedding anniversary celebration and helped to make the occasion a very festive one for the couple who were married fifty years ago.

Something over 200 people called at the Miller residence during the scheduled time for the open house event and some came even after the time for the end of the occasion.

Open House For Parsonage Held At Clear View Church

Apr. 30, 1964 – Open house for the modern new parsonage building of the Clear View Baptist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, May 3, from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Members of the church congregation, friends, and the public are invited to come by during the scheduled open house period and tour the new parsonage building.

The new building is located on a knoll overlooking the highway, across from the church and about half way between Cedar Falls and Franklinville, just beyond Sapona Manufacturing Co.

Plans for the parsonage building began last Aug. and excavation for the project started in Oct. At the time of the beginning of plans for the building, the church was without a pastor.

However, the Rev. Buel Creason, of Siler City, assumed the pastorate of the Clear View Baptist Church in Mar. of this year and he and his family will move into the new parsonage the week following the open house event.

The new, all-electric, brick veneered building has outside dimensions of 25 by slightly over 66 feet, including the carport. It consists of a living room, den, three bedrooms, kitchen and dining room combination, two full baths and a full basement.

Hardwood floors, sheetrock walls and plastered ceilings comprise the construction of the living room and the three bedrooms while the den, with its fireplace and built-in book cases, and the kitchen-dining room combination are

constructed with birch paneling, inlaid floors and plastered ceilings. The two baths are ceramic tile, with one consisting of a walk-in shower and the other one having both a tub and a shower. The cabinets in the kitchen are covered with a formica top. The entire building has radiant ceiling heat.

The living room and hall is painted in light beige while the bedrooms are painted in pastel colors of lavender, light pink and light green.

The new building faces the eastern horizon and the front stoop is enclosed by ornamental wrought iron.

Making plans for the parsonage structure and supervising its construction was a building committee, composed of Dean Nance chairman, E. J. Swarington, Robert (Bob) Kivett, Raeford Cox and Ervin Nance. The same committee and their wives will be hosts and hostesses for the open house event on Sunday afternoon.

Bill Boyd was the building contractor for the building while Ervin Nance, a member of the building committee, was in charge of the electrical installation.

Value of the building is estimated at \$18,000 to \$20,000 with approximately \$15,000 expenditure from the church. The difference in value and expenditure was brought about from free labor, particularly on the electrical installation and work on the grounds.

Clear View Baptist Church had its beginning in 1957 in the basement of Ervin Nance's home. Shortly thereafter, over 13 acres of land on which the church and parsonage now stands was purchased from Artemas Spencer and worship was continued for two years in the old dwelling house which stood on the land which was bought.

A church building, consisting of auditorium, 7 class rooms, two bath, nursery and furnace room, was erected in 1959. Future plans call for the erection of two additional buildings.

The Church was organized by the Rev. Otis Hampton of High Point, who served as its pastor for approximately 44 months. The next pastor was Rev. James Moon, who left the pastorate in Mar., 1963 to become pastor of the Dover Baptist Church.

Plans for a church cemetery have been made on an even higher slope than the church and parsonage building, with grave sites already laid off. However no death has occurred since the beginning of the church in 1957.

The Clear View Baptist Church is unusual in that only one or maybe two of its members is over 40 years of age.

It is an organization of young people who have dedicated their time, their talents, their means and in essence their very lives to the upbuilding of the church and the Kingdom of God.

Named because of its clear view overlooking the Cedar Falls-Franklinville area, the church also has a clear view into its purpose and calling for the benefit and redemption of mankind.

Julian Church Groundbreaking Held

May 7, 1964 – Groundbreaking services for a new building for the Julian Methodist Church were held Sunday afternoon, May 3, at 3 o'clock at the new site which has been selected for the church on Highway 62 north.

Organized Sept., 10, 1905, the church is being moved from its present location in Randolph County to a new site about one half mile away in Guilford County.

Land for the new site, valued at \$5,000, was given to the church by Dr. Ezda Deviney, one of the charter members who died in Mar.

Dr. Deviney's brother, John S. Deviney, the only living charter member, was unable to be present for Sunday's groundbreaking.

First part of the groundbreaking services Sunday was held at the present place of worship and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Fred A. Carlisle.

Assisting was Rev. Cecil Bell, pastor at Julian Methodist Church in 1956-57 and under whose ministry the idea of a new church building originated. Rev. Mr. Bell is now pastor of the Warrensville Charge in Alleghany County.

As the young church pastor spoke of the occasion as being "the beginning and end of the preliminaries, as we go out of the planning and into the building stage," the old clock on the wall solemnly ticked off the seconds and the two chandeliers suspended from the high ceiling seemed to be the last vestige of the grandeur of the earlier days.

The former pastor said "this is a milestone in the history of the church and its people" and "it does not mark the end but the beginning."

Participating in the actual spading of the dirt at the groundbreaking service at the new church site were Aldeen Priddy, chairman of the building committee; A. C. Blackard, Jr., treasurer; Tom Gilmore, chairman of publicity; and building committee member Dean Staley; Keith Whitaker, chairman of the official board and member of the building committee; Andrew Blackard, chairman of trustees; Miss Elizabeth Hanner, trustee; Victor Stack, superintendent of Sunday School; Mrs. Alton Blackard, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; twins Rita and Pam Priddy, representing the youth of the church; Rev. Fred Carlisle, pastor; and Rev. Cecil Bell, former pastor.

(Two members of the building committee, Kinston Brown, Jr. and John Ross Hardin, were not in attendance.)

Land on which the new building will be located has a frontage of 352 feet and a depth of 532 feet, consisting of more than three acres.

A semi-modern church structure will be erected and will include a chapel and educational plant. A sanctuary will be erected at a later date. However, seating capacity for the chapel to be erected now will be 265.

Upon completion the estimated value of the entire building and the land will be \$61,000. Of this amount, \$23,000 has been made available.

First contributions to the church building fund came in 1958. The fund was boosted by \$1,103 at a fund raising dinner in Oct., 1961 at the Julian Lions Club building.

General contractor for the erection of the church building is Van Thomas, of Siler City. A well, providing the source of water, has already been completed. Construction of the new building began the day following the groundbreaking services.

"You have caught a vision: said one of the ministers to the loyal band of worshippers who gathered in the cold and the mist for last Sunday's groundbreaking services at Julian Methodist Church.

It was really a renewal of the vision which led the Julian congregation to begin their worship in the Julian school building over 58 years ago and which has kept them together in the old church building these many years.

First Tragedy Still Fresh County Family Loses Home

May 7, 1964 – A New Hope Township family, rendered homeless by fire two times in less than five months, is discouraged but yet is planning to start all over once again.

The head of the household, 44-year-old Dewey (Bill) Allen, a veteran of seven years in the U. S. Army, expressed the feelings of the family when he said: "we are planning to build back, we are too young to give up."

His wife, 43-year-old Doris Hopkins Allen, said "I don't know whether we can live up to it or not" but then remembered that life was not completely without hope and added "thank the Lord we can be together."

Together they are, Mr. and Mrs. Allen and two of their three daughters, Joetta, 12, and Terri, 6, Mrs. Allen's old home place to which they have taken refuge twice since their home first burned on last Dec. 4.

Another daughter, their oldest, is Mrs. Ardle Lee (Janice) Perdue, who lives with her husband and young son on Route 1, Trtinity.

The latest fire consuming the Allen home occurred last Thursday evening, Apr. 30, at the Route 3, Denton residence to which they first moved around 13 years ago.

For over four months since the first fire, Mr. Allen had worked unceasingly towards the erection of the second house. He had worked every day, sometimes without lunch, and he had blistered his knees sanding the floors of the new dwelling.

On Apr. 11 the family moved into the new home which was larger and more adequately equipped than the first house which burned. They were thrilled over the completion of their new house and in trying to account for their second tragedy, Mrs. Allen thinks "we were just too proud of it."

Their friends and neighbors held a housewarming for them on Apr. 19 and Mrs. Allen said "we had a wonderful time and received a lot of pretty gifts."

Less than two weeks later, the new house, in which they had felt so much pride, and its new furnishings had completely burned to the ground. Absolutely nothing was saved.

During the first fire last Dec., the family's top clothes and three or four pieces of furniture was saved.

At the time of the first fire, Mr. Allen and the two younger daughters were at home. However, if the fire had occurred three minutes later, Mr. Allen would have been gone and the two girls would have been by themselves. Mrs. Allen had already left for her employment at Thornton Knitting Co. in Denton, where she has been employed for several years, and Mr. Allen was warming up his truck, preparatory to going to his employment. The fire occurred at about 7 a.m.

At the time of the second fire last week, Mrs. Allen had just returned from her employment in Denton and Mr. Allen was three or four miles away helping to drill a well. This was the first outside work he had done since completing his new house.

Mrs. Allen had stayed in Denton to do her laundry and upon returning home she put her clothes in a bedroom and put the groceries which she had purchased in the kitchen.

Then, she and her two daughters, who were at home looking at television, went to a neighbor's house to have some dress material cut out, with which to make the younger girl a dress.

They started home, after having been away about 20 minutes, and were stopped on the way home by a neighbor boy who informed them about the fire at their

house. Upon reaching the house, they tried to get in to telephone for help but were unable to do so because of the intense smoke.

They went for help but nothing could be done by the time the people of the neighborhood reached the burning house. Nothing was saved except the clothes the family had on their bodies and the freshly washed clothes went up in smoke along with the other furnishings and clothing in the house.

Mrs. Allen had kicked off her shoes before going to the neighbors house and had put on bedroom slippers. Therefore, the fire left her without any shoes at all. One of the daughters was wearing Bermuda shorts and was left with no dress after the fire while the other daughter was still wearing her school dress. Mr. Allen was wearing work clothes and boots.

An all-weather coat of Mrs. Allen's had been left in her car and that, along with the clothes which the family was wearing, comprised the total amount of clothes which they had left after the fire which ravaged their home.

The two younger daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, who will both have birthdays in June, stood for the second time and watched their home go up in flames.

The family borrowed clothes the next day, went to town and bought one round of clothes. Other clothing was being brought in for their use.

Neighbors, friends and relatives are responding to their needs and as in connection with their first misfortune, Mrs. Allen said of their friends, "I don't believe we could have done it without them."

Mr. and Mrs. Allen and two daughters are staying in the home of Mrs. Allen's late parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins, south of the Liberty Methodist Church and not too far from their home which was burned. Living in the home is Miss Ruby Hopkins, sister of Mrs. Allen.

The late Mrs. James Hopkins died in Feb. of this year.

The Allens' first home in the community was built on land which belonged to the Hopkins' plantation. Their second house was built in exactly the same place while their plans are to build the third house at almost the same site as the other two.

Although somewhat despondent at the present time, it is the feeling that this young family, who has survived two disastrous fires, will not only rebuild their house but their lives will be strengthened by the double misfortune which has come their way.

First Person To Register: Registrar's Wife

May 7, 1964 – Somewhat of a record was set in Coleridge Township last Saturday, May 2, when the first person to appear for registration before the newly appointed election registrar was the registrar's wife.

Melvin Dewey Kidd received his appointment of election officials in Randolph County. He is only 23 years of age and has voted in one previous election.

He reported for duty at the polling place, the Coleridge school gymnasium, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to begin the current registration period.

No one came to register until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the registrar's 21 year old wife, Mrs. Linda Poole Kidd, came to register for the first time.

She only reached voting age last Sept.

Mr. and Mrs. Kidd were married in Sept., 1961 and are the parents of a nine months old son, Melvin Kidd. They reside

on Route 4, Siler City, a short distance from the Concord Cemetery.

Both are graduates of Coleridge High School, Mr. Kidd graduating in 1958 and Mrs. Kidd in 1960. Both were members of the basketball teams and Mr. Kidd also played baseball.

The couple attends the Deep River Baptist Church. The new registrar does carpentry work and is also engaged in farming. His wife, the first registrant, is employed at the Aid Loan Co. in Asheboro. She is a graduate of Asheboro Commercial College. Melvin Kidd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kidd, Route 4, Siler City, while Mrs. Kidd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Poole, Route 1, Ramseur.

Pleasant Grove Church Observes

May 7, 1964 – Sunday, May 3, was “a great day in the life and history of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.” Located between Coleridge and Bennett.

The above words came from the church pastor, Rev. Mack V. Welch, as he led the church in its annual memorial and homecoming services and in a consecration service for the new church building.

The towering church structure, with its colonial-style architecture and copper steeple rising to a height of approximately 70 feet, had its beginning in a brush arbor 126 years ago last Sept.

At that time a moderator and secretary were elected and preaching services were held until the official organization of the church on Apr. 24, 1842.

There are no records concerning the time of erection for the first church building but there are records to verify the sale of the old brush arbor in 1874 and the proceeds being used to repair the first building which was used by the church.

The second church building, which was replaced by the present new structure, was erected in 1913. A belfry was added in 1922, Sunday School rooms in the middle thirties and the pulpit area enlarged and a heating system installed in 1946.

The fellowship hall, a separate building, was erected in 1954.

It was during the first pastorate of Rev. Mack V. Welch eight years ago that plans began for the erection of the magnificent new building which was consecrated last Sunday.

A building committee, named at that time, carried the building through to a successful completion. Members of that committee were Leland Jones, chairman, James Caviness, J. H. Brown, John Madison Brown, Rev. Carl Brady, and Mrs. John T. Brown.

A finance committee, charged with the responsibility of raising the money for the new building, was headed by Wade Bray as chairman and Mrs. Frank Brown as secretary and treasurer.

The Sanctuary of the new brick structure has dimensions of 40 by 74 with a seating capacity of approximately 400, including the balcony. A baptistery is curtained off back of the choir.

Rev. Mack V. Welch, under whose ministry the idea of the new church building originated eight years ago, came back to the church as a full time pastor in Jan. of this year.

He succeeded the Rev. Doland Talbert, who came to the church in 1960 and who served during the construction of the new building.

Present for last Sunday's consecration service were former pastors of the church as well as ministers who have gone out from the church to preach the gospel.

Ten ministers have gone out from the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, including Rev. Clint and Everette Oates, brothers who served Baptist churches in the Greensboro area; Rev. W. Merritt Leonard, Route 2, Bennett, a retired Baptist minister; Rev. Ivey Hammer, Jr. High Falls, a Pilgrim Holiness minister; and six ministers of the Congregational Christian denomination, including Rev. E. Carl Brady, Robbins; Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk, deceased; Rev. L. M. Presnell, Sophia; Rev. Winfred Bray, Union Ridge; Rev. Gails Brady, chaplain, U. S Armed Forces; and Rev. James W. Caviness, Jr. Route 2, Robbins.

Assisting the pastor in the consecration service was the Rev. L. M. Presnell, pastor-at-large for the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches; Rev. Carl Brady, who in 1925 became the first minister to leave the church; and Rev. James W. (Jimmy) Caviness Jr., youngest minister to come out of the Pleasant Grove Church.

Seven members of the church who have died during the past year were honored in the annual memorial service Sunday morning. They were Mrs. Vera Brown, Franklin Brady, who was a member of the building committee, R. H. Brady, J. Y. Oates, Ted Gardner, Mrs. Beulah C. Eaton and Talmadge Moffitt.

The pastor spoke from the subject; “A Monument Once and For All.” He used as his scripture “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever” and “For here we have no continuing city but we seek one to come.”

The people started coming early and by the time the memorial service arrived, 557 persons had filled the new sanctuary to its capacity, with extra chairs being put out and still some people stood. In the afternoon 325 people attended the consecration service.

As the pastor stated at the outset of the services, it was “a great day in the life and history of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.”

Eight brass chandeliers, imported from Germany, hang from the ceiling of the sanctuary. There are twelve stained glass memorial windows, six to a side and each with a different design. The 32 pews and the pulpit furniture are of natural oak. The aisle and the front area in the sanctuary is carpeted in deep beige. Other floor areas are in tile.

The Sunday School building to the rear of the sanctuary is a two-story structure, consisting of 18 rooms and a pastor's study. Two of the upstairs rooms can be used as assembly rooms. There are also two bathrooms on each floor.

Cost of the church building, excluding pews and other furnishings, was \$56,702.09. However, the appraisal of the building ranges from \$100,000 to \$125,000.

Some of the differences in the expenditure on the building and the valuation came from the purchase of a tract of timber by the finance committee in Oct., 1962 before the groundbreaking which was held Sunday, Mar. 20, 1963.

The men of the church cut the timber and hauled the logs without charge and the logs were sawed for cost. Additional lumber which was not needed for the framing of the new building was sold and the money applied to the building fund.

Many other economies such as this by the finance committee, along with the donation of brick and other materials, resulted in the Pleasant Grove congregation

getting a church building which valued at far more than the actual money which was spent.

Pews were given to the church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hardin, Bennie F. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Brown, Miss Flora Jones and Wilma W. R. Cox, Mrs. J. M. Brown, Mrs. Ruben Brown, H. H. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown, Mrs. Mint Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley H. Hicks, Onslow Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cheek, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brady, and Ellen. Mr. and Mrs. Emmual Coble, B. F. Murray, Mr. and Mrs Ebige Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Brady, Fletcher Brown, Mr. and Mrs Wesley W. Brady and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cheek.

Pews were also given in honor of Mrs. Ruben Brown, Rev. and Mrs. Doland Talbert, Rev. and Mrs. Lacy M. Presnell, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hammer, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Brady, Mrs. Alice Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Hammer, Mrs. Hattie Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hicks.

Other pews were given by the family of Rev. Carl E. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hammer and family, and by the Women's Sunday School class.

Seagrove FHA Girls Paid Honors: Time For Their Mom – Daughter Night

May 14, 1964 – Friday evening, May 8, was a "red letter" event in the lives and activities of the approximately 100 members of the Seagrove Chapter of Future Homemakers of America and their mothers who accompanied them to the annual Mother – Daughter Banquet.

Their program for the annual banquet was entitled "Red Letter Daze," commemorating their most important red letter days of the four seasons but, in reality, Friday night's festivities were perhaps the real "red letter" day of the entire year for them.

Long before the time for the banquet the cars began rolling up to the Seagrove schoolhouse door. Many of the girls and their mothers came together, others of the banquet participants were brought by the men in the family and let out at the door. But all of the girls and their mothers were dressed in their best and looked bright and happy.

Anna Garner, president of the Seagrove Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America, led an opening ceremony, after which the welcome was given by Wanda Cole. Mrs. Ray Caudil gave the response for the mothers and Betty Allen gave the invocation.

The meal, prepared by the Cafeteria staff, was served by members of the Future Farmers of America. The menu consisting of orange and grapefruit juice, pork chops, candied yams, lima beans, tossed salad, French rolls, butter, cherry pie a la mode and iced tea.

The school board and principal were introduced by Julia Maness and speaking for the group was G. E. Braswell, Seagrove school principal. He spoke of the enthusiastic, efficient leadership of the club and praised the chapter advisor, Mrs. Wade Harris, Seagrove home economics teacher, who has served in this capacity for nine years.

Other guests receiving recognition from Sharon Graves included Wade Harris, husband of the chapter advisor, Roger Gatlin, president of the Seagrove Chapter of Future Farmers of America, Linda Thomas, former FHA president and Ralph Bulla, representing the press.

Chapter mothers were recognized by Linda Garner and included Mrs. Hubert Auman, Mrs. Jerry Bumgarner, Mrs. Arlon Cox, Mrs. W. E. Eaton, Mrs. Edward Frye, Mrs. Alton

Garner, Mrs. Dempsey Gatlin, Mrs. Forrest McNeill, Mrs. Albert Spivey, and Mrs. W. S. Robertson.

Decorations for the head table consisted of a floral arrangement of red roses, the chapter's flower, mixed with white flowers. For the program the stage was covered with white paper with red and white streamers on the wall back of the stage.

A special event or events from each season of the year was dramatized or portrayed by chapter members during the program, either in song skit or recited verse. One of the more humorous skits was the performance of the "Beaties," while a more solemn one was the Easter communion service, with a worshipper kneeling before a velvet covered pulpit stand on which lay an open Bible, during which the soloist, Cecilia Leach, sang "Christ Arose."

Elaine Frye, chapter vice president and program leader, conducted the program.

Anna Garner, retiring FHA president, was crowned the FHA'er of the Year by Roger Gatlin, president of the FHA chapter. She was chosen from the girls who had been named FHA'er of the Month during this past year and final selection came from a vote of the entire chapter.

Other girls who had been named FHA'er of the Month were Clara Caudill, Sandra Auman, Evelyn Marley, Betey Allen, Vickie Needham, Elaine Frye, and Peggy Matthews.

During the crowning of the New FHA'er of the year she was presented with a bouquet of red roses by last year's FHA'er of the Year, Linda Thomas, while Wanda Cole sang "Beautiful Dreamer."

Peggy Tedder Served as the chairman for the crowning of the Future Homemaker of the Year.

Linda McNeill, with an average of 94.3, received the Chrisco award as being the most outstanding member of the senior class taking home economics. She was presented with this award by A. L. Ashburn, chairman of the local school board.

Evelyn Marley was recognized as being the recipient of the \$100 scholarship which is awarded by the Randolph County Future Homemakers organization. One girl from each school in the county is chosen to compete for this award and the winner is selected from this group.

For the degrees of achievement, 33 girls in the Seagrove chapter were awarded the junior degree, 21 were awarded the chapter degree and five girls, Cathy Auman, Linda Reeder, Donese Spivey, Barbara Robertson and Elaine Frye, were awarded the state degree, highest achievement in FHA activity.

Greetings were extended to the banquet gathering from Roger Gatlin, president of the FFA chapter and from Linda Thomas, former FHA president.

Gifts were presented by Anna Garner for her services as president during this past year to Mrs. Wade Harris for her services as FHA advisor; to Roger Gatlin for his assistance from the brother organization, the FFA; and to Ann Richardson who has served as an officer for four years, three of which was pianist.

Installation of officers took place near the end of the banquet program, with both the old and new officers taking part.

Officers for 1963-64 were president, Anna Garner; vice president, Elaine Frye; secretary, Martha Garner; treasurer, Susie Voncannon; reporter, Julia Maness; historian, Norma McCaskill; parliamentarian, Sharon Bumgarner; song

leader, Cecilia Leach; pianist, Ann Richardson; chaplain, Betty Allen; and recreational leader, Sandra Auman.

Officers for 1964-65 will be president, Elaine Frye, vice president, Sandra Auman; Doris Callicutt, Linda Caviness, Emma Sue Cole, Priscilla Corder, Anna Garner, Sharon Graves, Glenda Johnson, Faye Loggains, Julia Maness, Evelyn Marley, Norma McCaskill, Linda McNeill and Ann Richardson.

Juniors, Betty Allen, Cathy Auman, Janet Brim, Sharon Bumgarner, Diane Cox, Ruth Craven, Ann Frye, Elaine Frye, Janice Garner, Martha Garner, Elizabeth Hayes, Mary Hodge, Sandra Lawrence, Cecilia Leach, Ruth Lucas, Elaine Maness, Hilda Maness, Sandra Miller, Sue Presnell, Linda Reeder, Barbara Robertson, Donese Spivey, Sue Ann Spivey, Brenda Tedder, Joyce Trogdon, Claudett Tucker, Ruth Williams, and Phyllis Williamson.

Sophomores, Brenda Auman, Sandra Auman, Faye Bennett, Wanda Blankinship, Clara Caudill, Judy Cople, Carolyn Davis, Pat Davis, Ellen Eaton, Phyllis Edwards, Linda Gordon, Edith Hall, Janice Hall, Dianne Hayes, Carolyn Hughes, Carolyn Johnson, Carolyn Kennedy, Joyce Kennedy, Marion King, Donna Loggins, Brenda Macon, Judy Miller, Pat Richardson, Peggy Tedder, and Nieta Thomas.

Freshmen, Jeanette Asbill, Marie Beck, Ellen Bone, Diane Bullins, Judy Callicutt, Diane Deaton, Patsy Deaton, Janet Freeman, Linda Garner, Ann Gatlin, Janice Hancock, Martha Hussey, Diane Kiser, Carolyn King, Geneva Luck, Peggy Matthews, Susan Miller, Vickie Needham, Jeanette Rainwater, Joyce Ritter, Brenda Scott, Ronda Shaw, Ann Smith, Ruth Trogdon, Judy Voncannon, Patricia Weaver and Donna Woodell.

Long 4-H Record Leads To Honors At Nat'l Congress

May 14, 1964 – Larry Hancock, well known in 4-H Club work on the local, county, district and state levels, was selected as the runner-up to the All-American Teen-Ager at last month's session of the National Youth Power Congress in Chicago, Ill.

Earlier selected as one of the top 21 delegates attending the annual meeting, the Randolph County youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hancock, Route 1, Seagrove, placed second among the nearly 200 representatives attending the National youth Power Congress for the national honor.

The power congress, held for the 5th year, is sponsored by the National Food Conference Association, Inc. The trip of the North Carolina delegates was sponsored by the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

Selection of the state delegates, coming from 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, Boy and Girl Scouts and other groups, came from a State Youth Power Committee.

Besides Hancock, representing 4-H Clubs, there were three other delegates from North Carolina. They were Miss Carroll Ialeen Mode, Franklinton, representing FHA; Miss Nancy Searcy, Valdese, representing Girl Scouts; and Miss Annette Harrell Fairley, Colerain, also representing 4-H Clubs.

Basic purpose of the congress was the improvement of malnutrition in the youth of American. A varied program was presented during the four days of the congress. The North Carolina delegates made the trip to and from Chicago by plane.

Larry Hancock's selection to attend the congress was only the latest in a series of honors which have come his way not only in 4-H Club work but in many other areas.

Another recent recognition was his selection as a camp counselor at 4-H Camp Milestone this coming summer where he will teach wildlife, boating and canoeing.

A 4-H club member for seven years, he has completed 46 projects: has been a county winner 26 times; county demonstration winner 4 times; district project winner 5 times; district demonstration winner 4 times; state project winner one time; and a state demonstration winner one time.

He has received the North Carolina 4-H Key Award; most outstanding 4-H'er Award in Randolph County; has been a member of State 4-H "Clover Leaf" staff; member of State 4-H Honor Club; a delegate to Virginia 4-H Short Course; a member of the Blue Award group in State Health Pageant twice; a delegate to National 4-H Club Congress; Member of 73 committees; made 89 4-H talks; made 213 4-H exhibits; gave 169 4-H demonstrations; gave 13 radio programs; wrote 23 4-H news stories; and recruited over 180 new 4-H club members.

He has served as president of the local 4-H club for two years and also as the assistant leader. He also served for two years each as president and secretary in the 4-H County Council of 4-H Clubs. He has been a candidate for district president.

A member of the Seagrove Christian Church, he is president of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Pilgrim youth Fellowship, consisting of fifty five churches.

A member of the junior class at Seagrove High school, he is a member of the Beta Club, the Monogram Club and a member of the basketball and track teams. He is also editor of the school annual.

Pastor And Wife Honored By Church

May 14, 1968 – The congregation of the Central Falls Baptist Church, surprised their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. John C. Mangum, at a reception Wednesday evening, May 6, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

The event took place at the community building in Central Falls directly following the Wednesday evening prayer service at the church.

At the close of the prayer service, Neal Conner, chairman of the board of deacons, asked the pastor and his wife to join the group in a period of fellowship at the community building which is located next to the church.

The preacher and his wife went with the people to the building, not knowing that this was a special occasion in their honor. Mrs. Mangum went with the ladies, Mr. Mangum followed after he had closed up the church building. Upon his arrival, the people sang "Happy Anniversary."

Cake and punch were served to those present. In addition to presenting the minister and his wife a beautiful anniversary cake, an electric frying pan was also presented to the couple.

Rev. and Mrs. John C. Mangum came to the Central Falls Baptist Church eight months ago from the Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington. Previous to that time they had served the Miami Baptist Church in Concord and the Wyatt's Baptist Church in Rowan County.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mangum are natives of Union County. They were married May 6, 1939 in Pageland, S. C. They have two children, Mrs. Richard (Doris Jean) Palmer of Lexington, and Ernest Magnum of the home, and one grandchild.

The Central Falls minister graduated from the Fruitland Bible Institute in 1959. Since becoming pastor at the Central Falls church, fifty additions have been recorded.

Retirement Not Really So, Now He's The "Handyman"

May 16, 1964 – An 81-year old Asheboro man—his birthday was Thursday—spends his time raising flowers, growing vegetables, mowing yards, working part time at an Asheboro florist and doing various other and sundry things.

He refers to himself as "the handyman of the neighborhood and says that he is a "busy boy."

W. T. Wilcox, the initials stand for William Taylor, lives with his wife at a very attractive duplex apartment at 1411 Westwood Drive. Since they moved there several years ago, Mr. Wilcox has done much toward beautifying the area and improving the general appearance of the landscape.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox came to Asheboro in 1945 from Albemarle and Mr. Wilcox became associated with the Buttercup Ice Cream Co., on West Salisbury Street.

In 1932 they had come to Albemarle from Sweetwater, Tenn. Where he had been associated with a brother-in-law in the butter and cheese business.

Originally, Mr. Wilcox came from Wisconsin but went in early young manhood to Minnesota where he met and married his wife, a native of that state.

Upon their visits back to the places from which they came, Dorothy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, married Bernard (Bernie) Miller from that part of the country. But the Millers came to Asheboro several years ago and now reside in Dixieland Acres.

Their only son, Hazen Eugene Wilcox, formerly lived in the south but has now gone to his father's native state of Wisconsin and lives with his family at Madison, Wisc.

Mrs. Wilcox said many years ago that she would "never go south." But after coming, she became reconciled and is quite content. She and her husband and their daughter and son-in-law especially enjoy the climate here, in contrast to the 50 and 60 degrees below zero temperature in Wisconsin and Minnesota where the snow banks up to the crossbars on the telephone poles.

Mr. Wilcox recalls standing on the banks of the Mississippi River, with the temperature 30 degrees below zero, and seeing ice all day long on the river surface.

Mr. Wilcox retired six or seven years ago and since then he has really gone to work.

The premises of the duplex apartment at which he resides shows very beautifully the results of his labors.

His potato patch, planted in late Feb., is bigger than anyone else's. He has been eating spring onions for a long time and he has already picked some strawberries.

His rows of red raspberries are long and full and his tomato plants, with their small tomatoes, are strong and sturdy. He grew a 40 pound watermelon last summer from seed which had been thrown out in the yard.

He mows eight lawns in the neighborhood and also works part time of the time at Garner's Florist. He works so much that Mrs. Wilcox becomes slightly irritated in a friendly

manner, as she said "I want to run around some" and Mr. Wilcox is usually too busy to take her.

Asked when he was going to quit work, Mr. Wilcox said "When I get old." Seemingly in perfect physical condition, he said "I am not going to pad my rocking chair." He has never loat a tooth. According to this most active octogenarian, he has "very few aches and pains."

Active member of the Central Methodist, Mr. Wilcox still sings in the church choir although Mrs. Wilcox, formerly a member of the choir, said "I have sung my days out."

Seagrove Senior Wins Scholarship From Foundation

May 21, 1964 – An 18 year-old Seagrove High School senior has been awarded the first March of Dimes health scholarship to be presented by the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation.

Julia Ann Maness, who is the valedictorian of her graduating class, became the first recipient of the award which amounts to \$250 of March of Dimes funds.

Eligibility for the health scholarship included applicants who were planning careers in nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medicine and social medicine.

The recipient of the health award, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Maness, Route 5, Asheboro, is planning to enter the field of nursing and has been accepted for admission this fall at Watts Hospital in Durham.

She was selected from a group of six applicants. Making the decision was a panel of judges composed of Reid Prillaman, guidance counselor at Asheboro High School; W. K. Cromartie, assistant superintendent of the Randolph County School System; Mrs. D. S. Davis, president of Home Demonstration Clubs in Randolph county; Mrs. Joe Dean Cox, nurse at The Randolph Hospital; and Dr. E. B. Cannon, local physician.

Julia Ann Maness has attended the Seagrove School, throughout all of her school years except for the first year when she attended the Fayetteville Street School in Asheboro.

She has been a member of Future Homemakers of America, Seagrove Chapter, for four years and has received her junior, chapter and state degrees. In addition, she had served as reporter and treasurer of the FHA chapter.

A member of the Beta Club for three years, she is serving in her senior year as a member of the annual staff and as editor of the school paper.

In her junior year, she served as chief marshal for the commencement events.

For four years or so she has been interested in a possible career in nursing and in order to consolidate the decision which she had already made, she worked last summer as a volunteer helper at The Randolph Hospital.

However, this summer before entering the strenuous duties of her nursing career, she plans to take it fairly easy, teach in the Bible School at her church, Russell's Grove Baptist Church, take swimming lessons and perhaps visit her brother and his family who live in Norfolk, Va.

She will enter the School of Nursing at Watts Hospital on next Sept. 6, at which place she was accepted last Dec. 3.

Both Young And Old Participated As Senior Citizens Paid Honors

May 28, 1964 – Both the young and the old participated in the golden age party held Sunday afternoon, May 24, by the Brown's Cross Road Home Demonstration Club in the club house.

Seventeen of the community's older residents were honored at a reception which has become an annual event for the club.

But prior to the social part of the occasion, a humorous and most entertaining program was presented by members of the Brown's Cross Roads 4-H Club.

Honored at the reception were Mrs. Doska Staley, Mrs. Lou Dorsett, Mrs. Ida Branson, Mrs. Ida York, Mrs. Lillie Marley, Mrs. Jeffrey Barker, Mrs. Emma Brower, Mrs. Allene Parks, June Burgess, Jesse Burgess, Rev. Jif Edwards, Miss Loura Langley, Mrs. Lucy Smith, Mrs. Dora Cox, Jeffrey Barker, L. M. (Luther) Sizemore, and Mrs. Addie Sharpe.

Mrs. J. V. Langley, president of Brown's Cross Roads Home Demonstration Club welcomed the honored guests as well as the others who were in attendance. She had special words of welcome for the new people who had joined the honored group this year and she regretted that some who had attended last year were not able to be present this time.

Rev. Verlin Busick pastor of Kildee Pilgrim Holiness Church, conducted a devotional program which began with this scripture verse; "A good name is rather to be chosen rather than great riches."

In referring to the golden agers present, he said "they have gone through the storms and trials of life", but that it was "good for us to grow old in the beauty of the Lord."

Again he spoke of those being honored and said that they, more than anybody else "realized the swiftness of time and the brevity of life."

Sarah Burgess, president of Brown's Cross Roads 4-H Club, presented a program which included a skit, "The Blizzard," by Ann Brower and Carol Burgess; a piano duet, "Canadian Capers," by Mary Blanchard and Betty Brower; a humorous recitation, "The Bath House," by Sybil Burgess; a song, "Carolina in the Morning," by Parks Allen and Bill Allen; a skit, "But Grandpa," by Margie Joyce, Sarah Blanchard and Bobbie Buckner; a song, "In the Little Red School House," by Sue Brower, Sherry Brower and Teresa Carnic; and a piano solo, "Theme from Concerto in A Minor," by Sarah Burgess.

Mrs. Lilly Marley, who will be 83 years old on June 10, was presented a prize for being the oldest woman among the honored guests.

Mrs. Marley, resident of Route 1, Staley, who came to the community as a bride sixty-seven years ago, was also presented a corsage of white carnations Sunday morning at memorial services at Rehobeth Methodist Church for being the oldest member of the church in attendance at the service.

Jesse Burgess, 74 years of age, was awarded the prize for being the oldest man present from the honored group.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Herbert Broker, vice president of the Brown's Cross Home Demonstration Club.

Assisting the president and vice president in the conduct of the reception, were Mrs. Wrenn Smith, chairman of the community service committee, and other officials of the Brown's Cross Roads Home Demonstration Club.

Open House Sunday Pays Honor On Sophia Couple's 50th Anniversary

June 4, 1964 – A Route 1, Sophia couple, steeped in the traditions and practices of the Quaker church, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, June 7, at the Marlboro Friends Meeting House.

In commemoration of the golden wedding anniversary event for Frank and Nora Farlow, open house will be held in the fellowship room at the meeting house from 2:30 p. m., until 4:30 p. m.

Formal invitations are not being issued but all friends and relatives of this well known couple are invited to call by during the appointed hours.

Hosts and hostesses for the occasion will be their six sons and daughters, their daughters-in-law and sons-in-law.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Farlow, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. George Braun, Route 2, Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Farlow, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Walker, Route 1, Franklinville, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Farlow, Route 2, Randleman, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Farlow, Route 1, Sophia.

Frank Modock Farlow, a birthright member of the Marlboro Friends Meeting, was born in the Sophia area, about a mile east of Flint Hill on Carraway Creek. He lived on at the place of his birth until he and his wife moved to their present residence on Highway 311 north of Sophia in 1955.

His parents were Michael A. (Tint) Farlow, a Quaker minister, and Luvenia Loflin Farlow. From a family of nine children, only he and a sister, Dora Farlow Adams, survive.

He attended the one-teacher school at Flint Hill and later went for a brief period to the preparatory school at Guilford College. His home and the Flint Hill school were located on opposite sides of Carraway Creek and in order to reach the school he and his brothers and sisters crossed a footlog over the creek. When the creek was up, their father would carry them across on horses.

Nora Edna Stout Farlow was born in the vicinity of the Holly Springs Friends Meeting, the daughter of Daniel Stout and Cynthia Cox Stout. Her maternal grandfather, Levi Cox, was also a Quaker minister.

Nora's mother died when she was two and a half years old, after which her father moved his family to Randleman and later to the Plainfield community where she first attended school.

After the death of an older sister who was keeping house for the family, Nora went to live in the home of Al Coltrane in the Glenola section and attended the Glenola School.

She left the Coltrane family at the beginning of young womanhood and came to Sophia where she was to meet and marry the man with whom she is celebrating her golden wedding anniversary next Sunday.

They were married on a Sunday afternoon, June 7, 1914, at the home of her father who was again living in Randleman. Her intended husband came by the home of her sister, with whom she was living in Sophia, and they traveled to their wedding site with horse and buggy.

Her father procured Rev. W. A. Way, Pilgrim Holiness minister at Randleman, to perform the ceremony. The bride of fifty years ago was dressed in white embroidered Swiss dress and she pinned white roses in her hair.

The couple went next day to the home of Frank's parents on Carraway Creek and the bride groom resumed the harvesting which he had left off in order to get married.

They stayed on that place during the remaining years in the lives of Michael and Luvenia Farlow and reared their six children, there before moving over on the main highway in 1955.

Nora brought her membership from Holly Springs Friends Meeting House, in which vicinity she was born, to the Marlboro Friends Meeting shortly after her marriage and it is in the latter place she has rendered her most outstanding service outside of the rearing of her children and the devotion which she has extended to her husband.

She served as the choir director for nearly thirty years and has been a teacher in the Sunday school for most of the time she has been a member. She has been clerk of the Monthly Meeting and is currently serving as clerk of Ministry and Counsel.

For seventeen years or more she was secretary and treasurer of the reunion organization of the Bulla, Farlow and Millikan families.

Nora's dedication has been complete and she has rendered useful service in many areas. Frank has been less active and quiet but nevertheless has been a substantial citizen of the community in which he has spent his life.

Friends will have the opportunity of honoring this worthy couple next Sunday afternoon and it is hoped that many will come by to express their appreciation for the services which they have rendered.

Senior Citizen Ages Total 1,684; New Market Club Honors Gathering

June 8, 1964 – Twenty four people, whose ages totaled 1,684 years, were honored at a senior citizen party given by the New Market Home Demonstration Club Thursday afternoon, May 28.

The party was held at the home of Mrs. D. S. Davis, Route 1, Randleman, who is president of the Randolph County Council of home Demonstration Clubs.

Greeting the guests, who came mainly from the Sophia, New Market and Cedar Square areas, were the hostess, Mrs. D. S. Davis, and Mrs. Troy Hall, president of the New Market Home Demonstration Club.

Registering the honored guests were Mrs. Garfield Davis and Mrs. Fadine Farlow.

Refreshments consisting of evergreen punch and cookies were served by Mrs. D. C. Sisk and Mrs. Seth Stanley.

A huge basket of red roses and red geraniums, later given as prizes, decorated the spacious den of the new residence.

An informal program was held during which the honored guests reminisced about the earlier years, their school days, their former teachers and their time of courting. Mrs. Eva Bulla recited a poem she learned in school and many of the guests expressed appreciation and said they were "glad to be remembered" on the occasion of the senior citizen party.

Burleigh (Pop) Wall received the door prize while Mrs. Cecil Farlow received the prize for being the oldest person in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Coltrane, married for 54 years, were given a prize for the couple who had been married the longest.

Honored guests present for the occasion were Mrs. Troy Millikan, Mrs. Eva Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh (Pop) Wall, Mrs. Althea Brown, Mrs. Chancey Lanier, Mrs. Branson Davis, Mrs. Lizzie Steed, Mrs. Lula Davis, Mrs. Rodney

Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Will Coltrane, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Loflin, Mrs. Mabel Farlow, Mrs. Wesley Ridge, Mrs. Flossie Bristow, Mrs. Lillie Lamar, Mrs. O. B. Parris, Mrs. Lacy Presnell, Mrs. Nora Farlow, and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hohn.

Special guests present were Mrs. Lottie Millikan, Beaumont, Texas, aunt of Mrs. D. S. Davis, and Miss Rose Badgett, Randolph County Home Economics Agent.

Present from the New Market Home Demonstration Club were Mrs. Lula Davis, Mrs. Lillie Coltrane, Mrs. D. C. Sisk, Mrs. Stanley Farlow, Mrs. Troy Hall, Mrs. D. S. Davis, Mrs. Lizzie Steed, Mrs. Garfield Davis and Mrs. Cora Stanley.

Vistor Renews Old Acquaintances

June 8, 1964 – An interesting visitor to this county since May 19 has been Mrs. B. E. (Bennie) Millikan, of Beaumont, Texas.

Wife of a Randolph County native, this was Mrs. Millikan's first visit back to Randolph County since the death of her husband in Mar., 1958.

In the fall of 1957 both Mrs. Millikan and her husband had visited with his brother, Troy Millikan, and other relatives and had attended the annual gathering of the Bulla, Farlow and Millikan families.

Bennie Millikan, who was born and reared in Back Creek Township, left his native county in 1901 and lived in Georgia and Florida before settling in Beaumont, Texas.

But a part of his heart remained in the red soil of his native land and he took great pleasure in coming back to the place of his birth, the old homestead where his brother, Troy W. Millikan, resided. On the last visit before his death, he said: "no money could buy the joy I get in coming back."

His brother Troy is now dead also but it was to Troy's home and the old Millikan homestead that Mrs. Bennie Millikan came May 19 to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. Troy Millikan, and the various nieces and nephews of her late husband.

She came on a fast jet plane, making the trip in four hours with stops in New Orleans and Atlanta, Ga., and was met at the airport in Charlotte by her niece, Mrs. Joe Ridge.

It has been a grand reunion for Mrs. Millikan and the family of her late husband. One family party, numbering 61 people, has been held for her at the home of another niece, Mrs. Bill Hill, in the Trinity area.

Then last week the two sisters-in-laws, Mrs. Bennie Millikan and Mrs. Troy Millikan, accompanied by the seven daughters of Mrs. Troy Millikan, went to Boone to bring a granddaughter of Mrs. Troy Millikan home from the college there and while in the area toured a section of the parkway and viewed the rhododendron which was in bloom.

Mrs. Millikan, who plans to return to her Beaumont, Texas home the first of this week, has had a wonderful visit to the county which her husband loved so much and to which he always returned, even though he lived away from Randolph County for nearly 57 years.

Eagle Scout Awards Given Two Grays Chapel Youths

June 8, 1964 – An impressive ceremony occurred at the Grays chapel Methodist Church Sunday morning, May 31, with the presentation of the Eagle Scout Award to Bill Routh and Mike Nixon, members of scout Troup No. 518.

The troop was organized three years ago last Jan. by the young adult Sunday School class of the Grays Chapel

church and these were the first Eagle Scout awards to be presented to members of the troop.

In addition to the presentation of the Eagle Scout awards the annual presentation of the troop charter also took place during the ceremony which was a part of the morning worship service at the church.

For this phase of the program Asheboro Attorney J. Harvey Luck, a representative of the Randolph County District of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts of America, was in attendance to present the charter to the troop's institutional representative David Chester Hall.

Howard Kerns, Scoutmaster for Troop No. 518 for two years of its existence as an organized troop, was master of ceremonies for the entire program.

He recognized his co-workers within the troop, including assistant Scoutmasters Leo Corder and E. I. Lambert; neighborhood commissioner John Nixon; institutional representative David Chester Hall; chairman of troop committee, Rev. George Carver; secretary, Sylvan Routh; treasurer, Wilson Gray; outdoorsman, Clarence Caudle; and advanceman, Odell Routh.

Also recognized were members of Scout Troop No. 518, most of whom were present. They are Tommy Waugh, Steve Johnson, Larry Redding, Donald Routh, Terry Sheppard, Tommy Davis, Bruce Redmon, Dean Nixon, Ervin Little, Wayne Caudle, Steve Trogdon, Ronald Hall, Mike Nixon, Bill Routh, James Meredith, David Meredith, Deryl Garrison, Ronnie Harrell and Donald Hall.

Vernon Freeman, advancement chairman for the Randolph County District of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts of America, conducted the ceremony during which the two Eagle Scout Awards were presented.

Donald Hall, senior patrol leader, escorted the parents of the Eagle recipients, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Routh, Route 1, Franklinville, and Mr. and Mrs. John Nixon, also of Route 1, Franklinville, to the front of the church to stand with their sons for the impressive ceremony.

The mother of each Eagle recipient pinned the emblem of the highest rank in scouting on her son and the two boys in turn pinned the Eagle Award in miniature on their mothers.

Both of the boys receiving the Eagle awards are 14 years of age and both were 8th grade students this past year at the Grays Chapel school.

Bill Routh accumulated 38 merit badges in the attainment of his Eagle Award while Mike Nixon acquired a total of 30 merit badges. Bill has also been nominated for membership in the "Order of the Arrow."

Bill attends Grays Chapel Methodist Church while Mike attends the Bethany Methodist Church, both churches being a part of the same charge. Both boys are members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the church each one attends.

They are also members of the Grays Chapel Pony League team, with Bill serving as the catcher for the team and Mike playing the position at first base.

Frye Descendants Gather Sunday At Flag Springs

June 11, 1964 - Descendants of Cicero and Lunda Lewallen Frye met in the 14th annual reunion of the family Sunday, June 7, at Flag Springs Methodist Church.

Four daughters and one son of Cicero and Lunda Frye were present for the annual gathering. They were Mrs. David O. (Minnie) King, Route 5, Asheboro, Mrs. J. O.

(Nancy) Graves, Randleman, Mrs. Lonnie (Addie) Voncannon, Asheboro, and Mrs. Jake (Kathleen) Gray, Thomasville and Jim Frye, Route 3, Denton.

The oldest member of this family, 84 year old Mrs. A. E. (Elma) Williams, Route 3, Asheboro, was unable to join her sisters and brother at the family reunion because of ill health.

There are three deceased members of the family, Lee Frye, Gurney Frye and Charlie Frye, but members of their families were represented at the family reunion on last Sunday.

Cicero Frye, son of a Civil War veteran, Jonathan Frye, and Mary Tadlock Frye, was born in the New Hope area in the western part of the county, his wife, Lunda Lewallen Frye, was the daughter of Dawson and Nancy Hancock Lewallen, and they lived about a mile east of Ulah, north of the Flag Springs Church.

They were members of the Flag Springs Church and are buried in the church cemetery. Cicero Frye helped to build the original church which was finished in 1898. he died in 1902 and his widow, Lunda Lewallen Frye, lived until 1938.

The Frye reunion began in 1950 at the home of Mrs. J. O. Graves in Randleman. Besides being a family reunion, it was also a birthday celebration for Mrs. Graves and her brother, Jim Frye, who are twins. They were 80 years of age on June 10.

Clyde Williams, oldest grandson of the family, was named moderator of the first family gathering. Others who have served in this capacity have been C. A. Frye, Jake Outen, Wayne Frye, Waldo Frye and the present presiding officer, Wilbur Gray, of Route 7, Winston-Salem.

For the first few years the reunion gathering was held at the various homes of the children of Cicero and Lunda Frye, at the old homeplace near Ulah, and eventually came to Flag Springs where it is now held annually.

At the reunion Sunday, Ann Frye of Seagrove, was named secretary to succeed Kate Smith who had resigned. Oldest member of the family in attendance was 82 year old Mrs. David O. (Minnie) King, followed closely by her sister and brother, the twins, Mrs. J. O. (Nancy) Graves and Jim Frye.

Flag Springs Methodist Church holds fond memories for members of the Cicero Frye family and they especially remember and love the old church which their father help to build and was located on the opposite side of the cemetery from which the new modern church building stands.

They remember walking two miles or more through a path in the woods to Sunday School and preaching services in the old building and some of the older ones remember the camp meetings in the old tabernacle when the people came to stay in tents for the services. Jim Frye said when the babies got sleepy during the services, the mothers would lay them in the straw which served as a floor for the open air tabernacle.

One of Jim's sisters remembered that the children in the Cicero Frye family would carry their Sunday shoes along the path from their home to the church, waiting until just before they got to the church building before they put them on.

They also remembered that along that path to the church a small spring was hewn out of a large rock and they always stopped there to drink. Some of them expressed a desire Sunday to go back to the big rock and drink once more from the spring therein.

Children from the Cicero Frye family attended and also walked about three miles in an opposite direction from Ulah to the Rocky Ridge School, located on the Troy road.

Kids Riding In Style Soon Because Of Their Efforts

June 15, 1964 – Nearly a thousand cookbooks have been sold towards the purchase of an activity bus for the Tabernacle Little League ball team to become one of the most successful projects undertaken by a Randolph County community in recent years.

Two printings of 500 each have been made of the cookbook and only a few copies are left of the second printing.

The project began when Ed Hughes, coach for the Little League team and member of Tabernacle School faculty, asked the parents of the Little League players to decide upon a project with which to raise funds for the purchase of a bus.

Due to the distance involved, a bus was needed to transport the Tabernacle players to the county stadium near Thomasville and to other games which might be played.

Mrs. Charles Kesler, mother of one of the Little League players, suggested the idea of a cookbook and it is Mrs. Kesler who has carried through with the plan, with the able assistance of Ed Hughes, Fred Ball and Mrs. Jay Baker.

Recipes for the book came from various sources but had their basis from the mothers of Ed Hughes' 8th grade students at the Tabernacle School and from community members who were asked to send in their favorite recipes.

From this varied assortment, Mrs. Kesler gleaned the recipes which went into the book. Within six weeks, she had typed and indexed them, and had taken them to the printer for the first 500 copies.

Within eight days every cookbook had been sold and requests had come in for many more. Another meeting of the project committee was called and the decision came to print 500 additional copies.

One lady bought eight copies of the book for gifts and other copies were sent to Illinois, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland and as far away as California and Canada.

The first editions were bound with attractive blue and white covers, designed and sketched by Mrs. Kesler, while the second editions had covers in green and white.

Sold for one dollar each, the first 500 was sold for clear profit, since advertisers paid for the printing and the rings with which they were bound. According to Mrs. Kesler, it is expected to clear about \$365 on the second batch.

Anyone wishing one of the few remaining copies should contact Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Kesler, Ed Hughes or any parent of the Little League team.

Tabernacle Little Leaguers have played seven games thus far this season and have only lost one.

The team is composed of Randall Meyers, Thomas Hunt, Junior Hunt, Kerry Kesler, Danny Kesler, Mike Hughes, Eddie Rich, Ricky Rush, Kenneth Hoover, Monroe Hoover, Randy Johnson, Buddy Briles, Larry Prevost, and Craig Baker, who is out at the present time because of a broken arm which he received during a practice game.

Solid Achievement Record Behind As Calvary Church Minister Leaves

June 15, 1964 – A veteran Methodist minister, with a solid record of achievement behind him, is leaving the Calvary Methodist Church in North Asheboro after a pastorate of five years.

Rev. L. E. Mabry has been a Methodist minister for 34 years and during that time his ministry has been marked by consistency and with many accomplishments in the churches which he has served.

On Thursday, June 18, Rev. Mr. Mabry and his wife will move to Mooresville where he will become the pastor of the Broad Street Methodist Church.

At the Calvary Church 116 people have come into the membership of the church during his pastorate, with 104 of them still on the membership roll.

Improvements to the church's physical plant, including a new heating plant and air conditioning system, have been made to the amount of \$18,000 while another \$2,000 has been spent on tower chimes.

At all of the other churches at which Rev. Mr. Mabry has served, a new parsonage, a new educational plant or a new church building has been erected during the time of his pastorage.

For the past two years of his pastorate at Calvary, he has served as president of the Randolph Mission and Church Extension group of the Methodist Church in this county and one of the principal projects during that time has been the organization of the Legen Park Methodist Church, northeast of Asheboro.

The Calvary minister conducted the original survey which led to the establishment of the new church. He was chairman of the committee which secured the five acres of land on which the church was built and he was also in charge of the building program.

He has also actively participated in the formation of the Mt. Shepherd Methodist Camp which is being developed through the sponsorship of the High Point District of the Methodist Church, serving as a member of the original planning committee and later as chairman of the building committee.

A native of Cabarrus County, Rev. Mr. Mabry attended the University of North Carolina and entered the teaching profession after leaving college. He had married the former Nettie Voncannon, a native of the Seagrove area, and was serving as a school principal after eleven years of teaching before he answered the call to the ministry.

He entered the ministry with a background of experience in his home church in Cabarrus County where he had become the teacher of an adult Sunday School class at the age of 19, had served as adult counselor, treasure of the church and superintendent of the Sunday School.

He first became pastor of the Mt. Herman Charge, consisting of four churches, which was located south of Burlington. At the same time he also entered the school of Religion at Duke University.

He later graduated from Westminster Seminary, now Wesley Seminary in Washington, D. C.

Other pastorates have been Caswell in Tyrrell County; Trinity Church in Lexington for seven years; Stanley in Gaston County for six years; First Methodist Church in Canton for six years; Newlyn Street Church in Greensboro four years; Ward Street Church in High Point four years; and the Calvary Church in North Asheboro for five years.

The length of time which he has spent at each of his pastorates indicates the fruitful ministry which he has found

at the churches where he has served. His service has been substantial, well balanced and he has never had any trouble at any church he has pastured. He has never had a vote cast against him during the 34 years of his ministry.

He saw 140 professions of faith during the first year of his pastorate to receive reassurance for the call which he answered 34 years ago, after having been firmly established in the teaching profession.

That call has been substantiated time and time again in the churches which he has served throughout the state and the impact of the decision had been felt through the lives which he has reached.

This has been especially true in the North Asheboro community where he has served the calvary Methodist Church for five years and in Randolph County where his ministry has been extended throughout. Although the improvements to the physical plant at Calvary have been many, it is the general spiritual condition of the church which has predominated the five-year ministry of Rev. L. E. Mabry at the Calvary Methodist Church.

During his last year at Calvary, the Rev. Mr. Mabry and his wife have erected a modern seven-room residence in the Ritter's Lake community south of Greensboro and it is there they will go upon their retirement from the ministry of the Methodist Church.

But this veteran minister does not plan retirement from the active ministry as long as his health permits him to remain on the pastorate.

Thus far, his health has been exceptionally good and he has only missed two services during the 34 years he has spent in the service of God and the church.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Mabry regard their pastorate at Calvary Methodist Church as having been a good one and say that "they have enjoyed every minute of it." But all of their pastorates have been good ones and they have been invited back to each of the churches they have served.

The Calvary Church and the North Asheboro community is no exception and although they now bid the veteran minister and his wife farewell and wish them well in their new pastorate, they still extend to them a cordial invitation to return whenever possible.

Hussey Family Reunites Seventh Year

June 22, 1964 – Under the spreading oak trees of the Jonah Hussey residence, Route 2, Robbins, located on the Howard's Mill Road just off of Highway 705, the 7th annual reunion of the Hussey family was held Sunday, June 14. Located not far from the Randolph County line, the family has many associations in this county.

First order of business was the eating of the picnic luncheon which was spread on a long table which was set up underneath the trees.

Members of the Hussey family, consisting mainly of substantial, rural – minded farm people, had brought large quantities of food, soft drinks and cold lemonade with which to feed those in attendance.

With Vernon Brady, a son-in-law of the late Jonah Hussey, serving as master of ceremonies, prizes were given to 77 year-old Nancy Jane Hussey, widow of Jonah Hussey, for being the oldest mother in attendance; to Emmis Maness, who was raised by the Jonah Hussey family, for having the most children; and to Nancy Hussey, 19 years old, for being the youngest mother in attendance.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent sitting under the trees; talking over old times and listening to members of the Comer Lambert family sing the old songs which went back to the earlier days of the Hussey family.

The reunion originally started with members of the Milo (Bige) Hussey family. It started soon after Gilbert Hussey, a member of this family, was mustered out of the U. S. Army after a long career of military service.

Other members of this family are Bertie Hussey, Dora Davis, Lena Dyson, Pervie Hussey and Jessie Hussey.

The first session of the family gathering started off small and was held at the old Milo Hussey estate, with those present at the first reunion eating off a trailer which was attached to a tractor.

Pervie Hussey was the host for the first meeting of the family, since he lived at the old homeplace, and the meetings for the next two years were held at the homes of his brother, Gilbert Hussey, and his sister, Jessie Hussey.

By that time the reunion gathering had expanded and reached out to include members of the Judah Hussey family or rather the families of the brothers and sisters of Milo Hussey.

Children of Judah Hussey, all of whom are now dead, included, besides Milo, the following, Annie Jane Garner, Johnny Hussey, Dock Hussey, Tommy Hussey, Jack Hussey, Mary Williams, Joe Hussey, and Jonah Hussey.

Other reunions of the families, since the expansion of the family group, have been held at the Symrna Methodist Church, Jessie Hussey's home, Lena Dyson's home and the home of Jonah Hussey, now occupied by his widow and also by his son, Richard Hussey, gathering this year at the old homeplace of Jonah Hussey with his widow and son Richard.

Members of the Milo Hussey family in attendance at the reunion Sunday included Pervie and Gilbert Hussey, Jessie Hussey and Lena Dyson while members of the Jonah Hussey family included Mrs. Mozelle Brady, Mrs. Ollie Mae Garner, Lester, Richard, Curtis and Ray Hussey.

Another Curtis Hussey, the Wagon Master for the Farmer's Day parade at Robbins each year, was present with his famed covered wagon and fine team of horses. This veteran wagon master treated the younger members of the Hussey family to rides in the covered wagon during the afternoon.

Another well know member of the Hussey family in attendance at the family gathering was Charlie Hussey, son of Johnny Hussey, retired farmer and prominent business man of the Robbins area.

One of the older members of the Hussey family is 77 year-old Alfred L. Hussey, who lives near the reunion site, and he was present for the annual meeting of the Hussey clan.

Cemetery Outdated Friends Meeting But Members Planning Improvements

June 25, 1964 – Unmarked graves in the cemetery at Hopewell Friends Meeting will be arranged differently under procedures which are now being planned by the memorial association of the Meeting House.

Eighty-five or more graves in the cemetery do not have names or epitaph and are only marked by stones, mostly of the field variety.

A few of the graves are marked by slate rock and two or three of them have a partial epitaph scratched on them.

The memorial association plans, if there is not serious objection from the relatives of those who have the unmarked graves, to remove the stones and place a concrete slab or something similar at the head of the graves.

The concrete slab would be placed flush with the top of and the ground and would therefore facilitate the mowing of the cemetery and the general upkeep of the grounds.

If identity of the unmarked graves can be learned, the new markers would be inscribed with the names of the persons who are buried in the unidentified graves.

Anyone knowing who is buried in any of the graves not now identified by name is asked to get in touch with Everett Nance, president of the Hopewell Memorial Association or Miss Allene Cornelison, secretary of the association.

Hopewell Friends Meeting was started in the year 1885 but the cemetery had been started many years before that time. It is thought that the cemetery goes back as far as 130 or more years.

Eli Branson, who died in 1888, gave the land for the cemetery and the Meeting House which was erected later.

According to Mrs. Nettie Vuncannon Lewallen, 91 year old Asheboro woman who is perhaps the oldest living person to come out of the Hopewell Friends Meeting, the cemetery was started by Mr. Branson because there was no burying ground in the community.

At the time the cemetery was originated all families were allowed to use the burying facilities and there was no distinction as to denomination or creed.

It is not known who was buried in the cemetery first, as it could have been any of the many unidentified graves which are located there. However, on one of the smoother stones at one of the graves is inscribed the name of Sarah Branson, who was born in 1822 and died in the year 1847.

Also, inscribed on similar stones are the names of Sarah L. Luck, who was buried in 1860, and Adison Cox, who died in 1879 at the age of one year, three months and twelve days.

New markers have been placed recently at the grave in which two sisters, Mary and Ada Dawson, were buried Aug. 20, 1872. Mrs. Lewallen remembers that the burial of these two sisters took place late at night.

They died of diphtheria at about the same time and a heavy rain had caused the waters of Little River to rise to the extent the burial party would not cross. By the time the waters lowered it was about 10 o'clock at night and Mrs. Lewallen said that her father, John Calhoun Vuncannon, carried a light to go ahead of the burial party so they could see the way to the cemetery at Hopewell.

The sisters, Mary, age 4, and Ada, age 1, were buried in the same grave.

Mrs. Lewallen's grandfather, Shadrack Vuncannon, was also buried in the cemetery, then known as Branson's Graveyard, before the organization of the church.

It seems that the idea of the organization of a church really became strong at the time of the burial of Mrs. Lewallen's grandmother, Olive Vuncannon, wife of Shadrack Vuncannon.

Olive Vuncannon died on Dec. 6 and on the day of her burial there was snow on the ground. The corpse was viewed at the grave site and Mrs. Lewallen, 12 years old at the time, was disturbed at the death of her beloved grandmother and also cold from the exposure to the

weather. Not being able to withstand the combination of these factors, she went into a dead faint at the grave side.

Blankets from the buggies were placed over her and water was brought from the spring to revive her before she was taken to her home less than a mile away.

That night as her father sat by the fire, following the burial of his mother, he said "that was no way to bury people" and he vowed that he was "going to work to get a church" at the burial grounds.

John Calhoun Vuncannon, the man who spoke those words, did what he said he would do and less than one year later, with the aid of John Hammond, Levi Branson, son of Eli Branson, Lee Hammond and Clark Hammond, a church was organized.

As the founders of the church "hoped it would do well," they gave it the name of Hopewell."

The first corpse to be carried in the church after its erection was John Calhoun Vuncannon, father of the young girl who had fainted in the snow at the grave of her grandmother. Oliver Vuncannon died on Dec. 6 of one year and her son, John Calhoun Vuncannon, died on Dec. 30 of the next year.

Eli Branson, who gave the land for both the cemetery and the erection of the church building, died in June 1888 after the first service in the church in June, 1885. Although Eli Branson has now been dead for more than seventy-six years, Mrs. Lewallen remembers him as a "good man" and recalls his contributions to the Hopewell Church and community.

The cemetery at the Hopewell Meeting House is becoming one of the nicer rural burial grounds in Randolph County and the proposed new arrangement for the older graves is expected to further improve the area.

Ninety-one-year-old Mrs. Nettie Lewallen stands by the grave of her grandfather, Shadrack Vuncannon, who was buried in the cemetery at the Hopewell Friends Meeting House before she was born and before the organization of the church in 1885. Plans are in the making for the improvement of the Hopewell cemetery by the replacement of the old stones which mark the unidentified graves.

Caretaker for the cemetery is the secretary of the Memorial Association, Miss Allene Cornelison, and much of the credit for the appearance of the burial grounds is due to her interest and diligent work.

Mrs. Estella Brewer Celebrates As She Passes 81st Birthday

June 25, 1964 — Mrs. Estella Brewer, a native of Terre Haute, Ind., who came to Randolph County to live five years ago, celebrated her 81st birthday June 16.

She is now a resident of Franklinville, living with her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. John L. Jackson.

Mrs. Brewer's mother, Mary Ann Laughlin, was a native of Randolph County who went west in a covered wagon around the year 1880.

Originally from New Hope Township in Randolph County, near the Oak Grove Methodist Church, Mrs. Brewer's mother was a daughter of Ira Laughlin and Hannah Sebolt Laughlin.

Her grandfather, Ira Laughlin, was a chaplain in the southern forces during the Civil War, was wounded in the north and the Union forces gave him a wagon in which to return home.

After reaching the state of Indiana in the covered wagon with friends and relatives, Mrs. Brewer's mother married Fleming M. Watkins and before they left Terre Haute, Indiana for Kansas, Mrs. Brewer was born.

The family later lived in Iowa for nine years before settling in East St. Louis, Ill. Where Mrs. Brewer herself was married. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Brewer lived with her mother and she stayed altogether in East St. Louis for 35 years.

Mrs. Brewer came with her mother to Randolph County and North Carolina for the time when she was eight years old. She said that her mother "never brought me back again." However, her mother visited her relatives here many times after that and came last in 1937 before her death in 1939.

This alert octogenarian said that Randolph County was "very dear" to her mother and perhaps because of this she herself came to Randolph County after her mother's death to visit with the uncles and cousins with whom she had corresponded.

Many visits to this county followed and five years ago, upon the retirement of her son-in-law from Civil Service work in Washington, the Jacksons and Mrs. Brewer came to Randolph County and established a residence in the White's Memorial community north of Cedar Falls.

Mrs. Brewer has lived with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson since the death of her mother in 1939. After moving to Cedar Falls, Mr. Jackson studied at Fruitland Bible Institute and has been ordained as a Baptist minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Brewer have just returned from Pima, Arizona where Mr. Jackson pastored a church for six months.

They sold their home before leaving for Arizona to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Harmon, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, and are now living temporarily in Franklinville while a new home is being completed a shorter distance north of Cedar Falls.

Mr. Jackson is serving at the present time as the acting pastor of the Worthville Baptist Church.

After five years of permanent residence in Randolph County, with the exception of six months in Arizona, and with the instilling of a love for this county earlier from her mother, Mrs. Brewer said, "I have got so I feel at home."

Her mother talked a great deal of her native county and she often made mention of the "red clay" which is found here. The clay in East St. Louis, Ill., where they lived so long, is black.

Mrs. Brewer has two sons, Harry A. Brewer, of Washington, D. C., and William Carl Brewer, Baltimore, Md.

Humorously inclined, Mrs. Brewer enjoys life, is very thankful for her good health, goes to church regularly, does embroidery work and likes to travel. She still retains her membership in the Order of the Eastern Star in East St. Louis, Ill., where she has been a member for 21 years this Sept., and often visits the local chapter.

Randolph County cousins and other friends which she has acquired since coming here to reside are glad that Mrs. Brewer came back to the red clay of her mother's native county.

Child Fighting For Life As Parents Carry Burden

June 25, 1964 — A four year-old girl, hospitalized now for over three months, will soon be returned to the home of her

young parents to continue the fight for complete recovery from the illness with which she has been afflicted.

Faith Renee McMasters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McMasters, Route 1, Franklinville, was admitted to Duke Hospital Mar. 15, suffering from Guillaine Barre Syndrome or the collapse of the muscles which controlled her breathing.

It has been touch and go for the blonde-haired little girl since that time. She has acquired pneumonia eight times since being admitted to the hospital and on May 15, two months after her admittance, she suffered a cardiac arrest during which her heart stopped beating for four or five minutes.

It has also been touch and go for the young parents, speaking from a financial viewpoint. The 30 year-old father, who lost his hand and part of his left arm in an accident several years ago, works as a filling station attendant.

The young mother, 26 year old Loretta Beamer McMasters, is unemployed but has been spending her time between her afflicted child and three other daughters, Darlene, 8, Glenda, 7, and Libby 2.

The hospital bill, at the end of three months at Duke Hospital, amounted to \$5,252.67, \$1,400 of which was paid by insurance. However, after three months the insurance ran out and the McMasters will have to assume complete responsibility for the bill.

Doctors say that unless something else develops, little Faith Renee McMasters may return to the modest four-room home of her parents, located across the river a short distance east of Franklinville on the Wagon Wheel road, but the care treatment will have to be continued by the child's mother and the nurses from the county health department.

At the outset of the disease which felled the little girl, coming after flu infection, she was rushed to Duke Hospital in an ambulance and put in an iron lung.

But the iron lung was not sufficient to keep her breathing and a tracheotomy was performed on her throat and a respirator placed therein to keep her breathing.

The respirator stayed in her throat for six weeks and was put back at the time of the cardiac arrest. Although she has been breathing on her own for two weeks now, a tube is still in her throat to keep out the mucus which forms and hampers her breathing. She has been unable to speak since the tracheotomy was performed.

At the time of her admittance to the hospital, she was fed through her veins but with the collapse also of those organs she was fed through a tube in her nose. She had started taking fluids through the mouth at the time of her cardiac arrest and now has resumed this method since partially recovering from that attack.

She was unconscious for a week following the cardiac attack and semi-conscious for the second week after the attack. She suffered brain damage because of the attack and has been left blinded as a result of the cardiac arrest, except for a slight discernment between lightness and darkness.

Doctors say that only time will tell whether she will be blind because of this phase of her illness.

Except for four days on the first and second shifts, nurses have maintained a vigil around the clock at the little girl's bedside and the young mother remained at the hospital for a month without returning home.

Since coming home, Loretta McMasters has gone eachday to visit her child while the father has only missed

four days. The other children have been to see their sister twice during her hospitalization.

The young parents have words of praise for the doctors at Duke Hospital, the hospital staff and nurses who have worked unceasingly and with great care and patience in the preservation of the life of their child.

They also give considerable credit to the child's maternal grandmother, Mrs. C. F. Benner, who has cared for the other McMasters children during the absence of their mother.

All three of the other children have had the mumps since their sister became sick and it was their grandmother's duty to see them through this seizure. Two of the girls were completely cured of the mumps before their mother even saw them.

Although nearly blind, little Faith Renee McMasters is now smiling and her face especially lightens up when her father enters her room and she hears his voice. "She is daddy's girl." As the accident which took his hand occurred at about the time of her birth and the earlier days and months of her life was spent in close intimacy with the father she adores during his recovery from that accident.

Jennie Bulla Welborn Returns To Native Soil

June 29, 1964 – After an absence of twenty-two years, the body of Jennie Bulla Welborn was returned to its native soil in Marlboro Friends cemetery last week.

A native of nearby Plainfield community, she had spent the latter years of her life in Colorado for reasons of her health.

Her visits back home were infrequent, not because she did not want to come back, but an asthmatic condition was relieved when she remained in the higher regions of the western part of the country where she spent the last years of her life.

She came back the last time before her death four years ago. Two years ago members of her family visited her in the western state in which she lived.

That was the last time she saw any of her relatives until her sister Lillie flew to her bedside a month before her death when she was hurt in a fall and complications impeded her recovery.

Lillie remained with her during the final days of illness and accompanied her body back to her native state and the community in which she spent her childhood and young womanhood.

It was a long, lonely journey back home but other members of the Bulla family met the train at the High Point railway station in the early hours of the morning - to greet the sister who had remained at the sick bedside with consistency, devotion and attention and to receive the body of the one who had been away so long.

Jennie Bulla Welborn was a teacher and a person of considerable intellect. She was a person easily adaptable to people in all walks of life and was at ease and comfortable in any surrounding.

Although a product of a rural environment, she had educated herself not only in the academic world but also through the use of her own keen intellect. She had a forceful personality and was a brilliant conversationalist.

She served as historian for her family reunion before going to Colorado to live and she retained and remembered the origin and background history not only of her own family

but also of the other families with whom she had been associated.

She never lost sight of the places and the people whom she had known in the earlier years, even though she formed many new and interesting acquaintances in the years she was gone.

Because of her perceptive knowledge of the people and the surroundings of Plainfield, Marlboro and the other communities of our county, it was fitting and proper that she be brought back for final interment in the soil in which she was born and reared.

Memories from the years of the past pervaded the minds of the people from Plainfield and Marlboro when Jennie Bulla Welborn came home last week. But it was a consoling factor to know that she came at the end.

Many Gather To Honor Shupings On Their Golden Wedding Day

July 2, 1964 – Approximately 200 people from Asheboro and vicinity, High Point, Greensboro, Salisbury, Spencer, Mt. Pleasant, Concord, Statesville, Lexington, Burlington, Matthews, Seagrove, Olen and Muncie, Indiana attended the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Scott F. Shuping, Sunday, June 27, at the home of the couple on Route 3, Asheboro.

Open house and a fiftieth wedding anniversary reception was held at the beautiful country residence of Mr. and Mrs. Shuping in the afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Hosts for the occasion were their four children, Robert S. Shuping, Greensboro; Mrs. Joe Fred (Esther Lenora) Sills, Muncie, Indiana; Jerry M. Shuping, Asheboro; and Mrs. Charles (Jane) Teague, Route 1, Seagrove.

Just prior to the beginning of the open house period, Dr. Charles D. White, pastor of First Methodist Church, offered a brief prayer to commemorate the anniversary observance. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shuping and one of their sons attend the church of which Dr. White is the pastor.

Greeting the guests upon their arrival was Charles Teague, son-in-law of the honored couple.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Shuping, the receiving line also consisted of their four children. Mrs. Shuping was attired in a Navy blue dress and wore a corsage of yellow roses. The other ladies participating in the reception wore corsages of yellow and white carnations.

Mr. Shuping's boutonniere was a yellow rose while the other men participating in the anniversary observance wore boutonnieres of yellow carnations.

Miss Virginia Ann Shuping, granddaughter of the honored couple and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Shuping, registered the guests who attended the reception.

In the dining room, the table was covered with a white Alencon lace cloth over gold and was centered with the three-tiered wedding anniversary cake which was decorated with wedding bells, yellow roses, gold and green leaves and topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Gold candles burned in candelabra on the table and also on the buffet which was centered with an arrangement of yellow chrysanthemums, carnations and roses.

In the living room there was a bouquet of yellow roses; an arrangement of yellow roses and snapdragons; and an arrangement of yellow mums and baby's breath. In the gift room was a bouquet of yellow roses.

The floral arrangements in the living room and gift room were gifts from friends of Mr. and Mrs. Shuping.

Decorated cake squares, nuts, homemade mints and fruit punch were served by Mrs. Charles Barrier, sister-in-law of Mrs. Shuping, and by Mrs. Burton Beaver, a niece of Mr. Shuping. Also assisting with the refreshments were Mrs. Robert S. Shuping and Mrs. Jerry M. Shuping, daughters-in-law of the honored couple.

Assisting in the gift room were Miss Margaret Barrier, a niece of Mrs. Shuping, and Mrs. Joseph Matthews, mother of Mrs. Jerry Shuping.

Goodbyes were said by Jack Barrier, a nephew of Mrs. Shuping.

Scott Eugene Shuping, a well known retired tax specialist, is a native of Salisbury and lived in that city until moving with his family to Greensboro in 1907, when he was about 16 or 17 years of age.

Before going to Greensboro, where he became associated with a retail shoe business, he attended a business college in Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. Shuping, the former Annier Barrier, is also a native of Rowan County but lived in the rural area outside of Salisbury. Living there until her marriage, she attended the public schools and also Mont Amoena Seminary at Mt. Pleasant for four years, a Lutheran school for young ladies, where she completed her secular education.

Afterwards, she attended the Mont Amoena Seminary for two more years and studied art and music.

Mr. and Mrs. Shuping, who have known each other since they were 14 and 13 years of age, respectively, were married June 30, 1924 at the home of the bride.

They lived in Greensboro until Sept. of the year of their marriage when they moved to Orlando, Fla. Where Mr. Shuping was employed in the shoe department of one of the stores in Orlando.

They left Orlando, Fla. After three and one half years and went to Winston – Salem where he was manager of a shoe store. After two or three years residence in that city they came back to Greensboro where they lived until moving to Asheboro in 1947.

After many years in the retail shoe business, particularly with Callahan-Dobson Shoe Co., Dobsin-Sills Shoe Co. and Robert A. Sills Shoe Co., Mr. Shuping left this type of work in 1934 and became associated with Home Owners Loan Co., a governmental loan agency, and two or three years later became employed with a the Internal Revenue Service. He was assigned as a representative for Internal Revenue Service in Randolph County.

He left this service to serve briefly as tax supervisor and collector for the Randolph County Tax Department but went back with the Internal Revenue Service where he remained until his retirement from that governmental unit in 1953.

He then went into the tax business on his own and remained until his partial retirement in 1961 and his complete retirement in 1962.

While in Greensboro Mr. and Mrs. Shuping were active members of West Market Street Methodist Church and have retained the same interest and activity in Asheboro's first Methodist Church.

Mr. Shuping is now 75 years of age and Mrs. Shuping one year younger. They are living quietly at their beautifully landscaped home, located a short distance off of Highway 49A between Asheboro and Farmer.

Their golden wedding anniversary celebration was a pleasant event, with their four children, their eleven grandchildren and many other relatives in attendance, in

addition to many friends from other places in the state, whom they had not seen in a long time, coming to honor them on the happy occasion.

Many Old, Familiar Faces Sighted At Mt. Vernon Methodist Homecoming

July 2, 1964 – Four speakers appeared on the program for the annual homecoming service last Sunday at Mount Vernon Methodist Church, located on Route 2, Trinity.

One of the speakers, Miss Virginia Redding, who first came to the church Jan. 2, 1898, is still a resident of the community and a part of the church's activities.

But the other three speakers, Mrs. Jessie Myers Hepler, Route 3, Thomasville, Mrs. Kathleen Ledwell Shelton, Winston – Salem, and Clay Richardson, Star, were former members of the church congregation who came back to participate in the homecoming service.

The service was conducted by the church pastor, Rev. W. C. Anderson, and was held in the recently completed educational building which has replaced the old church building.

Plans have already been formulated for the building of a new sanctuary upon the dedication of the educational building in less than two years or before that time.

Miss Redding, a well known retired school teacher of the area in which she lives, recalled the "cordial welcome which I received at Mount Vernon when I first came here on that cold, wintry afternoon on Jan. 2, 1898."

She remembers being "greeted cordially on that day by Mrs. Jennie Robbins and Mrs. White" and she remembers Dr. Winslow, who was retiring as superintendent of the Sunday School.

Miss Redding said that only Joe White, Tom Steed and Tom English were still living from those who were present at her first service over sixty six years ago and later in her talk she cited Joe White and Tom Steed for faithful service to the church throughout the years which have followed.

She also made mention of the faithful services of 73 year-old Cicero Peace, who retired as choir leader three years ago after fifty three years in that position. However, he was still leading the singing for last Sunday's homecoming service as the substitute choir director.

Miss Redding expressed her appreciation for the people "who have been the backbone of the church" and said that Mount Vernon "has been a community which has stood for the right."

Mrs. Hepler, also a retired school teacher, expressed her pleasure at being "so warmly welcomed" and said it was "good to be back in my old church and to be preceded by my first teacher, Miss Virginia Redding."

She remembered Miss Redding taking her to Sunday School at Mount Vernon in a buggy even before she attended the school at which Miss Redding taught and she said that it was because of Miss Redding's inspiration that she became a school teacher herself.

Mrs. Hepler recalled many incidents in the earlier years at Mount Vernon, including the singings which were conducted by Ed Miller and the revival meetings which occurred there.

Many eyes were moistened when she told of the revival service at which she and her younger brother joined the church, her father re-dedicated his life, at which Will Ledwell prayed so earnestly, three ladies in the church

shouted with joy and at which meeting forty three persons joined the church.

A humorous incident which brought smiles to last Sunday's homecomers was when Mrs. Hepler told about the time a big, live possum was put in a beautifully wrapped box and taken off of the tree at one of the Christmas programs at the Mount Vernon church. She remembered that the younger children had such a good time running the possum around in the room.

Mrs. Helper said that "any man, woman, boy or girl who has gone to the Mount Vernon church can never be the same again."

Mrs. Shelton, daughter of Will Ledwell heretofore mentioned, left the community at the age of 18 years. She talked about her Christian heritage and recalled her days in the Mount Vernon Sunday School and the first Bible School which was held at the church.

Clay Richardson, now a well known manufacturer and business man in Star, spoke on "What Christ Means to Me."

Recognition was extended to Roland Trotter, Route 3, High Point, who has been a member of the Mount Vernon Methodist Church longer than anyone else. Now 91 years of age, he joined the church at the age of 17.

Mention was also made of the oldest member of the church, Dr. J. D. Bulla, who will be 102 years of age in Sept. Dr. Bulla is unable to walk around much without assistance and did not come to the homecoming service. However, this reporter visited him before the homecoming service, found his mind and memory still keen and alert and noticed the patients still coming and that he was dispensing medicine as he has been throughout the long years of his practice.

Another man in the church who rendered outstanding service through many years of the church's existence was the late Charles Redding, who served as Superintendent of the Sunday School for more than thirty years. Brother of Miss Virginia Redding, he and his family contributed a great deal to the development and progress of the Mount Vernon Methodist Church.

The homecoming service ended, the congregation which packed the chapel of the new educational building sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and the people went out to the beautiful grove of trees where the picnic dinner was held.

As a memorial the names of those who had died during the year were placed in the church bulletin for the annual homecoming service. These were Mrs. Ila Gray Davis, Mr. Charles Harris Miller, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bowman, Jr., Mrs. Bertha Hill, Mr. Grayson Hill and Mr. Cicero Davis.

Randleman Couple Honored Sunday As Fiftieth Anniversary Passes

July 2, 1964 - With their seven daughters serving as hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison Lamb, of 208 Mill Street, Randleman, were honored Sunday on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

A family reunion was held during the noon hour and open house for other relatives and friends followed in the afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

All of the seven daughters of the honored couple were present for the anniversary celebration. They are Mrs. C. C. (Lessie) Garner, Route 1, Liberty; Mrs. Odis (Eva) Dorrity, Randleman; Mrs. Paul (Marie) Pugh, Randleman; Mrs.

Junior (Maxine) McPherson, Randleman; Mrs. James (Irene) Corum, Randleman; Mrs. Carson (Mattie Lou) Lednum, Route 2, Randleman; and Mrs. Lee (Jean) Wood, Randleman.

Also present were all of the couple's 21 grandchildren except two and two of their three great-grandchildren.

Three sisters of Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Florence Jarrett and Mrs. Jane Elliott, of Thomasville, and Mrs. Rosie Ruth, Route 1, Sophia, were also in attendance as was a nephew, Tommy Jarrett, of Syhlacauga, Ala.

Mr. Lamb was born in Pile County, Ky., although his parents, Tom and Alice Stalker Lamb, originally came from the area between Asheboro and Randleman. However, the family came back to the Randleman area when Mr. Lamb was eight years old.

Mrs. Lamb, the former Mattie Ora Wilson, was a native of Central Falls but came to Randleman with her people at the age of nine years.

After a brief period in school, both Mr. and Mrs. Lamb went to work in the cotton mill at the age of nine years. Mr. Lamb went to work at the old Naomi mill in Randleman and was paid twenty-five cents a day for his services.

Mrs. Lamb went to work first at the mill in Central Falls but transferred over to the Naomi mill upon coming to Randleman. She received fifty cents a day for her services because, she said jokingly, "I reckon I was smarter than Mr. Lamb. But it developed that she was a faster spinner than the boy she later married and ran more machines than he did.

The couple, both of whom are now only 67 years of age, were married at an early age while both were still working in the Naomi mill. The ceremony was performed by Wyth Bryant, local magistrate, and after the marriage ceremony they went to High Point on the train to visit with Mr. Lamb's parents who were living there at that time.

Mr. Lamb continued to work in the cotton and textile mills and during the course of their married life the couple and their daughters have lived also in Danville, Va., Greensboro, High Point and Robbins.

But Mr. Lamb was working again at the old Naomi mill, then operated by Cone Mills, upon his retirement on disability seven years ago and Mrs. Lamb was also working at the same place upon her retirement five years ago.

The mill, at which both were working at the time of their marriage and upon their retirement, is situated just around the corner from the house in which they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and in which they have lived continuously since 1936.

It is also the same place where Mr. Lamb spent most of his earlier years upon the return of his parents from Kentucky.

Since his retirement from the mill, Mr. Lamb and members of his family have operated the Naomi Street Grocery, located not far from his home.

Music for the golden wedding anniversary last Sunday was furnished by the Deep Valley Boys and the Reddick Boys.

Old Log House Fades Away As Time Takes Its Told

July 13, 1964 - A rail fence is about all that remains of an old log house which was built near Bush Creek north of Millboro sometime around the beginning of the nineteenth century.

A land grant for the property on which the old cabin stood was issued Nov. 15, 1799 to John Needham and was signed by Governor Benjamin Williams on Oct. 9, 1800.

Fifty shillings for each 100 acres was the purchase price for the land. Over a half century later, Dec. 7, 1855, 200 acres of the land was sold by Adam Brower to William A. Nixon for \$200.

Present owners of the land are Guy and Emmett Nixon, his wife and twin sons, Jackie and Jimmie, reside on the land on which the old log house stood for so many years.

No one lived in the two storied log house after the death of William Nixon's widow around sixty years ago. The house was then used as a machine shed and later as a feed house.

The roof caved in twenty years ago and the log structure was torn down two or three years ago. Guy Nixon split part of the logs into rails and with the assistance of his twin sons, who will be 15 years of age July 23, erected a rail fence in front of his present residence on Route 1, Franklinville.

Only visible reminder at the old log house site, now encircled by a field of corn, is a huge pecan tree and some old hearth stones which were placed in the two fireplaces which the old house afforded.

The two chimneys had been built with rock and were topped by homemade bricks which were made in a nearby brick-kiln.

Foundation stones have been hauled off and thrown in a branch at the edge of the cornfield. Pumpkin vines now grow over the old log house site.

Logs not use in the erection of the rail fence have been taken to the barn on the Nixon premises

Household items used in the old log residence have been removed and stored at various places on the Nixon plantation.

These items include skillet holders, cedar churn, candle molds, candle holders, coffee grinder, scales, jugs and an old broad axe.

Several old land grants and deed transactions are in the possession of Guy Nixon besides the supposedly original land grant of Nov. 15, 1799, two of which date back to Apr. 26, 1793 and in the year of 1796.

The land transaction in 1855 at which time the Nixon family procured title to the property was sworn to before J. W. Pugh, Justice of the Peace, and was witnessed by Alfred Julian.

Names also found on this document were those of S. Bradshaw, Clerk of Court, and W. J. Teague, Register of Deeds.

Other names on the legal documents going back to 1800 were Isaac Allred, Tobias Langley, Joseph Elliott, John McDaniel, Miles McDaniel, and Thomas Benson.

Guy Nixon, his memory going back to the days his father, John C. Nixon, built rail fences, has built an excellent Rail fence across the front of his large, spacious lawn.

Some of the better rails came from the chestnut logs, some of them came from the yellow poplar and some of them had been used for chinking in the old log house.

One of the most prized possessions linking the past with the present is the old weight clock which is still ticking away the seconds, the minutes and the hours just as it did a hundred years ago when its owner, William Nixon, went away to fight in the battles of the Civil War.

Just as the old clock, brought to its new location from the old log house a quarter of a mile or so away, and the old rail fence represents the past, the Nixon twins, Jackie and Jimmie, with their youthful vitality, represents the fourth generation of Nixons to live on the old place and the continuity of the generations to come.

Devoted Teacher, Mother: Her Life Given To Others

July 20, 1964 – A resolute woman, a devoted mother and a teacher of wide capacity is a description of the aspects of Mrs. Lucy Davidson who is spending her days of retirement at her home at 1003 Cliff Road in Asheboro.

Life has not always been kind to Mrs. Davidson, whose contributions loomed long and largely in the Randolph County School System, but her resolute determination and her strict adherence to duty has brought her thus far to the successful completion of the essential matters with which she has been engaged.

Her father died when she was nine years old and in later years she was charged with the responsibility of not only her mother but also the maternal grandparents who had reared her to young womanhood.

After eight years of marriage and three young children, with the fourth one yet unborn, her husband died and she was left with the responsibility of their household and duties involved with the resumption of her teaching career.

Following the discharge of her family responsibilities and at her retirement from teaching five years ago, it was expected that life would then be easier for Lucy Davidson and she would be permitted to live her remaining years without hardship and without sorrows again coming into her life.

But another blow came two years ago when her only son, Colvin Wayne Davidson, died after a short illness.

This fruitful life, which we shall attempt to narrate, was begun on Mar. 27, 1891 with the birth of a daughter, Lucie Belle, to William R. Ashworth and Mary Ellis Ashworth, who lived one and one half miles southwest of Liberty.

Two events took place in the ninth year of Lucie Belle Ashworth. Her father died and she was enrolled in the third grade at the Liberty Normal College, a private institution operated by Dr. Thomas C. Amick.

Upon enrollment Dr. Amick changed the spelling of her to "Lucy" and it has been that way ever since. Prior to her enrollment at the Liberty school, she had been taught at home by her mother.

She was not only able to maintain her studies within the class she was assigned upon enrollment at Liberty Normal College but in a short while she was able to move ahead of her class.

She completed her studies at the school just short of graduation due to the school building burning down. She was 16 years of age at the time.

One year later she began teaching at the Cedar Grove School a one-teacher school, located on Sandy Creek, four miles from her home.

In order to teach before she reached the legal age of 18, she took a county examination and received a first class certificate. Her salary was \$32.50 a month and the school year was for four months.

Her second year of teaching was at a one-teacher school east of Staley, located in Chatham County and also about four miles from her home. This was the only time she

taught outside of Randolph County during the 44 years of her career, except for a brief period of substitute teaching.

The school in Chatham County was situated on a half-acre tract of land and although Mrs. Davidson does not remember its name, she recalls that because of a rough element in the school and community the school was known as "Hell's Half Acre."

After this, Mrs. Davidson, her mother and maternal grandparents moved to Asheboro and she became the first teacher in the new school which had been erected in the West Bend community a short distance southwest of town.

The new school house had been built by Colvin Davidson and his brothers, who were well known carpenters of that area, and in the year 1910 the young school teacher, Lucy Ashworth, and Colvin Davidson were married.

Mrs. Davidson taught the West Bend School the year following her marriage due to a previous commitment to the West Bend School.

Three children were born to Lucy and Colvin Davidson in succession and the fourth one was expected shortly when Colvin was stricken with influenza during the epidemic of 1918 and died soon afterwards.

Also dying of influenza in a two-week period were Colvin Davidson's brother, Gurney, and his wife and one of his children.

Mrs. Davidson's youngest child, Cletus, now Mrs. W. D. Cobb of Paquosin, Va., was born five days after her husband's death.

Her other three children are Lois, now Mrs. L. H. Morgan of Asheboro; Eleanor, now Mrs. John Fulcher of LaPuente, Calif.; and Colvin Wayne Davidson, who lived in Newport News, Va., at the time of his death, Jan. 16, 1962.

With the financial responsibility of her household upon her husband's death, Mrs. Davidson resumed her teaching career and taught again at West Bend before becoming a member of the faculty at Randleman in 1920 where she taught for four years.

It is noted that her salary by that time had reached the amount of \$85 monthly.

After Randleman she went to Ramseur for three years; Grays Chapel for three years; Franklinville for 12 years; and then to Balfour where she spent 14 years before she quit under the Asheboro City School System's compulsory retirement age of 65 at the end of the 1955-56 school term.

During one of the years at Balfour she served as acting principal during the partial absence of the principal who spent several months out of the state.

The compulsory retirement age did not apply to the county system, so the next school year, 1956-57, found Mrs. Davidson as a member of the Randleman School faculty where she had taught previously back in the twenties.

She then went to Virginia to reside near her children but the Randleman School Board sent her a contract in the mail, so the next year, 1956-59 found Mrs. Davidson teaching for the third time in the Randleman School.

A member of the school board at that time was Claude Vanwerry, who was a pupil of Mrs. Davidson when she taught for the first time at Randleman in 1920.

The Randleman School authorities wanted her to come back for still another year but she had developed a heart ailment and since she is 68 years of age and had taught for 44 years, she decided to call it quits.

However, she did teach for 28 days the next school year at Sumner in Guilford County as a substitute teacher but refused the permanent place she was offered.

At the time she quit teaching school, her salary was \$475 a month in contrast to the \$32.50 monthly which she received when she started.

After she went back to teaching following her husband's death, she continued her schooling during summer school sessions and acquired her "A" certificate and her Bachelor of Arts degree.

When she started her teaching career Eugene Coltrane was county superintendent, W. N. Elder then served as acting superintendent and following him were Sherrill Lassiter, T. Fletcher Bulla, R. C. White and W. J. Boger, who was superintendent at the time of her retirement.

While serving the one-teacher schools at Cedar Grove, the school in Chatham County and at West Bend, she taught all of the grades but in the other schools she taught from the fifth grade up through the eighth grade.

Although a very thorough, capable and well rounded teacher, Mrs. Davidson's long period of service was still most noted for her outstanding success as a disciplinarian.

Mrs. Davidson believed in being fair, honest and just but she still felt "they just had to behave themselves." She said "if you made a pupil know you meant what you said, you didn't have to whip so much."

This firmness with the pupils seemingly did not offend the parents, as only two or three parents came to the school through the 44 years of Mrs. Davidson's service to discuss the disciplinary methods which she used with their children.

Upon her retirement, Mrs. Davidson received commendations from the Asheboro City school Board and the Randleman School Board, in addition to a kind, personal letter from her former superintendent, T. Fletcher Bulla, with whom she had worked for so long. She was also honored by various other school groups.

Since her life has been a series of varied experiences, she has not found it hard to adjust herself to not being a teacher. She had reached retirement age, her doctor wanted her to quit and she felt that she had "served my day and my generation."

The one thing, however, she has not been able to adjust herself to has been the death of the son whom she adored and who in turn credited his mother with respect, the appreciation and the devotion to which she was so greatly entitled.

She is happy with the love and companionship of her three daughters, her son-in-law, her daughter-in-law, her 13 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren but there is still an empty place in her heart and life for the fine son whom she misses so very much.

Lucy Davidson, who has had sadness in her life but has been resolute and firm in her determination to do what was right and just, has indeed served her day and her generation and served it well. Let the people of Randolph County rise up and acclaim the contribution which she made throughout her long years of service.

Colorful Greeting Assured From Her 'Hidden Garden'

July 30, 1964 – The Hidden Gardens, containing a hundred different types of flowers and more than two hundred varieties, is attracting a great deal of attention and interest

at their location on Route 3, Randleman, about a mile and one half northeast of New Salem.

With the scarlet sage, petunias, featherfingers, marigolds and spider lilies now ablaze in the fullness of their blooms, the gardens comprise an approximate one-half acre tract at the rural residence and farm of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McAden on Polecat Creek.

Solely responsible for the gardens is Mrs. McAden who got the idea while visiting The Cypress Gardens in Florida two years ago. However, she had always been interested in flowers and had cultivated a small garden before her visit to the Cypress Gardens.

Following her return from Florida, Mrs. McAden talked her husband into extending the space which she had previously reserved for her flower garden, even though it took land he was using in the operation of a poultry business from which he furnishes eggs for two large concerns in Greensboro.

This last fall Mrs. McAden again extended her gardens, encroaching once more upon the poultry business and taking space the entire length of her original garden next to the houses in which the layers are kept.

Enclosed by a trellis - like fence and having an access entrance through a similar framework of seven arches, a rose garden and birth bath is situated in front of the main entrance of the fenced - in area.

Two large persimmon trees are located in the enclosed area and in those trees and on other especially constructed posts are placed ten bird houses. Bird baths and feeders also abound throughout the gardens.

Around one of the persimmon trees are petunias, scarlet sage and tuberous begonias while red and white petunias are in full bloom around the trunk of the other tree.

Shrubs in the garden include nandinas, holly, white dogwood, azaleas, and lilac bushes while some of the other flower plants include clematis, a flowering vine, wisteria in the colors of white, pink and lavender lilies, snapdragons, tulips, double hibiscus, hollyhocks, double cosmos, crepe myrtle, butterfly bushes in white, deep purple and lavender, and numerous other plants

Trails and pathways, closely mown, wind throughout the original gardens and provide areas of space for the enjoyment of the flowers, shrubs and plants, while sand trails are provided in the newest developed gardens.

Patio lights are situated throughout the gardens and a string of electric lights are suspended overhead for the night viewing of the gardens. It is said that the flowers are prettier at night rather than the viewing in the natural light.

Wind chimes hung in the gardens play continuously, a bell on one of the arches tingles and these instruments, coupled with the incessant twittering of the birds, cause a multitude of sound to pervade through the gardens.

Another development to the rear of the McAden residence includes a pond, with water falls and sprays, a boat bridge and water lilies, along which stands a weeping willow tree and arrangements of marigolds and red and white petunias. In this development is also a bird house with two feeders.

Mrs. McAden, the former Edna Siler, a native of the same area in which the McAdens now live, does all of the work connected with the growth and upkeep of the gardens, which are kept meticulously clean of grass and weeds.

She says that the gardens are "my whole enjoyment" and that "anything you like to do, you don't mind."

Mr. McAden, who was reared across the road from where he now lives, is also a dealer in hogs and cows, in addition to raising layers, and also operates a general store.

Mr. and Mrs. McAden are the parents of a son and daughter, both of whom are married. The son, Keith, and his wife live with Mr. and Mrs. McAden but are building a new home close by. The daughter, Joyce, and her husband, Wayne Fogleman, live not far away.

Many people are coming to see the Hidden Gardens and Mrs. McAden extends an invitation and will welcome anyone who is interested in viewing them.

First Years Of Ministry Spent Here, Rev. Cox Leaving Asheboro Church.

July 30, 1964 - A Wesleyan Methodist pastor who has spent his entire ministry thus far in Asheboro and Randolph County will leave next week to take up work in another place.

Thirteen years ago when Rev. Leroy C. Cox completed his formal training for the ministry he became the pastor of the High Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church in the southwestern part of the county.

Three years later he came to the First Wesleyan Methodist Church in Asheboro and it is at this church, ten years later, that he will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday, Aug. 2.

He has received and accepted a call from the First Wesleyan Methodist Church at Belmont, between Charlotte and Gastonia. His going to that church is subject to the approval of the North Carolina conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church which is in session at Colfax this week.

A native of a rural vicinity near Tabor City, located on the North Carolina - South Carolina line, Leroy Cox was graduated from the Tabor City High School and entered into the general mercantile business, in addition to assisting on his father's farm.

However, the call to preach had come to him in early years but because of a speech impediment he had thrust the call aside and was meeting with considerable success as a merchant and farmer.

But the call persisted and two and a half years following his graduation from high school he entered the Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, S. C., to prepare himself for the ministry.

He remained at the school for four years, during which time he was married to Miss Loma Voyles, a native of Central, S. C.

While a student at Central College, he traveled extensively throughout the southern area as a member of a gospel team representing the college in ministry and in song.

By the time Leroy Cox was ready to accept a pastorate, he and his wife were the parents of two children and he was approached about the pastorage of the High Pine Church.

At that time the High Pine Church was not a great inducement for a young pastor hoping to begin a successful ministry and mention was only made of twenty-five dollars a week as a start.

Also only a few people were attending the preaching services at the church.

But Leroy Cox and his wife and two children came anyway and activity soon picked up at the High Pine Church to where there were over a hundred people coming to the worship services.

Money was also raised for a new parsonage on which construction was begun directly after Rev. and Mrs. Cox left to accept the call to the First Wesleyan Methodist Church in Asheboro, located at the corner of Rich and Straight streets.

In the first three years of the minister's tenure of service at the Asheboro church, the indebtedness on the parsonage and the church building was paid off and the construction of a modern new parsonage begun.

The new parsonage located at 915 Straight Street, is valued at \$25,000, including the purchase of land on which it stands. The indebtedness on the building has now been reduced to \$7,400.

During Leroy Cox's pastorage at the church, the record Sunday School attendance increased 104 more more than any previous attendance, and more money was raised this year than any previous year, except for special fund raising campaigns and more members added to the church roll than at any other time.

But of greater benefit to the church has been the development of additional younger leadership which will help to project the church forward in the years to come.

Leroy Cox's ten year ministry at the First Wesleyan Methodist Church has also extended outside the bounds of the church during his stay in Asheboro.

Many calls for his services have come outside of his church and he has always stood ready and willing to help whenever and whomever he could.

He is proudest, perhaps, of the chaplaincy program which he, as the representative of the Asheboro Ministerial Association, helped to establish with the assistance of officials of the Pastoral Care group of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

A member of the ministerial association since coming to Asheboro, he has served as secretary of the association, chairman of the special appointments committee and many other units of the association.

Both he and his wife have been active in the ministers and laymen's organization of the Eastern District of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Rev. Mr. Cox serving as chairman of the group and his wife serving as district secretary for ten years.

Rev. and Mrs. Cox say that "Randolph County people have been so kind to us" and this has been particularly evident in the church which they have served for the past ten years. Many times the people of their church have presented them with substantial gifts, especially when the time came to purchase a new car.

At one time during their ministry here the church also sponsored the minister on a missionary venture to Haiti where he spent fourteen days.

Business and professional people of Asheboro have also been very kind to them, according to Rev. and Mrs. Cox, who in speaking of Asheboro say "we feel like it is home." This feeling is also shared by their four children, Virgil, 15, Blanche, 13, Ruth, 9, and Thomas, 2 1/2, who regret very much to leave Asheboro to make their home elsewhere.

Last Jan. Mrs. Cox, with the assistance of her husband, served as Mother's March Chairman for the Asheboro area in 1964 March of Dimes and rendered outstanding service in the conduct of this drive

Final worship services for the Rev. Leroy C. Cox at the First Wesleyan Methodist Church in Asheboro will be next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and the next Sunday evening

at 7:30. It is expected that the family will move from Asheboro on the following Tuesday.

Although Leroy Cox is only 36 years of age, he has served in Asheboro longer than any other minister who is here at the present time, with the exception of one. When he leaves next week, his church, and the city as well, will miss his genial presence, his kindly demeanor and his willingness to be of service.

Polio Patients Recall Devotion Of Hospital Staff At Picnic Outing

July 30, 1964 - Ten former staff members of the polio hospital in Greensboro were present at the third annual picnic outing of former patients at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital Sunday afternoon for a period of fellowship and a time of reminiscence with the people with whom they were associated.

These former staff members were introduced to the picnic gathering, which was held at the home of polio - patient Clendon Richardson, Route 4, Asheboro. By Ralph L. Bulla, local national Foundation chairman, as "people who had given of their time and energy beyond the line of duty."

A close attachment was formed between staff members and polio patients during the years of the operation of the polio hospital and staff members and nurses seemingly rendered their services in love, kindness and devotion with out regard to the monetary compensation which they received.

Their interest has continued even after the dissolution of the hospital and the loss of their jobs, as staff members and nurses attend regularly the polio picnic and make other contacts with the patients they formerly served.

Present for the annual picnic Sunday were Ted Cope, administrator; Miss Pauline Kinney, director of nurses, nurses Mrs. Ted Cope, Miss Bertie Willis, Miss Ethel Earnhardt, and Mrs. John O'Brien; nurse's aid Mrs. Daisy May; Miss Thelma Myers, bookkeeper; Miss Hazel Dean, nurse and X-ray technician; and Miss Thelma Lloyd, secretary.

Greetings were read from Harry A. Doll, prominent Greensboro resident, who devoted much time to the building of equipment which was used in the rehabilitatory efforts of the polio patients.

Clendon Richardson and Larry Winecoff, who were patients together at the polio hospital, served as co-chairmen for the picnic outing last Sunday.

Named to assist them in the planning for next year's picnic, to be held at Tanglewood Park near Winston-Salem, were Miss Betty Hatcher and Dewey E. Wall, also former patients at the Greensboro hospital.

Other former patients present for last Sunday's outing were Mrs. Lucy Henderson, Miss Debra Madren, Mrs. John S. Higgins, Jackie Bost, Gerald Murchinson, Mrs. Forest Hockenberry, Sherrill Yow, Harry Honbarger, Miss Peggy Fisher, Miss Sarah Redding, and Bob Kuettnner.

A sumptuous picnic supper was spread on tables which had been set up on the beautiful lawn of the Richardson residence. Besides Clendon, hosts for this phase of the gathering also included his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richardson and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Richardson.

After the supper had been served, Larry Winecoff, co-chairman, and two friends, Ray Petrea and Ronald

Reading furnished music with two electric guitars and one steel guitar with Miss Betty Hatcher as soloist.

But mainly the afternoon and evening was spent in the renewal of friendships, the exchange of experiences since discharged from the polio hospital, and a great deal of reminiscing about the days when they were all together at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro.

Laughter rang out often and conversations was predominant as staff members, nurses, patients, family members and friends got together for the third annual polio picnic.

Those in attendance included Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, Staley; Mrs. Lucy Henderson, Billy Ray Langley, Mrs. Carrie Langley, Patsy and Louise Langley, Route 1, Staley; Miss Betty Hatcher and Herman Mills, Draper; Marvin B. Madren, Jr. and daughter, Debra, Reidsville; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Renigar, Ralph L. Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Redding and daughter, Sarah, and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hamilton, Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Richardson and children, Clendon Richardson, Raymond Richardson, Mrs. Will Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton King and sons, Gary and Tony, Route 4, Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Winecoff, Larry Winecoff, Ray Petrea, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hockenberry, and Don Hockenberry, Kannapolis.

Also, Mrs. Martha Watson, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Fisher and Miss Peggy Fisher, Salisbury; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Honbarger and Mrs. D. W. Honbarger, Route 7, Salisbury; Ronald Reading, Concord; Mr. and Mrs. John S. Higgins, Mrs. Ruth Bell, Miss Bertie Willis, Miss Ethel Earnhardt, Miss Hazel Dean, Miss Thelma Myers, Miss Thelma Lloyd, Mrs. Daisy May, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cope and children, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bost and son, Jackie, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Ruthe Murchison and son, Gerald, Route 2, Liberty and Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Yow and children, Route 2, Trinity.

Also, Dewey E. Wall, James E. Stevens and Richard Austin, Winston - Salem; Miss Pauline Kinney, Burlington; Mrs. Elizateth Kuettner and son, Bob Kuettner, Raleigh; and Mrs. Helen Burgess, Miss Rebecca Griffin and Miss Reba Hatley Locust; and Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien and children, Margaret and Jimmy, Route 2, Brown Summit.

Franklinville Bible Class Observes Its 54th Year; Honors Teacher Too

Aug. 6, 1964 - A dual celebration was held by members of the Philathea Bible Class of Franklinville Methodist Church Saturday evening, Aug. 1, in the assembly rooms of the church.

First part of the dual event was a banquet and program celebrating the 54th anniversary of the class, with the latter part of the program being devoted to the honoring of the class teacher, Miss Laura Sumner.

Five charter members of the class, Mrs. Sudie Maner, Franklinville, Mrs. Mamie Elkins Miller, Asheboro, Mrs. Glenn Trogdon Williamson, Franklinville, Mrs. Leanna Hobson Trogdon, Asheboro, and Mrs. Ollie Maner Craven, Franklinville, were present to participate in the anniversary observance.

Other living charter members who were unable to be present are Miss Ellie Martindale, Miss Mattie Buie, Mrs. Mary Stuart Council, Mrs. Hattie Martindale Sorrell, Mrs. Ula Jones Brookbanks, and Mrs. Florence Tippet Ellison.

Deceased charter members, for whom a memorial service was held during the program, were Miss Isa Fentriss, Miss Nannie Jones, Mrs. Lula Elkins Slack, Mrs. Pearl Hare Ferree, Miss Bessie Martindale, Mrs. Mabel Steele Dove, Mrs. Bessie Cox Moore, and Mrs. Sula Dove Parks.

Another name, Miss Pearl Fields, was on the original charter list of the class but no information was available concerning her.

Before the members of the Philathea class and their guests partook of the bountiful buffet supper, the group was welcomed by Miss Lucy Welch, class president, with the thanks for the meal being rendered by Hugh Maner, son of W. D. Maner, who for many years was the teacher of the class.

Class members and guests included many former members of the class, assembled in the church sanctuary for the anniversary observance and were joined by other members of the church congregation for the program.

Mrs. Ethel G. Cox conducted the program, with the class teacher, Miss Laura Sumner, giving the address of welcome.

Miss Sumner recalled the earlier days of the class which was "enclosed by the red curtain in the old church" which was located northwest of the present church building at the site of the cemetery, Miss Sumner, in referring to Saturday evening's celebration, said "this occasion will echo in our memories for years to come."

The five charter members, who were present, wearing corsages of white carnations presented to them by the class, were then escorted to seats of honor within the pulpit chancel by Miss Welch, the class president.

Brief addresses in their honor were made by Mrs. Reid Thomas and Mrs. Russell Grose.

The memorial service for the deceased charter members of the class and the three former teachers of the class, Miss Isa Fentriss, George Russell and W. D. Maner, also deceased, was opened by the reading of the Twenty-third Psalm by Miss Sumner, the fourth and present teacher of the class.

Tall white candles, surrounding an open Bible, were lighted in memory of those who were formerly a part of the Philathea Bible Class of the Franklinville Methodist Church.

Participating in the lighting of the candles and offering the tributes of respect were Mrs. Dorothy Grose for Miss Nannie Jones; Mrs. Mamie Elkins Miller for her sister, Mrs. Lula Elkins Slack; Mrs. Ethel Keene for Mrs. Pearl Hare Ferree; Mrs. Doris Smith for her aunt, Miss Bessie Martindale; Mrs. Thelma Grimes for her sister, Mrs. Mabel Steele Dove; Mrs. Lottie Husband for her aunt, Mrs. Bessie Cox Moore; Mrs. Gertrude Cheek for Mrs. Sula Dove Parks; Mrs. Forest Cox for Miss Pearl Fields; Mrs. Ollie Craven for Miss Isa Fentriss; Mrs. Margaret Williams for her uncle, George Russell; and Hugh Maner for his father, W. D. Maner.

The memorial service which brought sadness and memories of former days to many of those participating, was closed with prayer by Miss Sumner and a duet rendition of "How Great Thou Art" by Mr. and Mrs. Coy Chandler.

Altar flowers, consisting of red and white carnations, were provided by E. C. Routh in memory of his wife, Mrs. E. C. Routh, who was for a number of years a member of the class.

Miss Laura Sumner, teacher of the Philathea Bible Class since 1949, was surprised by the honors which were extended to her at the conclusion of the 54th anniversary observance of the class.

Those participating in this phase of the evening's program were Mrs. Anna M. Brady, Miss Lucy Welch, Mrs. Forest Cox, Mrs. Gertrude Cheek, Mrs. Lula Jones and Miss Katherine Buie.

Following the tributes of love and devotion which were heaped upon this esteemed teacher and Franklinville citizen, she was presented with a book of poems, "For-get-Me-Knots of Love," by Rev. Wade R. Bustle, church pastor, as a gift from the class.

An orchid corsage, presented also by the members of the class, had been pinned on her earlier by her niece, Mrs. (Elizabeth) Sanders, of Greensboro.

With the honors to Miss Sumner concluded, the entire congregation adjourned to the fellowship rooms of the church for refreshments.

Former members of the Philathea class in attendance at the anniversary celebration were Thelma Grimes, Lucy Davidson, Dora Allred, Ada Trogdon, Minnie J. Miller, Leanna Trogdon, Glenn Williamson, and Thelma Cox.

Members comprising the present class roster are Mrs. Anna Brady, Mrs. Foline Morton, Miss Lucy Welch, Mrs. Floy Allred, Mrs. Lois Vestal, Mrs. Myrtle Burke, Mrs. Ethel Cox, Mrs. Lillian Thomas, Mrs. Thelma Tippet, Mrs. Forest Cox, Mrs. Ruth Brower, Mrs. Lizzie Gatlin, Mrs. Ruth Jones, Miss Eula Brower and Mrs. Mattie Thomas.

Also, Mrs. Lula Jones, Mrs. Ann Wallace, Mrs. Vesta Bustle, Mrs. Ruby Robbins, Mrs. Ethel Keene, Mrs. Gertrude Cheek, Mrs. May Pilkenton, Mrs. Mamie Callicutt Mrs. Lillian Presnell, Miss Katherine Julian, Mrs. Lottie Husband, Mrs. Ollie Craven, Mrs. Sudie Maner.

The past combined with the present in the observance of the 54th anniversary of the Philathea Bible Class at the Franklinville Methodist Church. Charter members and former members joined with the present class membership in making the occasion a memorable one in the life and history of not only the class itself but the entire church as well.

Randolph Woman President Of Newlin Family Assoc.

Aug. 6, 1964 - Members of the Newlin family in Randolph County joined other family members for the fourth annual reunion of the Southeastern Newlin Association at Spring Friends Meeting House near Snow Camp Sunday, Aug. 2.

A Randolph County member of the family, Emily D. Pugh, Route 1, Sophia, was elected president of the reunion organization for the forthcoming year 1964-65.

Her mother, Hessie Newlin Davis, also of Route 1, Sophia, participated in the unveiling of a memorial plaque to James and Deborah Lindley Newlin and their children in the cemetery at Spring Friends Meeting House at the close of the reunion session Sunday afternoon.

James Newlin, oldest son of John and Mary Pyle Newlin, ancestors of the Newlin family in North Carolina, was a brother of Nathaniel Newlin, great-grandfather of Hessie Newlin Davis.

John and Mary Pyle Newlin come to North Carolina in 1767 from Concord, Pa., and settled about two miles from the site of Spring Friends Meeting House.

Later, due to the question of slavery in the south, some of the Newlins went out west and settled in Illinois and Indiana.

One of the family members planning to go west was Joseph Newlin, clerk of the Spring Friends Monthly Meeting, son of Nathaniel Newlin and grandson of John and Mary Pyle Newlin.

But Joseph Newlin was married to a Randolph County girl, Ruth Farlow, and it is said that her family ties were so strong that she persuaded Joseph Newlin to remain and settle in the Marlboro-Sophia area from which the Randolph County Newlins have originated.

Joseph Newlin was the grandfather of Hessie Newlin Davis, who participated in the unveiling of the monument Sunday afternoon, and her sister, Hettie Newlin, who resides with her, and was also the great-grandfather of Jack Newlin of Danville, Va., former Randleman resident, who served as president of the Southeastern Newlin Association last year.

Spring Friends meeting was founded in 1793 and derived its name from a spring which is located on the meeting house grounds. However, the meeting was established twenty years earlier and worshipped under the care of the Cane Creek Meeting until its organization in 1793.

In addition to being located in the proximity of historic Cane Creek Meeting House, Spring Friends Meeting is also not far from Chatham Friends Meeting House.

But it was at West Grove Conservative Friends Meeting, presided over by that distinguished Conservative Minister, Harvey Newlin, brother of Dr. A. I. Newlin, professor of history at Guilford College that this reporter worshipped Sunday morning.

The Meeting House was built along simple lines but yet was a substantial structure. The division of rooms, one for the men and one for the women, followed the earlier structures of the Friends movement and there were the benches for the ministers and the elders which faced the others.

The benches were padded and were comfortable and there was a carpet on the floor. There were no pictures or ornaments on the walls except for the simple designed Friends calendar.

Worship procedures follow the Conservative practice of allowing time for periods of meditation and it was following one of these periods that the meeting was dismissed by the traditional handshake of the ministers and the elders.

At the Conservative Meeting was Burton Newlin, so of Harvey Newlin, who is married to the former Daphne Allen, of the Holly Springs area in Randolph County, and David Newlin, nephew of Harvey Newlin, who is married to the former Dixie Byrd, also of the Holly Springs area.

Farmer's Senior Citizens Are Paid Honor At Supper

Aug. 13, 1964 - Fifty or more people were present for a buffet supper at the Farmer Grange Hall Saturday evening in honor of the senior citizens of the Farmer community.

The supper was sponsored by members of the Farmers Home Demonstration Club, of which Mrs. Charles Bescher is the president, Mrs. Herbert Kearns, vice president, presided over the Saturday evening meeting.

Among members of senior group in attendance were R. P. Copple, Route 2, Denton, age 83, Mrs. Essie Delk, High Point, age 82, Worth Lowe, Route 3, Asheboro, age 82,

and Carl Nance, Route 2, Denton, age 80. Mr. Copple received a prize for being the oldest person in attendance.

Also receiving a prize were Mr. and Mrs. Carson Cranford, Route 2, Denton, who have been married for 53 years, longer than any other couple present at the senior citizen party.

A special guest in attendance was Mrs. Zettie Hill Tucker, of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro, formerly Mrs. Lineberry Hill, whose husband was a merchant and Postmaster at Farmer about 35 years ago.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith, of Lexington, parents of Rev. C. Bryce Smith, pastor of the Farmer Charge of the Methodist Church, who was speaker at the occasion honoring the older citizens of the Farmer community.

The Methodist minister, pastor of the Farmer, New Hope, Oak Grove, Salem and Mt. Taber Methodist churches, spoke from the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes and offered prayer at the conclusion of his remarks.

A quartet of singers from the Pleasant Union Christian Church composed of Judy Fields, Peggy Snider, Ellen Trotter and Betty Snider, with Gerrelene McDowell as pianist, sang "It's Different Now" and "The touch of his Hand."

Lighter entertainment was provided by Elsie Bailey and his seven year-old daughter, Cynthia, buck dancers, with assistance from their baby son and brother, Niles, age 15 months.

The delicious meal consisted of different varieties of food, including many desserts and beverages of iced tea and apple cider.

Serve Entire Family

Aug. 20, 1964 – A muskmelon, weighing slightly over 22 pounds, has been produced by Paul E. York, Route 3, Randleman textile worker.

This muskmelon tops by two and one half pounds the cantaloupe grown by D. Webb Swain, Pleasant Garden whose picture, along with his product, appeared in Saturday's issue of the Greensboro Daily News.

York, who has grown muskmelons for several years on a small basis and for his home use, cut one a few days previously which weighed 17 pounds.

The 22 pound melon, belonging to the banana variety and colored a pretty yellow, is 14 inches long and 32 inches around.

It was grown in newly culvated soil and at first it looked as if the melons were going to perish in the dry weather but recent rains have brought them along and produced the 22 pounder which Mr. York says is the largest he has ever grown.

According to the producer of this large melon, no special attention was given to it. The large melon just grew along in the patch with the others.

York lives with his wife and mother, Mrs. Ida York, at their old homeplace a short distance from Central Falls. Although old, the place is beautifully landscaped with various trees, plants and flowers and especially impressive is the old sycamore tree which is located in the back yard.

Her 78th Birthday Brings Them Together

Aug. 20, 1964 – The 78th birthday celebration of Mrs. Ollie Gordon Hinshaw brought her family of six children together for the first time in over eleven years.

The celebration was held at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Fred (Dorothy) Small, Route 3, Randleman, in the Level Cross community, with whom Mrs. Hinshaw has resided since 1952.

Her other children are Mrs. Paul (Emily) Gray, Route 1, Randleman, Mrs. Ruth H. Spence, Homestead, Fla., Mrs. Vance (Cathey) Greeson, Route 1, Burlington, Mrs. Edith H. Bescher, Miami, Fla. and A. Buryl Hinshaw, Graham.

It was at Christmas 1962 that the family were last together at the same time until the birthday celebration of last Sunday.

Mrs. Hinshaw, a native of Guilford County, is the widow of Adam Brower Hinshaw.

Besides her six children, she has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Included among the family members present for her birthday celebration were her two sisters, Mrs. Ella Bell and Mrs. Faye Jackson, both of Greensboro. A brother, Lawrence E. Gordon, of Johnson City, Tenn., was not present.

A special guest for the occasion was Reggie Johnson, student minister and summer worker for the Level Cross, New Salem and Worthville Methodist churches.

Moody Family, Numbering Over 200 Gather At North Asheboro At Reunion

Aug. 20, 1964 – Members of the Alfred Moody family, approximately 200 strong, converged on the North Asheboro community Sunday, Aug. 16, for the first reunion of that family group.

The family reunion, scheduled for the home of Charlie Moody, was held instead in the fellowship hall at the Balfour Baptist Church because of, the inclement weather.

Rev. John W. Woody, pastor of the church, was present to offer thanks for the buffet dinner which was provided and prepared by members of the Moody family.

Ernest Moody, grandson of the late Alfred Moody, was in charge of the arrangements for the family gathering, assisted by his cousin, Mrs. Lela Mae Moody Carter.

Upon the permanent organization of the group, Ernest Moody was elected president and Mrs. Carter secretary and treasurer, Everett Moody was named vice president of the reunion organization.

Alfred L. Moody, a native of Moore County, came to Randolph County 57 years ago. After coming here, he lived mainly in the North Asheboro area.

He was twice married, first to Jane Stutts and next to Louisa Chriscoe. He died in 1924 and was buried at what is now the cemetery of the Union Grove Baptist Church.

Seven children were born to the first union, two of whom, Frank Moody and Melissa Moody Ridge, are dead.

The other children belonging to the first set of children are William Moody, Elzie Moody, Charlie Moody, Misha (Mish) McNeill and Missouri Way.

Nine children, all of whom are living, were born to the second union. They are Dwight, Gurney, Wade, Eugene and Clifford Moody, Fannie Roberts, Ida Teague, Ina Bulla and Ara Brower.

All living children of Alfred Moody were present at the family reunion except Eugene Moody, who lives in Greensboro, and Wade Moody, of Washington, D. C.

Out of the community people present for the family event were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moody and children, Denise, Derise, Clifford and Bret, of Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Wade

Moody and children, Wade, Jr. and Deborah, Washington D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Curtis and children, Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer and children, Mrs. Ruth Shaw; Mrs. Bessie Daniels, Mrs. Ammie Williams, Mrs. Ann Burrows and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Walker and children, of Randleman.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Way and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker, Jr. of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemmons and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilkes and daughter, of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper and Mrs. Jerry Don Cooper of Archdale, Petty Officer Third Class and Mrs. Johnny Moody of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stanley and children of Trinity, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Saintsing and daughter of Thomasville, Donald Way, Kernersville, Mrs. Jack Henson and children, Siler City, Mrs. Millie Spencer, of Moore County, and Mrs. Louise Vona and Mrs. Fannie Roberts, of High Point.

It was decided to hold the next reunion on the third Sunday in Aug. at the home of Charlie Moody.

Some Good Summer Eating

Aug. 27, 1964 – A giant watermelon, weighing fifty six and one half pounds, has been grown by David Powell, a retired garment factory worker residing at 306 Stout St. in Randleman.

In addition to the large watermelon, other melons weighing 50, 47, 41, 38 and 34 and one half pounds, have also come from Mr. Powell's patch which contained approximately 75 hills.

David Powell, a native of the Plainfield community, grew watermelons in the earlier years of his life but had not planted any for several years until last summer when he grew melons weighing 15 to 20 pounds.

The seed which he planted last summer and this year also came from a packet of seed which the family procured by sending an additional one cent with another order of seed which was being purchased.

The order of seed came from a Giant Jumble Packet and the watermelon seed which were included were named Dixie Queen. Seed for this year's planting came from the melons which were grown last summer.

Planted in Apr. of this year, the watermelon plants made great progress after the rains came later in the season, there was no special attention given to the watermelon patch, as it was allowed to grow in a normal course.

The large melons which have come out of the small patch are round, perfectly formed and striped.

Sharing interest with Mr. Powell in the large melons which he has raised are Mrs. Powell, the former Louella Allred, and his two granddaughters, Elaine, 8 and Annette, 5.

Mrs. Poole Paid Honor By Family

Aug. 27, 1964 – The family of Mrs. Dovie Pierce Poole, consisting of six daughters, one son, 26 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, honored her Sunday on the occasion of her 86th birthday.

Many members of her family were present for the birthday occasion, including all of her seven children, namely, D. C. Poole, Mrs. Bernice Maness and Mrs. Nannie Skeen, Route 2, Asheboro, Mrs. Ione James, Route 1, Kernersville, Mrs. Clyde Trotter, Route 5, Asheboro, Mrs. Lula Coltrane, Asheboro, and Mrs. Mettie Lovell, Robbins.

The birthday celebration, which is an annual event, was held at the home of Mrs. Skeen, a short distance across the way from the homeplace to which Mrs. Poole came as the bride of the late Dougan C. (Doug) Poole approximately 68 years ago.

She came originally from the Jackson Creek community where a brother, Oscar Pierce, Route 2, Denton, still resides. She also has a sister, Mrs. Abigail Andrews, Route 2, Asheboro. Neither her brother or sister were able to come to the birthday celebration Sunday.

However, a brother-in-law, Little Joe Poole, and his wife and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Robbins, were in attendance.

From 75 to 100 people came to the birthday celebration which took the form of a picnic dinner, Mrs. George Poole invoked the blessing for the meal and Miss Delena Kay Hussey, accompanying herself on an accordion, sang a specially improvised version of "Happy Birthday."

Mrs. Poole is a member of the West Chapel Methodist Church, located in the community in which she has lived for so many years. her husband died nine years ago.

Grays Chapel LL, Pony League Kids Honored By Sponsoring Lions Club

Aug. 27, 1964 – Members of the Grays Chapel Little League and Pony League baseball teams were honored by their sponsor, the Grays Chapel Lions Club, at a cook-out supper on the school grounds.

Hamburgers and hot dogs were prepared by members of the Lions Club and served to the young boys who were in attendance.

Both Little League and Pony league teams at Grays Chapel are a part of the Deep River Leagues.

The Little League team has been in existence for Six years but a member of the Deep River League for four years. The team was started through the interest and support of the Grays Chapel Lions Club which is now supporting both the Little League and Pony League teams.

The latter team was started three years ago as a team source for Little League boys who aged out of that playing group.

The Little League team at Grays Chapel has only lost six league games in three seasons. Their overall record for this past season was 16 games won and 3 games lost. Their league record this year was 14 games won and 2 lost.

The Pony League team has a record of 32 games won and 8 games lost for the past three years. Their record this past year was 8 wins and 4 losses.

Curtis Coble was coach of the Little League team, with John Nixon as his assistant. Clifford Williams was coach of the Pony League team.

Williams, a former teacher in the Grays Chapel School, has come back since leaving the school, to coach the boys of Pony League age.

Members of the Little League team are Charles Snider, pitcher; Andy White, 2nd base; Gary Haithcock, catcher; Wayne Craven, short stop; Edward Fields, first base; Terry Sheppard, outfield; Dean Nixon, outfield; Isaac Bottoms, outfield; Allen Kerns, outfield, Richard Whitaker, outfield; Kenneth Nelson, 2nd Base; Robert Cox, 3rd base; Dan Routh, centerfield; Ronald Fields 2nd base; and Joey Parries, 3rd base.

Members of the Pony League team are Bill Routh catcher and outfield; Mike Routh, 3rd base; Frank Jones shortstop

and pitcher; Mike Thomas, 2nd base; Mike Nixon on first base and pitcher; Gary Routh, outfield; Donald Routh outfield; Jimmy Lowdermilk, outfield; Daryl Garrison, outfield; Ronnie Harrell, pitcher; Ronnie Jenkins catcher and outfield; Gary Garner, outfield; and Tommy Waugh, 2nd base.

Four boys, Gary Routh, Bill Routh, Mike Nixon and Mike Routh, were named to the all-star team of the Deep River Pony League teams and four boys also, Charles Snider, Andy White, Gary Haithcock and Wayne Craven were named to the all-star team of the Little League teams of the same league.

Serving as president of the Grays Chapel Lions Club and in charge of the cook out supper of last Saturday night was Bruce Pugh.

Hancock Family Reunites At Union Grove Church

Aug. 27, 1964 – The Union Grove Baptist Church was the site of the Hancock reunion Sunday, Aug. 23, beginning at 12:30 a. m.

However, many members of the Hancock family arrived early and attended services at the church where Rev. Clarence Jenkins is the pastor.

Entertainment for the reunion was provided by the Royal Quartet of Charlotte and these singers also were present for the morning service at the Union Grove Church.

Howard Hancock, a family member from Charlotte, presided over the reunion gathering in his capacity as president and he was assisted by Dan Hancock of Durham, vice president and Miss Clara McNeill, of Greensboro and Route 2, Seagrove, secretary and treasurer. All of these officers were reelected in the business session which followed the picnic luncheon on the church grounds.

A committee on food and table arrangements consisted of Mrs. Maggie Presnell, Mrs. Lula Page, Mrs. Barbara Spencer, Mrs. Mary Saylor, Mrs. Doshia Hancock and Mrs. Ada Hancock.

Serving on the welcome or greeting committee were Mrs. Margie Hancock, Mrs. Doris Hancock, Mrs. Quinn Hancock, Mrs. Betty Culp, Mrs. Ruth Hancock and Mrs. Irene Hancock.

Prior to the luncheon, brief remarks and prayer was offered by the Union Grove pastor and the visiting quartet sang "The Glad Reunion Day."

A memorial service was held for Mrs. Mary McNeill and Mrs. Myrtie Hancock, family members who had passed away during the past year.

A Bible was presented to Mrs. Fannie Lyles who had the largest number of children and grandchildren in attendance at the annual event.

Flowers wre presented to 82 year – old Neubie Hancock, of Leesburg, S. C., for being the oldest member of the family present and to Ralph Hancock, Gloucester City, N. J. who traveled the greatest distance to attend the family reunion.

Out of state people in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Mac Rowell and Mrs. Charlie Hancock, of St. Matthews, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hancock and sons and Mrs. Earl Blevins of Gloucester City, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Neubie Hancock, of Leesburg, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hancock

of Saluda, S. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hancock of Gilbert, S. C.

Willard Browns Paid Honor Here After Fifty Years Of Marriage

Sep. 10, 1964 – Willard and Susie Brown, both natives of Randolph County, were honored Sundry, Sept. 6, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The anniversary celebration occurred at their home at 338 Chestnut St. in Asheboro, where they have lived for the past 27 years.

Hosts and hostesses for the most enjoyable occasion were their two sons, Ted and Joe Brown, Asheboro, and their four daughters, Mrs. Marshall (Lucille) Blake, Route 2 Randleman, Mrs. George (Frances) Davis, Asheboro and the twin daughters, Mrs. Jimmy (Bonnie) Groce, Randleman, and Mrs. Frank (Betty) Lennon, Asheboro.

One hundred and fifty or more people called during the appointed hours from 2 to 5 p.m. and afterwards to extend felicitations and best wishes to this couple who were married fifty years ago on the same date.

Out of town guests were from Frederick, Md., Emmanus, Pa., Monroe, Greensboro, Carthage, Ramseur and Randleman.

Among those in attendance were Mrs. Brown's only living sister, Mrs. Mamie Cooper, of Carthage, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Elliott Way, of Asheboro, and Mr. Brown's 96 year-old uncle, Carson Brown, who resides with a daughter, Mrs. Rupert Trollinger, in Asheboro.

The honored couple and their children greeted the guests who were registered in a guest book by Mrs. Ted Brown.

They were served with white and gold cake squares, punch, mints and nuts by Mrs. Ruth Shirley, a niece of Mr. Brown, and her daughter, Janice, assisted by Mrs. Grace Cox and Mrs. Jo Watson.

A beautifully decorated white and gold wedding cake with three tiers and a miniature bride and groom was placed on the dining room table which was covered with a white linen cloth over gold. A centerpiece of white mums, yellow astors, yellow rosebuds and greenery was flanked by gold candleholders with lighted gold tapers.

James Willard Brown, 76 years of age, was born in Randleman, the son of Joe H. Brown and Martha (Matt) Roberson Brown. One sister, Bessie Brown Shirley, is now deceased.

Willard's father was a cotton mill worker and a grist mill operator and due to these occupations the family lived in several places, including Greensboro, the Sandy Creek mill near Liberty, the Daniel Nance mill on Uwharrie and the Andrews mill on Back Creek.

Willard himself helped his father at the grist mills, worked in the cotton mill, where he first began at the age of 9 for 25 cents a day, and in later years became a painter.

Susie Janette Kinney, now 68 years of age, was born in Grant Township, about a mile from Spoon's Chapel church. Her parents were William Kinney and Liza Ann McPherson Kinney. Two sisters and a brother are deceased.

She attended the one-teacher school at Bethel, a small building with a fireplace, and remembers that two of her teachers were Will Smith and Fred Glass.

At the time of their marriage, Willard was living in Randleman and Susie at the home in which she was born. They were married at the home of the officiating magistrate, Chesley Ingold.

When the couple arrived at the home of the magistrate about 10 o'clock on that Sunday morning of fifty years ago, they discovered that he was attending preaching services which were being held at the Faigrove School, located nearby. Susie's cousin, John Wesley (Wes) Allred was doing the preaching.

So, the couple went on to preaching themselves and followed the magistrate back to his home where they were married sitting in the buggy in which Willard had come down from Randleman that morning and in which he carried his bride to the wedding site.

Witnesses to the wedding were Alson and Emily Humble, father-in-law and mother-in-law of the officiating magistrate. A group from the meeting at the schoolhouse arrived after the couple had already gone. Actually, that was the reason they had remained in the buggy, so as to escape the oncoming guests.

Even though she sat in the buggy for her marriage vows, the bride's wedding finery of a half of a century ago included a white taffeta dress with an overskirt of lace, a white hat and shoes. The bride, with the assistance of an aunt, made the dress which she wore on her wedding day fifty years ago.

Following their wedding, the couple went back to the meeting grounds which they had attended earlier in the morning, then spent the night with the bride's parents and on the next day went to Randleman where they lived for 23 years.

But after Susie became employed at McCrary Hosiery Mills, the family moved to Asheboro where they have lived since Susie remained in the employment of the McCrary mill for nearly thirty years, retiring five years ago last month. She acquired many friends during the years of her employment at the local mill.

Since her retirement, she has been engaged in sewing for members of her family, as well as for the general public. She learned to sew at the age of 11 years.

However, she did not make the blue crepe dress, with which she wore black accessories and a corsage of yellow rosebuds for her golden wedding anniversary.

In addition to their six children, Willard and Susie Brown also include 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren among the members of their immediate family and it was these descendants, along with other relatives, friends and neighbors who came to honor them on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

A Special Event At Ramseur Church: Organ Used For First Time Sunday

Sep. 10, 1964 – Homecoming at Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church Sunday, Sept. 6, took on special significance due to the installation of a new piano and organ for the sanctuary of the church building.

The two instruments, representing an expenditure of approximately \$14,000, were used for the first time in the annual homecoming service.

The service also brought to an end the campaign for funds with which to purchase the musical instruments. The \$600 collection in the Sunday school hour enabled the church to go over the top in the amount of money which was needed to finish paying for the piano and organ.

It was about a year ago that the official board of the church authorized the purchase of a piano and organ for the church sanctuary and asked the youth group of the

church, the Ramseur Pilgrim Youth Society, to assume the initiative in raising the funds for the purchase.

The youth committee seeking pledges and donations for the instruments was headed by Miss Lillie Lineberry and had as its members the entire membership of the youth group. Jack Welborn was serving as president of the Ramseur Pilgrim youth Society at the time the drive began.

The committee from the official board supervising the purchase was composed of the church pastor, Rev. R. J. Hobbs, Mrs. Howard Moody and Elmer Fesmire.

Funds for the purchase came from regular church funds, pledges and donations from individual members of the church congregation and donations from business places in Ramseur and Asheboro and from individuals in those places and elsewhere.

This was the first organ to be purchased by the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church.

A large crowd, comprised of members of the church congregation, former members of the congregation and citizens of the town of Ramseur, attended the annual homecoming service.

Rev. R. J. Hobbs, the church pastor, presided over the service and Rev. H. B. Barger of Salisbury, a former pastor, was the guest speaker for the homecoming occasion.

Rev. Mr. Barger, now 77 years old and retired, served as pastor of the church at two different times and retired from active ministry upon the completion of his last year at the church in 1960.

Another former pastor, 78 year old Rev. W. A. Way of Greensboro, was present for the occasion and offered the Morning Prayer. Still another former pastor, Rev. Roy Phillips of Kernersville, arrived in time for the picnic dinner which was spread under the trees on the parsonage lawn,

Other ministers in attendance for all or part of the homecoming events were Rev. James Newell, local minister, and Rev. Preston Hughes, pastor at Ramseur's Jordan Memorial Methodist Church.

Forbis Kivett, a student at Asbury Theological Seminary, whose father is George Kivett, choir director at the church, was present and served as guest soloist for the morning service.

Special singing for the Sunday School service was rendered by a trio, composed of Mrs. Elmer Fesmire, Mrs. Fred Burgess and Mrs. Paul Scott.

Miss Rachel Hudson served as guest organist for the homecoming service, with Mrs. Howard Moody, regular pianist at the piano. Regular organist for the church is Miss Mary Kivett.

Chancel flowers were presented by Miss Lelia Welborn in memory of her sister, Mrs. Esther Welborn Kinney, by Mrs. Dorothy Fesmire in memory of her brother, Raymond York, and by Mrs. Hattie Hudson in memory of her mother, Mrs. Cora York.

The only living charter member of the church, Mrs. Mamie Stout, was present for the homecoming service.

Businessmen In Ramseur Campaign To Buy New Bus

Sep. 14, 1964 – Plans for the purchase of a new activity bus for the Ramseur school were outlined at an enthusiastic meeting of the Ramseur Business Mens Club last Thursday evening.

In a dinner meeting at Melvin's Drive In Restaurant, details concerning a hootenanny, a womanless wedding and other proposals for fund raising were announced to the large group of business and industrial leaders who were present for the meeting.

Efforts to raise an estimated \$8,000 for the activity bus project will be spearheaded by a seven man committee composed of Fred M. McDonald, chairman, Page Craven, Elvin C. Cox, Arthur A. Gant, Carl Anderson, Joe Moore and Odell H. Parker.

Leading the discussion at Thursday evening's meeting was committee chairman McDonald who outlined in details the work of the committee in its fund raising task.

In addition to the hootenanny and womanless wedding, which will be held in the Ramseur High School auditorium on Nov. 13, letters are going out soliciting money for the project.

One letter has already been mailed to the business firms and industrial plants in the Ramseur vicinity and another letter is in process of being mailed to all of the families in the Ramseur school district.

The proposed new bus, seating 46 people, would replace a 1952 model which is presently owned by the school and is judged beyond repair by school authorities.

It is hoped by the sponsoring group that the new bus can be ordered by the first of the year or shortly thereafter and can be put into use for the latter part of the school year.

The budget of \$8,000 which has been established as the necessary amount needed, includes in addition to the purchase of the activity bus, enough money for the erection of a garage in which to house it.

It is estimated that the bus, including chassis and body, will cost \$5,200.

Although complete details of the hootenanny and womanless wedding have not been worked out, it is announced that various musical groups will participate in the Nov. 13 event. Admission price has been set at \$1.00 for adults and fifty cents for students. The program will begin at 8 p.m.

This activity bus project by the Ramseur Businessmen's Club is in keeping with the original purpose of the club, which was "to foster closer relationship between business and further community development".

Organized at the first of this year by the business and manufacturing elements of the town of Ramseur, the club has as its officers the following; president, Kermit Pell; vice president, Carl Anderson; secretary and treasure, Bill Bridges.

A board of directors is composed of three representatives from the manufacturing plants and four representatives from the business firms in Ramseur.

From manufacturing, the directors are Sam Rankin, Julian Brady and Fred Thomas, and from business, the directors are Dr. C. A. Graham, Pep Watkins, Grady Lawson and Bob Allen

Membership in club includes Sam Rankin, Lester Boger, Henry Jordan, Carl Bimbo, Adolph Kowell, H. L. Loffin, C. A. Graham, C. R. Whitehead, Bill Wright, A. C. Blackard, Jr. Bob Stout, H. W. York, Elvin Cox, Allen Leonard, E. A. Cox, Bob Pate, J. E. Rains, Pep Watkins, E. V. Mace, Sam Kimrey, Grady Lawson and Claude Hardin.

Also, Melvin Wright, Ray Gilliland, C. T. Hardin, J. T. Brady, Ed Parks, Arthur Gant, Julian Brady, Kermit Pell, Carl Anderson, Fred Thomas, Joe Moore, David Williams,

Page Craven, Cecil King, Nathan Murray, William E. Bridges, Fred McDonald, Wade Montgomery, inactive, and John C. Bunch.

Shades Of Florida Sun

Sep. 14, 1964 – A four foot, ten inch tall lemon tree is growing at the home of Charles Skeen at 314 Saunders Drive in North Asheboro.

Approximately three and one half years old, the tree was brought from Florida by an aunt of Mr. Skeen.

It formerly belonged to Skeen's grandmother, Mrs. W. F. Merritt, Route 5, Asheboro, who is 85 years of age. But due to her inability to care for it, Charles brought the plant to his home two year ago.

Three and one half inches in circumference at its base, the tree is planted in a white oak planter made from an old tree, which is 81 inches in circumference and 22 inches deep.

The planter has a metal bottom with four caster wheels which makes it easy to move in and out of cold weather. Needing plenty of water and sunshine, the tree stays outside except in extremely cold or rough weather.

Inside the planter is rich soil, sand and small gravel. Skeen is experimenting with the rooting of other plants from the tree and will in all probability try to grow the additional plants outside of a container.

Just recently the tree abounded with approximately 650 blooms and 15 full sized lemons. The blooms are white and purple and come in clusters from three to nine blooms. It blooms nine months out of the year.

The lemons range from one half to five inches long and from one half to nine inches in circumference.

Growth of the tree extends 44 inches through its center. The leaves, when broken smell as good as the lemons themselves.

Outside of allowing the tree plenty of water and sunshine, the only other cultivation the tree gets is a small amount of fertilizer each year.

The Tree has a deep foliage of leaves and is covered with small, piercing thorns.

They Got Their Road, Workers Got Meal

Sep. 24, 1964 – An expression of appreciation not often manifested occurred Monday at noon at the Union Grove Baptist Church in the lower edge of Randolph County.

State Road No. 1412, which runs in front of the church was getting the final coating of tar and gravel before the completion of the paving project, etc. and as a token of appreciation, ladies from the church served the highway workmen with a sumptuous meal.

Announcement of the serving of the meal was made during the worship service on Sunday and even though the notice was short, there was plenty of food spread on the picnic table flanking the newly paved road.

On previous occasions dinners at the Union Grove Church have been hampered and irritated by dust particles coming from the close proximity of the dirt road.

But on last Monday it was a group of happy people from the church, the residents of the road and the workmen themselves who ate the bountiful meal free from the dust particles which had bothered them in the past.

Two years ago the road was widened and stabilized and early this summer work began on the paving of the road,

which goes north by Albright's Store, Bige Lowdermilk's residence and into the Erect Road.

Before the State started its program of improvement, the approximately three mile stretch was a rural dirt road.

A man who had worked hard toward the empovrement of the road, Henry Cagle, well known and long time resident of the community, was present for the road's completion Monday and for the picnic dinner on the church grounds.

Also present was the church pastor, Rev. Clarence Jenkins who had assisted on the project. The Rev. Mr. Jenkins made public expression of the appreciation of the church and the community in brief remarks at the luncheon event.

Responding to the minister's remarks were Louis Murrow, Road Oil Supervisor, who was in charge of the paving project, and W. A. Carter, maintenance supervisor.

Other members of the Road Oil group and highway employees present to partake of the meal were Hugh Johnson, W. C. Hough, B. Mashburn, Charles Seagraves, William Berry, Airone Malone, Clarence Johnson, Clyde Burke, Fred Hilliard, Bill Sauls, Darrell Johnson, Harvey Smith, Larry Meggs, Larry Freeman, Bruce Parker, George Woody, and Clyde Elkins.

Union Grove Church people and residents of the road who were present included Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Jenkins, Mrs. Paul Beane, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Cagle, Mrs. Laura Chriscoe, Mrs. Cora McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cagle, Mrs. Ruth Beck, Dean Beck, Mrs. Lonnie Cole, Jane Spivey, Mrs. Colon McNeill, Mrs. Janet McNeill, Mrs. Clarence Owens, Mrs. Melvin Brown, Mrs. Tom Garner, and the Union Grove Sunday School Superintendent, Alton Garner.

Those from the church sending food but not being in attendance were Mrs. Kelly Bean, Mrs. Talton Cagle, Mrs. Cled Boone, Mrs. Clifton Boone, and Mrs. Mary Frye.

Also invited to be present for the luncheon and the completion of the road, was Ralph L. Bulla, whose interest in the road project dated back to its initiation over three years ago.

His 102nd Year Nearing... Dr. Bulla Still Practices

Sep. 24, 1964 – Dr. J. D. Bulla, growing more feeble as the years climb upward, will celebrate his 102nd birthday Monday, Sept. 28.

The patients, to whom he has ministered for more than seventy-six years, continue to arrive daily at his Route 1, Trinity residence.

As this reporter talked with him last Sunday, slightly more than a week before he would become one hundred and two years old, a patient called to get some medicine for a skin disease.

This medicine is a specialty for which Dr. Bulla put his own formula together many years ago.

The patient who came for the medicine, Jimmy Ridge, Route 2, High Point, said he use the skin remedy three years ago and before that time was unable to get anything to help him.

Dr. Bulla is noticeable more feeble than he was a few weeks previously and last year when he celebrated his 101st birthday.

He spends more time resting and is not seen as much in his favorite rocker by the radio set as he was formerly. Dr.

Bulla, himself, explained this condition by saying that "I set awhile and wait on the sick awhile."

Last week he was taken to High Point to receive medical attention for an ailment and according to his son, Dewey, who accompanied him, the aged doctor was well exhausted by the time he got back home.

Dr. Bulla's eyesight is failing, his hearing is not real good and his legs have more or less failed him, as he is not able to walk outside of his home without assistance.

But he can still carry on a conversation very easily, his mind is alert and his remembrance is good.

This Back Creek Township native, who came to the Mount Vernon Methodist Church community in Aug., 1888 to begin the practice of medicine, realizes that the end of his long life is near and he often discusses this fact with those with whom he speaks.

He has known death throughout the long years of his professional career; his wife and most of his children are dead and he mentioned last Sunday that most of the people who were living in the Mt. Vernon community when he came there over three quarters of a century ago are now dead.

He said this "makes me feel bad" but the doctor, who has lived thirty-two years past the allotted time, does not fear death and told this correspondent, a few weeks ago that "if I could get off easy, I'd just as soon go today."

He dislikes the idea of falling, injuring himself and spending his last days in pain or a disabled condtion.

It is hoped that this patriarch of the Mt. Vernon community, who has spent many years ministering to the needs of others, will be permitted to "get off easy" when he leaves for the life lengthier than the one he has spent here.

Newest Church Joins Others Sunday As The Forest Park Baptist Church

Oct. 1, 1964 – A new church organization, the Forest Park Baptist Church, located on Highway 220 south of Randleman, will be formed Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4, at 3 o'clock near the site where it was started as a mission five years and five months ago.

Started on the first Sunday in May, 1959 under the sponsorship of the Balfour Baptist Church, the church group has held services since that time as the Balfour Baptist Mission and has been under the watch and care of the Balfour church.

Coming to serve as principal speaker for the occasion and to assist in the new organization will be Dr. C. C. Warren, Director of the 30,000 Movement, and former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Warren will also speak in the morning worship service at 11 o'clock at the Balfour Baptist church.

Also scheduled to participate in the formation of the new church Sunday afternoon is Rev. John I. Kiser, who has served as mission pastor since Sept., 1963; Rev. John W. Woody, pastor of the sponsoring Balfour Baptist Church; and Rev. Talmage Smith, associational missionary who conducted the worship services at the beginning of the mission.

Fifty-five people came to Sunday school and fifty people comprised the congregation for the worship service on that first Sunday in May over five years ago, as both phases of church worship were held.

The services were initiated as the result of a survey of the community which had been made prior to that time by the Balfour Baptist Church in cooperation with the Department of Church Development of the Baptist State Convention. Rev. Herbert P. Miller was pastor of the Balfour church at the time the survey was made.

A missions committee from the Balfour Baptist Church, composed of Carl King, A. G. Memory, W. W. Snider and J. C. Pearce, was named to direct the activities of the new church group and services began in a dwelling house just south of Randolph Memorial Park.

Carl King was named superintendent of the mission Sunday school and has served continuously in that position since the beginning of the mission. He will continue as Sunday School Superintendent in the new church organization.

It is felt that Carl King, who left the church in which he had labored for many years to work with the mission project, has contributed greatly to the success of the project and its organization into a full fledged church body.

Rev. B. L. Gupton, Greensboro, was called to be the first pastor at the Balfour Baptist Mission. It was during his pastorate, on Apr. 2, 1961, that a permanent place of worship was dedicated.

The new building, consisting of a temporary auditorium, eight class rooms and restrooms, was constructed on a lot 205 feet by 500 feet, located a short distance north of Randolph Memorial park and two blocks away from the original site of worship. More units of the church's physical plant are planned for a later date.

Following the departure of Rev. B. L. Gupton from the mission because of ill health, Rev. Doyle Moore served as pastor for several months before the coming of the present pastor.

In contrast to the fifty people who came to Sunday School on the opening Sunday, there are now 290 enrolled in the church school.

The membership of the mission, to be constituted as a part of the new church organization, stands 112. Fifty-five persons are enrolled in Training Union. A Woman's Missionary Union has also been organized.

Members of the missions committee at the time of organization into the new church body are Carl King, chairman; Francis Hinshaw, W. W. Snider, Reed Parris, J. W. Wilson, and J. C. Pearce.

General church officers for the church organization to be constituted Sunday are pastor, Rev. John Ivan Kizer; treasurer, Reed Parris; financial secretary, Mrs. James Wright; clerk, Mrs. Otis Hunt; pianist, Mrs. Ruth Conner; associate pianist, Larry Freeman; Director of music, Carl King; youth choir director, Mrs. Walter Jones; and associate director, Gaylon King.

These serving as deacons will be Carl King, Frank Freeman, Merrill Ingold and W.W. Snider.

The roll of membership for the church body includes Mrs. Lucille Blake, Brenda Blake, Terry Brown, Mrs. Ruth Conner, Donna Cook, Mrs. Linda Caviness, Edsel Cox, Mrs. Edsel Cox, Dwain Cox, Iris Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis, Larry Davis, Mrs. Reva Davis, Vic Davidson, Mrs. Dorothy Farlow, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Freeman, Donald Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman, Dianne Freeman, Larry Freeman, Brenda Garner, Richard Graham, Wanda Graham, Harvey Dolan Gordan, Harry Harris, Mr. and Mrs.

John Harris, Gail Harris, Ronald Harris and Mrs. Roy Harris.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Highfill, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hinshaw, Jimmy Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hollingsworth, Mrs. Otis Hunt, Vickie Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Ingold, Gilbert Ingold, Kathy Ingold, Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings, Eva Lee Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson, Virginia Kay Johnson, Krista Johnson, Mrs. Walter Jones, George Jones, Stephen Jones, Lillian Jones, Mrs. Dorothy Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. Carl King, Gaylon King, Rev. and Mrs. John I. Kizer, John D. Kiser, Mrs. Martin Lambert, Franklin Lambert, Linda Lambert, Susan Lambert, Timothy Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lathan, Mrs. Johnny Lucas, Jimmy Lucas, Janet Lucas, Carl Martin, Mrs. Ralph Miller and Wanda Miller.

Also, Mrs. Lucille Moody, Hope Moody, Mrs. Leroy Parsons, Sr., Lana Parsons, Leroy Parsons, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Reed Parris, Beverly Doggan, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Phillips, Rex Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Purvis, Brenda Routh, Mrs. Willie Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snider, Mrs. Janice Trotter, Philip Tysinger, Gilbert Underwood, Mrs. Mamie Underwood, Johnny Underwood, T. J. Westmoreland, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wright, Brenda Yow and Louise Yow.

Six Churches Lend Helping Hands To Aid Ailing 4-Year-Old Girl

Oct. 5, 1964 - Six churches from the Cedar Falls - Franklinville area will combine their efforts to hold a benefit supper to help pay hospital. Expenses and doctor bills for a pretty blonde-haired 4 year-old girl who has been ill since last Mar. 14.

Little Faith Renee McMasters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McMasters, Route 1, Franklinville, spent more than three months at Duke Hospital receiving treatment for a respiratory ailment and has been convalescing since her discharge the latter part of June at the home of her parents.

Her hospital bill, at the end of three months, was \$5,252.67, of which \$1,406 was paid by insurance.

The remaining amount which was increased before the little girl was eventually discharged will be the responsibility of the parents.

To help the young parents discharge this responsibility, the Clear View, Cedar Falls, White's Memorial and Franklinville Baptist Churches and the Cedar Falls and Franklinville Methodist Churches have joined together and are planning a benefit supper to be held Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Community Building in Franklinville.

A baked ham supper will be served from 4 p. m. to 8 p. m., either at the Community Building or as take home plates. Plates will be sold for \$1.25 each for adults and 75 cents for children under twelve.

Advance tickets are on sale and may be secured from officials and workers from any of the sponsoring churches.

The idea of a benefit supper originally started as a project of the community missions group of the Womans Missionary Society of the Clear View Baptist Church, with Mrs. Clinton Nance as chairman.

But the idea spread among the other churches who wanted to be a part of the benefit supper and what started out to be a comparatively small project has grown into a mammoth event to help a family who has been sorely distressed for the past several months.

Glenn and Loretta Benner McMasters and their four daughters, Darlene, Glenda, Faith Renee and Libby, were a happy family at the time of Faith Renee's illness but like the average young family did not have funds sufficient to take care of a large hospital bill.

The 30 year - old father, who lost his hand and part of his arm in an accident several years ago, works as a filling station attendant while the 26 year - old mother remains at home to care for her four young daughters.

Faith Renee's illness was diagnosed as Guillaine Barre Syndrome or collapse of the muscles which controlled her breathing. In order to assist her breathing, a trachotomy was performed on her throat and a respirator inserted to keep her alive.

But her recovery was impeded several times by attacks of pneumonia and a cardiac arrest during the days, weeks and months she spent in the hospital.

Since coming home, her recovery has still been slow and only recently she was held back by a cold. But physical therapy is being applied and it is hoped that one day soon she will be able to resume the normal childhood which she knew before the outset of her illness.

She cannot talk yet although she tries very hard. She has only been able to say "mama", in recognition perhaps of the young mother who stayed unceasingly by her little daughters bedside while in the hospital and who has cared for her tenderly since bringing her home.

She cannot walk yet either but is able to sit in a wheel chair. Her eyesight, which mostly left her at the time of the cardiac arrest, has not returned but it is felt that she can see to a slight extent.

But she is a happy little girl and smiles often in the care and devotion of her loved ones. She is unaware and rightfully so of the huge debt which hangs over her young parents because of the expense of her long hospitalization.

That is why the people of Cedar Falls and Franklinville are rallying behind the Glenn McMasters family and trying to alleviate some if not all of the financial burden which has been imposed upon them.

Mount Vernon Methodists Plan Church Harvest Sale

Oct. 5, 1964 - Mount Vernon Methodist Church will sponsor a Church Harvest Sale at the church and community hut next Saturday, Oct. 10, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning and continuing throughout the day.

Many events will be held during the day, such as a bake shop and pantry sale, bazaar, flower and shrub sale and old fashioned corn shucking, but the highlight of the harvest sale will come with the baked chicken supper and auction sale to be held towards the latter part of the day's activities.

Sponsored for the benefit of the Mount Vernon Methodist Church building fund, the Church Harvest Sale event is being headed by Mrs. Gilbert English as general chairman.

Serving as co-chairman are Mrs. Ray White and Mrs. Herbert Lee Jarrett.

Several standing committees and various classes at the church will conduct the varied number of events which will take place during the Church Harvest Sale.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, hot dogs, drinks and other food items will be sold throughout the day's activities.

Fresh baked foods, canned foods, jellies and pickles will be sold in the pantry sale while needlework, clothing, gift items and decorations will be sold at the bazaar.

Growing potted plants, dried arrangements, plants, shrubs, bulbs and other flowers and shrubs will be sold at the flower shop.

There will be rides for the children and at various intervals the corn shucking will be held. For this latter activity a fee will be charged to shuck, but free tickets for supper, haircuts and small gifts will be hidden in ears of corn.

Brunswick stew will be prepared for take home sales and pop corn will also be sold by one of the classes.

Many products will be sold in the auction sale which will be cried by Benny Lawrence, who is in training as a professional auctioneer. These sales will include furniture, live animals such as sheep and a goat, and various other products.

The auction sale will also be held at various intervals during the day, with the climatic part of the sale perhaps coming towards the end of the day.

Mount Vernon church people began planning the Church Harvest Sale earlier in the year, holding their first meeting for this purpose on Mar. 18.

Besides the chairman and the two co - chairman, standing committees were named as follows: publicity, Rev. W. C. Anderson, Charles Spillman, Carolyn Spillman, Bill Lee, Barbara Lee and Joanne Peace; solicitation or promotion, Pearl English, Herbert Jarrett, Ruth Miller, Stanley Davis, Cone Spencer, Norman Elder, Mary Lee Elder, Jake Bristow, Glenn Hill, Gloria Hill, Annie Leigh Skeen, Louise Peace, Audrey Clodfelter, Jimmy Shipton, Lorraine Shipton, Don Eldridge, Thelma Eldridge, Earl Reece White and Mary Alice White.

Also, arrangements committee, McCrary Peace, Mildred Spencer, Peggy Ledwell, Blanche Waller, Worth White, Ronnie Hines and Martha Jane Hines; collection, Joe Sam White, Billy Ledwell, Andrew Laird, Ray White, George Davis, Larry Peace and Jerry Hill; hardware and building, Norman Elder; livestock, Earl Reece White and Don Eldridge; furniture, Herbert Jarrett, Cone Spencer and Glenn Hill; food, Pearl English, Ruth Miller, Louise Peace, and Audrey Clodfelter; and household, Mary Lee Elder, Gloria Hill and Annie Leigh Skeen.

Last Oct. the Mount Vernon Methodist Church congregation entered their new educational building which was erected at a cost of nearly \$62,000. Less than \$20,000 remains to be paid on this building. It is planned to build a sanctuary in the near future.

A Half Century Of Hard Work Behind Him

Oct. 8, 1964 - An 88 year-old maker of syrup, who has been in the business for forty five years or more, is busily engaged in closing out another season at his Route 1, Sophia farm southwest of Randleman.

B. E. Freeman, who will be 89 years of age Nov. 11, and his sons had their mill operating one recent Saturday and ran off approximately fifty gallons of the foamy yellow liquid.

This was their second making this year and they finished up within a week, with approximately 150 gallons to be run off this year.

The 150 gallons of syrup will be the product of the grindings of cane from one acre which was planted across the road from the Freeman residence.

A native of the Ether section of Montgomery County and living there and on the west prong of Little River for approximately the first 72 years of his life. Mr. Freeman had a hard time getting used to Randolph County people referring to his product as "molasses" instead of syrup.

He said after coming to this county people would come to him and ask "do you make 'lasses?"

He pointed out that molasses was made mostly in Georgia in big iron kettles and was a darker substance than syrup.

Mr. Freeman's first syrup making mill was purchased for \$35 and following that he did custom grinding throughout the countryside, using a portable outfit.

His present day outfit consists of a twelve foot evaporator type pan in which the syrup is boiled. Twenty four low and high bars separate the different compartments of the pan in which the bad syrup is cooked out of the good and the skimming are removed.

This aged syrup maker, who serves as the chief skimmer for the operation, has worn out two pans and has been using the third one now for several years.

The cane is brought in from the field and ground at the mill which is propelled by a tractor. The juice runs into a fifty gallon wooden tub and then goes through a hose approximately 100 feet long to a 25 gallon wooden tub from which it runs into the pan where it is cooked into syrup. The pan sets over a brick furnace which is fired by wood.

At every operation the juice and later as it becomes syrup is strained for the removal of any foreign particle which may have been lodged therein. Six or seven strainings are made before the syrup is finally sealed for use as a delicacy of the finest flavor.

Known throughout his lifetime as an unusually hard worker, Mr. Freeman was assisted in the month's operation of syrup making by three of his sons.

After making syrup up to five o'clock in the afternoon, their day's work still wasn't done, as they hauled in 190 bales of hay before they quit of the day.

Both Mr. Freeman and his wife, the former Sarah Katherine Cagle, learned to work early in their childhood in Montgomery county, parents of fifteen children, all of whom grew into maturity except one, this capacity for hard work came in good in the later years of their life.

Mr. Freeman, who first worked for twenty five cents a day, remembers that early in life his mother told him "to work and eat or either quit work and quit eating." He said he decide "to work and eat and I have been working ever since."

He went to school for a brief period at the Cool Springs school east of Ether which was a small log building with a fireplace on the east end, a door on the south side and no windows. Light was derived from an opening which was made by sawing out one of the logs in the side of the building.

School started after the corn was laid by and was stopped later in the summer for the crops to be gathered before resuming for the remainder of the term.

Asked how he raised a family of fourteen children, Mr. Freeman said that they had "four good mules, two two-horse wagons, one binder, one mowing machine, one hay rake and when the harness was put on the mules in the morning, it didn't come off until night."

They also raised hogs and "everything we needed on the farm." The children worked hard and helped their parents.

According to 80 year-old Mrs. Freeman,"they knew what they had to do."

An obedient group of children, it was noticeable in watching last Saturday's operation and talking with members of the family the next day that although many of them have reached and perhaps passed the middle years of their lives, they still maintain the respect and devotion for their parents which they acquired in their earlier years.

Mr. Freeman is still the boss in his family and he directed his sons in the syrup making operation in perhaps the same manner in which he used to direct the operations on the farm when they were smaller and much younger than they are at the present time.

Always the possessor of good mules, Mr. Freeman sold his mules last fall but when spring came this year, according to a daughter, he was very depressed because for the first time in his life he did not have any mules.

So, in order to alleviate this condition, his daughter and a son bought him a couple of mules and he was happy once again.

He still plows his mules in double harness and upon being questioned about this, he asked "do you think I'd follow one mule? He refuses to drive a tractor, choosing to stick to the mules which he has used throughout his lifetime.

A man of firm discipline and clean habits, Mr. Freeman has never used either tobacco or liquor and says that he has "broke two people from drinking and one from smoking," he says that you "don't get no good out of indulging in those habits.

Asked "when you are going to quit making syrup?" he replied,"when the good Lord says so."

His philosophy is to "do right, live right and treat your neighbor like you ought to" and he says if you do this "the Lord will lengthen out your days."

At least this philosophy has been good for him because his days have been lengthened and he is still a hale and hearty syrup maker.

Coleridge PTA Milestone: Their Activity Bus Paid

Oct. 12, 1964 – A note burning ceremony occurred at the Oct. 5th meeting of the Coleridge P.T.A. when the indebtedness was cleared on the school activity bus which had been purchased by the parent teacher organization.

The purchase of the bus, representing an outlay of approximately \$5,000, was authorized in May, 1963. The bus itself arrived in Sept., 1963.

It was about two years ago that discussion began concerning the purchase of a new activity bus for the Coleridge School. The old bus was a 1946 model which had been remodeled and often times it would not start.

The idea originated with the executive committee of the Coleridge P.T.A., at that time by Worth O. Cox as president. An activity bus committee, composed of Harold Davis, Coleridge school principal, Richard Harrington, coach, and Charles Davis, was appointed to process the matter for the P.T.A.

Source of funds from which the parent teacher organization financed the purchase of the new bus came mainly from their two sponsored money raising projects during the school year. These are the annual fall festival and horse show and the Halloween Festival.

Also, there were some individual contributions from residents of the school community and surrounding area.

Most of the money used to purchase the new bus came from the fall festival and horse show which cleared a profit this year of approximately \$1,000. In 1963 \$1,912.33 was raised from this project while in 1962 \$1,355.51 was cleared from the annual project.

After clearing the indebtedness on the activity bus, the P. T. A. still has money left over to carry on its goals this year for the purchase of five record players for use in the elementary grades and the purchase of 1,000 new song books.

The organization also sponsors and finances the operation of the Coleridge Glee Club.

The new activity bus is a 1963 Chevrolet model with an adult seating capacity of 45 and a seating capacity of 67 for children of elementary school age. It is a six cylinder vehicle but with extra duty transmission.

Painted blue and white, the bus has Coleridge High School printed in gold lettering on each side and Coleridge Rebels for the school teams in the same lettering on the front. It is equipped with inside racks for athletic equipment or other needed luggage on its trips.

The bus is used not only to transport the school's athletic teams in basketball and baseball, but also for other school activities.

Coach Richard Harrington, driver of the bus to the athletic events, said of the new bus that it was "sure nice to have it" and also remarked that "the students really appreciate it".

Present officers of the Coleridge P. T. A. are president, Cecil Cox; vice president, Don Gates; secretary, Miss Emma Allen; and treasurer, Mrs. Nathan Cox.

In the raising of nearly \$5,000 to purchase a new activity bus, Coleridge School patrons feel that their accomplishment has been worthwhile, especially considering that their high school is the smallest in all of Randolph County.

The parent teacher organization and the Coleridge School patrons have plenty of reason to be proud of their achievement and for the fine spirit of cooperation which existed among their group in bringing this project to a successful completion.

At The Age Of 97, Mrs. Allred Passes

Oct. 19, 1964 - Mrs. Mollie Elmira Allred, perhaps the second oldest resident of Randolph County, died Saturday afternoon at the age of 97 years.

She lived with her only son, W. Taft Allred, at their home in the North Asheboro community and it was there where her long life came to an end, slightly less than three months before her 98 birthday.

Her health had been failing in recent years but her last illness began a year ago last month.

Also surviving her is one grandson, Alvin Allred.

Final rites were held this afternoon, Monday, at Pugh funeral Home, burial followed at Randolph Memorial Park.

She was born as Mollie Elmira Burns on Jan. 10, 1867 in Moore County and first came to Randolph County at the age of 13 to work in the cotton mill at Randleman.

Her earlier days in the years following the end of the Civil War had been spent in poverty and hardship and as a young girl she had worked in the fields from sun-up to sundown for only 25 cents a day.

After going back to Moore County following her employment in the cotton mill in Randleman, where she

worked for 40 cents a day, she dipped resin from long leaf pines for the producing of turpentine.

She married Clark Allred, a native of Randolph County, who died when their son, Taft, was 16 months old. After the death of her husband, she worked again in the cotton mill in order to make a living for herself and her small son.

She and her son came to Asheboro in 1926 and then lived for several years in Central Falls. They came to the North Asheboro community, where her son operates a small dairy and chicken farm, in 1937. After moving to this community, her son married and the birth of her grandson occurred.

Her last years could have been spent more leisurely than the earlier period in her life but the habit of a lifetime was upon her and she could not restrain herself from the tasks which she had always performed.

She carried out household duties through her 95th year and it has only been for the last year or so that she has taken it easy.

Her trademark was the old fashioned bonnet which was a product of her own needlework and which she wore up until the time of her last illness.

Hard work, poverty and sacrifice in the earlier years of her life strengthened instead of harming the character of this pioneering woman whose length of years came close to spanning the century mark. The impact of her life is seen also in the development and upbringing of her son and grandson whose lives reflect the integrity of her long, earthly existence.

Tuckers Observe Anniversary, Reared In Adjoining Townships

Oct. 20, 1964 - Mr. and Mrs. Leland Tucker, Randolph County natives who were born and reared in adjoining townships, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 25 at their home Route 4, Asheboro.

The anniversary celebration occurred in the vicinity in which they have lived continuously since 1931 and about a mile from the place where they started housekeeping immediately following their marriage on Oct. 24, 1914.

Planning the open house event which began at 2 o'clock, were their five children, namely, Elsie Tucker and Mrs. Earl (Thelma) Brown, Asheboro, Mrs. Ellis (Edith) Spoon, Central Falls, and Mrs. Garrett (Gertha) Garner and Mrs. Jimmy (Vella Mae) Ingold, who live across the road from their parents on Route 4, Asheboro.

Another son, Glenn Tucker, was killed in a sawmilling accident 14 years ago.

Granddaughters of the honored couple assisted in the arrangements for the fiftieth anniversary celebration of their grandparents.

Misses Patricia Ingold and Patsy Brown greeted the guests upon their arrival and received the gifts which were brought for the occasion.

Misses Clara Lou Brown and Linda Sue Tucker registered those who came, and pouring punch and serving the decorated cake squares were Misses Reva Tucker and Imogene Tucker.

The serving table, which was covered with a white linen cloth, had as its centerpiece and arrangement of yellow jonquils and other yellow flowers of a mixed variety.

On one end of the table was the punch bowl while at the other end was the predominant feature in the form of the three tiered white wedding cake which was covered with yellow roses and green and golden leaves. A miniature

bride dressed in a gold dress, and groom topped the cake along with the inscription "50" in gold letters.

Mrs. Tucker was dressed for her golden wedding celebration in a two piece suit of light brown with matching accessories and she wore a corsage of yellow rosebuds.

For the wedding on that Saturday morning of fifty years ago, she wore a dark beige dress of similar color to her anniversary attire and beige hat and brown shoes.

The four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker wore corsages of yellow roses while Mr. Tucker and his son each wore a yellow rosebud as a boutonniere.

Two hundred friends, relatives, church associates and others, including most of the couple's 18 grandchildren and 3 great - grandchildren, were present for the delightful occasion.

Esau Leland Tucker, age 76 years, was born in Richland Township, on the Burney Road northwest of Seagrove. His parents were Edmond and Delana Spencer Tucker and he has one brother, Arlie, of High Point, age 80, still living.

Mr. Tucker attended the Blaylock one-teacher schools as a boy and during his earlier years also engaged in log hauling and other aspects of sawmilling.

Mrs. Tucker, the former Bertha Hodge, is the daughter of the late Jess Hodge and Letha Skeen Lucas Hodge. She was born in Union Township and attended the cross Roads school, about two miles from her home.

She was 66 years old on the Monday before the celebration of her golden wedding anniversary, and she too has only one member of her family still living, a sister, Minnie, who is married to Mr. Tucker's brother Arlie.

Mrs. Tucker was taught to cook, sew, can do whatever there was to do before her marriage and even though she had just reached the age of 16 at the time of her union with Mr. Tucker, she was still able to assume the duties of the household which he had prepared for her.

They were married at the home of Rev. William Smith, the officiating minister, who lived near the farm which Mr. Tucker and his brother had acquired before the marriage of the couple. In the early hours of his wedding morn., Mr. Tucker brought his mother to the newly acquired home to get things ready and then went back in the same one seated buggy, drawn by "a pretty grey mule", and brought his young bride to the wedding site and later to the home which he had furnished for her.

This home was located southeast of the Flag Springs Methodist Church and near the place at which they are presently residing. However, they later moved back to the Seagrove vicinity where they stayed for a few years before establishing their permanent residence in the community in which they have live since 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker are members of the New Hope Methodist Church where Mrs. Tucker has been a member continuously since before her marriage. Mr. Tucker remembers walking to Sunday school at this church when he was a very small boy and also remembers when his family would attend the "big meeting: in a covered wagon and prepare their meals on an open fire on the church grounds.

Directly following their wedding ceremony of fifty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker did not take a honeymoon trip or even visit around among their folks.

Instead, they moved right into the home which they were to occupy and as one of them expressed it, "we rolled up our sleeves and went to work."

They are still working, especially Mr. Tucker who is caring now for 6,000 chickens. During their lifetime together, they have engaged in farming and raising chickens, although Mrs. Tucker's activities are somewhat restricted now because of ill health. Mr. Tucker, however, outside of an arthritis affliction, is in fair shape.

In appreciation, love and affection, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker's children and grandchildren honored them on the observance of their golden wedding anniversary. In respect and esteem for a couple who had lived together for fifty years and who had maintained their standing in the church and the community, the friends, neighbors and other relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker came to extend best wishes to them on the day which had been set aside for them.

Moodys Celebrate Anniversary after Fifty years of Marriage

Nov. 5, 1964 - Charlie and Esther Moody, known and respected in the community in which they have spent most of the years of their marriage, were honored Sunday, Nov. 1, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Their two sons, Everett and Charles (Junior), and their four daughters, Hazel Rich, Lela Mae Carter, Mary Cooper and Virginia Cole, held open house from 2 to 5 o'clock at the home of the honored couple at 105 W. Allred Street in North Asheboro.

Over 200 friends, relatives and neighbors called during the appointed hours and afterwards to greet and to extend best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Moody, who were married on the same day fifty years ago at the home of the officiating magistrate, G. W. (Bub) Pugh near Grays Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moody greeted the guests upon their arrival for the open house event Sunday afternoon. A grand-daughter, Mrs. Bobby Saintsing, presided at the guest register.

Two more granddaughters, Mrs. Charles Lemons and Brenda Moody, assisted with the receiving of the gifts.

Mrs. Johnny Moody, wife of a grandson, director the guests in to the dining room where the table was covered with a white lace cloth over yellow, draped with gold satin and tied at each end with the traditional wedding bells, backed by Baker ferns.

The huge four - tiered white anniversary cake was decorated with yellow rosebuds, with a large "50" inscribed at the top, and was flanked by silver candelabra and an arrangement of yellow snapdragons and rose and gold chrysanthemums.

Other parts of the house were decorated with rose and gold chrysanthemums and yellow rosebuds.

Mrs. Everett Moody presided over the punch bowl while Mrs. Charles Moody, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Clay Rich, served the decorated cake squares, mints and nuts.

Mrs. Moody, the honoree, was dressed for the anniversary celebration in a brocade dress of moss green and wore for her corsage a gold cymbidium orchid. Mr. Moody wore a yellow rose as a boutonniere.

Wearing corsages of gold chrysanthemums were the four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Moody, with the two sons wearing boutonnieres similar to the one which their father wore.

Goodbyes were said by Mrs. Lawrence Wilkes, a granddaughter, and Mr. Wilkes, and Don Cooper, a grandson, and Mrs. Cooper.

In addition to their six children, Mr. and Mrs. Moody have eight living grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie N. Moody occurred on Sunday, Nov. 1, 1914, after a short courtship which began at the Acme Hosiery Mill in Asheboro where both of them were employed.

Mr. Moody began his employment at the mill at the age of 16 and remained a faithful employee of the Acme McCrary Mills for over 40 years.

He was born in the lower edge of Randolph County, near the Moore County line, the son of Alfred Moody and Jane Stutts Moody.

Mrs. Moody, the former Esther Rosetta Walker, was born near Grays Chapel, the daughter of John and Emma Routh Walker.

Their wedding fifty years ago occurred on a sunny, pleasant Sabbath day, the same as the day of their anniversary celebration last Sunday.

Mr. Moody got up early on that day fifty years ago and rented a horse and one-seated rubber tired buggy from Gene Morris livery stable in Asheboro. He called by the home of his prospective bride and the two of them first attended preaching services at White's Memorial Baptist Church, there being no preaching service that Sunday at the Bride's home church at Grays Chapel.

When the couple arrived at the magistrate's home, there was no one there to witness the ceremony until Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cross, who were going down the road nearby, were called back to sign the marriage certificate.

Their first household was established in a two room house, one half of a mile from where they are now residing, which Mr. Moody had purchased earlier with four acres of land for \$75.

Another home which they purchased later on the main highway north of Asheboro, now a valuable piece of property, was bought for \$300, with a down payment of \$50 and the remainder paid at \$5 a month.

Before moving to the place at which they are now living forty two years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Moody lived for a couple of years in the vicinity in which Mrs. Moody was born.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Moody have been active members of the Balfour Baptist Church, of which Mr. Moody is a charter member.

In attendance at the anniversary celebration were people from Roanoke, Va.; Hampton, Va.; Goldsboro, Lexington, Siler City, Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Hickory, Randleman, Winston - Salem, and Seagrove.

Through good times and bad ones, Charlie and Esther Moody came to the time of their golden wedding day. But throughout the half century of their life together they have always maintained the respect of the people with whom they have been associated and they have been regarded as valuable members of their church and the community in which they have lived.

Grantville Honors Senior Citizens

Nov. 5, 1964 - Grantville's home demonstration club and community development club honored the senior citizens of the Grantville community Sunday evening with a buffet supper at the community building.

Twenty three people were recognized at the event which has become an annual affair for the Grantville community. Around seventy people in all attended the supper and entertainment which followed. Those honored included Mr.

and Mrs. Ervin Cox, Charlie Cagle, Mrs. Maggie Brown, Mrs. Beulah Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Humble, John E. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gann, Mrs. Lillian Luther, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Byrd, Mrs. Harrison Beane, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Craven, Mrs. C. C. Craven, Mrs. W. J. Byrum, Mrs. W. R. Brown, Mrs. C. C. Macon, and Mrs. E. C. Cagle.

Planning for the honoring of the senior citizens and conducting the program for the event were a committee composed of Mrs. Lester Byrd, Mrs. Quinton Allen and Mrs. Roy Smith.

President of the community development club is Lester Byrd while president of the home demonstration club is Mrs. F. C. Gann.

Rev. Ben McPherson, pastor of the Richland Baptist Church, conducted a devotional period before the assembled group partook of the large quantity of food which had been brought for the occasion.

After the meal, Mrs. Lantford Cox accompanied herself on the accordion and sang two solos, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone," and "Jesus Use Me."

Later, with Mrs. Cox playing the accordion and Mrs. Howard Byrd leading, the entire group sang some old songs such as "Where We Will Never Grow Old," "On Jordan's Stormy Bank," and "When We All Get To Heaven."

Mrs. Lester Byrd, speaking for the senior citizens committee and for the two sponsoring clubs, expressed appreciation for the lives of the honored group and responding to these appropriate remarks was E. C. Gann, who spoke for the group which was being recognized.

Small gift of appreciation and recognition were presented each members of the senior citizen group in attendance.

The supper event was adjourned by the entire group singing "God Be With You Until We Meet Again."

Graham Credit Group Meets Asheboro; Reports Heard

Nov. 9, 1964 - A meeting of the Randolph County stockholders of the Graham Production Credit Association was held Thursday evening at the Randolph Industrial Education Center.

An official meeting of the board of directors for the credit Association, comprising the counties of Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph and Rockingham, was held prior to the public meeting at the local office of the Graham Production Credit Association.

Also, at the Seafood Lodge, a dinner was held for members of the board of directors, branch office managers and other employees of the association, described as a farm cooperative loan agency.

Local manager for the Graham Production Credit Association and host for Thursday's meeting was Millard Gibson.

Although this meeting comprised the official 31st meeting of the association, similar meeting will be held in the other counties within the nine-county group for the hearing of the annual report and the presentation of the officers and directors of the credit association, which was formed in 1933.

Presiding at the meeting of the board of directors and the public gathering of the stockholders later, was the associational president, C. T. Hall, of Roxboro Mr. Hall has

served in this capacity since the organization of the credit association thirty-one years ago.

Other officers are V. W. Coltrane, Route 8, Greensboro, vice president; B. C. Rogers, Graham, general manager; and Millard Gibson, Asheboro, assistant secretary and treasurer.

The board of directors consists of Messrs. Hall and Coltrane, along with E. S. Seawell, Route 2, Bennett; J. R. Williams, Prospect Hill; and W. F. Covington, Route 1, Mebane.

Branch office managers, who with the officers and directors attended the meeting in Asheboro, are James E. Foster, Caswell; M. M. Dark, Chatham;; J. W. Meeks, Guilford; John E. Perkins, Person; Millard Gibson, Randolph; H. T. Williams, Jr., Rockingham; and C. L. Johnson, Orange.

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Minister of the Asheboro Presbyterian Church, pronounced the invocation at the stockholders meeting, after which the associational president C. T. Hall welcomed those in attendance.

Drawing for a contest winner, drawn from the names of those stockholders who had recruited new membership during the past year, was conducted by Elroy Cox, who served for many years as local manager of the office of the Graham Production Credit Association.

Winners of this contest were W. L. and Ruby Underwood, of Climax, who was presented with a clock radio.

Director J. P. Williams reported on the meeting of the board of directors and executive committee while the report of the general manager was made by B. G. Rodgers.

Vice President V. W. Coltrane presided over the re-election of C. T. Hall as a director for a three - year term and the election of R. B. Pritchett, of Rockingham County, as an associate director to serve for a one-year term.

Election of the director and associate director resulted from the report of a nominating committee composed of N. R. Hargrove, Alamance County; Claude H. Lynch, Orange County; W. A. McFarland, Durham County; Alvis J. Chandler, Caswell County; James B. Brooks, Chatham County; J. H. Jobe, Guilford County; Alvin V. Moore, Person County; Richard Earl Johnson, Randolph County; and James P. Snow, Rockingham County.

The committee also nominated a three - man membership committee for Randolph County composed of Claude M. Williams, Route 3, Asheboro; Norman D. Wolfe, Route 1, Ramseur; and George Stanton, Route 1, Randleman; which was subsequently elected by the stockholders present at the Thursday evening meeting.

In remarks at the meeting by the credit associational president C. T. Hall and the general manager B. G. Rodgers, it was disclosed that the Graham Production Credit Association was established in 1933 with a few thousand dollars, whereas its approved loans now amount to over \$8,000,000.

In 1944 its total loans amounted to \$278,000 and its operating budget was \$35,000 against the operating budget now of \$600, 000. In 1945 the average loan was \$500 with \$4,600 as today's average loan.

A part of a nationwide group of farm people working together, there are now 484 production credit associations located in the agricultural centers of the United States.

In the beginning the credit associations were subsidized by governmental funds but that money has long been paid

back and the various associations now operate exclusively without government aid.

Guests at the stockholders meeting Thursday evening included Herbert Brewer, general manager of the Federal Land Bank in Sanford, and his assistants, Max Matthews and W. S. Bowling; Ben Jenkins, Randolph County farm agent; J.M. Isley, Soil Conservation Service and J. E. Whisnant, manager of the local FCX.

Speaking to the group prior to its adjournment were Merton Branson, director of the Randolph Industrial Education Center, and Larry Linger, assistant director.

Following adjournment, the stockholders were served refreshments and taken on a tour of the industrial center.

This was the first meeting of stockholders of the credit association ever to be held away from the main office in Graham, But as B.G. Rodgers, general manager, told the stockholders; "your participation helps us serve you better."

It's All In The Family

Nov. 12, 1964 - Miss Clara Caudill, current Seagrove High School correspondent for The Courier - Tribune, is the fourth member of her family to serve in this capacity.

In fact, Clara and three brothers, Roy, Gene and Carl, have held the post continuously since the initiation of the high school correspondence in the fall of 1958 except for one year.

Roy Caudill was the first high school correspondent in Randolph County to be named by the local newspaper. Started with Roy on an experiment basis at Seagrove High School in the fall of 1958, the program soon became an established factor and spread to other high schools within the county.

When Roy graduated and had to give up the post after two years, his next brother, Gene was not yet a high school junior and therefore not eligible to assume the position.

But the next school year, 1960-61, he moved into the job where he remained for a two-year period.

When he graduated in the spring of 1962, the next brother, Carl, was ready for the job and became the Seagrove correspondent in the fall of 1962.

After Carl graduated two years later and had to give up the job, the boys in the Caudill family had run out as far as future high school correspondents were concerned but their sister, Clara, was standing by, ready, willing and able to take over where her brothers had left off.

When Clara's time is up two years from now, the position may leave the family, at least temporarily, as Sarah, the youngest and the last of the Caudill's in respect to becoming high school correspondents, will then only be high school freshman.

But Sarah, now a 7th grade student, says she hopes that when the time comes she too will become the Seagrove High School correspondent for the Courier - Tribune.

An older sister, Mae, now Mrs. Jimmy Auman, and an older brother, Max, are also graduates of Seagrove High School but came along before the practice of appointing high school correspondents was started.

All of the seven brothers and sisters are children of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caudill, Route 4, Asheboro, living on Highway 220 between Asheboro and Seagrove where Mr. Caudill operates a grocery store and service station.

The four Caudill correspondents, Roy, Gene, Carl and Clara, have enjoyed very active high school careers, in

addition to the newspaper work in which they have been engaged.

The three brothers have all served as announcers at the school's basketball games. All three have also been members of the 4-H Club, Roy for four years and Gene and Carl for two years each, with Roy serving as vice president of the club and Gene as president.

Gene was a member of the Beta Club and served as historian of county organization of Beta clubs while Clara has also been accepted into the Beta club in this her junior year.

Gene served as a junior marshal and Clara too has been chosen to serve in this capacity at this year's commencement exercises at Seagrove High School.

All three brothers and their sister became members of the Student Council, with Carl serving both as council vice president and president. The three brothers also served as class officers.

Both Gene and Carl participated in the junior and senior class plays while Roy served as assistant play director and was a member of the Dramatics Club.

Gene was a member of the Glee Club while Roy was a member of the high school chorus for four years.

Roy had perfect attendance for the entire twelve years of his school career and Gene had perfect attendance for the four years he was in high school.

Both Gene and Carl were members of the Pep Club.

Gene was also school handbook editor, member of the F. F. A. for four years, member of the annual staff and the staff of the school paper.

Carl was photographer for the school annual, member of the varsity basketball team for one year.

Clara has been a member of the F. H. A. for three years, is reporter for chapter in which she has a junior degree and is working for her state degree. She is also a member of the publicity committee for the Parent - Teacher - Student Association.

Since graduation from high school, Roy has served four years in the Air Force and is now living with his wife, the former Margaret Ann Jordan, at their home of Route 5, Asheboro. He is employed at Union Carbide.

Gene is employed at Electronics Service Co., and is attending night classes at Randolph Industrial Education Center.

Carl is a student at Asheboro Commercial College.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caudill have developed into an outstanding family unit and this included not only the four high school correspondents but the sister and brother who preceded them and the younger sister who hopes someday to follow her sister and three brothers in reporting the news from Seagrove High School.

Unique Service Honors Elderly At Richland Baptist Church Sunday

Nov. 19, 1964 - A unique service honoring elderly people was held Sunday evening, Nov. 15 at the Richland Baptist Church.

Occupying the pulpit for the occasion was Rev. J. E. Shaw, an 86 year - old veteran minister of Randolph County, and the choir for the unusual service was composed of persons 65 years of age and older.

Choir leader and guest soloist was 72 year - old T. L. Kiser and also serving as a guest soloist was 86 year - old John Dixon.

Over thirty elderly persons from the Richland church and general area participated in the service which was conducted by the church pastor, Rev. Ben W. McPherson.

Two copies of the New Testament and Psalms containing large print and red lettering were presented to the oldest man and the oldest woman in attendance.

The guest speaker, Rev. J. E. Shaw, who was 86 years of age last June 6, received the prize for the men, However, John Dixon, who was 86 years of age Sept. 3, and Alex Way, who was 86 years of age Oct. 21, ran him a close race for the prize.

Mrs. Flora Prevost, who was 82 years old last Nov. 28, received the prize for being the oldest woman in attendance. But close behind her were Mrs. Martha Odom, who was 82 years of age Aug. 24, Mrs. J. E. Shaw, who was 82 years of age Oct. 1, and Mrs. Dan Voncannon, who is 81 years of age.

The service was opened by the choir singing "The Old Road" led by T. L. Kiser and accompanied at the piano by Mrs. G. F. Settlemyre. Prayer was offered by the Rev. G. F. Settlemyre, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church.

Another song, said by Mr. Kiser to date back to the horse and buggy days, was entitled: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship."

Messrs. Kiser and Dixon sang a duet: "Take Time to Be Holy", while Mr. Kiser sang a solo "The Gospel Story Has Been Told", while Mr. Dixon evoked considerable response with the solo singing of "Fifty Miles of Elbow Room."

The congregation stood, every body shook hands and many of the elderly people mingled with the crowd as the entire group sang "By the Grace of God, I Will Meet You."

Other singing was rendered by Mrs. J. E. Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Smith.

The elderly guest speaker, who has been a minister for 58 years, spoke for approximately 45 minutes while the assembled group listened attentively to every word which he said.

The aged, yet very active, minister despite a recent major operation, deplored the lack of attention which is given to older people and especially old preachers.

He said that the churches are getting rid of the older ministers and said "I would'nt have a church now if I hadn't built me one."

He is presently serving at Calicutt's Chapel Wesleyan Methodist Church, which construction on the Randolph Montgomery County line he supervised himself.

Three other churches have been built by Mr. Shaw during his long ministry and he declared Sunday night that he "may build another one".

But he urged his congregation to "encourage old people" and expressed his pleasure at being asked to speak at the service honoring those people who like himself are living in the sunset and twilight years of their lives.

Klopman Engineer Is Dimes March Treasurer

Dec. 3, 1964 - A Klopman Mills Inc. division engineer has been named to the post of treasurer for the 1965 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County.

Bobby L. (Bob) Jones, of 719 Britt, Ave., will succeed Joe W. Church who held the treasurer's position with the March of Dimes drive for the past four years.

Jones' appointment was made by the Rev. R. Sam Parker who will head up the 1965 dimes drive in Randolph County, to be held during the month of Jan.

The new treasurer, who is a native of High Point, began his employment in the textile industry with Burlington Mills as a school boy at the age of 16. He worked while both in high school at Senior High in High Point and as a student at High Point College.

His employment extended from the High Point Weaving Plant to the Central Falls plant of Klopman Mills, Inc., and then to the staff section of Klopman Mills, Inc., with headquarters at the Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills, Inc.

His present duties are involved with the methods and Standards Department of the mills and he serves in supervisory capacity over the spun plant of the Klopman Industry.

For the past eight years Bob Jones, his wife, the former Judy Dillon, also a native of high Point, and their two daughters, Deborah Lee, age 15, and Pamela Jane, age 13, have lived in Asheboro, a greater part of that time at their present address.

The family attends the Evangelical and Reformed Church where Mr. Jones is past member of the Board of Deacons.

He is also a past member of the Asheboro Junior Chamber of Commerce in which club he served as vice president, treasurer and as a state director.

A former member also of the Asheboro Toastmasters Club, he is currently a member of the Society for the Advancement of Management, Greensboro Chapter.

County Well Represented At Terry Sanford Dinner

Dec. 7, 1964 – Randolph County people in large numbers went to Raleigh Friday evening for the appreciation dinner in honor of Governor and Mrs. Terry Sanford.

Part of the large group went to the dinner in a bus, leaving from the Randolph County Court House with big signs emblazoned on each side and reading "Randolph County Honors Governor Sanford."

It was a varied group of people who went to the dinner which was held at the Dorton Arena or what is better known as the "Cow Palace" and those going from Randolph County were representative of people from all walks of life.

Among the group were farmers, textile workers, a saw mill operator, lawyers, teachers, school superintendents, two judges, a preacher, political leaders both on the junior and senior level, house wives and others.

The bus, after leaving Asheboro, picked up other passengers at the Blue Mist Drive – In and at the Shell Station in Ramseur. Upon arrival at the State Fairgrounds, hundreds of people were waiting in line to get inside the arena, the lower floor of the huge place was already filled and the people were being seated in the balconies.

However, an advance party from Randolph county, composed of Don Bulla, Dinah Bulla and Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, had gone down earlier and reserved two tables for their fellow citizens from this county.

This reservation had been made under protest from other dinner attendants who could not understand why Randolph County was being given preferred treatment, especially since "they went Republican in the election."

It was a large crowd that filled the awkwardly built arena, there was much confusion and noise, the acoustics were bad and there was not enough elbow room. But it was also

a happy crowd who stood and cheered loudly when the dynamic young Governor, his wife and two children and their Highway Patrol aides came into the building for the beginning of the event which has been planned in their honor.

After the Governor had been praised by people representing the various interests in which he had excelled, the secret service had been presented and also the \$25,000 check for the scholarship at Methodist College, the crowd surged forward to greet the Governor and his wife and to secure his autograph on "The New Day," a publication depicting the policies and activities of the Sanford administration which had been sold during the evening.

The physical pressure was great as the people closed in to surround the Governor but one Randolphian, the venerable Henry Cagle from the lower part of the county, finally pushed his way through to grasp the hand of Governor Sanford and to tell him how much he had appreciated his efforts for the state of North Carolina.

Those Randolph County people who went to Raleigh on the bus and the others who were observed as being in attendance at the dinner included Mrs. Nancy Buie, Leon Cranford and grandson, Bob Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bortner, Mrs. Lois Gurganian, Mrs. Frances Smith, Mrs. Mary Burns, Mrs. Charlie Fagg, Mrs. G. L. Williams, Judge and Mrs. Hal H. Walker, Archie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Redding, Deane Bell, Sam Burrow and son, Bill, Mrs. Sandra Nolan, Miss Kate Hammer, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kearns, Mrs. H. P. Kearns, Harry Anderson, Rev. R. Sam Parker, Mrs. Myrtle Hare, Mrs. Carrie Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown, Mrs. Nannie Brown, Garland Brown, Tommy Coward and daughter, Connie, Miss Janice Dixon, Mrs. Mabel Smith, Mrs. Alton H. Kearns, and Mrs. Mildred K. Humble.

Also Henry Cagle, Ralph Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Presnell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cromartie, Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Burgess, Mrs. R. C. White, R. L. (Lynn) Albright, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ward, Lynn Priest, Don Bulla, Dinah Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Harris, Kelly Harris, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Braswell, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Casper, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Welborn, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith, Ray Hogan, Walter S. Auman, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Asburn, Jr., Hubert Auman, Mrs. Beulah Ward, Armstead Reitzell, Gerald Parker, Mrs. Mabel Gilmore, Brenda Coble, Mrs. Vaden Harris, Jack Lowe, and the driver of the special bus, Harold Powell.

Rural – Urban Cooperation Boosted By Farmer Grange

Dec. 10, 1964 – At the annual meeting of the Farmer Grange for rural - urban understanding Monday evening, Lieutenant Governor elect Robert W. (Bob) Scott asked for "a spirit of cooperation between all segments of our population" and said that "we should give emphasis to an industrial development especially in our rural areas."

He urged the industrial development in the rural areas in order that people living in those areas might implement their income and still enjoy the benefits of rural life.

Scott was introduced to the Farmer Grange meeting a buffet supper affair, by the master of the Farmer Grange, Alton Wall, who has long been a friend of the newly – elected Lieutenant Governor.

In charge of the program was R. C. Adams, Lecturer for the local grange, while in charge of the arrangements for the supper were the grange home economics committee, consisting of Mrs. G. C. Castelloe, chairman, Mrs. Allen McDaniel, Mrs. H. P. Kearns, and Mrs. Porter Gray.

Scott said the advantage of having a healthy economy in agriculture was recognized because North Carolina still had more farms and farmers than any state in the union.

However, he said that the state was fast losing its farm population and for that reason urged the industrialization of the rural areas as a means of keeping the people in those areas.

In speaking of rural - urban understanding and in his own capacity as dairy farmer, he said "we are interrelated and depend on each other".

He said his recent state political campaign made him aware of "how little people know and understand the state government. He said also that he was concerned about the negative approach" and "a tendency to criticize those who hold office."

He asked that the people think about the things which had been done and cited some of the accomplishments of the state government.

Among the things he mentioned was that North Carolina has ten per cent of all paved roads in the nation.

Also, he said that the state had an excellent prison system and was the only state that is reducing its prison population through a rehabilitation of its prisoners.

He said that North Carolina had taken tremendous strides in its educational program in recent years and mentioned that now representatives from two other states were here studying our system.

He cited the work which has been done for mentally and physically handicapped people in the state and mentioned also that the state Highway Patrol had for several years received the top award in the nation.

Another record of achievement brought forth by the speaker was that 48 other states have a higher cost per capita in the operation of local and state governments and that North Carolina was the only state that has reduced its per capita indebtedness.

The grange had as its guests for the annual meeting many of the county officials and members of the local school committee.

Guests of the grange included Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. McDowell, Lacy Presnell, Jr., W. K. Cromartie, Mr. and Mrs. Roby Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jenkins, Sheriff and Mrs. Lloyd Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Graham, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Whims, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Files, Mr. and Mrs. Aster Delk, Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Loflin, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Kearns, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donnell.

Several other people were present as guests of individual grange members.

Prior to the address by Lieutenant Governor elect Bob Scott, a group of students under the direction of Mrs. Marion Barksdale furnished Christmas music. These students were Amy Thornburg, Gary Tesh, Tim Voncannon, Jane Yates, Artie Poole, and Vicki Hill.

Following the adjournment of the meeting, the entire group, including the Lieutenant Governor, sang Christmas Carols

Their Large Family A Reminder Of Fifty Happy Years Together

Dec. 17, 1964 - All fifteen children of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Lacy) Kinney were present Sunday, Dec. 13, when the couple celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home of Route 1, Franklinville.

In order that all of their children could be present for the occasion, the anniversary celebration was moved up eleven days from the actual date of their marriage fifty years ago.

Because it was on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1914 that their marriage occurred in the same house in which their golden wedding anniversary was observed Sunday, Dec. 13.

At that time, however, it was a small dwelling, containing only four rooms and was owned by Mrs. Kinney's parents.

But as the children came along in rapid succession, the size of the house increased and once it was said that they "built a room every time one was born".

The house with its additional rooms, was filled to overflowing Sunday afternoon from 2 o'clock until 5:30 as the fifteen children, the sons-in-law, the daughters-in-law, the grandchildren and other relatives and friends assembled for an open house event to honor this couple who have reared one of the largest families in Randolph County.

The fifteen children of Mr. and Mrs. Kinney, including one set of twins, were born to them within a period of 22 years.

They are, in order of their birth, Mrs. Howard (Pealry Irene) Saunders, Franklinville; Norman Wesley Kinney Route 1, Asheboro; Mrs. Wilton (Fieta Jeanette) Wright, Route 3, Asheboro; William Odell Kinney, Asheboro; Charles Edward Kinney, Ramseur; Miss Margaret Louise Kinney, Route 1, Asheboro; Herbert Morrison Kinney, stationed with the United States Marines at Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, N. C.; Mrs. Wade (Mary Frances) Stout, Jr., Siler City; Mrs. Herbert (Betsy Jane) Johnson, Route 1, Asheboro; Miss Clara Dee Kinney, of the home; Fred Dewird Kinney, Ramseur; Mrs. Lester (Martha Fay) Harvell, Cedar Falls, and Harvey Ray Kinney, Ramseur, twins, Mrs. Homer (Donna Vee) Jenkins, Route 1, Asheboro; and Joseph Allred Kinney, Franklinville.

The father of this large family, William Lacy Kinney, was born in Grant Township Sept. 10, 1904, the son of George Henry Kinney and Jane Hammer Kinney.

He, too, was a member of a large family, fourteen children in all, and it was Mrs. Lacy Kinney's ambition to have one more child than her husband's mother. She realized this ambition but it took the birth of twins to do it.

When Lacy Kinney was five or six years old his family moved to Franklinville where at the age of ten he went to work in the cotton mill. Previous to that time he had attended school at the old site near the Methodist graveyard and at the later location of the Franklinville School.

His employment at the cotton mill in Franklinville lasted approximately 54 years, his retirement coming in 1960. He began work on a warper and his first wages amounted to forty cents a day. He worked from 6 a. m. until 6 p.m. with forty minutes off during the noon hour. He worked on Saturdays until 4 p.m.

Nearly three years younger than her husband, Mrs. Kinney, the former Maud Alma Allred, was born May 12, 1907, the daughter of Balfour and Camilla Jeanette (Nettie) Pierce Allred.

She was born next door to the place where she and her husband are now living, about a mile west of Franklinville,

but her family moved away when she was about 2 or 3 years of age. But they came back when she was 10 years of age and she also attended school in Franklinville before going to work in the cotton mill at the age of 12.

She was only paid twenty-five cents a day at the time of her employment but worked the same hours as her husband did when he began his employment at the mill.

They were married in the living room of the home where they are now residing, which Mrs. Kinney's father had built two years earlier on the night before Christmas nearly fifty years ago. The ceremony occurred at about 7 o'clock in the evening and immediately following the couple attended a Christmas program at the Fairmount Methodist Church located nearby.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Mrs. Kinney's uncle, magistrate Wes Jones, who also operated a wagon shop in the vicinity.

Incidentally, the officiating magistrate owned one of the few automobiles in the community at that time and had brought from Greensboro a few days earlier material for the beige satin dress which the bride wore for the wedding ceremony. The material which cost \$2 a yard, was made into the wedding attire by the bride's mother who was a dressmaker.

A day or so after the wedding, an overnight trip was made to Cedar Falls for a visit with Mr. Kinney's sister and on this trip the couple walked the distance of two miles. Before their wedding, Sunday afternoon excursions for the couple often included a train trip to Cedar Falls, on a fare which amounted to ten cents, and then walking back home for the return trip.

Mrs. Kinney quit her employment at the Franklinville mill at the time of her marriage and settled down to the rearing of the fifteen children which were to be born to her marriage to Mr. Kinney.

Although the land on which their house was situated was comprised of only an acre and one fourth, they had a garden, kept a cow and chickens, and raised their meat. One year they killed 1,600 pounds of meat, ate it all in one year and still did not have a sufficient amount.

Mrs. Kinney made all of the clothes her children wore; both boys and girls, sewing by lamplight late into the nights after the rest of the family had gone to bed. But when it came to providing footwear even Mrs. Kinney's ingenuity failed and she said "I dreaded when shoe time came."

She never had a washing machine until her last baby was one year old nor was electricity and running water available until that time.

At one time most of the children were at home at the same time, with seven of them in school. While at the table, the larger ones sat in chairs on one side with the younger children sitting on a bench on the other side.

All of the children were healthy and there were practically no doctor bills except in a couple of instances. However, many home remedies were used.

Amusing incidents were many in this large family group but members of the Kinney family particularly remember the two times a child in the family got lost. One of the children was left sleeping on the bench at church after the service had concluded and was not missed until the rest of the family had already got home while at another time, upon getting home from church one of the children was left asleep in the car where he remained all night without being missed.

All of the sons in the family, except one suffering with a handicap, have seen military service with one son now having served for 22 years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kinney are in fine shape, despite the wear and tear of rearing such a large family.

In discussing the problems of rearing their large family, Mrs. Kinney, in referring in a friendly manner to her husband, said "he never had it too bad".

But still it was Mr. Kinney who maintained the family income and provided the money for the things they did have to buy. He kept the family out of debt and it was Mrs. Kinney who explained that "we didn't go beyond our means".

He has now reached the allotted three score years and ten and his life is peaceful. He gets to lie on the couch in the everyday living room and he enjoys looking at television.

Mrs. Kinney, the remarkable mother of this large family of children, has had difficulty in reducing her pace and making adjustment to not having so many children around.

She is a jolly woman, doesn't look any older than her 67 years, and seemingly has no regrets for the hard work which she endured in bringing her fifteen children to maturity.

It was a happy, talkative and wholesome group of sons and daughters who got together Sunday, Dec. 13, to honor their parents on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary and to enjoy a period of family fellowship with each other.

Tiny Ailing Girl Awaits Christmas

Dec. 21, 1964 – A tiny girl, afflicted with a heart ailment since birth, stands before a small Christmas tree in the rented home of her parents on Route 1, Asheboro, and awaits the coming of the first Christmas which will have any significance to her.

But with three return visits to the Randolph Hospital since the time of her birth thirteen months ago, several visits to Duke Hospital for x-rays and tests and druggist bills which sometimes run to forty dollars a month, Christmas for little Donna Lynn Reynolds may not be as bright and cheery as the observance in more fortunate homes.

However, the little girls parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Reynolds, are putting forth every effort possible to provide a merry Christmas not only for Donna Lynn but also for her sister, Louise, 9, and her two brothers, Anthony, 8, and Eugene, 7.

The young father, a veteran of the Marine Corps, has returned to his employment at a local manufacturing plant, where he works for menial wages, from a sick bed in order that some money would be available for Christmas.

A friend of the family has promised to get up a second hand doll for the little sick girl, Christmas Cheer has promised a toy for each of the four children and the Salvation Army has been contacted.

The young mother would like a jumping toy of some kind for Donna Lynn, as the happy, playful little girl often bounces up and down on her father's chest as he lies on the couch in the plainly furnished living room of the house in which they reside, located on a rural dirt road a short distance northeast of the Pleasant Cross Christian Church, just off of Highway 64, between Asheboro and Ramseur.

Donna Lynn Reynolds was born Nov. 1, 1963 at The Randolph Hospital and the day following her birth it was discovered that she was afflicted with a heart condition.

A hole in that vital organ has caused an enlargement of her heart and tests are still being made of this condition at Duke Hospital, preparatory to a possible open heart operation at a later date.

For this condition the little girl takes digitalis twice daily and her condition often brings on attacks of bronchitis which causes her removal to the hospital for the procurement of oxygen.

Crippled Children's organizations in this state have been helping out with the expenses of the treatment at Duke but there has been no help locally.

The little girl's father, who quit school in the eighth grade, now realizes his need for more education and has enrolled at the Randolph Industrial Education Center for the furthering of his schooling.

But that is a matter for the future. Now we are confronted with a small, frail girl, who weighed only fifteen pounds a month ago on her first birthday, standing in front of the little tree waiting for the coming of Christmas four days hence.

He Celebrates His 80th Birthday

Dec. 24, 1964 – A North Asheboro resident, K. W. (Kinney) Hulin, was honored Sunday at a family dinner on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

His six daughters, Mrs. Carl (Elizabeth) Gilmore, Mrs. J. J. (Jessie) Welch, Mrs. Ralph (Ludela) Zimmerman, Mrs. Charlie (Annie) Pierce, Mrs. Howard (Bertha) Morton and Mrs. Marshall Ray (Nancy) Spencer, joined Mr. Hulin and his wife at their residence at 2211 Newell St. for the birthday celebration.

Also present were two stepdaughters, Mrs. J. H. Reynolds and Mrs. Louie Presnell, grandchildren and other relatives.

Mr. Hulin is the son of the late Rev. John Hulin and Frances Halton Hulin and has lived in the North Asheboro community for many years.

His father was a well known Methodist minister of this area and a native of the Lovejoy section of Montgomery County.

K. W. Hulin has been married four times; his last wife, to whom he was married 14 years ago, is the former Bonier Bonkemeyer Allred.

Besides the six daughters and two stepdaughters present for his birthday celebration, there is another stepdaughter, Mrs. W. B. Young, of Banning, Calif. Who was not present.

A sumptuous birthday meal was served following the noon hour and an afternoon of family fellowship was enjoyed by those in attendance. Mr. Hulin's family presented him with the money with which to buy a suit of clothes.

The guest list included Mrs. Carl Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Dough Nunnally, of Greensboro, Mrs. Gloria Walden and children, Carlton and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hilliard, Mrs. Jessie Welch, Darrell and Carolyn Sue Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch and children, Kenneth and Gail, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morton, of High Point, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen and daughters, Cindy and Beth, of Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Zimmerman and son, Ralph of Wilmington, Mrs. Marshall Ray Spencer and daughters, Chrystal and Marcel of Route 4, Asheboro, Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, Sr. and children, Madeline, Harry and Butch, of Route 2 Troy, Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Pierce, Kannapolis, and Mrs. Louie Presnell and son Henry, of Central Falls.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe B. Davis and daughters, Joetta and Cynthia, of Cedar Falls, called during the afternoon following the birthday meal, Rev. Mr. Davis is the pastor of Central Falls Methodist Church where Mr. Hulin and his wife attend.

