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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.

"Compassion And Funds" - Aim Of Dimes March Group

Jan. 4, 1965 - The 1965 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County was officially kicked off at a supper event Tuesday evening at the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Asheboro.

Coming in from Raleigh to help the Randolph County drive personnel get the funds drive underway was Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder and state chairman of the March of Dimes.

Grant, who recently returned from the National Conference of Volunteer Leaders at San Diego, Calif., said that "more than 700 babies with birth defects are born each day in the United States."

He also said that "in North Carolina the number of babies born each year with some type of congenital abnormality in between 7,000 and 8,000."

In referring to the March of Dimes emphasis on birth defects, he said "superstition and guilt must be replaced by fact."

"Polio was controlled eventually and so will be birth defects, Grant predicted." In entering into this alliance with science, we have an opportunity to provide the compassion and funds needed to make this the most thrilling adventure of our time. We are fortunate to be a part of an undertaking which will explore the actual origin of life itself."

Some thirty three March of Dimes workers from all over Randolph County were in attendance at the kick-off supper which was planned by the county drive director, Rev. R. Sam Parker.

A treasurer's audit report of the 1964 March of Dimes campaign was given by Bob L. Jones, newly appointed drive treasurer who submitted the report in conjunction with Joe W. Church who has retired after serving in this position for the past four years.

The report listed \$9,808.36 as receipts for the 1964 campaign and after expenses of the drive and the repayment of an advance loan had been deducted, the disbursement of the remainder was made as follows: Medical Scientific Research fund, \$2,205.42; National foundation; \$3,308.12.

Ralph L. Bulla, chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation, reported expenditures of \$3,104.86 during the year 1964.

From this amount, \$650 was given to the Arthritis Special Treatment Center at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston - Salem; \$350 to the Birth Defects Special Treatment Center at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill; and \$250 was used to award a health scholarship to Miss Julia Ann Maness, a Seagrove High School graduate who is presently enrolled in the School of Nursing at Watts Hospital in Durham.

The remainder of the local expenditures was used for the care, treatment and purchase of equipment for persons afflicted with polio and arthritis and those born with birth defects.

Also participating in the kick off supper meeting Tuesday evening was Ralph O. Cox, 1964 drive director of the March of Dimes drive director of the March of Dimes drive and now a member of the executive committee of the local chapter.

Preparing the supper for the kick-off event was Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, also a member of the chapter executive committee, assisted by Mrs. Carr V. Redding, Jr. and Mrs. Wade D. Pugh. Cakes were baked and sent to the supper by Mrs. Ralph O. Cox and Mrs. Kenneth Bulla.

Besides those heretofore mentioned, others in attendance at the supper meeting were Herbert Pugh, Howard Spry, James Hayes, Rev. and Mrs. Hansel Neathery, Mrs. Charlie O. Williams, Mrs. R. Sam Parker, Elvin Cox, Sharon Leonard, Dr. E. L. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lowman, Gilbert Brim, Mrs. H. L. Richardson, Clendon Richardson, Wade Files, Rev. and Mrs. George Simmons, John T. Brown, Mrs. Robert R. Walker, Mrs. Mildred Key Humble, Wayne Hughes, C. M. King, Jr., Q. G. McKeel, Rev. John Woody and M. B. Gibson.

Comer Family Sings For Campaign

Jan. 4, 1965 – The 4th annual Comer family singing, held each year for the benefit of the March of Dimes Drive, will be held Saturday evening Jan. 9, at the Brower School in Erect.

To begin at 7 o'clock, the singing will feature the musical talents of Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Comer, Route 2, Seagrove, and their twelve children.

Helping the Comer family with the singing will be three granddaughters, Rosemary, Jan and Donna Sue Ritter, daughters of the Comer family pianist, Mrs. Helen Comer Ritter.

The Comer family is in great demand at gospel singings, revival meetings, and other events, especially in the lower part of Randolph County and the upper edge of Moore.

Their benefit singing for the March of Dimes at Brower School brings out a large crowd each year and last year every seat was taken.

Besides the singing a beautiful quilt will be given away and an auction sale of cakes and other items will be held.

Sponsor of the singing is Arnold Comer, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Comer, who is March of Dimes Chairman of the Brower – Erect area.

However, he is assisted by other members of his large family in the sponsorship of the event.

The public is invited to attend

Friends Still Come To Visit, Their Anniversary Unusual One

Jan. 7, 1965 – A golden wedding anniversary celebration which began over a half a month ago is still underway for Bob and Kate Gearren, a well known couple of Route 3, Asheboro.

The couple did not plan a formal observance but asked that their friends call by at their convenience and visit with them at their home at the end of a dead – end road about a mile east of Farmer.

The celebration was supposed to have started Dec. 20, but the friends actually began coming on Dec. 16, which was the real anniversary date.

They have been coming ever since and, according to "Miss Kate", the celebration will continue as long as their friends come to the house at the end of the road.

It is an unusual celebration, but Kate Gearren is not an ordinary person. She has gained prominence in recent years because of her work for the American Friends Service Committee.

For many years, especially since her five children left home, she has been making clothes for the needy people in foreign lands, particularly for the children of stricken areas.

One year recently she made 165 garments, mended 1,012 pounds of old clothing and pieced 27 quilts. Later, in a shorter period of time, she made 104 new garments, mended 1,000 pounds of old clothing and pieced 30 quilts.

People from far and near send Mrs. Gearren their old clothes and scraps of cloth for the humanitarian work in which she is engaged.

A native of the Uwharrie area, not far from where she now resides. Kate was the daughter of Dock and Caroline Brown Allred.

She was born one year before the beginning of the Science Hill Friends Meeting which has existed for seventy years. She attended the Meeting House through her childhood but when she married her husband, he said "she'll never make a Quaker out of me."

Because Bob Gearren, a native of Tabernacle Township, lived in the Methodist community of Mt. Zion and it was a Methodist minister, Rev. Joel B. Trodgon, who married them on Dec. 16, 1914.

For four years after their marriage Bob and Kate Gearren lived in the Tabernacle community and attended the Methodist church but upon coming to their present residence and the Science Hill community Kate Gearren and Bob also became a part of that Meeting.

It was through the missionary society at Science Hill that Kate became interested in the overseas work in which she is so actively engaged.

All of Bob and Kate's five children have joined in the golden wedding anniversary celebration and all of them, except one who was detained because of illness, were with them on Christmas Day.

The children are Paul, of Lumberton, Jasper and his sister, Ethel Gold of High Point, Eugene, of Clemmons, and Myrtle Lee Harper, of Sterling, Va.

The couples hardly ever leave home anymore and never leave except when someone comes and takes them. But they extend a special welcome to all visitors and would especially like for their friends to come by while their anniversary celebration is still underway.

Kate was especially pleased last Sunday afternoon, when Seth B. Hinshaw, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, and his wife, Mary Edith, came by to call upon them.

Even though Kate Gearren and Bob hardly ever leave the premises of their farm residence, their lives have an impact which is literally felt around the world.

Sick Man, Cancer – Stricken, Needs Help For Dallas Trip

Jan. 19, 1965 – Funds are being raised to send a cancer-stricken Route 3, Asheboro man to a clinic in Dallas, Texas.

Friends of Sulon Tysinger and various churches in the Farmer area, where Tysinger and his family reside, were busy over last week-end seeking the funds which are

needed to enter him in the clinic which is operated by Dr. J. B. Burkee, formerly with the Taylor Cancer Clinic.

Mr. Tysinger, who submitted to surgery at The Randolph Hospital Dec. 11, wanted to leave for the Dallas clinic Saturday morning but late Tuesday was uncertain as to whether funds for the trip would be forthcoming by that time.

The 51 year-old man, who spent three weeks in the local hospital just prior to Christmas, said he did not want to go into debt for the trip.

Since local doctors have told him they have done all they could except perhaps measures later to relieve the pain, Mr. Tysinger doesn't want to obligate his family with a debt which would be a burden on them.

He said: "I don't want to leave them so far behind."

In view of what he has been told by local medical authorities, for whom both he and his wife have high praise, Mr. Tysinger feels that he has nothing to lose by seeking cure at the Dallas clinic.

He has been encouraged in his decision to go by other Randolph County residents who have been helped by going there.

The stricken man worked at his job with a construction company up to the day before he entered The Randolph Hospital on Dec. 4. He worked for several months recently at Wadesboro but was working at Salisbury when he came home to enter the hospital.

His illness was diagnosed as cancer in the lower part of stomach.

Mr. and Mrs. Tysinger and their four children, Janet, 16, Paget, 15, Johnny, 14, and Richard, 12, live in a big, two storied rented house just off of new Highway 49, southwest of Farmer. Two of the children are in high school.

It is estimated that \$450 is needed to enter the Dallas clinic, excluding the cost of transportation and living expenses during the stay in the Texas city.

During the week-end money was raised in the Pleasant Union, Hoover's Grove, Science Hill, Farmer Baptist and Methodist churches and by the grange square dance. Other contributions came from individuals.

But not enough had been raised Tuesday to defray the entire expenses of the trip and the diagnosis and treatment while there.

Asheboro Friends Meeting Has Dedication Service

Jan 7, 1965 - The Colonial - type structure of the Asheboro Friends Meeting, imposing in appearance and resembling the architectural designs of Quaker churches of earlier years, was dedicated free from indebtedness Sunday, Jan. 3.

The dedicatory service which began at 11 o'clock, was held exactly five years to the very day after the congregation had moved into the new building located at the corner of East Kivett and South Main Streets.

Approximate cost of the building, was \$170,000. At the time the building was occupied five years ago, the indebtedness amounted to \$75,000.

Members of the Meeting set a goal at that time for the clearing of the debt in five years to pay off \$15,000 each year.

The last payment of the \$75,000 indebtedness, which had increased more than \$13,000 because of interest charges, was paid last Dec. 6. The Asheboro Friends Meeting then

began making plans for the service of dedication on the fifth anniversary of the first service in the handsome, spacious building in which they now worship.

Helping to pay most of the interest charges was the sale of the land on which the first house of worship for the Asheboro Friends Meeting was located in 1915.

Larry Emerson, Minister at the Asheboro Friends Meeting, led the people in the service of dedication for the building.

John Kemp, Clerk of the Monthly Meeting during erection of the building and for long a stalwart in the activities of the group, gave a history of the Meeting House and at the close of his remarks burned the paper on which the mortgage for the final amount was recorded.

During the course of his remarks, former Monthly Meeting Clerk Kemp told of the beginning of the Asheboro Friends Meeting which held its first organized meeting on the first Sunday in June, 1913.

He told of the meetings in the Baptist church, the Presbyterian church and the armory hall before the first frame building was erected on Hoover St. on a lot which was given by C. J. Cox and Virgil Presnell.

He told of the sixteen charter members and recognized the fact that two of them, Mrs. Fannie Johnson and Mrs. Nettie Lewallen, are still living, one of whom, Mrs. Johnson, was present for the service of dedication.

He brought the history of the Asheboro Friends meeting through the many additions to the first frame building which was erected in 1915 and he told of the initiation of a building committee for the erection of the new building on a new site and the discontinuance of worship in the old building at the old site at the end of the year 1959. He told of the goal to pay off the indebtedness in five years and he asked for a "rededication in the lives of the members," as they face a new era in the history of the Asheboro Friends Meeting.

Van Neal, who served as chairman of the building committee for the bidding of the new Meeting House, delivered a memorial to the late Bascom G. Rollins who came to the Asheboro Friends Meeting as its Minister in June 30, 1963. He died in Feb. of last year.

Mention was also made in the memorial address of Dovie Rollins, wife of Bascom Rollins, who died in Sept., 1962 while she and her husband were still serving the Asheboro Friends Meeting.

A beautiful arrangement of flowers was placed in the Meeting House for the service of dedication "in loving memory of Bascom G. and Dovie S. Rollins: by the Ladies Bible Class.

Expression from the North Carolina yearly Meeting of Friends was brought to the service of dedication by its Clerk, Byron Hayworth.

He complimented the body of Friends on the erection of the building and the clearing of the indebtedness but said "it is not the mortar or the cost of the stone but the quality of leadership and the character of its members that matters."

He spoke of the Asheboro Friends Meeting "having very broad interest" and in this connection it would be appropriate to state that during the years of paying off the indebtedness all missionary obligations were maintained and even went beyond the regular assessments.

Seth B. Hinshaw, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina yearly Meeting of Friends and for thirteen years Minister of the Asheboro Friends meeting, delivered the address of dedication.

Citing two scriptures, we are laborers together with God and "they went forth, the Lord walking with them," he referred to the small group who established the Friends movement in Asheboro in 1913. He said "it is now evident that it was God's will that there be a Friends Meeting in Asheboro.

He described the Meeting of today as "a growing fellowship, a rich fellowship and a tremendous opportunity of service.

In speaking of the meaning of dedication, he said "it is not that we are going to give Him the building today, it is a simple recognition of His Ownership. We consecrate and dedicate to God today that which is already His."

Amos Stout, present Clerk of the Monthly Meeting, presented the building for dedication and the acceptance was made by the young Minister of the Meeting House, with the people joining in the formal words of dedication.

Wayne Stout sang "Bless This House" and the benediction was said to close the impressive service of dedication.

A luncheon and period of fellowship followed in the fellowship hall of the magnificent structure which had now been cleared of all the encumbrances which had been placed against it.

March of Dimes Jamboree Jan. 16 Features Bands, Food; Auction

Jan. 11, 1965 – A Jamboree for the March of Dimes, perhaps the largest event to be held during the current drive will take place Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Shrine Club House near Ulah.

Three bands, Deep Valley Boys, Randolph Ramblers and The Capris Combo, blue grass and rock and roll, will participate in the Jamboree.

In addition, a chicken stew supper will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and a mammoth auction sale later in the evening.

The big event is being sponsored by H. Clendon Richardson, a polio patient and March of Dimes Chairman for the Ulah – Flag Springs area.

Clendon Richardson, the most afflicted of all polio patients in Randolph County, has done a tremendous amount of work on the project which he is sponsoring for Jan. 16.

Although he does not have the use of his hands or his legs, he has written approximately 75 letters to Asheboro and Randolph County business places and manufacturing plants soliciting items to be auctioned off at the big jamboree, supper and auction sale.

These letters were typewritten by Clendon and he did this by the insertion of an aluminum rod in his mouth, which was attached to an impression of his teeth and which he moved by the use of his tongue.

He has also handled in detail all of the other plans which have gone into the fund raising event.

The huge affair will get underway with the beginning of the chicken stew supper at 5 o'clock. Tickets are being sold for the supper at one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children under twelve. Although advance tickets are on sale at the present time, they will also be available at the door on the night of the supper.

Immediately following the supper, which will come to a close at 7 o'clock, there will be music by the three bands. It has also been announced that there will be dancing by one of the oldest men in Randolph County.

After the first period of music, the auction sale will be held and after that the music will resume again. There will be no charge for the musical program.

The auction sale will be conducted by J. D. King, well known local auctioneer, who is not only performing the service without charge but is assisting in the plans for the sale in every way possible.

Some of the items already contributed to Clendon for the auction include flour, socks, an electric clock, heating pads, serving trays, paint, antifreeze, plant food, toy tractor sets, oil, toasters, dog food, ladies hosiery, lingerie, chair, spark plugs, lamps, T-Shirts, shoes, kitchen items, sweater set, neckties, ice trays, electric lanterns, wire basket, electric manicure set, jewelry sets, bon bon dishes, light bulbs, shovel, garbage can holders, pitcher, corn meal, shaving lotion, hair tonic and shampoo.

More items are expected before the sale on Jan. 16, and those still desiring to donate something for the sale are asked to contact Clendon Richardson, Route 4, Asheboro, Phone No. 529-1266.

Clendon Richardson is appreciative for the help which he is receiving from the places of business, the manufacturing plants and the individuals in putting on this big event for the March of Dimes.

Neither has he forgotten the aid which he received from the March of Dimes during the long months of hospitalization at the time of his attack with polio and the care and equipment which March of Dimes have helped him with since that time.

Because he is appreciative for all that the March of Dimes has done for him is the reason why he in turn is trying to help the March of Dimes in its new program to eliminate birth defects along with the continuing care for those who are stricken with polio.

Besides the big jamboree for the March of Dimes which he is sponsoring Jan. 16, Clendon also sponsored a singing at his church, the Flag Springs Methodist Church, Sunday, Jan. 3, at which time \$186 was realized for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Robert Walker Serves As Mothers' March Leader

Jan. 14, 1965 – An Asheboro housewife, mother of two children and formerly a teacher in the Asheboro City Schools, is serving as the Mothers' March chairman for the 1965 March of Dimes drive.

Mrs. Robert R. Walker, Jr., 848 Oakmont Drive, whose husband is a textile engineer for Klopman Mills, has been busy lately getting things lined up for the annual Mothers' March which will be held Friday, Jan. 20.

Mrs. Walker, the former Dorothy Spahr, of Abingdon, Va., came to Asheboro in the fall of 1951 after two years of attendance at Mars Hill College and following her graduation from Womans College in Greensboro.

She became a teacher in the business department at Asheboro High School where she had done her practice teaching prior to graduation.

The next year she married her husband who also taught for one year at the local high school before associating himself with Klopman Mills.

Mrs. Walker taught for four years at Asheboro High School before leaving the school system to become a housewife. She now stays at home and cares for her two children, Bobby, 5, and Martha Jane, 2.

She is a teacher in the nursery department of the Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church where she and her husband hold their membership. She also serves as vice president of the Women of the Church.

Formerly a member of the Junior Woman's Club, she held many offices in the club, including chairmanship of the T. B. committee which conducts the annual Christmas Seal drive.

She also served for many years on the board of directors of the Randolph County School for Exceptional Children.

Her appointment of section leaders for the Mothers March include Mrs. Bobby Yates, Mrs. M. B. Branson, Mrs. Fred Tucker, Mrs. Rufus Clark, Mrs. James Howell, Mrs. Donald Draggio, Mrs. Robert Williford, Mrs. Nell Taylor, Mrs. Henry Cooper, Mrs. Marion S. Smith, Mrs. Leon McNeil, Mrs. Clifford Trogdon, Mrs. Brad Bulla, Mrs. Troy Nance, Mrs. Hunter Kunkel and Mrs. Allen Holt.

Also, Mrs. Tucker Yates, Mrs. Clarence Steed, Mrs. Wilbur Kearns, Mrs. E. R. Craig, Mrs. Walter Roberts, Mrs. M. H. Barnes, Mrs. Albert C. Stafford, Mrs. T. R. Lisk, Mrs. J. F. Bivens, Mrs. Kenneth Hall, Mrs. R. L. Clark, Mrs. Oway Russell, Mrs. Jo Ann Harris, Mrs. Robert Brittain, Mrs. C. C. Monroe, and Mrs. Billy E. Finchum.

In the conduct of the Mothers March, Mrs. Walker is receiving assistance from Mrs. Mildred Kay Humble.

March of Dimes Aided In Her Lifetime Struggle

Jan. 14, 1965 – Except for the first year and one half of her life, Mrs. Mary Lee Sprinkle has been crippled with arthritis.

She is a happy person, loves fun, laughs a lot but yet all of her life except for the first year and one half has been spent in hospitals, nursing homes, on crutches and in a wheel chair.

Many people and groups, throughout the years of her suffering and affliction have helped Mary Lee, both financially and otherwise.

This past year the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation, through its March of Dimes receipts, has purchased the medicine which she has needed to alleviate the pain which is caused by the arthritic condition which has plagued her life.

Daughter of Charlie Smith and the late Mae Lewallen Smith, Mary Lee was born south of Asheboro and when small, her family moved closer to town, near where she now resides on Route 4, Asheboro, down Cox Road across from Staley's Garage, with her husband, Frank Sprinkle, and her father who is 84 years of age.

Her first sign of arthritis was when her ankle started swelling and later when her right leg became stiff. At the age of five, she was taken to the orthopedic hospital in Gastonia.

She remained in the hospital at Gastonia, off and on, until she became 16 years of age. At one time she came home and enrolled in the local school but was unable to continue in school because of her condition.

While at the hospital in Gastonia, she underwent surgery for the straightening of her leg and at one time was in a cast which covered her entire body except for her head and arms.

By the time she was 16 years old, the arthritic condition had spread to both of her legs and she was unable to walk without crutches.

Her mother died after she entered the hospital at Gastonia and upon leaving the hospital at the compulsory discharge age, she had no place to go because her father was unemployed and unable to care for her.

So, the next few years of Mary Lee's life was spent in boarding houses, homes of relatives and nursing homes. It was at a Winston – Salem nursing home that she met her husband to whom she was married in Dec., 1953.

Frank Sprinkle worked in the nursing home in Winston-Salem where Mary Lee was a patient but at the time of their marriage after five years of courtship was employed with the State Highway Department.

The couple lived alone in Asheboro for a while after their marriage but soon came to reside with Mary Lee's father at the place where they are now living.

It was only a two room house but when Mary Lee and her husband moved in, Mr. Smith built a room for himself on the premises. Later, because of his advanced age, Mr. Smith's room was moved up and attached to the two room dwelling in which Mary Lee and her husband reside.

Mary Lee's husband continued to work with the highway department after coming to Asheboro but later lost his job and then worked for a short period at a local furniture factory.

He is now unemployed and due to a hearing ailment, an ulcerous condition, kidney stone and a thyroid goiter, it is not expected that he will resume employment.

Both Mary Lee and her husband are under the care of physicians at the Baptist Hospital in Winston – Salem. Mary Lee, in addition to her arthritic condition, suffers from a hernia in her stomach and not too long ago was a patient at Umstead Hospital because of her nerves.

At an earlier time in her life, Mary Lee underwent surgery at The Randolph Hospital through the services of Dr. Thomas Sheldon, orthopedic surgeon out of Richmond, Va.

Despite both of her knees and left arm being stiff and she is unable to walk without crutches, despite the fact she only has twenty per cent movement in her hips and cannot sit in a normal position, she still does her housework and cooking and keeps the little, two room house in which she and her husband live in a scrupulously clean condition.

She is a good manager and works hard to keep the household going on the small means which come their way.

Her father gets a small social security payment and two or three times Mary Lee and her husband have received help from the local welfare department. However, permanent help has been promised them and Frank is going to apply for his social security disability benefits.

If it had not been for faithful friends, some who have been helping them for years, they do not know how they would have made out, as Frank has been unemployed since last Mar. it is especially "rough in the winter time", according to Mary Lee with coal and the other necessities of the winter season to buy.

March of Dimes money has helped greatly in the past year in the purchase of the drugs which are needed to relieve the severe pain of arthritis.

But with all of her difficulties, this small woman, she is only five feet tall, with the beautiful, raven black hair and the quick smile, is still cheerful and pleasant, even though her life has been spent in a crippled condition.

"Why Bother To Come Home"? – She Likes Randolph Folks Fine

Jan. 14, 1965 – A Cary woman, hospitalized at The Randolph Hospital for the past three months, has high praise for the hospital staff and Randolph County people in general.

Mrs. H. J. Waff, Jr., who received serious injuries in an automobile accident Oct. 2 on Highway 64 east of Asheboro, has received such fine treatment at the local hospital that she has asked her folks in Cary, "why should I bother to come home?"

In fact, she could have been transferred to a hospital in the vicinity of her home a month ago but chose rather to remain where she has been treated so kindly, not only by doctors, nurses and other hospital staff members but also by the people of the community.

Of the hospital staff and nurses, she said, "I never flipped on a button that they didn't come."

Of the townspeople and the people out in the county, she said, "it's embarrassing, they have been so nice." They come by to see her and they bring her things.

She especially singled out a young Ramseur couple who have not been married long. They became acquainted with Mrs. Waff when a relative was in the hospital.

But after the relative left the hospital, they continued to come regularly to visit Mrs. Waff in her confinement. She thinks it unusual that a young couple, newly married, would take the time to manifest an interest in her welfare.

She has been touched "very deeply" by the prayers which have been offered in her behalf by the ministers and people of all faiths in this vicinity and elsewhere.

Because when Mrs. Waff was brought into the hospital that drizzly Friday afternoon, her body badly mangled, she was only given from twelve-to-twenty four hours to live.

Her ribs were crushed, her right hip was broken in two places and her left leg was broken and badly mangled.

It was touch-and-go for a good while as to whether the left leg would be saved. But now, it is only expected that there will be a limp.

For seven weeks she was in a cast from the waist down. The cast which is now on her left leg is expected to remain until June.

Last week she began walking a little each day with the help of hospital aides and a professional walker.

The accident, which nearly cost her life, occurred when she and a friend were returning from a flower show in Atlanta, Ga. It is thought that the friend, who was driving, went to sleep at the wheel. Mrs. Waff was thrown from the car as it went down an embankment.

Before the wreck, Mrs. Waff, a native of Thomasville, Ga. But who has lived in Tampa, Fla., had been active in the civic and political life of Cary where she and her husband have lived for twenty five years. They have a son 21 years of age who is a student at Campbell College.

She had been president of the P.T.S.A., and was serving as registrar in the voting precinct in which she lives.

Since her accident relieved her of the official duties which she formerly held during elections, she said "this was one election I didn't have to keep my mouth shut,"

Despite the ordeal which Mrs. Waff has undergone, and she still doesn't know when she will be released from the hospital, she retains an optimistic viewpoint and considers herself lucky to have escaped from more injuries than she received.

She said, "it could have been much worse," is especially thankful her neck was not broken, and said in reference to walking again, "I'd be willing to ride in a wheel chair.

She speaks to everyone in the hospital, cheers up the despondent, asks them "the sun came up this morning, didn't it?"

Our conversation with her was interrupted many times as people passing the door waved, with many of them coming in to speak to her and express a desire for her continued improvement.

She discussed the beautiful decor of the rooms in the new part of the hospital in which she is located and said it didn't seem like a hospital.

In speaking of her doctors, Dr. Johnston and Dr. Fitzpatrick, she said "they are wonderful people" and said she would like to place an advertisement in the paper "to thank everybody in Randolph County for their courtesies.

Singers Do Their Best For March of Dimes Drive

Jan. 18, 1965 – A quartet of gospel singers outgrowth of a singing school which was held eight years ago-will be the host group for a big March of Dimes singing to be held Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Coleridge School.

The Deep River Quartet was formed during four weeks of the singing school which was conducted by the late Rev. Charlie Comer in successive periods of two weeks each at the Maple Springs Methodist Church and the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

Both churches are located between Coleridge and Bennett and co-incidentally members of the quartet are split between the two churches, with Fred Beck and Clifford Cain coming from the Maple Springs church and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown coming from the Pleasant Grove church.

Messers. Beck and Cain are residents of Route 1, Ramseur while Mr. and Mrs. Brown are residents of Route 1, Bennett.

During the singing schools eight years ago, members of both churches participated in the school at each of the two churches.

While conducting the school at both of the churches, the singing master decided to pick a quartet from the combined group and selected John and Frances Brown, Fred Beck and Clifford Cain to make up the singing foursome.

This was the beginning of the Deep River quartet and except for a brief period they have sung regularly together since that time.

They have been very much in demand since they began to sing together and receive many requests to sing at various occasions.

All four members of the quartet live on Highway 42 between Coleridge and Bennett, are active in the two churches which they attend and well known in the communities in which they reside.

Queried as to why they called their group the "Deep River Quartet," one of the quartet members said "every time we got ready to sing we would have to go after Clifford Cain who would be fishing in the river." So, the quartet was named for the river which flows near their homes and where one of their members was found so often when the others wanted him to sing.

Current pianist for the quartet is Miss Joyce Moser, also a resident of Route 1, Ramseur and a student at Wake Forest College.

This will be the fourth year in succession that the Deep River Quartet has sung for the benefit of the March of Dimes drive in Randolph County.

Other groups participating in the big singing at the Coleridge School on Jan. 23, beginning at 7 p. m., will include Disciples of Song, Comer Family Singers, Phillips Family, Deep River Community Chorus, Parks Cross Roads Quartet, and Coleridge Lions Club Quartet.

The singing is a joint effort of Elvin Murray, March of Dimes chairman for Coleridge and John T. Brown, March of Dimes chairman for Pleasant Grove.

The public is invited to attend. There will be no admission charge but an offering will be taken for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

Full Schedule Of Events For March of Dimes Fund

Jan. 21, 1965 – Randolph County which in years past has led the entire state in March of Dimes receipts derived from special events has a full schedule for events for this coming week-end.

Beginning Friday evening a chicken stew supper, musical program and auction sale, which was moved up from last Saturday night because of the snow, will be held at the Asheboro Shrine Hut east of Ulah.

The supper will be held from 5 p. m. and in addition to chicken stew; hot dogs will also be served. Tickets for the supper previously sold will be good for the second scheduling of this event.

Following the supper many articles of various sorts which have been donated by Asheboro and Randolph County merchants and manufacturers will be auctioned off with all proceeds going to the March of Dimes.

During the auction a quilt and other articles will be given away in a drawing which will be held.

Clendon Richardson, polio patient and March of Dimes chairman for Ulah - Flag Springs, is sponsoring the supper, musical program and auction sale.

On Saturday evening two events for the March of Dimes have been scheduled, a singing at Coleridge and a rook party at Cedar Grove.

The singing, which will begin in the Coleridge High School auditorium at 7 p. m., will feature the Deep River quartet, Disciples of Song, Comer Family Singers, Phillips Family, Deep River Community Chorus, Parks Cross Roads Quartet and Coleridge Lions Club Quartet.

There will be no admission charge but an offering will be taken for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

Sponsors for the singing are John T. Brown, March of Dimes chairman for Pleasant Grove, and Elvin Murray, March of Dimes chairman for Coleridge.

The benefit rook party will be held Saturday evening from 7 o'clock until 11 o'clock in the Cedar Grove Community building and will be conducted by Mrs. J. A. McDaniel for the March of Dimes committee for the Farmer – New Hope – Cedar Grove area, of which Wade Files is the chairman. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Week-end activities for the March of Dimes will come to a close with the singing Sunday afternoon at the Liberty High School, which is conducted annually by Bob Loman.

To begin at 2:30, this singing will feature the Swordsmen Quartet, of Winston – Salem, the Carolinians Quartet of Asheboro, the Disciples of Song of Asheboro, and the Deep River Community Chorus of Coleridge and Bennett.

No admission charge will be made for this singing either, but free will offering will be taken to benefit the March of Dimes drive.

Following the activities of this coming week end, the March of Dimes drive will head into its last week of activity for the 1965 funds campaign.

Sunday School Teaching Career Began 24 Years Ago

Jan. 28, 1965 – James Albert Jones, a resident of Route 1, Bennett, has taught a Sunday School class at the Deep River Baptist Church in Coleridge for 24 years and has only been absent from church five Sundays during that time.

His years of teaching a Sunday school class at the Deep River church have been divided into two periods. He first began teaching there in Oct., 1936 and taught for 14 consecutive years.

During that time he was absent for four Sundays during the sickness and death of his father and at the time on the birth of his only daughter.

He gave up his active teaching job and became the assistant teacher for two years. Then for two years he quit teaching altogether.

But ten years ago he resumed his teaching position and has retained it since that time. During this latter period he has only missed one Sunday because of being sick.

When he started back to teaching he took the same class of men which he started out with in 1936 which by this time had become Adult Class No. 2.

Three men, Ray Poole, Thurman Cox and Charles Davis, who were in the class when he started with them over 28 years ago, are still members of the class.

Mr. Jones actually began his Sunday school teaching career in 1934 at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, two years before he went to the Deep River church.

He attended Sunday School as a child at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church where his father served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 30 consecutive years and where his parents are interred in the church cemetery.

But in young manhood he changed over to the Pleasant Grove church, across the road from the school he attended and where many of his schoolmates worshipped.

He had been teaching in the Sunday school at Pleasant Grove for one year at the time of his marriage to Adele Poole, a member and Sunday school teacher at Deep River Baptist Church where she also served as pianist for eight years.

The couple went to their respective churches for one year after their marriage before Mr. Jones switched over to his wife's church and where he immediately became a teacher of one of the Sunday school classes.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been active members of the Deep River Baptist Church. In addition to serving as Sunday School teacher, Mr. Jones has also served as superintendent of the Sunday School and as church clerk.

Outside of a few Sundays Albert Jones has never really missed Sunday School and church in his entire lifetime. His father, a consistent church man himself started him off as a child and he has been going ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones live on a small, neatly kept farm between Coleridge and Bennett, not far from maples Springs Methodist Church and close to where Mrs. Jones was born and reared.

Their daughter and only child is married to Richard Sunucker, an Asheboro mailman, and the Jones have one grandchild.

Mr. Jones has raised tobacco all of his life and has in his possession "a double twist" of tobacco which is over 32 years old.

In 1932, when tobacco was selling for around 19 cents a pound, Albert Jones, a cousin, Marvin Jones, and Edgar Cain was sitting in a tobacco warehouse in Winston-Salem, waiting for their tobacco to be sold.

It was 3 o'clock in the morning and the three men had been waiting for two days to sell their tobacco.

Probably just to pass the time away, the 78 year-old Mr. Cain, described by Mr. Jones as an old mountain tobacco man," said to Mr. Jones, "I am going to twist you a twist of tobacco."

He made the double twist, which is very complicated as far as tobacco twist go, and Mr. Jones has kept it ever since. The twist is still in good shape, hasn't deteriorated to any great extent and hasn't even begun to "untwist."

Keeping the tobacco that length of time has not been too difficult, especially since Mr. Jones, a lifelong raiser of tobacco, does not use the weed personally.

Another twist of tobacco in Mr. Jones' possession, not quite as old as the first one, was also twisted by Mr. Cain but this time at a tobacco warehouse in Burlington. He also has on hand two or three "hands of tobacco" which are ten years old.

This correspondent enjoyed very much the visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jones in their commodious rural home, located some distance off of a rural dirt road and overlooking the beautiful farmland of that area,

In addition to their active membership at the Deep River Baptist Church, both Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Deep River Community Chorus.

Farmer Square Dance Ends Full Slate Of Activities

Jan. 28, 1965 – The Square dance, sponsored annually by the Farmer Grange for the benefit of the March of Dimes, will bring to a close the special events which have been held throughout the month of Jan. for the annual drive for funds.

The dance will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 30, in the grange building at Farmer, beginning at 7:30 and continuing until 1 o'clock.

Furnishing the music for the dance will be Carl Nance, veteran banjo picker, and the following members of his band; Dan Luther, violen; Branson Nance, guitar; and Walser Morris, banjo.

A visiting band from the Trinity area has also been asked to participate in the March of Dimes dance and is expected to be present.

Making plans for the dance and in charge of the arrangements are Wade W. Files, March of Dimes chairman for The Farmer – New Hope – Cedar Grove area, and E. W. Elliott, square dance chairman for the Farmer Grange, who is being assisted by Mr. and Mrs. H. P. (Hub) Kearns.

Admission charge for the dance is fifty cents for all persons who attend. Square dances have been held in the Farmer Grange building since 1948. The March of Dimes benefit dance has been held during the month of Jan. for several years.

March of Dimes chairman, Wade W. Files, is no stranger to the annual funds drive. He served in a similar capacity in Caswell County where he and his wife lived before coming to Randolph County and the Farmer area the first of Mar. last year.

A native of Iowa, he lived in Texas before moving, first to Alamance County upon coming to north Carolina.

A representative of The Dairy Herd Imporvement Association working with dairy farmers in Randolph County, Mr. Files and his wife are the parents of two sons, one living in Raleigh and one in Winston-Salem The couple also have seven grandchildren.

A familiar face which will be missing from the March of Dimes square dance in Farmer this year will be that of Duke Lowe, a long time member of the square dance committee, who died suddenly a few weeks ago while attending one of the dances at the Farmer grange building.

Duke Lowe was a strong supporter of the clean recreational program which has been sponsored for many years by the Farmer Grange and was very helpful with the March of Dimes square dance which has been held each year in cooperation with the March of Dimes committee and the grange group.

He will be missed at this year's benefit dance and those who come to help the contining care for polio patients and the elimination of birth defects will remember his contributions on the years which are past.

Asheboro Ministers Paid Honor By Civitan Club

Feb. 4, 1965 – Six Asheboro ministers were guests of honor at the regular dinner meeting of the Asheboro Civitan club last week at All Star Lanes.

Coupled with the honoring of these ministers and associated with their presence was the proclamation of "Clergy Week" by Asheboro Mayor Robert L. Reese at the bequest of the Asheboro civitan Club.

Guests of the club were Rev. Robert L. Hughes, pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church, Rev. John Kizer, pastor of Forest Park Baptist Church, Rev. Lacy M. Presnell, Jr., pastor-at-large of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Church, Rev. John W. Woody, pastor of Balfour Baptist Church, Dr. Walter E. Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church and Rev. Bobby Freeman, pastor of Foster Street Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Carl L. King, president of the local Civitan club, welcomed the visiting ministers and told them the club feels "that you deserve more recognition than you usually get."

He told of the efforts of the local club in securing the proclamation of "Clergy Week" and commended the ministers for "your fine work and fine sacrificial efforts towards making a better place in which to live."

Each of the ministers was introduced and each responded briefly in response to his invitation to the dinner and the recognition accorded to the ministers of Asheboro.

Text of Mayor Robert L. Reese's proclamation is as follows: "Whereas, the clergy of our nation has meant so much to our religions, and our way of life, and Whereas, the clergymen of our respective faiths have made great

contributions to our religious heritage, by their sacrifices in serving their fellowman and country in war and in peace, as ministers of God, and Whereas, we as Americans are basically religious people, and Whereas, there presently is no special recognition of this devoted group as such, in honor of the people who have dedicated their lives to the spiritual needs of man, and the ministering of God's works, be it therefore proclaimed that the week beginning Sunday, Jan. 31, 1965 be known as "Clergy Week" and Sunday, Feb. 3, 1965 as "Clergy Day" in the City of Asheboro, North Carolina. This 26 day of Jan., 1965. Witness my Hand and Seal at Asheboro, North Carolina, R. L. Reese, and Mayor of Asheboro."

New Language, And New Culture Await A Young Ramseur Couple

Feb. 8, 1965 – A young Ramseur ministerial couple, whose hearts were stirred by the missionary challenge many years ago, left today, Monday, to begin their long journey to the foreign mission field.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Gentry were confident and in high spirits as they left the Ramseur Baptist Church, where they have served for the past three years, to enter the service of the foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Their eventual destination will be the island of Taiwan or what is also known as Formosa. They were accompanied by their daughter, Jan, who was two years old last Wednesday.

For their last two services yesterday at the Ramseur church, the Lord's Supper was observed in the morning service and a baptismal service was held at the concluding service in the evening.

These two time honored ordinances of the church for their final services symbolized the total commitment not only of those persons participating but also represented the dedication and commitment of the young couple who were giving their lives to the mission field in a faraway land.

One week prior to his departure, the Rev. Gentry was honored at the meeting of the Ramseur Lions Club of which he had been a member since coming to Ramseur. After a program which he presented by showing colored slides of Taiwan (Formosa), he was presented with a desk set with the club seal and an engraved inscription.

It was three years before, to the exact date of the Lions Club program, that Jack Gentry became the pastor of the Ramseur Baptist Church. He had completed his studies at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest and was awaiting the awarding of a Bachelor of Divinity degree in May.

His wife, the former Ruby Hickman, was also a student at the theological seminary and was awarded a similar degree at the same time. They were the first husband and wife to be awarded Bachelor of Divinity degrees simultaneously at the Baptist School.

Their intentions to become missionaries were known at the time of their acceptance of the work at the Ramseur church. This was something which had been determined much earlier in the lives of this young couple and the local congregation knew if the requirements of the mission board were met they would be leaving at the end of a three-year period.

With Jack Gentry the decision had been made around twenty years ago when he listened to a returned missionary

to China speak in his mother's home church near Elkin, N. C.

Although he had just passed his 13th birthday and he had only accepted Christ two years earlier, the young boy's heart was stirred by the challenge of the missionary's plea and the need of the people of other lands never left him after that time.

His heart was directed even then to the Chinese people and his desire to carry the gospel to the Asiatic was further emphasized during a term of naval service in the Pacific at the time of the Korean conflict during which his tour of duty brought him to the island of Taiwan, his ultimate destination upon leaving Ramseur today.

He was reared in Yadkin County, town of Boonville, and after finishing high school he enrolled at Wake Forest College for one semester before volunteering for the U. S. Navy at the age of 19.

After nearly four years of naval service he enrolled again at Wake Forest College where he graduated in 1958.

Two years before his graduation from college and for the first two years of his enrollment at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, he served as pastor of the Union Grove Baptist Church in Yadkin County, six miles from the home in which he grew to young manhood.

Mrs. Gentry was born in Martin County but grew to young womanhood in the town of Enfield in Halifax County. Her father was a Baptist minister and a teacher.

It was as a very small child listening to her mother teaches the children's missionary group that she first felt the leadings to a life in the mission field. These earlier impulses led to a declaration of intent at the age of 14 and the years since have been a time of preparation and study.

After high school, the first two years were spent at Mars Hill Junior College and then Wake Forest College where she graduated in 1959. Marriage followed in July of that year and before her enrollment at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. Gentry received their official appointment from the mission board last Dec. 10 and it was then their preparations to leave began in earnest.

Groceries were bought to help make the transition to a new civilization, furniture was packed and endless other details attended to.

Upon leaving Ramseur today the couple will spend a month with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Gentry in Boonville and Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Hickman in Enfield.

On Mar. 15 they will leave the Raleigh – Durham Airport enroute to Denver, Colo. Where they will visit with Mr. Gentry's sister before going on to San Francisco, Calif. Where on Mar. 18 they will sail aboard the S. S. Roosevelt for the 14 days trip to Yokhoma, Japan, port city for Tokyo, Japan.

They will spend one night in Tokyo before flying to Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan, where they will arrive on Apr. 2. They will enter a language school in Taipei on Apr. 7 and begin at first hand their preparations to serve the mission fields of that country.

They will attend the language school for two years but at the end of the first year will probably be assigned some type of duty in the area. Their study of one of the three languages of Taiwan, the national language of Mandarin, the native tongue of Taiwanese or the mountain dialect, will

determine their permanent duty at the end of the two years of language study.

Rev. Jack Gentry and his wife have left a deep imprint on the congregation of the church they served for three years and the people of the town in which they lived during that time. They are bid God-speed as they leave for the 12,000 mile journey which they began even in their childhood and which will bring them into an even greater service for their God and their fellowman.

Beulah Baptist Church - Monumental Achievement

Feb. 15, 1965 – Towering high in the sky with a 97 foot steeple which is visible for many miles throughout the countryside, the new \$250,000 edifice of the Beulah Baptist Church stands as a monumental achievement to the efforts of its large, rural congregation.

Situated on the highest point in the area and overlooking the old church and cemetery, the new Colonial-type structure is located on Route 2, Bennett in Randolph County but in close proximity to the Moore and Chatham county areas.

A service of dedication for the new building was held Sunday, Feb. 7, but the first service was held in the new sanctuary on Sunday, Jan. 3.

The educational building, erected previously, has been occupied since its completion in 1961.

Dr. Julian Hopkins, Secretary of Evangelism for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, delivered the address for the dedication service and former pastors were recognized. The church pastor, Rev. Curtis Barber, was in charge of the service.

Also participating in the service of dedication were the Rev. R. T. Smith, associational missionary, and H. Wade Yates, moderator for the Randolph Baptist Association.

Recognition was also extended to members of the various committees who handle the different phases of the building program.

Imposing with its four huge white columns, nearly thirty inches in diameter and twenty four feet high, setting on an elevated site back off of the road, the new building is of fireproof construction of masonry and steel except for the roof. The combined square footage of both the sanctuary and educational building is 24,000.

Beauty and simplicity mark the appearance of the sanctuary which has a seating capacity of 520. In addition to the lower floor the sanctuary has a balcony, choir area for 41 members, a large lobby and a baptistery with a mural painting depicting a beautiful scene from the River Jordan.

The sanctuary contains plastered wall painted grey, a fireguard acoustical ceiling and a floor of concrete slab over which has been laid vinyl tile underneath the pews and a beautiful carpet of regal red in the aisles and pulpit area.

Lighting for the sanctuary is derived from four, goldplated swinging fixtures with small crosses on each side and a spot for the pulpit area. On the front porch wrought iron light fixtures hang from chains.

The exterior of the two story educational building is constructed of brick and the interior of exposed blocks. The ceiling is identical to that of the sanctuary and the floors are of asphalt tile.

The educational building contains a pastor's study, four large assembly rooms, library, kitchen, education offices,

nursery, five bath rooms and class rooms for a departmental Sunday School of 520.

Various colors have been used in painting the different areas of the educational building, with some of the rooms having a dual-color scheme.

The architectural firm of Cole and Jones, of Raleigh, recommended by the Architectural Department of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, designed the building in cooperation with the local church personnel. Contractor was Harold Cooper, Siler City, with R. C. Scotten of Staley, serving as the supervising builder. Plumbing and heating was handled by Asheboro Plumbing and Heating Company, composed of Dewey and Marvin Caviness who grew up in the Beulah Baptist Church. The electrical work was done by Kidd Electric Co., owned by R. G. Kidd, a member of the church board of deacons.

Members of the building committee for the construction of the new building were Wilton Powers, chairman, Harold Purvis, Theron Caviness, Russell Seawell and Hal Hussey.

Construction of the new building had its beginning in Jan., 1958 to which time a building fund was started. About three years later, in Nov., 1960, ground was broken for the educational building with about \$30,000 on hand.

When the educational building was completed the following year at a cost of \$67,477.86, the church only owed \$20,000 on the new plant. Further building was called off until this indebtedness was cleared over a year later.

Upon the clearing of this debt, the congregation decided to begin the construction of the sanctuary when the church had accumulated the amount of \$10,000 in the church treasury. This was accomplished in Aug., 1963 and work on the sanctuary was begun the following month.

In a twenty two months period, during the planning and construction of the sanctuary, a total amount of \$16,378.87 was received by Beulah Baptist Church for its building program.

The entire church plant, the educational building and sanctuary, has now been completed at a cost of approximately \$200,000 and only \$50,000 has been borrowed by the church to complete the building. It is hoped to be able to pay off this indebtedness in three to five years.

All of the money which has gone into the building program has come from tithes and offerings. A majority of the church members are farmers and textile workers, with eight public school teachers on the church rolls.

Construction cost of the building was less than \$700 a square foot and this figure was made possible because of the work which was done on the building by members of the congregation, some working during the day and others at night. Also, Wilton Powers chairman of the building fund, did the purchasing of the materials for the building, thus reducing the cost thereof. Land for the church site was donated by N. G. Purvis. Due to the donation of free labor and other savings effected in the construction of the building, its value is placed at \$250,000.

The Beulah Baptist Church was organized July 13, 1902. Its organization grew out of a brush arbor meeting which was held just about on the site of the new building. Two charter members of the church, Mrs. Sankie Caviness and J. T. (Tommy) Powers, are still living and remember that brush arbor meeting at which about forty professions of faith were made. Following a baptism at Howard's Mill, above the old dam, the church was organized.

Before the organization of the church the two charter members recall that Sunday school services were held in a log house nearby. Many of the original members of the church, including Tommy Powers, came out of the Fall Creek Baptist Church a few miles away.

Preacher for the brush arbor meeting and first pastor of Beulah Baptist Church was Rev. W. H. H. Lawhorn. Other ministers in succession have been L. P. Suits, W. H. Strickland, A. G. Lassiter, Colon Strickland, C. M. Floyd, Van Porter, J. C. Dunevant, Bennie Maness and the present pastor, Rev. Curtis Barbery.

The original church was a frame building, 30 by 40 feet, and was erected in 1902. Additions to this building were additional area added to auditorium in 1920 and 1921; two story educational building in 1940; front entrance 1941; basement rooms and heating system in 1949; and the building of a pastorium in 1954.

Membership of the Beulah Baptist Church is 499. The board of deacons is composed of Winfred Caviness, chairman, Theron Caviness, Roby Kidd, Curtis Powers, Jr. Lennie Purvis, Roy Lambert, Roy Purvis, Russell Garner and Harold Purvis.

There are 360 persons enrolled in the Sunday School, with an average attendance of 317. Superintendent of the school is Harold Purvis.

Glenn Powers is director of the Training Union which has an average attendance of around 80. President of the missionary society is Mrs. Anne Powers.

Other committees concerned with the building program, in addition to the building committee, were as follows; finance, R. G. Kidd, chairman, Eli Seawell, and Hobart Hussey; planning, Elizabeth Hussey, Ocia Purvis, chairman, Curtis Caviness, Curtis Powers, W. M. Leonard, and A. L. Maness, Jr.; window and furniture, Edison Powers, chairman. W. M. Leonard, Cora Purvis, Betty Seawell, and Stella Powers; landscaping, E. S. Powers, Eli Seawell, Bud Garner, Russell Garner, Lester Myrick, and Quinton Shields.

Three ministers, W. T. Cockman, Clinton Powers and Howard Caviness, have gone out from the church while Rev. W. M. Leonard, who was ordained by the church is now serving as caretaker for the beautiful new building.

After Stay In Texas, Ailing Man Returns

Feb. 18, 1965 – Sulon Tysinger, Route 3, Asheboro man for whom funds were raised early in Jan. for expenses to a cancer clinic in Texas, has returned home and is now a patient at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

First plans were for Mr. Tysinger to go to a cancer clinic in Dallas, Texas but these plans were cancelled just prior to his departure and he went instead to the M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute located at the University of Texas at Houston, Texas.

However, he only spent three days there as doctors at the Houston institute referred him back to the Winston-Salem hospital to a doctor who was formerly associated with the Houston hospital.

He began his treatment of radiation therapy at the Winston-Salem hospital Tuesday of last week and remained at the hospital until Friday. He returned to the hospital last Sunday where he is expected to remain from three to six weeks.

Mr. Tysinger and his wife and family of four teen-age children are appreciative of the help, financial and

otherwise, which they received at the time of the trip to Texas and the encouragement which they have received during Mr. Tysinger's illness. Various churches of the Farmer area extended help as well as many individuals in that area and elsewhere.

Although Mr. Tysinger is aware of the seriousness of his condition, he still says "I thank the Lord for my condition," as compared to the condition of the cancer-ravaged people which he saw at the hospital and tumor institute in Houston, Texas.

Hugh Patterson Honored By Family On 80th Year

Feb. 22, 1965 – Hugh C. Patterson, a lifelong resident of Route 2, Ramseur, was honored Sunday, Feb. 14 at a family gathering at the town hall in Ramseur on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Living in the Parks Cross Roads community at the same place at which he was born and where he has spent his entire life, he was born on Feb. 16, 1885 as one of the twelve children of W. H. Patterson and Letha Ann Parks Patterson.

From that family only Mr. Patterson and one sister, Mrs. Stella Brown, of Greensboro survive.

Married to the former Roxie Lineberry, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are the parents of three sons, W. Clyde Patterson, Route 2, Ramseur, H. C. Patterson, Jr., Route 1 Asheboro and Glenn Patterson, of Ramseur. They also have four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Although born on a farm and engaged in farming all of his life, Mr. Patterson has also done carpentry work from which he is now retired.

He has replaced the house in which he was born but the old chimney which was a part of the old house was retained in the newer house which he built on the same site.

An avid hunter for all of his lifetime, especially wild turkeys, birds, and fox hunting,, he still goes fox hunting and has been twice this season.

One of the men with whom he hunted much in the earlier years is Henry (Pete) Coward, also a resident of Route 2, Ramseur and a nephew of Mr. Patterson even though at the age of 78 is only two years younger than Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Coward was present for the birthday gathering at the town hall last Sunday as was also another nephew of Mr. Patterson, Claude Craven, who at the age of 75 is only five years younger than Mr. Patterson.

Conducting a brief devotional period Sunday before the eating of the sumptuous meal and making a few appropriate remarks was another nephew, Jay Patterson, of High Point.

The entire guest list at the celebration included Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Patterson, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Patterson, Miss Margo Tonia Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coward, and Mrs. Letha Burgess, Route 2, Ramseur; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Patterson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Patterson and Roddy Patterson, Route 1, Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Patterson, Glenn Patterson, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Craven, Ramseur; Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Allred, Lisa and Karen Allred, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson and Ralph Bulla, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Patterson, Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Patterson, High Point; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Langley and Floyd Langley, Route 1, Staley; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moffitt, Route 4, Siler City; Mr. and Mrs. William Coward and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, Franklinville;

Mr. and Mrs. Beason Craven, Miss Lillie Craven, Miss Dovie Lackey, and Mrs. Clara Lackey, of Greenshoro; and Hershall Priddy, Route 1, Ramseur.

A Day For Scout Leaders: Central Host Gathering

Feb. 25, 1965 – Den Mothers and chair ladies were honored at the annual scouters conclave of the Weatherby Division of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts of America Sunday, Feb. 21, at Central High School in Asheboro.

Comprised of Negro scouts and scouting officials from the counties of Randolph and Guilford, approximately 500 people were in attendance at the annual scout conclave.

It was a different meeting from those held in the past, as the ladies of the Weatherby Division occupied the platform and presented the program, with J. E. Whitley, district chairman, Sam Buie, division scout executive, and the other men of the division sitting with the audience.

Mrs. Alice Matthews, a den mother of long standing, served as mistress of ceremonies, with Mrs. Mozell Laughlin having the invocation.

Greetings from the Central High School staff were extended by Mrs. A. E. Hodges and greetings from the Randolph County P.T.A. were extended by Mrs. Ruth Laughlin, Asheboro Mayor Robert L. Reece came from his seat in the audience to extend greetings from the City of Asheboro, speaking from the platform where his wife sat as an honored guest.

Mrs. M. D. Whitley, wife of the district chairman, introduced the guests and speaking on the subject "We Also Serve" were Mrs. Ruth Bell, Mrs. E. G. Caveness, Mrs. Reathea Donnell, and Mrs. Bettye Taylor.

In this discussion, Mrs. Bell represented active den mothers, Mrs. Caveness pot luck supper chairladies, Mrs. Donnell wives of scout leaders, and Mrs. Taylor parents of registered scouts.

Mrs. Catherine O. Buie, wife of the division scout executive, rendered a salute to the active den mothers, pot luck chairladies and wives of active scouters and these designated ladies Mar.ed in a circle before the platform as the assembled bands played and the audience applauded the efforts of these ladies of scouting.

Music for the assemblage was provided by the Central High School Glee Club, the Central School Band and the Randolph School Band.

Only towards the end of the program did the ladies yield the platform to the district chairman, J. E. Whitley, for the announcement of awards and advancements and to Sam Buie, division scout executive, for remarks.

Advancements were announced as follows; second class, Troop 411, Billy Rae Shoffner, Gregory Siler, Reginald Jerome Cheek, James Calvin Brooks, Walter J. McCaskill, William L. Stubbs, Kenneth Lee Shoffner, Larry Eugene Clay, and Steve Ray McClain; Troop 412, Tony Cheek, James Spencer, Levander Baldwin and Oliver Johnson; Troop 413, Lonnie Matthews, David Spinks, James Spinks, Cleo Cheek, Fredrick Alston, Michael Matthews, Jarvis Isley, Kenneth Walden, Randy Matthews and Edward Spinks; Troop 414, Joesph W. Ferree, Jerrod Taylor, and Roger McComb; Troop 455, Milton Butler, Warran Williams, Alfred Porter, and Robert Martin; and Troop 459, Lorenzo Meachum and Robert Webster.

First Class, Troop 411, Wayne Isley; Troop 413, George Isley, Cleo Brady, Wendell Walden, Donald Brown, James Gales, and Roger Harris; troop 442, Winfred Falls, John Guy, Joseph Herring, Alfred H. Jones, and Robert Waddell; and Troop ???, Larry Scott.

The Star award was presented to James Johnson, Alvin Patterson and Edgar Douglas from Troop 443 and the Life award was presented to David Burrell, also of troop 443.

Merit badges have been attained as follows: Troop 412, Percy Shoffner, cooking, nature and pioneering; Lealon Garrison, Jr., cooking, nature and pioneering; Clyde Spencer, cooking; Barry Staten, cooking, nature and pioneering; Jessie Cheek, cooking; Ronda Hammons, nature; Richard Everett, nature; Charles Hodges, cooking, nature and pioneering; Jessie McNeal, cooking and nature; Glenn Hill, nature; Kenneth Holland, cooking, nature and pioneering; and Chancy Brady, pioneering.

Troop 413, Jerry Carraway, camping; Boyce Goldston, camping; Bradford Butler, camping; and Rodney Walden, camping.

Troop 414, Howard Spencer, citizenship in home, citizenship in community and citizenship in nation; James C. Greene, citizenship in home, citizenship in nation and citizenship in community.

Troop 414, Charles Hill, citizenship in home, citizenship in community, and citizenship in nation; Jerry Gains, personal fitness, gardening and fishing.

Troop 443, Michael Pitt, camping, hiking and first aid; Daniel McDuffie, camping, hiking and first aid; Regina Vample, camping, hiking and first aid; Jerry Jones, camping, hiking and first aid; Roger Clinard, hiking and dog care; Harold Summon, camping, hiking and first aid; Debroy McAdoo, camping, hiking and first aid; Robert Saunders, camping, hiking and first aid; Julius Alson, camping, hiking and first aid; David Burrell, public speaking, reading, safety, and soil and water conservation; Larry Chavis, pets; Edgar Douglas, signaling, and soil and water conservation; James Johnson, hiking and soil and water conservation; and Alvin Patterson, soil and water conservation.

Troop 455, James Waddle, camping, cooking and hiking; Johnnie Jones, camping, cooking and hiking; Kenneth McMurray, camping and hiking; Bernard Ervin, camping and hiking; Billy Sturdivent, camping and Hiking; Danny Pressley, camping; and Larry Butler, camping.

Troop 459, Wayne Gilreath, life saving, archery and first aid; Alphonzo Jessup, rowing and swimming; Luther Coffield, first aid and archery; Larry T. Meachum, first aid and nature; Larry Scott, nature; and Cecil Warren, first aid.

Sponsors of the various troops are as follows; Troop 411, Randolph School; Troop 412, Central School; Troop 413, John M. Caviness School; Troop 414, Randleman Community Center; Troop 442, Grace Lutheran Memorial Church; Troop 443, Shiloh Baptist Church, Troop 455, Terra Cotta A. M. E. Zion Church; and Troop 459, Persimmons Grove, Reynolds Chapel and Raleigh Cross Roads Churches.

Friends Call On Nance Couple During Golden Anniversary Day

Mar. 4, 1965 – Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nance, around 200 of them, called at their Route 3, Randleman residence Sunday afternoon, Feb. 28, to extend best wishes to the couple on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

The couple's six children honored their parents at an open house period from 2 to 5 o'clock at their home which is located on the old Cedar Falls - Asheboro road, about a mile out from Cedar Falls.

Their children are Mrs. Carl (Ollie) Woodell, Ramseur; Gurney Nance, Route 1, Asheboro; Charlie Nance, Route 1, Randleman; Wid Nance, Route 1, Franklinville; James Nance, Route 5, Asheboro; and Mrs. J. C. (Bernice) Smith, Asheboro.

As the guests arrived for the open house period, they were greeted by Bill Woodell and Edward Nance, grandsons of the honored couple, and were registered by Mrs. Effie Brewer, Ramseur.

Mr. and Mrs. Nance, along with their children, received the friends and relatives who came to honor them on their fiftieth anniversary, with Mrs. Nance being dressed in a Royal blue crepe dress, trimmed in satin, and with a yellow cymbidium orchid pinned at her shoulder.

Mr. Nance wore a yellow rose as a boutonniere; his sons had yellow Shasta daisies as boutonnieres; while the Nance daughters wore corsages of yellow chrysanthemums.

The three - tiered wedding cake, decorated with white icing, yellow roses and gold leaves and topped with golden wedding bells, was placed on a table which was covered with a lace cloth and decorated with yellow bows. An arrangement of yellow mixed flowers was in the center of the table, flanked by gold candle holders with gold tapers. On one end of the table was a milk glass punch bowl.

Mrs. Clarence Cockman, of Asheboro, presided at the punch bowl and daughters-in-law, Mrs. Wid Nance, Mrs. James Nance, Mrs. Charlie Nance, and Mrs. Gurney Nance, and a granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Bill Woodell served the cake squares.

Miss Malinda Nance and Miss Teresa Smith, granddaughters, assisted in the gift room and goodbyes were said by Bud and Eugene Nance, grandsons.

Both Mr. and Mrs. J. A. (Joe) Nance have lived in the Cedar Falls area since the earlier years of their lives.

Seventy two year old Joseph Anderson Nance was born in the western part of Randolph County, in the Tabernacle area, but upon the death of his parents when he was about 15 years old, came to near Cedar Falls to live.

His parents were Charlie Nance and Jane Trogdon Nance, both of whom died about the same time of typhoid fever and were buried in the cemetery at Pierce's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. After the death of his parents, Mr. Nance, his brothers, Alex and Tom, and his sister, Martha, came to live with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Trogdon, near Cedar Falls.

Mrs. Nance, the former Annie Bell York, daughter of Lewis York and Sarah Ellen Foust York, was born in Liberty where her parents were residing at the time of her birth. However, they moved to Asheboro a few years later and then to Cedar Falls where she became acquainted with Mr. Nance.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Nance became employed in the cotton mills at an early age and at the time of their marriage, Mr. Nance was working in the mill at Worthville and Mrs. Nance in the mill in Cedar Falls.

Mr. Nance remembers walking from Worthville after getting off from work on Saturday afternoons to his home in Cedar Falls and then walking back to Worthville, again on Sunday nights, in order to begin the work week on Monday.

Although he recalls walking to Asheboro to hire a horse and buggy at one of the livery stables at one time during his courtship of Mrs. Nance, the couple still did not have the accommodations on their wedding day on Sunday, Feb. 28, 1915.

They were married at the home of Mrs. Nance's aunt, Mrs. Besie Foust Butler, in Franklinville and reached the wedding site by walking down the railroad tracks from Cedar Falls.

The ceremony was performed by Magistrate Clarence Parks and Mrs. Nance was attired in a light brown coat suit, white blouse, black patent leather shoes and a hat with a white veil.

Their weddingnight was spent in the home of Mrs. Nance's aunt, now Mrs. Bessie Kimrey, of Liberty, and the next morning they caught the train to Millboro where they got off and walked the remaining distance to Worthville where they were to live for a brief period.

Afterwards they lived in Randleman, for a two weeks period, then in Cedar Falls and Franklinville before coming back to Cedar Falls in 1927 where they have lived since that time. They have resided at their present residence for eleven years.

Mr. Nance has been retired from the cotton mill work since 1932, although during his employment and since he has also engaged in farming. Mrs. Nance has not worked in the mill much since her marriage.

Asked what he was doing now, Mr. Nance in good humor replied "as little as I can." However, he still owns and uses a chain saw.

Mr. and Mrs. Nance are members of the Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church and attend regularly the three services which are held at that church each month.

At the respective ages of 72 and 70, they are seemingly taking it easy, are visited often by their children, their 16 grandchildren and their one great-grandchild, Shelia Lynn Woodell, who is one year old.

It was a pleasant occasion for Mr. and Mrs. Nance on Sunday, Feb. 28, as their children and grandchildren offered their tribute of respect and their friends and other relatives came to commemorate with them the celebration of their marriage which occurred in Franklinville fifty years ago.

Church Takes On New Look; Funds Provide A Steeple

Mar. 4, 1965 - The Edifice of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, which had its beginning in the North Asheboro community nearly eighty five years ago, took on a new look recently with the placing of a steeple on the church building.

It was the fourth marked change in the physical appearance of the church structure since its founding on Aug. 9, 1879.

The first place of worship was a brush arbor which was located a short distance east of the present church site.

First change was the erection and the occupying of a small frame structure at the church's present site on Oct. 28, 1886.

Next came the building of a larger frame structure in 1915. Later this building was renovated and eight Sunday School rooms were added.

In 1951 this second frame structure was replaced with the two story brick and block building which is being used as the present place of worship.

At the time of the erection of this last building, it was decided to economize and leave off the steeple. But the people of the church never felt that their building was complete without the steeple and they often talked of putting one on the top of their commodious new structure.

Their talk materialized into action and last Apr., May and June, under the leadership of their new pastor, Rev. R. Sam Parker, they conducted a fund raising campaign for the erection of a church steeple.

Their drive was successful and in the three months period the entire amount was raised.

Even though the money was on hand, construction was delayed and it was only recently the project was completed.

The new steeple stands high on top of the church building which was already situated on one of the high spots in the community. It is particularly visible on the straight stretch of Highway 220 on which the church is located north of the Balfour School.

Constructed on a brick base, the tall spire of leaded copper tapers to a fine point on which is placed a cross made of angle iron and covered with the leaded copper similar to the spire.

Approximate cost of the construction of the steeple was \$3, 500.

First church to be established in the North Asheboro community, the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, adorned with its new steeple, now stands majestic in appearance and as a beacon light to continue to guide the people who have long felt the effects of its influence.

Oldest Member Of Their Church, Her 96th Birthday Passes By

Mar. 4, 1965 – The lady shown in photograph celebrated her 96th birthday Sunday, Feb. 21. Judging from her appearance you would not think her to be this "young". She is very lively spirited, and believe to be the oldest member of Level Cross Methodist Church.

She was born Gillie Elizabeth Brown in 1869 in a house located in Level cross where the Rev. Bernard Toomes now lives. The older residence was destroyed many years ago. There was a well in the area where Highway 220 now passes through Level Cross. The Brown house was remembered by the abundance of flowers that always added beauty to the outside. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown.

"Bet", as she was know to her family and friends, grew up and married J. Mallie Gray who is now deceased and she is the only survivor of the three children in the Brown family.

With the exception of three months, she and her husband were the same age. She and Mr. Gray had seven children, of whom four are still living, Mrs. Arthur Joyner, of High Point (Edith); J. R. Gray, Fort Chester N. Y. (Bill); Joe Gray, also of High Point, and Mrs. Vera Glenn, of Randleman. Those deceased are Mrs. P. R. Fogleman, (Ann) and Beulah, who died at the age of ten while the family was living at their homeplace which still stands near John McCaskill's. Another child died shortly after birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray moved to High Point after they were married and returned to Level Cross at which time they built their home. After Mr. Gray died. She continued living at the homeplace for approximately two years, during which time,

the widow of John Smith lived with her. Mrs. Smith passed away and Mrs. Gray decided to give up housekeeping and went to live with her children in High Point. She stayed up there until around ten years ago at which time she came to live with Mrs. Glenn, where she had this celebration.

Her hobby is collecting dolls, and she has over one hundred. Those most interesting are the Fascimile of the Queen of Henry VIII, and the other from foreign countries, India, Jamaica, Alaske, British West Indies and from many places in the United States.

Some of the dolls are mechanically operated among which a mother bear feeds the baby bear a bottle each time his crying noise is sounded. Others dance, crawl, one in a carriage kicks and crys until the bottle is placed in his mounth.

Mrs. Gray thoroughly enjoys these dolls and has them sitting around in her room. She even has been given a baby bed that is a replica of the kind used for real babies that has a drop side. There are many blankets and covers of all descriptions she has received as gifts. Some dolls are hand made and have been sent to her on different occasions. For protection, she has many of them covered in plastic bags. One received as a gift for Christmas remains boxed up, as she has real hair and is being given extra protection.

She says most of all children are eager to see these dolls and she stated they had been noticed to walk into her room with their hands behind them as if they were restraining themselves already.

The Grays celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Level Cross. Mrs. Gray never worked at public work after her marriage, but has kept boarders and sewed for the public in addition to raising her children.

Her recent visit to the doctor revealed that her general health was very good, with only infirmities caused by the passing years. Her eyesight is gone in one eye and can only see things that are close to her with the other. She has made several plane trips, to New York and Norfolk on different occasions. There were two instances that the same Grandmothers, including Mrs. Gray, who was the Great, great grandmother, flew to New York to see the new grandchildren. The Stewart on the plane learned to recognize them and gave them the title "flying Grandmothers". Mrs. Gray never experienced any airsickness, but the others cannot say that!

Mrs. Gray attributes her longevity to curiosity. She declares that the generations have been curious from "away back". For instance, a grandson has a cougar for a pet!

This is this reporter's first experience at talking with anyone ninety six years old, and we bided her goodbye with the wish that we could be as lively and in as good health generally speaking if the good Lord should see fit to leave us here that long. This visit was certainly encouraging, and perhaps when Spring comes and it warms up, we will see Mrs. Gray outside enjoying the sunshine.

Bulla Family Seeking Restoration Of Old Cemetery At Back Creek

Mar. 8, 1965 – Members of the Bulla family are working on a project to restore the old Bulla cemetery in Back Creek Township at which the first Bulla to come to this part of the country is buried.

Letters were sent recently to all members of the Bulla family soliciting funds to finance this project which has long been discussed by family members.

In the cemetery is the grave of Thomas Bulla who came from Chester County, Pa. to form the beginning of the Bulla family in this area of the United States. His death occurred in the year 1809.

Most of his family, including his wife Esther Weddis Bulla, moved to Indiana either before or after his death. However, one of his sons, Daniel Bulla, remained in this vicinity to become the more immediate ancestor of the Randolph County Bullas.

Eleven children were born to Daniel Bulla and his wife, Sally Cunningham Bulla, and many Randolph County residents are the immediate descendants of these eleven sons and daughters of Daniel and Sally Cunningham Bulla.

These eleven children were Clarisa Bulla Farlow, Calvin Bulla, Adelia Bulla Farlow, Archie Castlereagh Bulla, Daniel Bulla, Xantippe Bulla Harland, Alexander Bulla, Alfred Bulla, Chesterfield Bulla, and James Bulla and his twin sister Sarah Bulla Redding.

The Bulla cemetery, situated on the east side of Back Creek and across from the old Bulla homestead located on the west side of this creek, contains, in addition to the grave of Thomas Bulla, also the graves of Calvin Bulla and Alfred Bulla and members of their families.

There are also several unmarked graves in the cemetery and along with its restoration, an effort will be made to identify these graves as belonging to other members of the above listed family.

Provision for land for the Bulla cemetery was made in the will of George E. Bulla, son of Alfred Bulla, dated Jan. 26, 1932 before his death the following Sept.

After bequeathing "the home place" to his brother, T. V. Bulla, another section of the will of George E. Bulla read as follows: "I give, devise and bequeath unto Frank Bulla, Arch Bulla and Callie Newby, my brothers and sister, all of that certain tract or parcel of land containing thirty-two (32) acres, said tract of land lying on the East Side of the waters of Back Creek in Back Creek Township, Randolph County, North Carolina, save and except about one acre, upon which is now located the Bulla Family Burial Grounds, said acre of land to be and remain forever as a Burial Cemetery."

Another sentence in the will, pertaining to the cemetery read "it being my wish and desire that the Bulla Family Burial Grounds remain undisturbed and at the disposal of any of our relatives for burial purposes."

Announcement of plans to restore the old cemetery was made last Oct. at the annual reunion of the Bulla, Farlow, and Millikan families.

But it was only recently that the letters soliciting the funds for the purpose were sent out by Ralph L. Bulla and Miss Edith Wellborn, descendants of Alfred Bulla who is buried in the cemetery.

The letters were signed by Ralph Bulla and it is to him that contributions toward the restoration are to be sent.

An account, under the name of "Bulla cemetery Fund", has been established at one of the local banks.

Members of the family making contributions thus far are Miss Lillie Bulla and Mrs. Lena Cole, Charlotte; Mrs. A. C. Bulla and Paul Bulla, High Point; Claude and Millie Bulla Tedder, Guilford College; Miss Mary Wellborn and Brinford Bulla, Greensboro; Kenneth Bulla, Route 2, Asheboro; Mrs.

Nellie Ferree, J. D. Brookshire, Claude G. Brookshire, and Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Brookshire, Randleman; Charles Bulla; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Judge J. B. Craven, Morganton; Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Bulla, Mrs. A. C. (Callie) Bulla, Mrs. Charles Kesler, Miss Kate Bulla, Earl Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cranford, Asheboro; Mrs. K. M. Yokeley, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Betsy Bulla King, Graham, and Clay B. Rich, Goldsboro.

Included in the plans of restoration for the old cemetery will be the erection of a chain link fence, the replacement of the broken monuments and the general improvement of this historic site in the annals of the Bulla family.

Parents Of Fifteen Children, They Observe 60th Anniversary

Mar. 11, 1965 – Mr. and Mrs. A. Frank Jones, Route 2 Trinity residents and parents of fifteen children, passed the 60th anniversary of their marriage Thursday, Mar. 4.

On the Sunday afternoon following this date, the children of this well known couple got together at the home of a daughter in High Point and held open house to commemorate the anniversary of their parents wedding sixty years ago.

Neither Allen Franklin Jones, small of stature and with a twinkle in his eyes, or his wife, Bessie Lee Fitz Jones, were natives of Randolph County. But they have spent the greater part of their married life in the upper part of the county and have lived at their present residence for nearly 42 years.

Mr. Jones, 88 years of age, was born in Davidson County, between Lexington and Linwood, and lived in that county and worked on his father's farm until he was 21 years of age.

He rode his first train upon leaving the county of his birth to come to High Point to become employed in a furniture factory. Recalling that first train ride, Mr. Jones said "things didn't look right; I had been used to driving a mule."

After coming to High Point, Mr. Jones worked in various furniture plants and married the former Elsie Farrington, who died thirteen months after their marriage, with a child to this union also dying.

He went to Indiana for a brief time after the death of his first wife, but came back to High Point, which place he left in 1904 to go to Chase City, Va. To run a cabinet room in a furniture factory there.

It was the fall of the year and Mrs. Jones, whom he married the next spring, recalls that she saw him the first day he arrived in Chase City. The boarding house in which he engaged a room was across the street from the home in which Mrs. Jones lived with her parents.

Mr. Jones, full of humor and keen wit, said "I went to the wrong place to board."

They were married on Mar. 4, 1905 in Granville County, North Carolina, town of Stovall, at a quarter past four in the morning. They had caught the train the night before in Chase City, located in Montgomery County, Virginia.

Although they had not disclosed the plans for their marriage, Mrs. Jones had prepared for the occasion and was dressed for the ceremony in a Tan wool dress trimmed in white. They were married by a Justice of peace and left Stovall, the site of their marriage, shortly after 9:30 that morning for the return trip on the train to Chase City, Va.

Mrs. Jones, now 77 years of age, was 17 years old at the time of her marriage and Mr. Jones was 28 years of age.

They came to High Point to live less than two months following their marriage and besides their residence they lived also in Sophia and Trinity before coming to their present home which is located three miles south of the Archdale Trinity area.

Their fifteen children, starting a year after their marriage, were born regularly about every two years thereafter. The most time which elapsed between the fifteen births was two and one half years while the least time which occurred between the births was nineteen months.

The oldest child, Garland Hunter Jones, Route 3, High Point, is 59 years of age while the youngest child, Mrs. Dennis (Jewel) Farlow, High Point, is 30 years of age.

The other children are Mrs. Raymond (Ruth Virginia) Farlow, Route 3, High Point; Mrs. Joe (Mary Eva) Coltrane, Route 3, High Point; Robert Franklin Jones, Route 2, Trinity; David Edwin Jones High Point; John Paul Jones, High Point; Charles Allen Jones, who resides at home with his parents; Mrs. Harley (Hattie Elizabeth) Biles, High Point; James Wilson Jones, Silver Springs, Md.; Joe Hilliard Jones, Orlando, Fla.; William Reid Jones, Route 2, Trinity; Mrs. Gilbert (Martha Sue) Sechrest, High Point; Mrs. Willis (Nancy Alese) Harris, High Point; and Walter Lee Jones, High Point.

All of the children were born at home. There are also 41 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. There has not been a death in the immediate family circle, including the in-laws.

Mr. Jones worked for thirty years or more in the furniture plants and also operated a farm during most of the time. He quit public work thirty-five or more years ago. Although he has reached an advanced age, he still operates a cub tractor and does truck farming at his Route 2, Trinity farm.

Eight of their children were born in the seven room house in which the couple still live with their son, Charles Allen. Five of the children were born while they were living in High Point and one each was born at Sophia and Trinity.

The large family gets together for a reunion each year in July and it is an outstanding group when they congregate for these family reunions, as it was when they came together for their parents anniversary celebration on Sunday, Mar. 7.

None of the sons in the family have ever been involved with the law and none of the daughters in the family smoke cigarettes. Mr. and Mrs. Jones taught their children to work and the industriousness and sufficiency for which they received in the earlier years of their lives in the household in which they grew to maturity.

Many will probably wonder how a man working for average wages could provide for a family of fifteen, Mr. and Mrs. Jones were questioned about this and these are some of the answers.

Besides his employment in the furniture plants, the family grew their own vegetables, owned cows, raised the meat they ate and there was not much sickness in the family.

Then as Mr. Jones expressed it, "I could always take care of what I made pretty well. I saved part of it and always paid all my expenses. There was more in management than what I made."

It is a remarkable pair of parents that has reared this large family of children and it is an equally remarkable group of sons and daughters who are bringing honor and respect to the declining years of their parents.

Mrs. Jones, the mother of this large group of children, is a quiet spoken woman, with a great deal of composure, and it is evident that she has been a major factor in the upbringing of the sons and daughters who have established themselves as responsible citizens in the communities in which they live.

Many friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Jones called on Sunday afternoon at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Harris, at 233 Edgedale Drive, High Point, from 2 to 4 o'clock to honor them on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary and to also mingle with and pay their respects to this unusual family which has been the fruits of their marriage.

Whispering Pines Church Joins Presbytery Roster

Mar. 11, 1965 - In solemn ceremonies and ritual, a new church, the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church, was organized in the Ulah community Sunday afternoon, Mar. 7, with the service of organization beginning at 3 o'clock in the old Ulah school building.

The organization of the new church was conducted by a commission which had been appointed by the Orange Presbytery of the Presbyterian denomination in North Carolina, headed by Dr. Ben F. Brown, Minister of the Alamance Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, as its chairman and moderator for the service of organization.

Twenty - two people united with the new church as charter members, with an extension for the admission of charter members being moved to Apr. 15 of this year.

Rev. David Blue, Minister of the sponsoring unit, the Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church, was named as temporary supply Minister and moderator for the new church until the next meeting of the Orange Presbytery.

Also a member of the commission for the organization of the new church was Charles G. Fitzpatrick, Minister of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, McLeansville who was Minister at the Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church when that church began services for the formation of a Presbyterian Church in the Ulah community on May 21, 1961.

Other members of the organizing commission were Roy E. Watts, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, High Point; Rev. C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Executive Secretary of Orange Presbytery; and the following Elders, also members of the commission, Dr. Ralph Kilpatrick, First Presbyterian Church, Asheboro; J. M. Ramsey, Jr., First Presbyterian Church, Asheboro; Robert Ingram, First Presbyterian Church, Sanford; R. L. McKensie, Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church, Asheboro; and W. Owen Cook, Greensboro.

The afternoon sun glinted through the windows of the old school building as members of the commission filed into the larger of the two school rooms for the beginning of the service of organization.

After the choral call to worship by the Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church choir, the doology, invocation and Lord's Prayer, a hymn was sung and the purpose of the meeting was stated by the moderator, Dr. Ben F. Brown.

Greetings from the Orange Presbytery were extended by Rev. C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. and the scripture lesson was read by J. M. Ramsey, Jr.

The sermon for the afternoon service of organization Mr. and Mrs. David Clark was delivered by Rev. Charles G.

Fitzpatrick, who preached the first services for the Ulah people nearly four years ago. His subject was "Out of the Past - Into the future."

Presentation of the charter members was made by commission member, R. L. McKenaie. They were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carthell Chriscoe, Wanda Louise Chrisco and Donnie Allen Chriscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Fincher Loflin, Joe Loflin and Ricky Loflin, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dickinson and Mrs. Nina Whatley Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Parks, Sharon Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe, and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Rich.

Seventeen of the members were transfers from other churches but five of the members came into the new church by profession of faith and were baptized during the service of organization by the Rev. David Blue.

The moderator for service, Dr. Brown, led the newly - inducted members in their covenant to the church and made the declaration or organization for their newly organized group.

Dr. Roy Watts, venerable member of the commission and Minister at First Presbyterian Church, High Point, offered the prayer and gave the charge to the congregation, saying "God has opened the door of opportunity for the Presbyterian church at Ulah."

Dr. Watts also exhorted the members of the new congregation to pray for your church but also to serve it; to support this church financially; and to invite other people to come to your church and to join your church.

A solo, "Open the Gates," was impressively rendered by Mrs. Clyde Barksdale, to complete the actual phase of organization then went into the official designation of the name for the new church and the election of Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

Ordination and installation of Elders Jerry Dickinson, George Clark and Edgar Mabe and Deacons Floyd Parks, Emmett Rich and Joe Loflin followed, with the significant ritual of the laying on of hands by the ordained Ministers in attendance.

Dr. Ralph Kilpatrick gave the charge to the Elders while the Rev. Mr. Cheshire gave the charge to the Deacons.

Recognition of the newly elected Trustees of the new church, David Clark, George Clark, Fincher Loflin and Edgar Mabe, was made prior to the conclusion of the service of organization.

With the service of organization completed, members of the new church group, members of the commission of organization, members of the congregation of the sponsoring church and others stood for the singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. David Blue.

Ordained Ministers present besides members of the commission of organization were Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, minister of the First Presbyterian Church Asheboro, and the Rev. Frank Jones, Minister of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church at Monroe and former Minister of First Presbyterian Church in Asheboro.

When the Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church began holding services in the Ulah community, leading to the organization of the new church, the meetings were held on Sunday evenings. Later, however, the services were changed to Sunday mornings at 9 o'clock.

In fact, when the Rev. David Blue assumed his duties as Minister of Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Jan. 19, 1964, his first sermon was to the Ulah

people at 9 o'clock in the morning before occupying the pulpit at the Dogwood Acres church for the 11 o'clock worship service.

Gifts to the new church group at Ulah have been the presentation of a pulpit Bible by Mrs. Charles S. Fox in Mar., 1964 and the presentation in the fall of that year of a beautiful Communion set by Mrs. Ralph Whatley and Mrs. Nina Dickenson in memory of Ralph Whatley and Don Alexander.

Mrs. Whatley was the wife of the late Ralph Whatley while Mrs. Dickenson was his sister.

Another gift of a significant nature has been a valuable tract of land, comprised of more than three acres and fronting Highway 220 by approximately 100 feet, which has been given to the new congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe, two of the charter members, for the erection of a building in which to worship.

Thus, a solid base has been formed for the future growth of the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church at Ulah. With a strong nucleus of charter members a valuable tract of land on which to build, the watchcare of a mother church and the strong backing of the Orange Presbytery, the new church looks to the future with confidence that it will fulfill the mission for which it was established.

Fund Raising Plans Told To Club In Visit By High Civitan Officers

Mar. 15, 1965 - The meeting of the Level Cross Civitan Club on Tuesday night, Mar. 9, was a memorable occasion in the short history of the club, with both the governor and Lieutenant Governor of the North Carolina District of Civitan International being in attendance.

"See Night" was observed at the meeting and present were fifteen prospective members for the club. Twenty of the 25 club members were also present at the meeting.

Earl Small, Level Cross Civitan president, was so enthused over the fine assemblage that in opening the meeting he said "this is our biggest night since we chartered on May 12."

Lieutenant Governor Bob Rankin, of Welcome, spoke first and, in referring to the civitan sponsored mental retardation research center which is being established at Duke University Hospital said "this is our finest hour."

Encouraged by the large group of prospective members present for the meeting, he also discussed the potential of a new member. He said that a new member "may reach other members; may be the man that sparks a fund raising activity; and may have a special talent to work with young people or to extend the club in some other area of Civitan work."

Civitan Governor M. M. (Chub) Richards, of Salisbury, was introduced to the Level Cross Civitans and guests and he first pointed out that this would be the last year for the North Carolina District of Civitan International. The district is being divided into North Carolina District, East and North Carolina District, West.

He also discussed the mental retardation center at Durham and stated that \$100,000 would be needed to establish this center. He said that a concerted drive would be made by Civitans on Sunday, May 2, to secure part of the funds needed. He pointed out that Civitans would be asking "not to contribute but to invest in the future."

He discussed the origin of the Civitan work during and after World War I and he reminded those present of the Civitan slogan "Builder of Good Citizenship."

Program chairman for the meeting, Lacy Adams, introduced Louis Fraley, of High Point, who showed a film of the 1964 Darlington Southern 500 Race. Seen on this film was the performance of Richard Petty, famed stock car racer, who is a member of the Level Cross Civitan Club. Also seen in the picture was Richard's brother, Maurice Petty, who was a guest at Tuesday night's meeting.

Announcement was made of the horse show which the Level Cross Civitan Club will sponsor Apr. 3 at the Tar Heel Speedway.

It was also announced that officers would be elected at the next meeting of the club. Present officers are Earl Small, president; Lacy Adams, president - elect; Everett Carouhn, vice president; George Stanton, secretary; Richard Davis, treasurer; Charles McCaskill, Sr. chaplain; and L. J. Small, sergeant - at - arms.

Other members of the club are Luke Vickory, Jack Tilley, Richard Petty, Harvey Adams, Cliff Tilley, Jaipon Taylor, Clay Small, Mark Johnson, Charles McCaskill, Jr., Bill Lawrence, McCaskill Moffitt, Junior Hunt, John Lamb, Paul Gray, Bob Laughlin, Jerry Highfill, Jerry Hodgkin and June Skeen.

Guests for the "Seek Night" observance were Press Ingold, Kenneth Evans, Maurice Petty, Adrien Hanner, Brantley Davis, Fred Johnson, Charles Russell, Ronnie Davis, Fred Johnson, Charles Russell, Ronnie Davis, Max Hooker, Hugh Degraff, Ray Highfill, George Tucker, Philip Coble, J. T. Robbins, and William Laughlin.

The meeting, a supper event, was held in the old Kennedy Produce building, now owned by Lee Petty and sons who have made the building available for community use.

Preparing and serving the supper were 4-H group No. 1, composed of Mrs. L. J. Small, Mrs. Richard Davis, Mrs. Junie Laughlin, Mrs. Becky Tilley, and Mrs. Brantley Davis.

Well Known In Western Randolph, Couple Observe Their 50th Year

Mar. 25, 1965 - Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Lowe, a couple well - known in the western part of Randolph County, were honored Sunday afternoon, Mar. 14, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Their children, two sons and five daughters, held open house for their parents from 3 o'clock until five in the fellowship hall at the Farmer Methodist Church.

Friends and relatives, numbering about 175, called at the gray stone church during the appointed hours to extend their congratulations and best wishes to this couple who have spent most of their lives in the area in which they were born and reared.

Their children, who honored them on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary, are Lawson Lowe, Farmer; Mrs. James (Pallie) Morris, Route 3, Asheboro; Mrs. Lloyd (Vivian) Voncannon, Route 5, Asheboro; Mrs. Henry (Rachel) Ervin, Charlotte; Mrs. Vernie (Kathleen) Pickett, Asheboro; Mrs. Gray (Joan) Siler, Guilford College; and Johnny Lowe, who resides with his parents at their home on the Denton road just below Farmer.

Opening the door for the guests Sunday afternoon were two stalwart grandsons, Dempsey and Sidney Lowe, and greeting them on the inside was a son - in - law, James Morris.

Miss Ann Morris, a granddaughter of the honored couple and a teacher at Jackson Junior High School in Greensboro, registered the guests before they were ushered downstairs to greet the couple and their seven children.

Mrs. Lowe, 68 years old and youthful looking, was dressed for the occasion in a black lace dress and she wore a corsage of yellow rosebuds.

In the dining area the table was covered with a cream colored cloth of pure linen, handmade and with cutwork, over yellow, which was a loan from Mrs. J. J. Miller.

Mrs. Jack Lowe presided at the punch bowl and assisting with the serving of the white cake squares, decorated with yellow bells, were Mrs. Van Lanier, Mrs. Clark Thornburg and Mrs. N. M. Lowe. Yellow mints and nuts were also served.

Serving in the gift room were Mrs. Johnny Lowe, daughter - in - law of the honored couple, and Misses Brenda Ervin and Linda Pickett, granddaughters.

Goodbyes were said by Mrs. James Johnson, Route 3, Asheboro, a niece of Mr. Lowe.

Sidney Doke Lowe was born on a 700 acre farm on Caraway Creek, about a mile and a half from Science Hill Friends Meeting House. He was one of eight children of Nerius Milton Lowe and Mary Jane Rush Lowe.

He attended the Science Hill School, a one room log cabin building with a fireplace in each end of the room.

At about the age of 15, Doke Lowe moved to Asheboro with his parents when his father was appointed jailer under Sheriff Watt Burkhead, also continuing in that position with Sheriff Steve Hayworth.

When his father died in 1913 Doke came back to the farm and was living there with his sister and brother in - law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson at the time of his marriage.

Mrs. Lowe, the former Frances Eldora (Dora) Delk, was born in the Piney Grove Community near Jackson Creek. Her parents were John and Pallie Ingram Delk.

She attended the Piney Grove School, which was a two room frame building, and lived at home with her parents until the time of her marriage and for a time thereafter.

Mrs. Lowe's grandfather, Jasper Delk, was manager of the county home in Back Creek township at the same time Mr. Lowe's father was jailer at Asheboro and Mrs. Lowe remembers coming to town as a very young girl with her grandfather to see her first train and visiting in the jail while she was there.

But their courtship developed at the Sunday school at the Piney Grove Methodist church in Mrs. Lowe's community, where many young people in that area came to join in the activities and to enjoy fellowship with each other.

They were married Mar. 28, 1915 at the home of the Rev. Joel B. Trogon in Farmer. Witnesses to the wedding were Mrs. Lowe's brother, Joe Delk, and a cousin, Blanche Ingram. The officiating minister's daughter, who later married Mrs. Lowe's brother, Joe, was sick in bed at home at the time of the wedding.

The bride and groom traveled in a one seated buggy, drawn by a horse, on the day of their wedding and after the ceremony they journeyed on to Asheboro for a wedding supper at the home of Mr. Lowe's mother, where they remained for two nights.

After leaving Farmer on their way to Asheboro, they crossed the Uwharrie River on the old Dunbar bridge, a wooden structure which has since been replaced.

After leaving the home of Mrs. Lowe's parents where they lived following their marriage, the couple lived in several places before coming to their present residence thirty-five years or so ago.

During that time Mr. Lowe has engaged in farming and some sawmilling but for two years in 1922 served as jailer for Randolph County, the same position which his father served in several years earlier.

Mr. Lowe has maintained a keen interest in politics throughout the years of his life and in recent years has also been a stong supporter of the square dances at the Farmer grange hall.

Besides their seven children the immediate family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe includes 20 grandchildren and one greatgrand child, one year old Mark Craven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Craven.

Two of Mr. Lowe's brothers, Worth and Jack Lowe, and two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Bunch and Miss Louella Lowe, are still living. A brother of Mrs. Lowe, Joe Delk, is living but a sister, Mrs. Van Wood, is dead.

Doke Lowe is erect of stature, tall and stong at age of 73. His wife retains a youthful appearance and shows very little sign of the years of marriage and the upbringing of a fairly large family of children.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lowe originated from families who have lived for a long time in the western part of Randolph County and the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, Mar. 24, attracted a great deal of interest among their wide acquaintance of friends and relatives.

Ramseur People Combine Efforts – A New Home For Their Club Soon

Mar. 25, 1965 – Members of the Ramseur Negro Home Demonstration Club are working hard to complete a building for their club which was started last fall.

Situated on the Liberty road north of the John M. Caveness School, the block walls of the building have been laid and the roof is ready to be put on. Club members hope to complete the building in the near future.

Land on which the structure is being erected and the other expense of the partially completed building has been paid up to date and there is no indebtedness thus far. Members of the club are paying as they go.

They are presently engaged in a fund raising project which they hope will bring the building to completion. It is a quilting project consisting of four quilts which will be given away as soon as all tickets on the quilts have been disposed of.

For the putting together of the quilts, each member made a block, and then got together at the home of one of the members for the quilting.

A previous project for raising money for the building has been the sponsoring of a supper and each member being responsible for the collection of five dollars a month.

The Ramseur club was organized twelve years ago. The club meets on the first Tuesday in every month. It is an active club, helps the sick in the community, attends and donates to the County Council and this past Jan. helped in the March of Dimes drive.

Also, the club sponsors a sunrise service each Easter at the Methodist church and serves refreshments to all who attend.

Formerly there were more members in the club but in recent years the younger women in the club were

organized as a group which is called the Young Homemakers.

Mrs. Essie Isley is president of the club and has attended every meeting of the club in its twelve years existence.

Other officers are vice president, Mrs. Clara Bell Isley; secretary, Mrs. Arlena Cheek; and treasurer, Mrs. Leola Marley.

Mrs. Leona Cheek is chairman of the sick committee while the sunshine treasurer, identified with the sick committee, is Mrs. Bessie Gales, Mrs. Hattie Graves is in charge of the building project and Mrs. Etta Lou (Lutie) Crump in charge of the quilting project.

Other members of the club in addition to the above named officers are Mrs. Sallie McMillon, Mrs. Hazel Fair, Mrs. Lena Phillips, Mrs. Irene Huntley, Mrs. Wincie Foushee, Mrs. Ada Reaves, Mrs. Flora Brown, Mrs. McCoy Staley, Mrs. Lucille Browner, Mrs. Golda Goldston, and Mrs. Lala Smart.

Upon its completion, the Ramseur Home Demonstration Club will be the first of the twelve Negro clubs in Randolph County to erect a building of their own. Mrs. Bettye J. Taylor, home economics agent, assists the club in the conduct of their meetings and the development of their projects.

\$9,020 Collected In '65; Foundation Officers Named

Mar. 29, 1965 – A total of \$9,020.38 was raised during the 1965 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County, according to a report released by the Rev. R. Sam Parker, drive director, and Bob L. Jones, drive treasurer.

Expenses for the drive amounted to only \$398.76, leaving a net total of \$8,621.61.

Based on requirements from The National Foundation, a division of the net total is as follows: 25 per cent or \$2,155.40 for the Medical Scientific Fund; 50 per cent of the remainder or \$3,233.11 to National Headquarters; and the other 50 per cent of the total or \$3,233.10 to the Randolph County Chapter of The Foundation for the needs of polio patients and children born with birth defects.

Amounts realized by each community participating in the drive is as follows; Asheboro, \$3,072.36; Liberty, \$1,245.50; Cedar Falls, \$140.81; Piney Ridge, \$67.44; Staley, \$155.67; Bethel – Grantville, \$62.63; Randleman, \$441.94; Brower, \$548.12; Level Cross, \$35.43; Grays Chapel, \$135.88, Worthville, \$47.16; Archdale, \$296.94; Union – Pisgah, \$38.20; Farmer – New Hope – Cedar Grove, \$105.40; Ulah – Flag Springs, \$950; New Market – Cedar Square – Sophia – Glenola, \$506; Coleridge – Pleasant Grove, \$201.90; Seagrove, \$34; Cedar Falls, \$2652; Tabernacle, \$131.81; Ramseur, \$363.45; and Franklinville, \$413.21.

At the completion of the drive, members of the executive committee of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation met and elected the following officers for the coming year: chairman Ralph L. Bulla; vice chairman, Ralph O. Cox; secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Hamlet; and treasurer, Joe W. Church, who succeeded Sam J. Burrow, Jr. who had rendered loyal service for a number of years.

Two new members of the executive committee, Rev. R. Sam Parker and E. Wayne Hughes, were named. Other members of the executive committee, in addition to the officers are Elvin C. Cox, Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, and Mrs. Carr V. Redding, Jr.

The drive director for the 1965 March of Dimes drive, Sam Parker, is joined by the chapter chairman, Ralph Bulla, in "high praise for the outstanding service rendered by the community chairmen in realizing such a substantial amount" for the drive which was held during the month of Jan.

Randolph Woman, Other Officers Earn Tribute At Council Meeting

Mar. 29, 1965 – Conducting the 23 annual meeting of the North Carolina Home Demonstration State Council which was held in Raleigh on Wednesday, Mar. 24, was an Asheboro woman, Mrs. Mamie S. Williams, who serves as president of this organization composed of 700 home demonstration clubs and 19,000 members.

Mrs. Williams installed as president of the state Home Demonstration Council last year, rose from the local, county and district levels of home demonstration activity to become the first Randolph County woman to head up the state organization of her group.

Approximately 3,000 club women and guests from all over North Carolina attending the annual meeting which was held at the State Fair Arena.

Among the guests from Asheboro, showing their pride in and honoring the local woman who serves as president of this vast organization, were Asheboro Mayor Robert L. Reece; Ira L. McDowell, chairman of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners; state Representative C. Roby Garner; House Reading Clerk Sam J. Burrow, Jr.; Rev. Ron L. Hall, president of the Asheboro Ministerial Association; Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, chairman of the Human Relations Committee for the City of Asheboro; and Ralph L. Bulla, local news writer.

Also appearing as a platform guest and speaking briefly in expression of his pride and that of the other guests for the honor which has come to Asheboro and Randolph County in the presidency of Mrs. Williams in the home demonstration group was State Senator Voilt Gilmore, representing the 18th Senatorial District of which Randolph County is a part.

Also on hand for the meeting of the Home Demonstration State Council was Mrs. Bettye J. Taylor, home economics agent for Randolph County, and two bus loads of home demonstration club members from this county.

Theme for the annual meeting was "Looking at Ourselves in a Changing Society". Mrs. Williams told the club women in her opening message at the morning session that "Our standard of living has improved through the latest research finding in the areas of clothing, foods and nutrition, home management, and in many other ways."

Mrs. Williams stressed in her message, that "we must continue helping ourselves as well as helping others to have a better way of life" and also said: "We as Home Demonstration Club Members consider ourselves the pacesetters of the State in better family living because we have improved through better nutrition, better family relationships, wise use of time and energy, economical and attractive clothing, improved housing and house furnishings and better food conservation practices.

Special music was presented by the Saint Augustines College Choir and Rev. Cleo McCoy, Director of Religious Activities, A & T. College in Greensboro, gave the invocation.

Mayor James Reid brought greeting from the city of Raleigh. He stated that the city of Raleigh was proud to have such an organization to the State Council visit. He said, "Since you have come to the State Capitol, we welcome you as citizens of North Carolina."

Dr. Eloise Cofer, assistant director of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, paid tribute to the the fine leadership of the Home Demonstration council.

A special presentation, "Let's Take a Look at Some Facts", was presented by Mrs. Lucy Wilson, corresponding secretary of the Home Demonstration State Council and Mrs. Estelle Norment, president of the Western District Federation.

John H. Wheeler, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham, was guest speaker. His challenge to the club women was "The Courage to make the Necessary Changes". His most important point was that "every community falls or stands on the strength and leadership of that community and we must have the courage to make the necessary changes that will help make our community stand out."

Home Demonstration club members from Randolph County attending the meeting were Miss Arlene Cox, Mrs. Lucille Brown, Mrs. Gertrude Phillips, Mrs. Kazette Price, Mrs. Martha Siler, Mrs. Daisy Craven, Mrs. Catherine Craven, Mrs. Mossie Craven, Mrs. Dora Cassisty, Mrs. Charity Cassidy, Mrs. Mattie Waddell, Mrs. Janice Bell, Mrs. Carrie Headen, Mrs. Lila Strickland, Mrs. Clara Baldwin, Mrs. Ernestine Coble, Mrs. Roas Lindsay, Mrs. Maxine Steed, Mrs. Elsie Coble, and Mrs. Frances Roberson.

Also, Mrs. Lucille Cranford, Mrs. Stacy Hill, Mrs. Maggie Green, Mrs. Virginia Cassidy, Mrs. Viola Coffin, Mrs. Margaret Green, Mrs. Helen Harris, Mrs. Mattie Ruth Staley, Mrs. Elizabeth Brady, Mrs. Dorothy Matthews, Mrs. Evangeline Leach, Mrs. Ardella Hayes, Mrs. Myrtle Fox, Mrs. Willie Mae Ferree, Mrs. Theola Green, Mrs. Flora Bell Harshaw, Mrs. Bertha Siler, Mrs. Charlotte Ferree, Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Mary Brady, Mrs. Elbert Brady, Mrs. Beatrice Spinks, Mrs. Robert Spinks, Mrs. Katie Laughlin, Mrs. Cynthia Brown, Mrs. Hazel Caviness and Mrs. Mary Brown.

Also, Mrs. Agnes Foushee, Mrs. Annie Lee Goldston, Mrs. Sadie Parks, Mrs. Cozette Belo, Mrs. Eula Steele, Mrs. Mae Ellen Gray, Mrs. Iola Green, Mrs. Frances McNair, Mrs. Cleo McNair, Mrs. Hazel Caviness, Mrs. Nezzie McNeill, Mrs. Leona Cheek, Mrs. Hattie Graves, Mrs. Clara Bell Isley, Mrs. Lena Phillips, Mrs. Mae Waddell, Mrs. Hazel Fair, Mrs. Catherine Bennett, Mrs. Clara Jeminez, Mrs. Linda Graves, Mrs. Annie Brown, Mrs. Dotsie Brown, Mrs. Nicy Ewing, Mrs. Lula Hines, Mrs. Mabel Hoskins, Mrs. J. C. Seals, Mrs. Ada Melton, Rev. W. H. Seals, and the two bus drivers, Tracy and Clarence McGill.

John Ritters Of Seagrove Area Celebrate Their Fiftieth Year

Apr. 15, 1965 – Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley Ritter, Route 1, Seagrove, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Apr. 11, in the same house to which they came following their marriage fifty years ago.

They were married Apr. 11, 1915 at Mrs. Ritter's home between Howard's Mill and Robbins and left soon after the ceremony in a one seated buggy to come to the house in

which they are still living, situated on the river road west of Coleridge and Bennett.

The place to which they came was known then as the Calvin Moffitt farm and Mr. Ritter had the place rented and ready to move in at the time of their marriage.

However, after renting the house and farm land for four years, they bought the place and have spent their entire married life there.

It is there that they reared their family of eight children, all of whom have now left the old home but have yet remained either in the same vicinity or not far away.

One of their daughters, Mrs. Wade (Dorothy) Davis, who lived on Route 5, Asheboro, died two years ago last Thanksgiving but she was still remembered at the open house celebration which the remaining two daughters and five sons held for their parents Sunday afternoon, Apr. 11, from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Her picture held a prominent place among her sisters and brothers as they sat with their parents in the old home and received the neighbors, friends and relatives who came to honor the couple on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The other children, hosts and hostesses for the occasion which honored their parents, are Robert Ritter and Jesse Ritter, Route 1, Ramseur, and Mrs. Luther (Lillian) Needham, Lexie Ritter, Mrs. Kelly (Lucy) Needham, Henry Ritter and Willie Ritter, Route 1, Seagrove.

Two grandsons, Martin Needham and Levis Ritter, opened the door and registered the guests who came to the golden wedding anniversary celebration.

After being greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Ritter and their sons and daughters, the guests were served decorated cake squares, punch, mints and nuts by daughters – in – law and grandchildren of the honored couple.

In the dining room a white lace cloth over yellow covered the table in which was placed the four - tiered white anniversary cake, decorated with yellow rosebuds, golden bells and topped by a miniature bride and groom.

An arrangement of yellow mixed flowers was in the center of the table, flanked by gold candelabra on either side.

Mrs. Ritter, who wore a long white dress for her wedding fifty years ago, was dressed for her anniversary celebration in a rayon dress of navy blue with matching jacket. Her corsage was yellow rosebuds.

Her daughters wore corsages of yellow chrysanthemums while her husband and sons wore boutonnieres of yellow rosebuds.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ritter are natives of Moore County. Mr. Ritter, 71 years of age, was born in Ritters Township. Mrs. Ritter, the former Candas Arena Garner, was born in Sheffield Township. She is 71 years of age.

In their early childhood Mr. Ritter attended the Purvis School and Mrs. Ritter the Cedar Hill school. Although they grew up five miles apart, the river separated them and they did not know each other until two years before their marriage when they met at Howard's Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ritter were both raised on farms and learned early in life to work. This they continued to do following their marriage, as they cultivated the farm which they moved to on the day of their marriage and which they bought four years later.

They remember the earlier years of their marriage when both of them would go to work in the fields, taking their small children with them in a covered wagon where they left

them while they worked in the heat and sun to grow the things which provided them with a livelihood.

During the winter months for over 42 years, Mr. Ritter peddled chickens, eggs, hogs, turkeys and other produce in Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen. Some of the livestock and poultry he raised but a great part of it was purchased from neighbors and other people for resale.

For three years he hauled this produce in a covered wagon, spending one night on the way, two nights in the towns he sold his produce, and one night on the return trip. After three years, he traveled in a truck especially equipped for the purpose.

One trip he sold \$800 of turkeys and one year he and Mrs. Ritter dressed 106 hogs which he peddled, along with his other produce, house to house and sold to various business houses.

He quit his hauling of produce three years ago last Dec., he has not planted any corn in five years and is said to have been retired for two years.

But it is a little hard to think of John Wiley Ritter, big, strong, resourceful and interested in what is going on around him, as being retired. He cuts all of his wood, using a power saw; he is a fisherman and enjoys his 24 grandchildren, especially the younger ones.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley Ritter have worked hard all their lives, they have raised a large family of fine children and they have maintained the respect of the community in which they have lived.

It is appropriate that their children would honor them Sunday, Apr. 11, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary and it was appropriate also that their neighbors, friends and relatives would come in a steady stream to join them in this well deserved recognition.

North Asheboro Churches Sponsor Easter Sunrise Service Sunday

Apr. 15, 1965 – North Asheboro churches will sponsor an Easter sunrise service at Randolph Memorial park Sunday morning, Apr. 18, beginning at six o'clock.

The impressive service will take place at the beautiful resurrection scene at the cemetery, which presents a vivid portrayal of the open tomb from which the buried Christ rose again on the third day.

Conducting the service will be the Rev. John W. Woody, pastor of the Balfour Baptist Church.

Bringing the Easter message will be the Rev. R. Sam Parker, pastor of Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Also participating in the service will be the Rev. R. J. Goldston, pastor of Calvary Methodist Church, and Rev. John Ivan Kizer, pastor of Forest Park Baptist Church.

Music for the Easter sunrise service will be led by Charles Stout, director of music at the Balfour Baptist Church, and also participating will be a portion of the Asheboro High School Band and other groups.

In the event of rain, the service will be held at the Balfour Baptist Church.

Worshippers from all North Asheboro churches as well as people from other areas are invited to be present for this sunrise service.

Married In One-Seated Buggy

Apr. 29, 1965 – Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Parrish, Route 2, Asheboro, were married May 2, 1915 but the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary was moved up one week to prevent a conflict with the memorial day service at the church they attend.

Therefore, the open house observance which was held in their honor by their only child, Mrs. Talmadge (Bronna) Bunting, took place Sunday, Apr. 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parrish.

Church people and family members assisted Mrs. Bunting in the open house observance which began at 2 p.m. and continued until 6 p.m.

Guests were greeted at the front door by George McDowell, Minister at Back Creek Friends meeting, and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Parrish are loyal members of the Back Creek Friends Meeting where Mrs. Parrish has been in charge of the cemetery for the past twenty years.

After being received by the honored couple and their daughter, guests were registered by a granddaughter, Mrs. J. B. Byrd.

Two more granddaughters, Mrs. William Miller and Miss Faye Bunting, were in charge of the gifts.

In the dining area the table was covered with a lace cloth over gold and at the two exposed corners of the table were suspended arrangements of golden wedding bells, yellow bows, ribbon and baker fern.

An arrangement of yellow Shasta daisies, yellow roses and gladiolus, intermingled with baker fern, was in the center of the table while at one end was the huge, white four-tiered anniversary cake, decorated with yellow roses, gold and green leaves, with a miniature bride and groom in the top and containing also a set of wedding rings and two love birds.

Another arrangement of yellow Shasta daisies, yellow snapdragons and baker fern was in the living room and in other areas of the house were potted plants with yellow blooms which were gifts to the honored couple.

Punch, decorated cake squares, mints and nuts were served by Miss Desiree Bunting, another granddaughter, and Mrs. Harvey Bunting, wife of a grandson. Assisting with the serving were Mrs. Tommy Walker, Mrs. Waie Nance and Mrs. Carl Stout, friends and members of the Back creek Friends Meeting.

Mrs. Stanton Moore, of High Point, a sister of Mr. Parrish, and Mrs. Stanton Poole, his niece, said the goodbyes.

Mrs. Parrish, the honoree was dressed for the occasion in a beige dress and wore a yellow-throated, white orchid as a corsage. Her daughter, Mrs. Bunting, wore a blue lace dress and a corsage of yellow mums. All of the other ladies participating in the open house observance wore corsages of yellow mums. Mr. Parrish wore a yellow carnation as a boutonniere.

For her early Sunday morning wedding of fifty years ago, Mrs. Parrish wore a blue voile dress, blue hose, blue shoes and cream-colored hat with blue flowers and ribbon.

The couple were married at 8 o'clock in the morning at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. John Tillman. They were married in the open, one – seated buggy in which they drove to their wedding site, with the minister's wife and children witnessing the ceremony from the front porch of the preacher's residence. Reason for the early hour was to catch the minister before he left for church.

The acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Parrish began when at the age of 13 Mr. Parrish moved with his family near to the

place where he and Mrs. Parrish are presently living. Mrs. Parrish had moved with her family to the same vicinity a few years earlier.

Mr. Parrish, son of Burgess M. Parrish and Martha Pierce Parrish, was born in Concord Township but moved with his parents at an early age to Tabernacle Township.

It was in Tabernacle Township that he attended the familiar old school, Taw's College, and it was while living there he assisted his father in making coffins. His father, a farmer as well as a carpenter later worked in the casket department at Home Building, Inc. in Asheboro.

Mrs. Parrish, the former Myrtle Wincie Hoover, was the daughter of Samuel Hoover and was born in the vicinity of the Back Creek Friends Meeting House.

She attended the Back Creek school and the school at Charlotte, located next to Charlotte Methodist Church.

Besides Taw's College, Mr. Parrish also attended the school at Back Creek and the Davis Mountain School, located back of where Baxter Allred now resides.

Whereas Mr. Parrish's father made coffins as an additional source of income, Mrs. Parrish's family made molasses to supplement their farming income. However, Mr. Parrish's father made no charge for the coffins which he made for neighbors and friends, charging only about \$2.50 to other people. This included a coffin of solid walnut.

At the time of Mr. and Mrs. Parrish's marriage, he was a farmer in the summer, which included operating a threshing machine throughout the surrounding area, and engaged in sawmilling in the winter time.

After a few years the couple moved to High Point where Mr. Parrish worked at Globe Furniture Company but before leaving High Point to come back to Randolph County he operated a store. His entry into the merchantile business was expressed by Mr. Parrish in these words: "when I got sense enough to know what I was doing, I went into business for myself."

He has been in business for himself ever since. I he came back to Asheboro and operated a fruit stand where Hudson – Belk Department Store now stands. When he had to make way for the erection of the department store, he moved his fruit stand down on South Fayetteville St., rented it out and started a grocery store down at the end of Sunset Ave.

When he had to clear out of this building also, he built another one next door and remained in the grocery business until 19 years ago.

Before and since his retirement from the grocery business, he has been engaged in the development and sale of real estate and has raised hogs. He is still engaged in the sale of real estate.

Standing by his side all of these years, helping in the grocery store and assisting with the records of the real estate transactions has been the woman with whom he spoke the wedding vows as they sat in that open, one seated buggy fifty years ago.

Both of them are still youthful looking, alert and well. At the ages of 69, Mr. Parrish will be 70 in Aug. and Mrs. Parrish 70 in Oct., they remain active and occupied with their usual interests.

Besides their daughter, their immediate family consists of six grandchildren, Mrs. J. B. Byrd, Mrs. William Miller, Miss Desiree Bunting, Miss Faye Bunting, Harvey and Dallas Bunting, and two great – grandchildren, Connie Bunting and Brian Byrd.

Pisgah Methodist Church Dedication Service Held

Apr. 29, 1965 – A service of dedication for the Pisgah Methodist Church was held Sunday, Apr. 25, slightly over two years after the new building was occupied on Apr. 7, 1963.

Conducting the service of dedication was the Rev. David L. Baxter, who came to the pastorate of the church in June, 1964.

Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church, delivered the sermon of dedication and also participating in the service were the two immediate past pastors of the church, Rev. Fred K. Macon and Rev. Roy L. Eubanks.

It was during the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Eubanks that the \$32,000 church edifice, beautiful with its gabled front of colored glass and bell tower, was brought to a successful completion.

After the occupancy of the new building two years ago, \$11,000 was needed to pay off the indebtedness. Members of the small congregation have worked diligently since that time to clear the church of the debt which it owed.

They received a big boost on Mar. 7 of this year when \$7,000 was received from the Duke Endowment Fund. Two days later Miss Pauline Luther, treasurer of the building fund since Sept., 1960, paid of the indebtedness and the church was ready for the service of dedication.

The auditorium of the church and the two classrooms which are separated only by a sliding door was filled to overflowing for the service dedication. Members of the Flag Springs and New Hope Methodist Churches, associated with the South Randolph Charge of which Pisgah Methodist Church is a part, joined their sister church for the service. Their presence was recognized by the young pastor who said "without their help and cooperation the building of the new church would not have been possible."

There are only 62 members of the Pisgah Methodist Church, many of these being children. Only about a third of the people who attend the church regularly are employed at public work.

These facts may have been in the mind of the Rev. Roy Eubanks when at the service of the dedication he referred to "the little congregation who had the faith to launch out" and who also said "this is a wonderful occasion, one which we had looked forward to but didn't expect so soon."

The church is constructed of exposed masonry blocks both inside and outside. The gabled end of the sanctuary, inset with colored glass, is held in place with a large cross.

To the right of the church and connected to the structure is a three pier campanile or bell tower fifty feet high and with two bells located at the top.

The sanctuary, with its open truss framework, its divided lectern and carpeted aisles and chancel area, creates an atmosphere of reverence and marks the sanctuary as a place conducive to worship.

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.

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.

Drawing the plans for the church building were J. Hyatt Hammond and Associates, architects, and present for the service of dedication on Sunday, Apr. 24, were Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyatt Hammond.

Building committee for the church project consisted of Eli Callicutt, chairman. Howard Cagle, Delbert Slack, Jimmy Cagle and Farrell Slack. Contractor for the building was J. D. Cagle. Ground - breaking ceremonies were held Oct. 7, 1962.

A deed for the land on which the first church building for Pisgah Methodist Church was erected was dated Mar. 22, 1866. The deed for this property was made to the trustees of the Episcopal Methodist Church at Mt. Pisgah.

Additional land was deeded by J. D. Welch and wife, Della; in 1939 by the Randolph County Board of Education for the adjoining property on which the old Pisgah school was located; and in 1962 by Mrs. Jessie Cox Bass, a former resident of the community who was present Sunday, Apr. 25, for the dedication of the new building on a portion of the land which she donated.

It is believed that the first place of worship was a log building which was replaced by a small, frame building. The first frame building was replaced by a larger frame building in 1912. The second frame building, which had three Sunday School rooms added to it around seventeen years ago, was used as the place of worship until the occupancy of the present building on Apr. 7, 1963.

The service of dedication for the Pisgah Methodist Church was a happy occasion for the small group of people who had built a beautiful new edifice through their dedication and their sacrificial giving. It was an even happier occasion than the Sunday on which they entered their new building a little more than two years ago. With their indebtedness cleared, they could now settle down for a more consistent resumption of the mission which the church began in the Pisgah community a hundred years ago.

Fund Raising Rally Nets \$2,000 For Building Fund

May 6, 1965 – A fund raising rally at the Oakland Baptist Church in Ramseur Sunday afternoon resulted in raising over \$2,000 for the building fund of the church.

Mrs. G. F. Goldston was in charge of the overall fund raising rally, which began six weeks ago, and the program at which the results were announced Sunday afternoon.

The rally was concluded with the observance of men's Day at the church Sunday, with the pastor, Rev. J. E. Lucas, speaking in the morning service on the subject: "Looking For A Man."

In the afternoon, Mr. Oakland was crowned as the results of a contest during the fund raising campaign were announced.

Conducted by the young adult class of the Sunday School, of which Clyde Goldston is teacher, the contest consisted of different men of the church being sponsored by members of the class in the Mr. Oakland competition.

Winner of the contest and wearing the golden crown was Ashley Goldston, who was sponsored by Mrs. Patty Goldston. The amount of \$681.64 was realized from this contestant.

Other contestants, who wore a silver crown, their sponsors and the amounts which were realized is as follows: Nathan Gales, sponsored by Mrs. Leola Marley, \$512.00; Odel Brooks, sponsored by Mrs. Madge Brooks, \$305; Ernest Alston, sponsored by Mrs. Sadie Parks, \$207.50; Dutere Foushee, sponsored by Mrs. Shirley Golston \$175.00; David Goins, sponsored by Mrs. Myrtle Spinks, \$90; and Rufus Woods, Sponsored by Mrs. Dora Lee Marley, \$26.

The above amounts came to a total \$1,997.14 but voluntary donations from the audience brought the total to \$2,002.14. Additional donations are also expected later as the results were not complete Sunday afternoon.

A fund for the erection of a new church building began about a year and one half ago but the amount of money which came in last Sunday afternoon was the biggest boost the fund has received thus far.

Other fund raising rallies by other groups within the church are planned for later dates.

Each sponsor in the contest just closed had a committee working with her and their activities during the six weeks of the contest included plate suppers, singing programs at the church, a grape fruit rally, the asking of individual donations and other events.

The pastor, Rev. J. E. Lucas, a resident of Robbins, is in his third year at the church. He also pastors the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church at Cameron. Formerly he was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Cameron and Christ Memorial Baptist Church at Pinehurst.

Treasurer of the church building fund is Lexie Siler. It is planned to erect the new church building on the present site but facing it in another direction.

A large crowd was in attendance for the conclusion of the contest Sunday afternoon, including both members of the church congregation and residents of the community.

Benefit Sing Saturday Night For Sick Father And Family

May 6, 1965 – A family with a sick father and five children in school will be aided by a benefit singing Saturday, May 8, in The Seagrove High School auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The singing, featuring the well-known Comer Family Singers, will be held for the benefit of the Otis Yow family who reside on Route 1, Seagrove.

A sawmill man for most of his life, Mr. Yow has not been able to work much since he entered the Randolph Hospital for his first operation on Feb. 13, 1964. However, he had been ailing for about six months prior to that time.

His second operation occurred on Apr. 24, 1964 and for several months thereafter he received therapy treatment, which included the taking of radium.

His third admittance to the hospital occurred on Dec. 15, 1964, from which place he was discharged and allowed to return home the day before Christmas.

For the past two months he has been confined to his bed. Although he is unable to take radium treatments anymore, he still has to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance when his condition becomes worse.

His trouble began with a cancerous condition in his glands, which has now spread to other parts of his body. He is unable to speak except with a whisper.

Fifty one years of age, Mr. Yow lives on the place at which he grew to manhood. His father, 75 year-old-Burley Yow, lives in an adjoining house.

Mr. Yow and his wife, the former Margaret Nance, are the parents of eight children, five of whom are still at home and are enrolled in the Seagrove school. These five children are Gregory, 17, Hilda, 14, Deborah (Debbie), 11, Lemuel, 9, and Steve, 6.

Over a month of hospital confinement, surgeon and doctor bills, along with the expense of maintaining a household with five children in school, have used up the financial resources of Mr. and Mrs. Yow. They are now existing, according to Mrs. Yow, on the "goodness of people, especially the neighbors".

Friends, neighbors, well wishers, those interested in helping and the public in general are invited to come out next Saturday evening, enjoy the singing of the Comer family and at the same time help a family who is worthy.

There will be no admission charge but an offering will be taken to help the family for whom the singing is being conducted.

Leading Randolph 4-H'er Will Join Cooley Staff

May 27, 1965 – Jimmy McElreath, one of Randolph County's most outstanding 4-H Club members, has been accepted for a summer position on the staff of Congressman Harold D. Cooley, Fourth District Representative from North Carolina and chairman of the important House Committee on Agriculture.

The 17-year-old youth, who is president of the County Council of 4-H Clubs in Randolph County, will report to Mr. Cooley's offices in Washington, D. C. on Aug. 2 and will be employed there during that month.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee McElreath, Route 2, Denton, Jimmy will be a senior at Farmer High School for the 1965-66 school year.

Since joining the Farmer School 4-H Club in Sept., 1958, at the age of 10, he has compiled an enviable record in 4-H Club activities.

He was a state winner in the dairy calf project in 1963 and in the gardening project in 1964.

As a result of being a state winner for the latter project, he attended the 1964 National 4-H Congress in Chicago as a delegate and emerged as a second runner up in national competition in the gardening project.

That same year he was also a delegate to the Citizenship Short Course sponsored by 4-H Clubs in Washington, D. C.

In 1962 he was runner up in the dairy calf project and as a state winner the following year was awarded a watch and savings bond and in 1964 participated in the North Carolina dairy tour which took him to many parts of the state.

He was first place winner in production and marketing in competition sponsored by the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association in North Carolina in 1964 and placed second in this area in 1963.

Also, in 1963 he held a runner up position in the state 4-H health pageant.

After the discontinuation of 4-H clubs in the schools of Randolph County, Jimmy joined the Jackson Creek community 4-H Club, organized in the community in which he lives, and in that club has served as president, vice

president, news reporter and as junior leader for the past four years.

In addition to his present office as president of the county Council, he has served as vice president and as reporter on the county level.

He is currently a candidate for secretary and treasurer of the North Western District 4-H Clubs in an election to be held on Demonstration Day at Madison Mayodan next month and last year placed second in the race for historian of the district organization.

In county 4-H Club demonstrations, he has won 36 achievement awards and was runner up in county competition 19 times.

On the district level, he has been a winner five times, winning once in the fruits and vegetable marketing area and twice in the areas of the dairy calf project and gardening.

He has been a runner-up in district demonstration three times in the areas of dairy management and dairy calf project.

He has presented 96 exhibits in county, district and state 4-H displays participated 32 times in fitting and showing of dairy calves, given 23 times in fitting and showing of dairy calves, given 23 demonstrations in county, district and state 4-H competition and has served on 94 committees in the county, district and state and including one committee on the national level.

Since his affiliation with 4-H, four years ago, he has realized the amount of \$2,406.64 in profits from his dairy calf projects and prize money from that and other competition.

Activity in 4-H clubs in the McElreath family has not been confined to Jimmy McElreath alone. His 14 year-old brother, Johnny, is following closely in his footsteps and thus far has been adjudged a county winner in 4-H competition, a runner up in district competition and will this year participate on the state wide dairy tour. In 4-H demonstrations, Jimmy and Johnny sometimes work as a team.

Then, 11 year old Pat, sister of Jimmy and Johnny, is also coming along in 4-H work and has already been adjudged a county winner in 4-H competition.

A fourth member of the family, 6 year old Gregory (Greg), is waiting to start to school next year and also for the time when he too can become a 4-H member.

Besides his 4-H club activities, Jimmy is president of his Sunday school class at the Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, located a short distance from his home. At school, besides making close to a 90 average in his studies, he is a member of the FTA, FBLA and FFA, in addition to having served as a member of the student council and president of his home room.

Before he enters into his employment in Congressman Cooley's offices in Washington, D. C. Jimmy will engage in employment with the local ASC office in Asheboro in the measurement of various crops and hopes to attend either the 4-H Club Week in Raleigh or spend a week at a 4-H Camp, both of which he has been declared eligible.

Upon his graduation from Farmer High School, he plans to attend North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

Jimmy's father is an employee at Bossing Hosiery Mills in Asheboro but, with the aid of his wife, the former Eunice Trotter, and his children, also engages in limited farm and poultry operations and the rearing of their 4-H show calves

at their modest but lovely residence off the main road in the Parker's Mill-Jackson Creek area.

It is a home situated in a beautiful rural countryside and it is a place which is conducive to effective 4-H club activity by Jimmy McElreath and his brothers and sister

March of Dimes Scholar Is Asheboro High Senior

June 3, 1965 – An Asheboro High School senior, Miss Johnsie E. Pierce, has been named the winner of the second March of Dimes health scholarship to be presented by the Randolph County Chapters of The National Foundation.

The \$250 health scholarship presentation to Miss Pierce was made by Asheboro school board chairman, T. Henry Redding, during graduation exercises at the local high school Wednesday evening.

Selection of Miss Pierce for the scholarship award was made by a committee from the Randolph County Chapter of the National Foundation, composed of Mrs. Joe Dean Cox, chairman, Mrs. T. R. Cleek, Dr. E. B. Cannon, Harold Davis and M. H. Branson.

In Sept. Miss Pierce will enroll in the School of Nursing at Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury. She has already been accepted for admittance to this hospital.

She is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Pierce and resides with her parents and three sisters at the family home on Route 2, Asheboro. Her sisters are Gail, 13, Sharon, 10 and Janet 6. The scholarship recipient herself is 17 years of age.

While a student at the local high school, Miss Pierce has been a member of the Spanish Club, serving this past school year as secretary of the club, and has been a member of the Asheboro High School Chorale. Last year as a member of the latter group she was selected as a member of the all state chorus.

She has been active in the school's basketball intermural program and last year served on both the make up committee for the junior play and the costume committee for Showcase.

She is also a member of the Order of the Rainbow in Asheboro.

A member of the Rushwood Park Wesleyan Methodist Church, she is president of the youth group of the church, serving in this capacity for two years, and has also served for the past two years as secretary and treasurer of the district youth group of her denomination.

Her father is employed at Cetwick Textiles in Asheboro.

Ulah Presbyterian Church Has Visit

June 3, 1965 – The Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church, which was organized Mar. 7 in the old Ulah school building, was host to two visiting groups at their morning service Sunday.

Forty one boys and girls of the junior department of the First Presbyterian Church in High Point, accompanied by their departmental superintendent and four of their teachers, came in a chartered bus for the presentation of 20 New Revised Standard Bibles for the new church.

Also present for the service was the senior class from the Dogwood acres Presbyterian Church, sponsor for the newly organized Whispering Pines church, accompanied by their class teacher, Mrs. Clyde Barksdale, guest pianist for the

occasion, and Ted Lawson, who led the congregational singing.

Rev. David Blue, minister of the Dogwood Acres church and supply minister for the Whispering Pines church, introduced the departmental superintendent from High Point who in turn presented the four teachers within the department. Mrs. C. D. Caldwell, Mrs. Janet McCurry, Mrs. Robert Deale, and Charles Spencer, who accompanied her and the junior boys and girls to the Whispering Pines service.

Mrs. Andrews said that the junior department in the High Point church were now studying church organization and explained that the gift of 20 Bibles was purchased from money which had been saved from the allowances of the boys and girls in the department which presented them.

After four of the juniors had come forward and presented the Bibles to the church, the Rev. David Blue received the Bibles on behalf of the church and said "It is wonderful to know that you good people in High Point have been thinking of and praying for us. This means much to us when we realize your have chartered a bus to bring you to our service, and we will always be grateful to these fine boys and girls who have sacrificed their weekly allowances in order that our church may have Bibles to read and study and to help build a church on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ."

Following the presentation and acceptance of the gift, Mr. Blue led the congregation in a prayer of dedication of the new Bibles."

The supply minister also invited all persons present and their friends to attend the regular services at the new church each Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. The services are held in the old school building which is now used as a community center.

Following the service the High Point visitors were taken to the building lot for the new church, located on Highway 220, which was given for this purpose by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe.

Afterwards the visiting group assembled in the Park Street recreational area where they enjoyed the picnic luncheon which they had brought along from High point.

Church Honors A Pastor Who Served Them Twice

June 7, 1965 – The Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church was the scene of an unusual service Sunday afternoon, May 30, when the life and the works of a former two-times-pastor of the church was honored by the members of the church congregation.

Joining the local congregation in the warm tribute to the Rev. H. B. Barger, for 53 years a minister in the Pilgrim Holiness denomination, was the Rev. W. F. Page, District Superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, and several members of the District Council.

The Rev. Mr. Barger himself has served for a total of 43 years on the District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, and several years on the District Council. Now retired from the active pastorate and serving as Minister-At-Large, he is 78 years of age.

The veteran minister's first pastorate at the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church began in the fall of 1929 and he remained at that time for two years. His second pastorate

was for three years and ended with the conference year in 1960.

In his tribute and brief history of the life of the Rev. Henry Brown Barger, the Rev. R. J. Hobbs, pastor of the Ramseur Church, told of the minister's birth on May 5, 1887 in Rowan County, approximately nine miles from Salisbury and in a settlement known as the Organ Lutheran Church section.

In the earlier years of his life, he lived with his parents on a farm and was later employed with a railroad company. He then moved to China Grove and was employed with a textile mill.

It was after moving to China Grove that he attended an old fashioned tent meeting and was converted to the full gospel of Christ. Later he was sanctified wholly and received a definite call to preach the gospel. He was about twenty one years of age at this time.

In order to prepare for the ministry, he entered the Greensboro Bible School and worked at a table factory to help with the expenses of his schooling.

After completing his ministerial training, he traveled for two years with an evangelist, holding revival services in a tent which they moved from one location to another.

He was licensed to preach in 1912, accepted his first pastorate in 1914 and was ordained in 1917.

Before being called into the ministry, Mr. Barger had married the former Belle Hill and a daughter Thula, was born to this union. While serving on his first pastorate his wife died and in the year 1918 he was married to his present wife, the former Cora Mae Hoyle. To them were born nine children, six of whom survive.

The second portion of the program honoring the life and ministry of Rev. H. B. Barger was conducted by the District Superintendent, Rev. W. F. Page, who outlined the highlights of the long and distinguished ministry of the man who was being recognized.

His first two years as a minister were spent as an evangelist, after which his first pastorate consisted of the churches at Bethlehem, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Union and Staley. He remained at those churches for four years.

His pastorates in succession included Proximity, Liberty Hill, and Greensboro Second, 9 years; Ramseur-Kildee, 2 years; Kannapolis, 5 years; Burlington, 7 years; Erlanger, 1 year; Salisbury, 8 years; Thomasville, 4 years; Harkers Island, 1 year; and Ramseur for the second time, 3 years.

Since Aug., 1960 he has served as a Minister-At-Large. However, Rev. and Mrs. Barger, who reside on Route 3, Salisbury, retain their membership at the Ramseur church, the scene of their last pastorate.

In addition to his church pastorates and his long service on the District Council, the Rev. Mr. Barger has rendered other useful services in the North Carolina District of The Pilgrim Holiness Church.

He served for two years as District Superintendent twenty two years as assistant District Superintendent. Has been eligible by virtue of his office or has been elected to attend General Conference since the year 1922.

He served on the examining board for 34 years, was elected to the camp Meeting Board in Kernersville in 1943 and has served continually for 22 years. he also served two years on the Camp Meeting Board in Greensboro before it was moved to Kernersville.

Other boards and committees on which he has served include Board of Trustees, 30 years; College and Bible

School boards, 3 years; Board of Education, 2 years; resolution committee, 12 years; nominating committee, 1 year; Home and Foreign Mission Board, 1 year; conference bar, 2 years; resolution of respect, 2 years; auditing committee, 1 year; publication of conference minutes, 2 years; and religious worship committee, 1 year.

At the service of appreciation for the Rev. Mr. Barger at the Ramseur church, a trio, composed of Mrs. Howard Moody, Mrs. Max Roberts and Mrs. Jack Edwards, sang "I've Come Too Far to Turn Back Now."

Recognition was also made of the minister's seven daughters and members of their families. The daughters include Mrs. Thula Huffling, Greensboro; Mrs. Virginia Watson, Burlington; Mrs. Ruth Cartner, Burlington; Mrs. Vernice Poole, Burlington; Mrs. Muriel Hill, Route 1, Lexington; Mrs. Peggy and Mrs. Mary Freda Basiner, Raleigh.

A poem, "Psalm of Life," was read by Miss Joyce Cox and a love offering was taken for Rev. and Mrs. Barger.

Many persons in the congregation took advantage of an opportunity to give personal testimonies of what the Rev. Mr. Barger had meant to them and the veteran minister in turn expressed his appreciation for the service which honored him to all the people who participated therein, whether by taking an active part in the program or by their attendance.

It was a noble gesture on the part of the pastor and congregation of the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church to honor a minister whose life has been consecrated and whose ministry had influenced the lives of many of the people of the Ramseur church and community.

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Sunday School Convention Meets At Pleasant Union

June 17, 1965 – The Concord Township Sunday School Convention, which was organized July 14, 1907, held its annual meeting Saturday evening, June 12, at the Pleasant Union Christian Church.

The only organization of its kind in this section of the state, the convention is comprised of the Canaan Methodist Church, Garren's Grove Church of God, Piney Grove Methodist Church, Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, Salem Methodist Church, Farmer Methodist Church and Pleasant Union Christian Church.

In attendance at this annual meeting were 105 people from the churches represented and 20 visitors.

David Lanier, president, conducted the meeting and extended a welcome to those in attendance. He is a representative from the Canaan church, a past

superintendent of the Canaan Sunday School, a position which he will resume shortly.

He was assisted in the conduct of the Sunday School convention by Dwight Nance, vice president of the convention, who comes from the Salem church.

Also helping with the meeting was Mrs. Carl Kearns, secretary and treasurer for the Sunday School organization. Who attends the Salem church. In addition to her secretarial duties, Mrs. Kearns also gave the devotional for the meeting Saturday evening.

Walter Martin, Sr., who served for nine years as president of the Concord Sunday School convention, eight of which were in succession, was the speaker at the church. His subject was to relate the facts about the beginning of the Sunday School Convention and its importance to the people.

He told about the organizational meeting on July 14, 1907 at the Salem Methodist Church, at which five of the same churches at last Saturday night's meeting were also in attendance at the meeting fifty eight years ago.

These were Salem, Farmer, (Concord), Canaan, Hoover's Grove and Pleasant Union.

He recalled that the speakers at that meeting were Rev. J. W. Ingle, Rev. S. F. Lassiter, Mrs. N. M. Morgan, L. L. Miller and B. G. McMasters.

He remembered that Rev. S. F. Lassiter was elected the first president of the convention and he also made mention of some of the other presidents who served in the earlier existence of the convention, including Dr. C. C. Hubbard, N. H. Prevost, Jesse Gallimore, M. E. (Minnie) McDowell, and John Presnell.

Other representatives who spoke at the Concord convention were Johnny Arnold, from the Piney Grove church, whose subject was "What Is A Church?," Miss Dianne Garner, from the Hoover's Grove church, who spoke on the importance of Sunday School, and Whit Elliott, from the Farmer church, who told about the progress of the Sunday school at his church.

The contribution of the host church, Pleasant Union, to the program was special music by a young people's group.

The convention also enjoyed a number of songs by The Carolinians Quartet from Asheboro. This was the third successive year the group has been entertained by The Carolinians.

A nominating committee report, given by Aster Delk of the Piney Grove church, brought about the re-election of the officer for another year.

A Golden Anniversary, Memorial For Seagrove Christian Church

June 17, 1965 – A three fold event, homecoming, memorial and golden anniversary service, occurred Sunday, June 13, at the Seagrove Christian Church.

Many former members, visitors and friends joined the present church congregation in observing a significant day in the half century existence of the church.

Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Clyde L. Fields, of Elon College, Superintendent of the Southern Convention of the Congregational Christian Church.

Leading the congregation in the special worship service was the church minister, Rev. Avery Brown, who also serves as president of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Church.

Present were three people, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garner and Mrs. Boyd King, who were listed on the charter membership of the church when it was organized nearly fifty years ago.

A former two times pastor of the church, Rev. Lacy Presnell, was also in attendance.

The service was concluded in the cemetery as a tribute to the deceased members of the church congregation, after which a picnic luncheon was enjoyed on the grounds.

Although the Seagrove Christian Church was officially organized Nov. 29, 1915, there are still recollections of a Christian church which was organized in Seagrove sometime before or during the Civil War.

This church, supposedly a brush arbor, was located near the old Galihorn Spring which is still in existence about one hundred yards off the street on which the Seagrove School is situated.

Burned to the ground during the Civil War period, this early church in the Seagrove area had as its pastor, Rev. Lewis Parks, whose son, L. B. Parks, was a charter member of the church which was organized in 1915. Miss Nancy Spencer, a great-great granddaughter of Rev. Lewis Parks, is presently serving as secretary for the Seagrove Christian Church.

With the burning of the first church religious services were not held again in Seagrove until the year 1908 when Sunday School services were started in a brush arbor which was located at the old Eli Leach home.

However, church services had been held through the intervening years at churches in the area surrounding Seagrove and one reason for the beginning of the Sunday School services in 1908 was to avoid the long walk to the services at the church in Why Not.

But since the beginning of the Sunday school services and the later organization of Seagrove Christian Church, a Methodist Church has also been organized in Seagrove.

When Winter time came along after the beginning of the Sunday School services in the brush arbor, the services were moved across the street to a Masonic Hall owned by W. L. Stutts and later were moved to the school building which was located at that time just south of the Carl King residence.

At the latter place the Rev. T. J. Green held occasional church services and the brush arbor structure was also used for preaching appointments by many ministers of various denominations who traveled to Seagrove either by train or horse and buggy.

Although few in number the people who attended the Sunday School Services felt the need for the organization of a church in Seagrove. After several attempts, they were led into the organization of a church body on Nov. 29, 1915 by the Rev. T. E. White and Rev. G. R. Underwood becoming the first pastor of the church.

Charter Members for the church organization, numbering 21, included John M. Yow, Mrs. D. A. Cornelison, Madison Farlow, Frank Cole, Mrs. Frank Cole, L. B. Parks, Mrs. A. S. Callicutt, Mrs. W. C. Garner, Mrs. J. C. Hammond, Mrs. A. M. Brower, Mrs. W. H. Hughes, Miss Janie C. Cole, Mrs. N. J. Hohn, Miss Bertha M. Luck, W. C. Garner, Mrs. M. E. Farlow, Miss Myrtle Farlow, Mrs. John M. Yow, D. A. Cornelison, J. W. Wentz, and Mrs. Frank Auman.

Nine of these charter members, Mrs. Pearl Voncannon Hammond, Mrs. Annie Hancock Brower, Mrs. Myrtle Farlow Sikes, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garner, Mrs. Belle Luck

Cornelison, Mrs. Bertha Luck Auman, Mrs. Leola King Yow Scott, and Mrs. Janie Cole King, are still living.

However, only three of them, Mrs. Bertha Luck Auman, Mrs. Leola King Yow Scott and Mrs. Janie Cole King, are still retained on the church membership rolls, with Mrs. Janie Cole King being the only active member of the church.

When the church was organized fifty years ago, it is said that all of the charter members came from other church organizations, with the exception of Mrs. King who was the youngest of the group to join.

Following the first pastor, Rev. G. R. Underwood, came the following pastors: Rev. W. C. Hook, Rev. T. J. Green, Rev. A. T. Banks, Rev. T. J. Green, second pastorate, Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, Rev. W. C. Wicker, Rev. J. C. Cummings, Rev. T. E. White, Rev. E. C. Brady, Rev. G. M. Talley, Rev. Harold Sharpe, Rev. Lacy Presnell, Rev. Thomas D. Sutton, Rev. Rosser Lee Clapp, Rev. Gene Thomas, Rev. Lacy Presnell, second pastorate, Rev. Billy Joe Willett, and the present pastor, Rev. Avery Brown.

After the organization of the Seagrove Christian Church on Nov. 29, 1915, a frame structure was erected on land which was donated by Eli Leach and C. M. Tysor. This building was located just north of Seagrove.

But on Jan. 8, 1939 the membership of the church voted to erect a new building at the present site of the church and this building was occupied on Feb. 7, 1941. Sunday School services were held in the new building on Feb. 9, 1941 and the building was dedicated on the fourth Sunday in Feb. of that same year.

Plans are now in progress for a 22,000 square foot addition to the present building. This addition will include seven rooms, one to be used for assembly, and two rest rooms.

A planning committee to supervise the construction of the new addition is composed of J. B. Slack, chairman, Gene Bumgarner, co-chair Ivy Luck and A. E. Garner.

In opening remarks at the special service Sunday, June 13, the church pastor said "we have many reasons to be happy" and in reference to the organization of the church a half century earlier, he said "there must have been love, faith, courage and determination."

With two brush arbor beginnings, a Masonic Hall and a school house as their background, the pastor's words brought into focus the history of Seagrove Christian Church.

Its beginnings was hampered by trials and hardships and existence has not always been easy. But a solid basis has been formed through the first fifty years of its organization and much progress is contemplated for its future.

A Far-Reaching Ministry Ends Here For Young Man

June 24, 1965 – A young Methodist minister and his wife, whose ministry has been far reaching and whose lives have touched many people during their six and one half years sojourn in Randolph County, left Asheboro Tuesday morning for a new assignment in Gaston County.

Rev. and Mrs. Ron L. Hall left the West Bend Methodist Church parsonage, where they had lived for four years, to assume the pastorate of the Faith Methodist Church in Gastonia.

With them went their three sons, Lee, 5, Todd, 3, and Jon, age seven months, all of whom were born to the Rev. and Mrs. Hall since they came to Randolph County.

The young minister and his wife received an appointment in Jan., 1959 to the Asheboro Circuit of the Methodist Church, composed of the Cedar Falls, Central Falls and West Chapel Methodist churches, to fill out an unexpired term.

It was just before the time that the Rev. Mr. Hall had completed his requirements for a Bachelor of Divinity degree at Duke University Divinity School, at which institution he had received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in June, 1956.

A native of Winston-Salem, son of J. E. Hall and the late Mrs. Hall, who died nearly two years ago, his decision to enter the ministry had been made during his sophomore year in college.

Mrs. Hall, the former Kay Long, is also a native of Winston-Salem and is a graduate of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Long, Sr., of Winston-Salem.

In June, 1961, Rev. and Mrs. Hall were assigned to the West Bend Methodist Church where the young minister's pastorate has been characterized by an increased youth program, work with young parents and parents of pre-school children and much counseling with all age groups.

The church membership was increased by forty five during Mr. Hall's pastorate, the indebtedness decreased from \$46,000 to \$20,000 and greater emphasis was also placed on a program designed to meet the needs of the older members of the church, especially through the creation of a woman's circle which holds its meeting during the daytime.

But feeling that the duties and obligations of the individual church cannot be effectively separated from the ministry in the community and among other church groups, the Rev. Ron Hall has rendered considerable service at other levels since coming to Randolph County.

He served for the past five and one half years as subdistrict youth counselor for Randolph County and in this capacity has had contact with hundreds of Methodist young people and their pastors in the interest of the program for Methodist youth work.

He has also served as director of Christian Social Concerns for the High Point District of the Methodist Church and as Junior High district director of Youth Work for the High Point District.

He has been a member of the American Cancer Society of Randolph County, serving as publicity director for two years, and has served on the executive board of the Randolph County Tuberculosis Association, serving now as a member of the state board of this same group.

A member of the Asheboro Kiwanis Club, he is presently a member of the board of directors and has served as chairman of the club's Key Club activity.

He served for two years as president of the Asheboro Ministerial Association and while serving in this capacity a Human Relations Committee for Asheboro was established. It has been felt that the setting up of this committee by the ministerial association did much to alleviate the racial tension which was felt by many other communities.

This distinct contribution, added to the other services which he had rendered in many other areas, made him in 1964 the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award

which is presented annually by the Asheboro Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The appeal of this young minister to the youth of Randolph County was further evidenced by his delivery of baccalaureate sermons at Franklinville, Asheboro and Farmer high schools during his period of service in Randolph County.

The attractive young wife of this Methodist minister was not completely idle during the six and one half years of their residence in Randolph County. Besides giving birth to her three sons while here and serving part time on the nursing staff at The Randolph Hospital, she also found time for service in other areas.

She served for two years as president of the Asheboro Council of United Church Women and is presently serving as District 2 chairman of United Church Women of North Carolina.

She also served for two years as district secretary of youth work for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and will next week serve as the nurse for the Regional School of Christian Missions at Lake Junaluska for district and jurisdictional officers of the Methodist Church.

During her stay in Asheboro she was also president of the High Point District organization of Methodist Ministers Wives and in that position entertained the wives and their husbands at West Bend in the annual Christmas part of the group.

A signal honor from the local church was the naming of a newly organized Wesleyan Service Guild at West Bend in her honor.

On the Sunday afternoon before they left on Tuesday, Rev. and Mrs. Hall and sons were honored by the West Bend Methodist Church at a fellowship period from four to six o'clock.

Ron Hall, at the age of 30, and Kay Hall, only 28 years of age, have rendered outstanding service to the people of their churches, the people of Randolph County and the High Point District of the Methodist Church for the past six and one half years.

It's Time for Talk and Laughter When Their Fourteen Children Meet

June 24, 1965 – There was much laughter, conversation and good natured banter when Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lee Cox and their fourteen children got together Saturday evening, June 19, for a family reunion at the home of the former on Route 1, Sophia.

It was the first time in two years that all members of this large family had been together at the same time, due to two of its members being away in military service.

The five sons and nine daughters who came to join their parents in this joyous family gathering were, listed herewith in the order of their birth, as follows: Mrs. Clarence (Ruth) Lineberry, Route 1, Climax; Mrs. Kyre (Blanche) Powell, Route 1, Sophia; Mrs. J. W. (Mary) Routh, Route 1, Franklinville; John Page Cox, Route 1, Franklinville; Mrs. Thomas Howard (Doris) Trogdon, Route 1, Franklinville; James Ray Cox, North Asheboro; and Mrs. Wade (Rachel) Davis, Route 1, Randleman.

Also, Mrs. Leonard (Irene) Surratt, Randleman; Wayne Cox, U. S. Air Force Base, Rapid City, S. Dak.; Percy Lee Cox, Jr., Route 3, Randleman; Mrs. Lacy (Louvelia)

Ferguson, Jr., Route 3, Randleman; Mrs. Odell (Martha) Williamson, Randleman, and Mrs. Johnny (Margaret) Ester, Durham, twins; and Charles Cox, Vandenberg Air Force Base at Santa Maria, California.

Also present were all of the sons and daughters-in-law, all of the 38 grandchildren except one and the four great-grandchildren.

A few other relatives in attendance included Mrs. Cox's sister, Mrs. Ross Lineberry, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Susie Davis, Ft. Worth, Texas, mother-in-law of Wayne Cox.

The family members began coming in at mid-afternoon and before nightfall all had assembled for a picnic supper on the lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox have only lived at their present homesite for four and one half years. They reared their large family at Mr. Cox's old homestead on Route 1, Franklinville, east of Gray's Chapel and on land which adjoined Sandy Creek.

There they raised tobacco, wheat, corn, kept brooder houses for their poultry operations, and grew the vegetables which were needed to help provide the food for such a large family of children.

Mr. Cox was born on the land, son of John and Martha Patterson Cox. His family was small, a brother, Charlie B. Cox, still lives on part of the land and a sister, Dora Cox Thomas, is dead.

Mrs. Cox, the former Leoline Routh, daughter of Page and Susan Ferree Routh, came from a much larger family but not as big as her own. She was one of ten children.

Upon being complimented that their family had exceeded those of their parents, Mrs. Cox, still witty and alert at the age of 69, said "we have done our part."

Mr. Cox who at the age of 72 planted 65 acres of corn last year and 40 this year, said, concerning the rearing of 14 children, "it wasn't as hard then as it would be now." Mrs. Cox echoed this statement and added: "we couldn't do it now."

Besides raising a lot of the food which was needed, Mrs. Cox made most of the clothes for the nine girls and also made shirts and even overalls for the boys. One of the girls recalled then when the last load of tobacco was sold in the fall the children went along for the supply of shoes and winter coats. One of the boys also remarked, perhaps facetiously, that a bag of pinto beans was also purchased at the same time.

The oldest of the 14 children is 46 years of age and the youngest one is 24 years of age. There is four years difference between the twin girls and the youngest son, but there is two years and less between the other children. One of the girls thought there was only ten months between some of them but Mrs. Cox immediately corrected her by saying "don't get it any worse than what it is." Actually, it was determined, by referring to the family Bible, that the 14 children were born during a span of 20 years.

In compiling statistics about this remarkable family, it was learned that none of them had had their tonsils or appendix removed, there has been no death among the children or grandchildren and only one death among the great grandchildren. There has been no divorce in the entire family group and neither do any of the daughters or daughters-in-law smoke cigarettes. All of the sons in the family have seen military duty. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Cox never incurred any indebtedness for the purchase of food or clothing.

Asked if the older children, especially the girls, helped with the rearing of the younger ones, Mrs. Cox said there was plenty of help and plenty of work to be done."

Mrs. Cox seems to have been an amazing woman of unusual capacity. Before the picnic supper last Saturday afternoon she was concerning herself about the needs for the occasion. Reminded that she should let her children look after the details, Mr. Cox said "things don't go right if she is not the head of it." Discussing the difference between them, Mrs. Cox said "he never got in a hurry but I was always on the run."

Her resourcefulness was further borne out by the fact that when her last child was enrolled in school, she became employed at the age of 52 in a garment plant in Randleman and worked at public employment for 13 years until her retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the cool Springs Baptist Church, located about three and one half miles from where they reared their large family and they attend regularly the services at this church. One reason for holding their family reunion on Saturday was to enable them to attend annual memorial services at their church on the following day.

Mrs. Cox was asked if she had it to go over again would she have had 14 children. She replied: "I don't think so but I wouldn't take a million for either one of them."

So, the P. L. Cox family therefore takes its place among the larger families of Randolph County. The 14 children and their parents constitute an outstanding family unit. They are individually and collectively making their contribution to the wholesome family life for which our country is noted.

They Retrace Family Paths

July 8, 1965 – Old Roads will be opened and old places revisited on a tour which will take place Sunday, July 11, when the members of the Brown, Welch and Lowdermilk families convene for their annual reunion at the W. A. (Billy) Brown homeplace.

Old homes which are a part of the family heritage, the old Indian graveyard which is located on the family land and the old school house site will be included on the tour which is the novel idea of the reunion president John Thomas Brown.

The site of the reunion, located on Route 1, Bennett about a quarter of a mile from the Chatham County line, is the present residence of Floyd Brown, son of Billy Brown.

The reunion session will convene at 11 a. m., Music will be furnished by the Glenn Davis string band.

After the picnic dinner which will be a spread underneath the shade trees during the noon hour, reunion president John Thomas Brown will conduct the tour of the sites which are familiar to the earlier days of the three families.

The reunion president has asked that comfortable clothes be worn by those participating in the tour which will have as its means of conveyance tractors and trailers.

The tour will traverse roads which were used frequently by family members and the public in the years gone by but roads which have long since been closed to general travel.

The tour will leave the reunion site and travel first to the old Indian graveyard where the inscriptions on one of the gravestones indicate that its occupant was buried July 3, 1821.

While in the vicinity of the old Indian graveyard, the tour participants will also view the old log house at which Elmer

Brown lived. This particular member of the family now lives at Climax.

Before reaching the next homesite, the Petty Brown homeplace, the reunion caravan will stop at the crossroads where many strange and mysterious things have supposedly occurred to members of the family.

One night many years ago members of the family came to the crossroads and heard a team of horses coming down the road. They stepped aside to let the wagon pass and so as to not scare the horses. When the wagon came by, it was being propelled by itself and there was no horses attached to it.

At another time a big dog appeared on the scene one night as a member of the family passed through the crossroads. He reached down to pat the dog on the head and to coax him to go along with him but his hand touched nothing. Suddenly the dog was not there.

Another member of the family saw a big, white sheet hanging in the trees, another one saw a group of buzzards swoop down on the scene and various other strange and mysterious sights have been seen at the crossroads which will be visited Sunday afternoon by the reunion group.

At the home of Petty Brown, who was a musician of considerable note, some remnants of furniture will be seen in the now deserted residence where the musicians of earlier years gathered for the sessions with the banjos, the guitars and the fiddles.

The caravan will leave the Petty Brown place and cross the branch over to the homeplace of Atlas Brown, who was an ancestor of many of the present members of the Brown family.

No one lives there now, the once spacious lawn has been fenced in and cattle roam throughout. But the house still stands along side of the road on which the people once traveled regularly as they went in and out of the community. It was near that place that a shingle mill once stood.

The Burris Hicks place will be the next stop on the tour. Although not a relative of the Browns, this place was a part of their heritage because it stood in the community in which most of the members of the family were reared.

There are now two houses at the Burris Hicks place, one a log structure estimated to be one hundred and fifty years old and a two - story frame structure which was erected in 1915.

The places are connected by a porch over which a roof has been built. However, the roof and the porch has not always been there and members of the Hicks family remember when they raced barefooted through the snow when they got up in the morning from the two story house where they slept to the log structure which was used as a kitchen.

Living now at the Burris Hicks place is Burris ' son, Claude Hicks, 83 years of age and his wife. A son, Dale Hicks, his wife and daughter lives nearby but there are no other house in sight. Claude Hicks, a watchmaker and banjo player, is an invalid because of a broken hip.

Another place to be included on the tour will be the site of the old White Oak school where many members of the Brown, Welch and Lowdermilk families attended school.

The school house stood on the Randolph Chatham line and when it was used as a dwelling house later, it was said that the man of the house slept in one county while his wife slept in the other county.

Sunday, July 13, will not only be a time of reunion for the Browns, Welches and Lowdermilks but it will also be a time when they can relive the experiences of their childhoods by actually visiting again those places they knew in the earlier years.

You've Been Enjoying Her Plants For Many Of Her 93 Happy Years

July 8, 1965 - Mrs. Martha Ann Strickland, a plant grower in the Ulah community for fifty years, celebrated her 93rd birthday on Independence Day, Sunday, July 4.

Born in the Browers' Mill section of lower Randolph County on July 4, 1872, her family moved to the Ulah community when she was six years old. She has lived in Ulah and the surrounding community since that time.

Since about 1914 the big two story house on Highway 220 just north of Ulah, with its "Plants for Sale" sign, has been a familiar sight to people of this section and elsewhere.

Mrs. Strickland, with the encouragement of her son, Earl, who was a student at Bennett College in Greensboro, established the plant farm around 1914 or a short while thereafter.

Although Earl died shortly after his graduation from college, Mrs. Strickland continued with the growing of various plants. Another son and a daughter are now doing the major portion of work connected with the growth and sale of the plants.

But Mrs. Strickland, still active and alert for a person of her advanced age, receives people who come to buy plants and retains the controlling interest of the extensive plant farm.

Her birthday celebration has become an annual event and this year an elaborate affair was arranged for her at the home of a son in Winston-Salem. Many friends and members of her family attended from this area. Three previous celebrations were held at her home in Ulah.

After moving to the Ulah area, Mrs. Strickland's father, Noah Brower, owned at one time a total of 360 acres of land. Her mother Wincie Brower, died early and was buried in the cemetery at Smyrna Methodist Church.

Mrs. Strickland attended the Mitchell School east of Ulah and also attended a summer school session at Asheboro. She taught for one year at Pleasant Hill in the school year 1920 - 21.

She was married to John W. Strickland on Christmas Day in the year 1890. Her husband died in 1951.

Nine children were born to this marriage, three of whom are deceased. Besides Earl, who died after his graduation from Bennett College, two other sons, Homer and Lancey, an infant are also dead.

Her other children are John Leslie Strickland, a retired merchant, who lives in Patterson, N. J., Dr. L. I. Strickland, a New York City barber; Mrs. Margaret Williams, her only daughter, who spends most of her time with her mother; Roscoe Strickland, a Winston-Salem contractor; and Gurney Strickland, who stays at home and helps his mother with the plant farm. Her oldest son is 73 years of age.

A firm believer in education, Mrs. Strickland said, "the time is here when you have to have it or you can't make it." Speaking further, she said, "I have always believed in education and still believe in it."

All of her children have either graduated from college or attended schools of higher learning. Six of them attended Bennett College and two of them A & T College. Also, six of

them have been school teachers at one time or another in their professional careers.

When she began raising plants on a small scale at the suggestion of her son, Mrs. Strickland's husband and other members of the family doubted that she would be able to succeed. But this woman of determination and fortitude believed she could do it. She had also seen how Walter and Lendo Parks of the Pisgah community had succeeded in growing plants and this also caused her to believe that she could do the same.

She began with cabbage plants and also raised cabbage for a while. She also added sweet potato plants, pepper plants, tomato plants and at one time raised starawberry and egg plants.

In the first years of the plant farm, more sweet potato plants than any other variety were perhaps grown. Some years there would be as many as 75 or 100 bushels of potatoes bedded down for plants.

At the present time, sweet potato, pepper, tomato, cabbage and collard plants are grown.

When Mrs. Strickland began growing plants, word of her operation soon spread and for advertisement she only needed some insertions in the old Asheboro Courier and the sign in front to implement the satisfied customers who came her way. Some times there would be as many as twenty five cars in her yard at one time waiting to buy plants.

Mrs. Strickland confesses to have "made a livng" on the management of her plant farm. She was assisted by her husband in his lifetime and her children have helped her but she said, "I was the main hand."

Asked if being born on independence Day had been of any special significance to her, she said she didn't know as it had. But her daughter said it had and further related that "she was about the most independent member in the whole family."

This may have been borne out by the fact that she has engaged in three different lawsuits and has won every one of them, the latest being from the state over damage to the remaining share of her father's original 360 acres of land.

She has been a sharp trader and says herself, "I have got a pretty good mind yet." Her daughter says "she can carry a heavy load yet and never worries, she shakes it off."

A member of Mitchell's Chapel Methodist Church since the age of 12, she still attends regularly the services at the church. Her father, husband and three children are buried in the church cemetery.

The successful grower of millions of plants throughout the past fifty years, a keen business woman and the mother of a large family of outstanding children, Mrs. Martha Ann Strickland has been a pioneer for her race and has lived far ahead of her time. She has lived with assurance and with confidence that she would be able to accomplish what she set out to do. This philosophy has enabled her to manage a successful business venture, rear and educate her children and come herself into the twilight years of her life without a feeling of having failed to make her contribution.

If His Mail Gets Lost It's The Fault Of 10 Cars

July 12, 1965 – John Hughes, of the Spero road in North Asheboro, is a frustrated man because of his mail box.

He is getting ready to put it up for the tenth time in the past several years.

It is not because of postal regulations that he has to keep putting it up. But each time he puts it up, it gets knocked down by an automobile.

All of this happened since the Spero road received its coating of tar and gravel. Although the people of the community, including Mr. Hughes, were grateful for the new black-top road, it still doesn't keep the mail box from being knocked down. The mail box is not located on a curve, in fact, it is a short distance east of a fairly sharp curve. It seems that the automobiles fail to make the curve properly and before they get straightened up and back in the road, Mr. Hughes' mail box has again hit the dirt.

There is a strange coincidence, however, in that the same type of accident has happened to the mail box on different sides of the road.

First, the mail box was located on the same side of the road as Mr. Hughes' house and got knocked down several times while on this side.

Then, postal officials asked him to move it on the other side because of a change in the mail route. Since then it has been knocked down on that side and there has been no other wreck on the side of the road on which the mail box previously stood.

Actually, there have been many wrecks on that particular curve besides the times that Mr. Hughes' mail box got uprooted. At one of those times a young man was killed.

Mr. Hughes is getting ready to put up a new box, the same as he has the nine other times except one. The next to the last time he put up a box which had been given to him by his son-in-law, Paul Staley.

This time he is planning to move it down the road about 150 feet so, according to Mr. Hughes, "it won't be so handy for them."

Asked if he could account for the box being damaged so frequently, Mr. Hughes said "you can't make a curve except so fast."

He was asked if he would pose for a picture with the last mail box which was smashed flat as a flitter. He refused very emphatically, saying, "I have seen enough of these wrecked boxes without seeing my picture on them."

A neighbor, whose box has also been knocked down several times, may have a solution to the whole problem. She said "Put it up in the middle of the road and maybe it won't get knocked down."

But Mr. Hughes, who will be 73 years old the latter part of this month, takes a philosophical view of the wrecked mail boxes despite his frustration and irritation at the time the boxes go down. Speaking of the driver of the automobile who figured in the last accident which happened last Thursday night, he said "I'd rather it had been a mail box than his life."

This Church Sent Ten Men Into Service of God

July 12, 1965 – Ten ministers representing three denominations, have come out of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, located on Route 2, Bennett, in the extreme southeastern section of Randolph County.

Through the ministries of these men, comprising an aggregate total of approximately 250 years of service for the kingdom, the 127 year old Pleasant Grove church has exerted a wide influence throughout many North Carolina communities and has perhaps touched the lives of more people than any church in this area.

Although the church had a humble beginning in a brush arbor meeting 127 years ago last Sept., it has not only made its contributions to the Pleasant Grove community and surrounding areas but has reached into many phases of religious, civic and community endeavors in other places through the men it has sent into the ministry of the church and for the cause of Christ.

Organized in Apr., 1842, following its inception in the brush arbor three and one half years earlier the Pleasant Grove church occupied last year a new colonial type structure valued at approximately \$125,000 and has prospered locally in addition to inspiring ten of its native sons to enter the ministry of the church at large.

The ten men who went out from the Pleasant Grove Christian Church to enter the ministry are Rev. E. Carl Brady, Rev. D. Everette Oates, Rev. Clint M. Oates, Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk, Rev. W. Merritt Leonard, Rev. Lacy M. Presnell, Rev. Ivey Hammer, Jr., Rev. H. Winfred Bray, Rev. Lester Gale Brady, and Rev. James William Caviness, Jr.

Two of the ministers, Rev. D. Everette Oates and Rev. Clint M. Oates, are brothers while Rev. Lester Gale Brady is a nephew of Rev. E. Carl Brady.

Rev. D. Everette Oates, Rev. Clint M. Oates, and Rev. W. Merritt Leonard are Baptist ministers, Rev. Ivey Hammer, Jr. is a Pilgrim Holiness minister and the other six ministers affiliate with the same denomination of the church from which they originally came.

Three of the ministers, Rev. F. Carl Brady, Rev. Lacy M. Presnell and Rev. H. Winfred Brady, have served as conference presidents and they along with most of the other ministers have served in a many other official capacities within the denominations with which they are affiliated.

One of the ministers, Rev. E. Carl Brady, has served as a school principal for many years while another one, Rev. Lester Gale Brady is serving as an Army Chaplain in Germany.

All of the ten ministers, except two, were born and reared in the immediate Pleasant Grove community and six of them attended the Pleasant Grove School, first a one teacher school and then two teachers, which was located across the road from church building.

One of the two ministers who was born outside of the Pleasant Grove community was born in an adjoining community while the other one married a woman who was a native of the community and was himself living in the community and attending the Pleasant Grove church at the time he was called into the ministry.

Only one of the ministers, Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk is deceased.

First of the ten men to enter the ministry were Rev. E. Carl Brady and Rev. D. Everette Oates, both of whom became ministers in the year 1923.

Rev. E. Carl Brady, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abijah Brady, was born Mar. 12, 1900. He graduated from Bonlee High School, Elon College and in 1933 received his Master's Degree from Duke University.

In 1929 he became principal of Robbins Graded School and has continued in that position to this present time.

His ministry began as a student at Elon College, at which time he served seven churches in the Eastern Conference of the Christian church.

He has since been the pastor of many churches in the Western Conference and served for two terms as conference president.

Although his pastoral work in the conference ended several years ago, he still remains busy as a supply minister. He served as a member of the building committee in the erection of the new church building at Pleasant Grove and was most instrumental in helping to bring the new church structure to a successful completion.

Rev. D. Everette Oates son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William J. Oates, was born Jan. 14, 1894. He was ordained as a Baptist minister on June 8, 1925 and during the course of his ministry has assisted in the organization of several churches and mission groups, as well as serving as pastor.

He has rendered extensive service as a supply pastor and as an evangelist, preaching in about 60 churches in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, working with several different denominations and one interdenominational group only recently he was associated with his son, Rev. David A. Oates, in the Vandalia Mission near Greensboro.

His present residence is 1921 Fargis St., Greensboro.

Rev. Clint M. Oates, who was ordained into the Baptist ministry in Apr., 1930 at the age of thirty, is presently retired and living on Route 1, McLeansville.

Although he spent 34 years in the ministry, he only pastored three churches. However, his ministry was spent in the daily ministering to people who testify to the greatness and effectiveness of his work and his call to the ministry.

A brother to Rev. D. Everette Oates, they have a stepmother, Mrs. Adelaide Oates and three half brothers living in the Pleasant Grove community.

Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk was licensed to preach in 1932 and ordained two years later into the Western North Carolina Conference of the Christian Church. He remained in the active ministry until his death in 1955.

He served as pastor of several churches in Randolph, Moore and Chatham counties and was pastor of the Pleasant Union Christian Church in western Randolph County for 27 years, still serving as pastor of that church at the time of his death.

New buildings were erected at three churches during the time of his pastorate.

Besides his pastorates, other aspects of his ministry included the conduct of services in two mills at one of the places he lived and the presentation of a radio program at another place.

Rev. W. Merritt Leonard is still living in the vicinity in which he was born in 1903. He entered the ministry of the Baptist Church in 1936 and was ordained one year later. During the years of his ministry he has been the pastor of four Baptist churches.

Although not serving in an active pastorate at the present time, he still serves as a supply minister and in recent months he has preached three times at Pleasant Grove Church, from which he went out in the earlier years to preach the gospel. Rev. Lacy M. Presnell has had a most distinguished career in the service of the church since being licensed to preach in Nov., 1941 and being ordained into the church two years later. He has served as pastor of twelve churches in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Church including five years at his home church, Pleasant Grove, and nine years each at Seagrove and Liberty.

In addition to his pastorates, he served on the Executive Committee of the Southern Convention and on the Board of Trustees on Insurance, two terms as president of the Western North Carolina conference and on the Foreign Missions, Executive and Ministerial committees of the conference.

For several years he served as pastor-at-large on a part time half time basis for the conference and is presently serving in that capacity on a full time basis.

Rev. Ivey Hammer, Jr. born May 2, 1922, preached his first sermon at the Hammer reunion at Pleasant Grove Christian Church in the summer of 1951. A short time later he became pastor of the Zion Pilgrim Holiness Church. He later served as pastor of the High Falls Pilgrim Holiness Church and is presently serving the Staley and Pleasant Grove Pilgrim Holiness Churches. Ivey Hammer's grandfather, Rev. M. E. Hammer, was at one time a pastor of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, shortly after the turn of the century.

Rev. H. Winfred Bray, son of the late Hampton Bray and Mrs. Cattie Moffitt Bray, of Route 1, Bennett, is serving his second term as president of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the denomination, in addition to serving as pastor of the Union Ridge United Church of Christ in Burlington. He formerly served as vice president of the Western North Carolina Conference.

A graduate of Elon College and Duke Divinity School, he entered the ministry in 1951 and was ordained in 1954. He served three churches in Randolph County before going to his present pastorate.

He is a member of both the conference and national committees on Town and County Church and a member of the Southern Convention Executive Board and the Churches World Service Board.

Rev. Lester Gale Brady, now serving as a division artillery chaplain in the 3rd Armored Division in Germany, grew up in the Pleasant Grove community, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brady, Route 1, Bennett. He has many brothers, sisters and other relatives living in the area, including his uncle, Rev. E. Carl Brady.

As Army veteran of the Korean War, he completed requirements for his high school diploma through the Army G. E. D. program. He later graduated from Elon College and Duke Divinity School.

He served Congregational Christian churches at High Point, Clayton and Henderson before entering the U. S. Army Chaplaincy in Jan., 1963.

Rev. James William Caviness, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James William Caviness, Sr., was born July 2, 1941 in Chatham County but attended with his parents the Pleasant Grove Christian Church in Randolph County. He graduated from Bennett High School in June, 1959. However, the summer before he received a call into the ministry.

He was accepted under the watchcare of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Church in Nov., 1958 and after his graduation from high school enrolled at Elon College. He later attended John Wesley Bible College in Greensboro.

He became pastor of Flint Hill Christian Church in Moore County during his freshman year in college and the next year accepted also the pastorage of New Center Christian Church. He continues to serve both of these churches and since Dec., 1942 has also been pastor of Brown's Chapel and Providence Christian Churches near Robbins.

One of his grandfathers, the late Rev. C. H. Caviness, was a Methodist minister and an uncle also is a Methodist minister.

The Pleasant Grove Christian Church, through its efforts and uplifting influence in the community in which it is located and through the ministries of the ten men who have gone out from the church, has maintained the purpose of the mission for which it was organized over a century and a quarter ago.

Present pastor of the church is the Rev. Hayes Ritter.

Man With Deep Business Roots Controls Our highway Growth

July 12, 1965 – A young Laurinburg business man and member of a well known family in that part of the state says that he was as "much surprised" as anyone else at his appointment last week as a member of the state highway Commission by governor Dan K. Moore.

John F. McNair, III, who will represent the Eighth Division of which Randolph County is a part, said that he made no effort to receive the appointment and as far as he knows only three or four letters locally were written in his behalf.

The 38-year-old president of McNair Automotive, Inc., of Laurinburg, a Buick agency and area Gulf Oil Co. distributor, was told by this reporter that most Randolph County people had expected a man from another county to get the job.

He was told, however, that Randolph County people were not against him for the job, it was only that they just did not know about him. The young heavy set new commissioner replied laughingly and said, "I did not know about myself."

But the former state vice president and national director of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce had been an original supporter of the gubernatorial ambitions of Governor Dan Moore and served as Scotland County manager for the Governor's campaigns in that county.

The new commissioner is a member of a family which has wide business interests in Laurinburg, Scotland County and in that area of the state. As you drive around Laurinburg, you see the name McNair on many of the business houses and it is understood that there are many of the family's interests that do not bear their name.

However, the newly named highway commissioner, named for his great-grandfather, John F. McNair, I, the beginner of the family enterprises, professes only to own the automotive agency.

His grandfather, the late James L. McNair, was the first man from Scotland County ever to serve on the State Highway Commission.

John F. McNair, III, is a native of Laurinburg and has always lived in the town. He graduated from Laurinburg High School and Davidson College. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

One of the two lifetime members of the North Carolina Jaycee organization, he has also been active in the local Jaycee organization, in addition to serving as president of the local Rotary club and as commander of the local Legion post.

A former member of the Laurinburg city council, he has also been interested and engaged in political activities on a local and statewide basis for several years.

A deacon in the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church, he is married to the former Martha Fowler, of Durham, and they

are the parents of two children, Frank, 13, and Elizabeth, 10.

Since the announcement of his appointment, his telephone has been ringing and the letters have been pouring in, congratulating him upon being named to the highway commission and perhaps also to discuss with him some highway needs. He told one caller over the phone while this reporter was sitting in his office that in the four days since he was sworn in, he had felt like "a full time highway commissioner".

He spoke of the forthcoming road bond issue to be voted upon in Nov. and urged strongly its passage. He saw the enactment of the road bond issue as a way to "see a lot of progress and to really get the job done."

He hopes to get to Randolph County as soon as possible and discuss with the people of this county their needs in the matter of roads.

Besides Randolph County, the Eighth Division consists of the counties of Scotland, Hoke, Richmond, Montgomery, Moore, Chatham and Lee.

His attitude is humble and his desire for service is strong. His formal statement upon receiving his appointment was as follows: "I genuinely appreciated the confidence Governor Moore has shown in naming me to the state Highway Commission. I shall do the best I know how to properly represent the State as a whole and the Eighth Division in particular."

Varied Career Fills Their Lives; Brownes Celebrate Anniversary

July 15, 1965 – A varied career has characterized the lives of Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Browne who on Saturday, July 10, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

When they drove to Randleman in a rented, rubber tired buggy fifty years ago from their homes in North Asheboro to be married at the age of 17, Mr. Brown was employed in an Asheboro chair factory and Mrs. Brown had a job as a looper in the Acme Hosiery Mill.

During the intervening years, Mr. Brown has operated a successful sheet metal business in Asheboro, they have operated a retail business in Star and North Asheboro and in 1962 they partially retired after a busy and successful ministry of twenty years in the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

They have traveled extensively during that time, in the interest of their work in the church and to visit their children whose own varied careers have caused them to live in various parts of the country.

But their children came back Saturday, July 10, to the North Asheboro home in which they were reared, at 111 Sheffield St., to honor their parents on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

A luncheon for the couple, their six children and 19 grandchildren, was held at the harvest house restaurant in North Asheboro.

Selven Theodore Brown, son of John H. Brown and Dora Wright Brown, was born Sept. 21, 1897, in the Giles Chapel area near Central Falls; He was one of thirteen children born to his parents.

His parents are still living and on Sept. 30th of this year will celebrate their 76th wedding anniversary.

He worked on a farm in the section in which he was born and at the age of about 10 years went to work at the Asheboro Chair Company. In his employment he walked

five miles a day each way to his job, worked ten hours a day and received wages of twenty five cents a day. He remembers that he was so small that he had to stand on a box in order to reach the machine he was operating.

Mrs. Brown, the former Carrie Mae Burrow, daughter of Nathan Burrow and Eliza Moore Burrow, was born June 9, 1898 in Asheboro but later moved with her parents to a place north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have known each other since early childhood and Mrs. Brown remembers as a very young girl seeing her husband, his father and brothers as they walked from their home near Central Falls to their employment in the Asheboro chair factory. She recalls their promptness in coming to work each morning and remembers her own father looking out the window and saying "I know what time it is because there comes John Brown and his boys."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown attended services at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church before their marriage and were later to become very strong participants in the activities of the church.

During their early childhoods, Mr. Brown attended the central Falls, Gold Hill and Asheboro schools while Mrs. Brown attended the Asheboro school.

About a week following their marriage in Randleman on Saturday, July 10, 1915 by Methodist minister Rev. John Pugh, the couple set up housekeeping in North Asheboro. In about a year, Mr. Brown, a member of the National Guard, was called into active service. He spent three months at Camp Glenn at Morehead city and six months in Texas on a patrol of the Mexican border during the uprising of 1916.

After continuing his employment at the chair factory following his marriage and working briefly at the Cranford Hosiery Mills, Mr. Brown bought out his father-in-law, who was engaged in sheet metal business, and he then operated for nearly 27 years the S. T. Brown Tin Shop in Asheboro.

During the latter part of this time he entered the mercantile field and still retains the physical plant in which his business in North Asheboro was located.

For many years before entering the active ministry, S. T. Brown and his wife had worked unceasingly in the affairs of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church in which they had worshipped since childhood and during the years of their married life.

They entered the active ministry in 1942 and served for five years in the evangelistic field of the church. Upon entering the active ministry, Mr. Brown immediately began working on the prescribed course of study required by the conference, passed it off in two years and was ordained into the ministry of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Following his evangelistic labors, he served as pastor of the following Wesleyan Methodist Churches: Peele's Chapel near Laurinburg, Pevette's Chapel near Hamlet; Mt. Wesley at Taylorsville; Providence near High Point; and Memorial Park at Thomasville.

He was called twice to the pastorate at Peele's Chapel and during his second term there a new church building was erected and the parsonage was remodeled. A new church structure was also erected during his pastorate at Memorial Park in Thomasville.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown retired from the active pastorate in Aug., 1962 and returned to the North Asheboro home which

they had left many years earlier. But their retirement lasted only until Oct. when they were asked by conference officials to assume the supply pastorate of the Trinity Wesleyan Methodist Church on Route 1, Seagrove, near Erect.

They have remained at the Trinity church since that time and have only recently been extended a call to return for another conference year. However, because of the limited activity in the church, they are able to continue their retirement on a partial basis.

Most of their six children were educated in the denominational schools of their church, one of their sons has entered the active ministry, two of their daughters have married ministers within their denomination while another one is married to an active Baptist layman.

Their oldest daughter, Mrs. J. Wilson (Lucille) Davidson resides on Route 2, Asheboro, in the Spero section north of Asheboro, and their oldest son, S. T. Brown, Jr., lives in Asheboro.

Their next son, Hal, operated his father's sheet metal business for many years and then was himself called into the ministry. After completing his studies for the ministry at Marion College, Marion, Ind., He has served for many years as a pastor in the Wesleyan Methodist denomination and is presently serving as pastor of the Reynolds' Memorial Wesleyan Methodist Church in Troy.

Their next two daughters, Mrs. E. Harold (Helen) Shigley, of Marion, Ind., and Mrs. Alvin K. (Trevia) Morgan, of Brunswick, Ga., are married to ordained Wesleyan Methodist ministers, although Dr. and Mrs. E. Harold Shigley are not serving in the active ministry but are both members of the faculty at Marion college, Marion, Ind.

Their youngest child, Mona Rose, is now Mrs. Kenneth S. Allen, of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, and she and her husband are Sunday School teachers and active members of a Baptist church.

Selven and Carrie Brown have spent their lives in devotion to their family, the church and to their fellow man. They have not spared themselves in their areas of service and their contributions have been manifold throughout the many years of their varied career.

Although their service has been extensive their ages are still not advanced and it is expected that many worthwhile years lie ahead of them. But whether that be true or not, their lives have been full and their service has been useful since they rode to Randleman in a rubber tired buggy for their wedding vows fifty years ago.

Marriage Of 75 Years Came To End Thursday

July 19, 1965 – A marriage of nearly seventy five years came to an end last Thursday morning when 92 Year old John H. Brown died at The Randolph Hospital.

In two and one half months, on Sept. 30, Mr. Brown and his wife, Dora Wright Brown, would have celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

They had probably been married longer than any couple who has ever live in this area. It was thought that their marriage set a record for couples in this county and perhaps this entire section.

Mr. Brown, a native and lifelong resident of Randolph County, was living near Central Falls when he and Mrs. Brown, a native of Indianapolis, Ind., traveled to Greensboro in a two wheeled cart to be married September 30, 1890.

He was 17 years of age at the time and Mrs. Brown, who had come to Randolph County four years earlier, was 16 years of age. She is now 91 years of age.

Mr. Brown and his wife had lived for 54 years or more at their home on North Fayetteville Street Extension in North Asheboro. He had worked at various industrial plants in Asheboro and at one time operated a mercantile business. He had quit public work less than ten years before his death.

For most of the years of their married life, Mr. and Mrs. Brown had been associated with the activities of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church in North Asheboro.

At one time Mr. Brown served for thirteen years as the superintendent of the Sunday school and in the later years of his life served for six years as church sexton.

In 1917, when the second building of the nearly 86 year old Neighbors Grove Church was erected, Mr. and Mrs. Brown mortgaged their home as a security for the payments on the building.

It is in this church they have reared their thirteen children and it is from this church that a son and grandson have gone forth to preach the gospel as successful pastors of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination.

The Neighbor's Grove church congregation came together for the final rites for John H. Brown on the Saturday afternoon following his death. None of them could ever remember the church without his familiar figure and his long tenure of service.

A former pastor praised him as a man with good attitude towards the church, the conference, his fellow man, the community and towards labor, saying that he was a man who did not think "The world owed him a living."

His pastor urged the congregation to "not forget the glory of this hour." He said "this is the embodiment of what Jesus died for. For this man the battle has been fought the victory is his."

But still, with this reassurance, hearts were filled with remembrance and eyes were moistened with tears as the soloist sang "My lates sun is sinking fast, my race is nearly run" and when the body of this family patriarch, whose descendants numbered 122, was lowered in his grave.

The aged widow, with head bowed, left the gravesite escorted by a son and a daughter. Other members of the large family followed. Not only had the head of a large family fallen and a marriage of nealy three quarters of a century come to an end but an era for the church and the community was also over.

Randolph People Present For Newlin Assoc. Meeting

Aug. 5, 1965 – With precision and efficiency a Randolph County woman presided over the annual reunion of the Southeastern Newlin Association in Alamance County Sunday.

Emily D. Pugh, Route 1, Sophia, great- great-Great-granddaughter of John and Mary Pyle Newlin, originators of the Newlin family in North Carolina, occupied the president's chair at the fifth annual session of the clan at the Chatham Friends Meeting House in the Eli Whitney School vicinity.

Originally scheduled to be held at Spring Friends Meeting House, where John and Mary Pyle Newlin and many earlier members of the family are buried, the reunion site was

changed to Chatham and its fellowship hall because of the inclement weather.

Also present from Randolph County were Mrs. Hessie Newlin Davis, mother of the reunion president, Mrs. Mary Alice Allred, her sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Cohen Davis, her brother and sister-in-law.

A well known figure at this year and the sessions of the past was Harvey Newlin, 77 years of age and a well known Conservative Friends Minister of the Snow Camp area.

This venerable Quaker minister, with his large black hat and his tieless shirt buttoned up to the neck, has often visited his Newlin relatives in Randolph County.

His project at the Newlin reunion and at other times during the year is the erection of markers at the graves of the Newlin ancestors at the Spring Meeting House graveyard.

Last year under his sponsorship a marker was unveiled to James Newlin, oldest son of John and Mary Pyle Newlin, and his wife, Deborah Lindley Newlin. He is now working on the procurement of a marker for Eli Newlin, another son of John and Mary Pyle Newlin, and his wife, Sarah Holladay Newlin.

Another effort in which Harvey Newlin has been engaged is the collaboration with his brother, Dr. A. I. Newlin, professor of history at Guilford College, of a book telling of the history of the Newlin family dating back to their beginning in England and Ireland.

This book, to contain over a thousand pages, is expected to be published soon.

A proposed speaker for the reunion session this year, Brig. Gen Bonner Fellers, a family descendant and national chairman of Citizens Foreign Aid Committee (To aid American taxpayers), was unable to be present because Congress is still in session.

Officers for the reunion next year include James Newlin, president; David Newlin, vice president; Carol Guthrie, secretary; and Katherine Newlin, assistant secretary.

David Newlin, the new vice president, married a Randolph County native, Dixie Byrd, of the Holly Spring area. Burton Newlin, treasurer of the reunion association and son of Harvey Newlin, also married a native of the Holly Spring area, Daphne Allen.

History Rests In Cemetery Remote From New Church

Aug. 23, 1965 - Although annual homecoming and memorial services were held Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Mount Olivet Methodist Church at Erect on Route 1, Seagrove, the more significant historical background for the church lies in the remotely situated old Mount Olivet cemetery about two miles away.

It was at the site of the old cemetery that the Mount Olivet Methodist Church, South, was started in 1813 by the Rev. Enoch Spinks, a local preacher, who gave forty acres of land for the establishment of the church.

Among the 220 or more graves in the cemetery lie the bodies of the church founder, Rev. Enoch Spinks, and his wife, Elizabeth Needham Spinks. Identity of their graves along with the identities of many of the graves in the cemetery has long passed from the knowledge of persons living today. All of the graves have markers, and some only of stones and plank, and many of them have no inscription as to who is buried therein.

However, two years ago, descendants of Rev. Enoch Spinks erected a monument in the center of the old

cemetery to commemorate the memory of the founder of the Mount Olivet Methodist Church and his wife.

Information contained in the inscription of this monument states that Rev. Enoch Spinks was born in 1762 and died in 1842. His wife, Elizabeth Needham Spinks, was also born in 1762 but died twelve years after her husband in 1854.

A committee of descendants raising the money for the purchase of the monument and looking after the arrangements for its erection included F. F. Gatlin and Miss May Wrenn, great-great-great grandchildren of Rev. Enoch Spinks, and Mrs. Nellie Sugg Teague, a great-great-granddaughter.

The old cemetery is located at the end of a wood's road, about a half of a mile off the main road and about two miles away from the present church and cemetery. It is in the midst of a wooded area, surrounded by oak, maple and pine trees.

The original Mount Olivet church building stood west of the cemetery site and was unceiled, unheated and unlighted. Handdressed lumber and home made nails were used in its construction.

During the summer, camp meetings were held. Log sheds and tents housed the worshippers for two weeks. Negro slaves accompanied them to do the cooking. They were also members of the church, always sitting in the rear pews. For lighting the camp, pine knots burned on four foot scaffolds, covered with dirt.

Graves off to one side of the cemetery, marked by stones but with no inscriptions, are said to contain the bodies of the Negro slaves who died in that era.

In 1874, due to the inconvenient location of the church and the need for a new building, it was decided to relocate the church on the public road. Thus a new church was built on land donated by Merritt Sugg and his wife and located next to the site of the old Mount Olivet Academy.

The original tract of land was sold, except for fifteen acres. The fifteen acres was later absorbed in transactions involving the surrounding acreage but still later an owner of the land set aside two acres for permanent use of the old Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Although the church was moved to a new site, the burials continued in the old cemetery and it was not until 1913 that the first burial occurred at the new church. Actually, up to that time, no cemetery had been established at the new church site.

But when Amy Eugenia Wrenn, nine months - old daughter of M. F. Wrenn and Mrs. Cora Tysor Wrenn, died, the father of the child did not want her body placed in the loneliness of the cemetery which was then a desolate spot in the woods.

So, L. O. Sugg son of Merritt Sugg, who gave the land for the new church site, gave some additional land and the new Mount Olivet cemetery was started across the public road from the location of the church.

But many of the Mount Olivet people continued to use the old cemetery and some burials have occurred in recent years. Among the more recent burials were Carl H. Teague who died Sept. 2, 1960 and Mrs. Sarah Maness Fox who died Apr. 11, 1961.

Mrs. Mary Sugg Tysor, whose funeral was the first to be held in the new church on Oct. 1, 1876, was buried in the old cemetery. But when her husband died many years later, his body was placed in the new Mount Olivet cemetery and

at his request her body was brought from the old cemetery and placed by his side in the new one.

Many descendants of Rev. Enoch Spinks, founder of the Mount Olivet Methodist Church are buried in the old cemetery, perhaps a greater number of those who are buried there. But there is one corner of the cemetery known as the "Spinks Corner" and it is thought that Rev. Enoch Spinks and his wife are in two of the unmarked graves in that area.

There are also members of other families interred in the old Mount Olivet Cemetery because at the time of its origin it was the only church cemetery in a large area and many people were brought there for burial.

Names on the markers which has inscriptions include Spinks, Cassaday, Leach, Tomlinson, Bird, Teague, Pearce, Asbill, Richardson, Brady, Needham, Sugg, Gatlin, McCoy, Tysor, Fox, Maness, Williams, Beck, Hayes, Wilson, Bowden, Andrews, Lawrence, McLeod and Lowdermilk.

Among the Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery according to an inscription on one of the tombstones, is G. Wesley Sugg, Co. G., 44 N. C. Inf., C. S. A., Another grave in the cemetery without an inscription contains the body of Captain Ledbetter Spinks who served with the Home Guards during the Civil War.

Buried with members of the Gatlin family is Sara Spinks Gatlin, a descendant of Rev. Enoch Spinks, whose husband, Dr. R. M. Gatlin, never returned from the Civil War. Efforts have been made to secure a Confederate marker and there is room for such a marker between the grave of Sarah Spinks Gatlin and the grave of her sister, Rebecca Spinks Yow.

In the same family plot, two places away from the grave of Sarah Spinks Gatlin, there is a grave marker for her grandson, Bennie L. Gatlin, World War I, 1st class private, Co. K., 30 division, 120th infantry, who was killed after crossing the Hindenburg Line. The body of Bennie Gatlin lies in France, but the grave marker in his memory is placed among the other deceased members of his family.

Bennie Gatlin was a brother of F. F. Gatlin member of the committee to erect the monument to the memory of Rev. Enoch Spinks and his wife, F. F. Gatlin retains a keen interest in the care and upkeep of the cemetery where his ancestry and the more immediate members of his family are buried. He issues the call each year to the descendants of the people buried in Old Mount Olivet cemetery to come for the clearing and sprucing up of the cemetery grounds.

In the northeast corner of the cemetery is a large Maple tree which grew over one of the gravestone and has now completely encircled it within its trunk. The gravestone within the tree is not now visible but relatives of persons buried in the cemetery have seen the stone before it was completely obscured by the tree.

Legend has it that the tree sprouted and grew from the grave's measuring stick, traditionally placed in the bottom of the grave but which, in this instance, was forgotten until the grave was filled and was then stuck in the dirt of the newly filled grave.

At one time, after the disbandment of the church at the old cemetery site, the burial grounds were neglected. But, in recent years, through the efforts of the late Lonnie Teague and others, the area was fenced in and the road to the cemetery improved. Also, many of the families are

replacing the old stones with new ones which the inscriptions are much clearer.

For a time after the old church building was done away with, another building was located near the cemetery for temporary use in burials. But that building has also now vanished and only the graves, monuments and markers remain.

The old Mount Olivet cemetery is a hallowed spot and one which is steeped with the history of the Mount Olivet Methodist Church and the community therein. It also has considerable significance for the countless descendants of Rev. Enoch Spinks who are living elsewhere.

Asheboro Man Leaves For New Pastorate

Aug. 23, 1965 – Rev. Edwin Chriscoe, a 29 year old Asheboro man, left with his family this week to assume the pastorate of the Shelby Wesleyan Methodist Church in Shelby.

Going with him were his wife, the former Callie McDowell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. McDowell, and their two children, sons, Steve, 9 and Darrell, 3.

Mr. Chriscoe's appointment to the Shelby church was made during the session of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Colfax July 27-29. He occupied the pulpit at the church for two Sundays before moving to Shelby with his family on Wednesday of this past week.

This is his first assignment to a pastorate, as he only received his quarterly conference license to preach in Dec. of last year. His public decision to enter the ministry was made in Aug. of last year.

A native of Randolph County, he was born in the Erect section, on Route 1, Seagrove, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Chriscoe.

He quit school at Seagrove while in the 12th grade but following his marriage and the birth of his first child went back to Asheboro High School and received his high school diploma. He has attended the Southern Pilgrim Bible College in Kernersville for one year and hopes to resume his education at a school in the western part of the state.

Before leaving Asheboro he was employed for six and one half years at Union Carbide Corp. in Asheboro.

He was an active member of the Crestview Wesleyan Methodist Church for six years before his departure from Asheboro, serving as Sunday School superintendent, teacher of the men's Bible Class and as chairman of the board of stewards.

While in Asheboro Mr. and Mrs. Chriscoe and sons resided at 648 S. McCrary St. In Shelby their address will be 1542 King Road

On Her Eightieth Year Mrs. Graves Paid Honor

Aug. 26, 1965 – A glowing testimonial for Mrs. Hattie B. Graves, and outstanding citizen of the Ramseur Negro community, was held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 22, at the Oakland Baptist Church.

Many persons were present as individuals and as representatives of various groups to speak words of praise for this worthy woman who on next Dec. 30 will reach her eightieth year.

Among those speaking during the testimonial program were six ministers, including Ms. Graves' pastor, Rev. J. E.

Lucas, of the Oakland Baptist Church, and her brother, Rev. D. F. Brown, of Durham.

Other ministers appearing on the program were Rev. John Headen, Rev. William Matthews, Rev. Amos Foust and Rev. Annie Williams.

Members of Mrs. Graves' family, present to express their love and appreciation included four daughters, Mrs. Pauline Brodnax, Greensboro, Mrs. Laura Hazel Murrell, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Etta Lou Crump and Mrs. Florence Cheek, Route 2, Ramseur, a son, Jesse Graves, Route 2, Ramseur, and another brother, O. M. Brown, Greensboro.

Two children, Mrs. Eura Lee Siler, Philadelphia, Pa. and John Graves, Route 2, Ramseur and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Brown Butler, and one brother, Alonza Brown, both of Durham, were unable to be present.

But perhaps the most heartfelt words of appreciation came from a spontaneous action of friends and church associates who rose to their feet one after another to relate what the life of Hattie B. Graves had meant to them.

The people arose, some crying, some laughing and some shouting, to praise the life and works of this small woman, who carries herself with a dignity which is unassuming and without pretension.

Mrs. E. C. (Lena) Watkins, Sr., a well known Ramseur woman and long time friend of Hattie Graves, was present to express her appreciation and to join in the festivities for the woman who had extended faithful service to her.

Many members of the Negro population in attendance also took advantage of the opportunity to express their appreciation to Mrs. Watkins and members of her family for various kindnesses throughout the years.

Messages of appreciation for Hattie Graves were read from Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rodgers and Rev. M. A. Pegram, of Franklinville and also one from Miss Judy Rodgers, retiring Queen of Randolph County.

Musical selections during the testimonial program were from the Oakland Baptist choir, the Mt. Calvary Holiness Church choir and a solo by Mrs. Lena Phillips, representing the McCrary Chapel Methodist Church.

A love offering, conducted by Ernest Alston, deacon from the Oakland Baptist Church, and Rev. John Headen, took the form of a March offering and the diminutive woman stood and grasped the hands of the people as they came to express their appreciation in a monetary way.

Hattie Brown Graves, daughter of Jesse Brown and Wendy Green Brown, was born in the Moffitt's Mill section of Randolph County, about two miles down the creek from Moffitt's Mill.

In speaking of her earlier days she said "I don't know nothing but work." She said she would get up early in the morning milk the cows, take the milk to the spring house and be in the cotton patch by six o'clock.

She has spent most of her life in the Ramseur vicinity. Her husband, Joseph H. Graves died in 1936. She has twenty grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

After working for Mrs. Watkins and others for many years she became employed in 1911 at the roller mill in Franklinville where she still works.

Although nearly eighty years of age, she still leaves home about 6:30 every morning, does her work at the roller mill and then works for other people in Franklinville for the remainder of the day. She has worked part time for W. P. Rodgers, superintendent for The Randolph Mills at Franklinville, since Oct. 1945.

Along with their written message of appreciation, the Rodgers family sent flowers to the testimonial program. Other flowers came from grandchildren and Hattie's orchid corsage came from two of her daughters.

Mrs. Hattie B. Graves came to Ramseur in the year 1888 and it was in that same year the Oakland Baptist Church, in which she has been so active and organized. She has also assisted in the work and organization of other churches.

She has also been an active member of the Ramseur Home Demonstration Club, which she helped to organize and in which she serves as chairman of the building committee for the erection of a club house.

The honored recipient of the many expressions of love and appreciation and the bountiful love offering sat throughout the entire program with calm composure except to join lustily in the singing of the old hymns and the songs which she has known so well.

When called upon to respond to the many expressions in her behalf, she said, rather brusquely, "there has been enough said to save the world." She reaffirmed her faith in God and indicated her readiness by saying that when the time comes, "I am ready to go."

The outstanding qualities of Hattie B. Graves, her devotion and her long tenure of service have been recognized by her family, her church and her community. It was appropriate and it was proper that this testimonial program be held.

At the end of the program, a birthday cake and punch were served to those in attendance in the church basement

Mrs. Taylor, Leaving Randolph Carries With Her Many Tributes

Aug. 30, 1965 - An appreciation reception in honor of Mrs. Bettye J. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent for Randolph County for thirteen years, was held Sunday, Aug. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the home of Miss Aline B. Cox and Mrs. Lucille C. Brown at 628 Old Salisbury Rd.

Home demonstration members and friends representing all phases of community activity in Asheboro and Randolph County called during the appointed hours to express their appreciation for Mrs. Taylor's tenure of service in Randolph County and to extend their best wishes as she leaves her official position at the end of this month.

Mrs. Taylor resigned the position to which she first came in July of 1951 in order to join her husband, Herbert L. Taylor.

The fifteen clubs with which Mrs. Taylor has worked during her stay in Randolph County sponsored the appreciation reception in her honor.

They are listed as follows: Trinity, North End, Randleman, Piney Ridge, Farmer Community, Coleridge, Ramseur, Liberty, Staley, East End, Stout's Chapel, St. Peters, West End, Men and Women's Council, and the young Homemakers.

The receiving line for the reception included Mrs. Mamie S. Williams, Asheboro, State Council President for Home Demonstration Clubs in North Carolina; Mrs. Cornelia S. Gibson, Trinity, County Council President; Girrard Taylor, 1 year-old son of Mrs. Taylor; the honored guest, Mrs. Bettye J. Taylor; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Jessup and her brothers, Roland Jessup, Roscoe Jessup and Ansley Jessup, all of the Greensboro vicinity.

Presidents and officers of the local clubs assisted in other areas of the reception.

Coming for the reception were Mrs. Minnie Miller Brown, assistant State Home Economics Agent, and Mrs. Josephine Patterson, North Eastern District Agent, both with offices at A & T. College in Greensboro.

Prior to the beginning of the reception a County Council Meeting of Home Demonstration clubs was held. At this meeting a bronze plaque was presented to Mrs. Taylor by Mrs. Gibson, the president of the County Council.

Inscription on the plaque read as follows: "To Mrs. Bettye J. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent of Asheboro and Randolph County. In recognition of her outstanding leadership and service rendered, 1951 - 1965, presented by the County Council of Home Demonstration club.

A guest register, dedicated to Mr. Taylor her husband and son, was signed by all of those in attendance.

The inscription to them read as follows: "In recognition of their social and educational leadership contribution to Asheboro and Randolph County. Sponsored by County Council of Home Demonstration Club."

Inscribed within the guest register were words of commendation and word of farewell to a woman who pioneered in the improvement of living condition and the advancement of her race in Randolph County.

A Big Day For Randolph's Blind: Lions Clubs Make It Possible

Aug. 30, 1965 - The Picnic outing or summer party for the blind persons of Randolph County, sponsored annually by the Lions clubs of the county, was held Saturday evening in the cafeteria of the Tabernacle School.

Approximately 175 blind persons, members of their families, Lions club members and their wives attended the party which was hosted this year by the Tabernacle Lions club.

A similar event is held each year at Christmas by the sponsoring clubs which include the Lions organizations from Asheboro, North Asheboro, Tabernacle, Seagrove, Coleridge, Ramseur, Franklinville, Staley, Liberty, Julian, Randleman, Central Falls, Archdale, and Grays Chapel.

Principals in this year's summer party included Ed Hughes, president of the Tabernacle Lions Club, who extended the address of welcome, Loyce Wagoner, of Liberty, who served as master of ceremonies, a position which he has held many times in the past, and Mrs. Kathryn Dickens, case worker for the North Carolina Commission for the Blind and the Randolph County Welfare Department.

Also participating in the program for the evening was Lacy Presnell, Jr., member of the Asheboro Lions Club and superintendent of the Randolph County School System, who pronounced the invocation, and Mrs. Gladys Kivett, of the North Carolina Commission for the Blind, who provided devotions for the meeting.

A musical group from High Point, the Jim Burgess Trio furnished the entertainment for the meeting. Included in this group were Jim Burgess, soloist, Hoxie Jones, tenor banjo, and Kelly Lawson, upright base.

Selections, some of which the audience joined in, included "Look Down," "Scandilizing My Name," "Down by the River Side," "Joshua," "Dark as the Dungeon," "Do Lord," and "The Old Time Religion."

Eddie McCray, 11 year old blind Negro youth, also delighted the group with his piano selections. His 7 year old sister Letice, also sang to his piano playing.

A well known Asheboro woman, Mrs. Clara Belle Lynn, also afflicted, made remarks both humorous and serious in response to the program for the evening. Marvin Gatlin, principal of Staley School, also made brief remarks.

The Lions clubs presented a box of candy to each blind person in attendance.

It was estimated by Mrs. Dickens, who has served as case worker for the blind in Randolph and Davidson counties since 1948, that there are at least 115 blind persons in this county. The annual parties by the Lions clubs have been held since 1951.

Blind persons in attendance at the party Saturday evening included Gurney Kirkman, Will Thompson, Emmanuel Strider, Arthur Hoover, Kermit Hunt, Miss Coynette Smith, Miss Georgia Lee Smith, Irvin Humble, James Oats, Mrs. Zola Caviness, Franklin Brooks, Mrs. Ruth Allen, Eddie McCray, Mrs. Mary Spencer, Eric Neil Johnson, Miss Judy Hooks, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, Mrs. Clara Belle Lynn, Mrs. Ada Hawkins, James Hollingsworth, Marshall Patterson, Miss Marie Weeks, Mrs. Annie Mae Rich, William Andrews, Norman Yow, Hubert Parks, Mrs. Fairy Williams, Miss Allene Luck, William McKinnon, Mrs. Lucy Shipton, Miss Beulah Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leonard, Mrs. Mattie Rich, Ray Hunt, Bobby Presnell, Kenneth Faucette, Thomas Thompson, James Groce, John Williams, Miss Shelta Lee Betts, Gabriel Potreat, Miss Maud Hughes, Miss Brenda Davis, Lonnie Hunt, Marvin Gatlin, Mrs. Zettie Bennett, and Zil Burkhead.

As the annual summer party came to its end and the blind guests were led to the waiting cars by members of their families and the hosting members of the Lions Club, their devoted friend and co-worker for the past 18 years, Mrs. Kathryn Dickens, who is blind also, stood in the door way to speak a word of encouragement, to grasp their hands, to sometimes embrace them and to bid them God-Speed as they went their various ways.

Bringing Mrs. Dickens to the meeting from her Davidson County home were her friends and guides, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Blackwell, also from the same county.

His Pumpkins Weight 1,530 Pounds

Sept. 9, 1965 - Eight pumpkins grown by L. B. (Bascom) Craven on his route 1, Seagrove farm have a total weight of 1,530 pounds. Two of these pumpkins weigh 190 pounds each, one weighs 210 pounds while the heaviest one weighs 240 pounds.

A champion pumpkin grower for seven years or so, Mr. Craven did not grow his largest pumpkin this year. His largest thus far was in 1962, when he had one which weighed 260 pounds. However, he says that this year "I have had the most big ones I've ever had."

In Oct. he will have an entry for the pumpkin contest at the Dixie Classis Fair at Reynolda in Winston - Salem. He has previously entered his pumpkins at the State Fair in Raleigh.

Pumpkin raising is serious business for Mr. Craven, who this year purchased a brand new pump, capable of dispensing 1,000 gallons of water an hour, for the irrigation of his pumpkin patch. But due to the rainy season, he only had to use the pump twice.

Also, in order to take care of the traffic which comes yearly to his pumpkin patch, he had erected a brand new sign, with arrow pointing, which reads as follows: "Pumpkin Road, one-fourth mile, largest in the U. S. A."

In addition to the hundreds of people who come annually to see his pumpkins, he receives many inquiries in the mail. Only recently he has had correspondence from Ing. Jose Garcia Xnerarity, a Cuban agriculturist who now operates out of Miami, Fla. And Washington, D. C.

Belvidere School Alumni Gather For Fourth Reunion

Sept. 9, 1965 – Former students of the old Belvidere school, which was located on the Back Creek-Cedar Grove township line and which closed around 1944, held their fourth annual reunion Sunday, Sept. 5, at Sam Walker's cabin in the Back Creek Jericho – Mountain View area.

Gathered in the shaded area outside the cabin, the group heard their president, Wilbur Kearns, extend informal words of welcome and they were led in prayer by another former student, the Rev. Walter Trotter.

Serving with the president for this year's meeting were Pete Bulla, vice president, and Mrs. Clara Kearns Walker, secretary and treasurer.

Elected to serve for next year's reunion were Rev. Walter Trotter, Asheboro, president; Ransome Johnson, High Point, vice president; and Mrs. Hazel Trotter Foster, Asheboro, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Bess Walker Finch and Mrs. Annie Trotter Hughes were retained as a committee on memorials.

Belvidere students present who had not attended one of the previous reunions included Page Walker, Elkin, Mrs. Bertis McElreath Richardson, Rev. Walter Trotter and J. C. Spencer, Asheboro.

Recognition was extended to 83-year-old Charlie Bulla, Asheboro, for being the oldest Belvidere student in attendance; to Jack Pierce, Route 5, Asheboro, 40 years of age, who was the youngest former student in attendance; and to Nate Lowe, of Wilson, who came the longest distance to attend the reunion.

Charlie Bulla last attended the Belvidere school over sixty years ago. Jack Pierce recalls that he was in the third grade the year the school closed down. He transferred to the Mt. Shepherd school which also closed down while he was a student and he ended up at the Tabernacle School.

Nathan H. (Nate) Lowe, 71 year-old former student, said he would have come to the reunion "if I had to crawl".

Entertainment was provided by a quartet, composed of the reunion president, and Glenn Davis, Romie Cross, and C. A. Holt, and by Garland Auman, a local magician.

Public remarks were made by former students Virgil Hill, Albert Trotter and others, and by a former teacher, Mrs. Minnie Briles Kennedy.

But most of the remarks were off the record and not made during the formal meeting. These continued throughout the afternoon as the former students and classmates reminisced about their earlier days at the belvedere school.

Greensboro Pastor Speaks At Holiness Homecoming

Sept. 9, 1965 – An eloquent speaker, Rev. R. I. (Bob) McCluskey, of Greensboro, delivered the address at the annual homecoming service at the Ramsey Pilgrim Holiness Church Sunday morning, Sept. 5.

The Rev. Mr. McCluskey, pastor of the First Pilgrim Holiness Church in Greensboro, assumed the pastorate of his church thirty two years ago on a temporary basis but

has remained to build one of the stronger pastorates in the vicinity.

He is an effective speaker and holds the attention of his congregation with both humor and words of a serious nature.

He recalled that he first came to Ramsey in the year 1928 and through the ensuing years has followed with a great deal of interest the progress and well being of the local congregation.

Saying that the Ramsey Pilgrim Holiness Church "has a lot to be proud of and nothing to be ashamed of," he praised the Ramsey pastor, Rev. R. J. Hobbs, and members of his staff and had special words of praise for Miss Rachel Hudson and Forbis Kivett, Ramsey young people who have served as members of the staff at First Pilgrim Holiness Church in Greensboro.

Music for the home coming service was furnished by a trio comprised of Mrs. Elmer Fesmire, Mrs. Paul Wade Scott, and Mrs. Fred Burgess. Pianist for the service was Mrs. Howard Moody while Miss Mary Kivett presided at the organ.

Flowers for the service were placed in the church in memory of Earl Cox by members of his family.

At the conclusion of the service, a picnic luncheon was spread underneath the shade trees on the lawn at the parsonage.

Attendance at Sunday School was recorded at 223 while the offering for the school was reported as being \$231.71.

Millikan Family Gathers At Fourth Reunion

Sept. 9, 1965 – The fourth annual reunion of the Millikan cousins, grandchildren of Dan Millikan and his wife, Ann, was held Sunday, Sept. 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harrelson at 717 N. Fayetteville St.

A picnic luncheon was held on the north lawn at the Harrelson residence at the noon hour. The remainder of the time was spent in making pictures and a period of cousinly fellowship.

First meeting of the group was held Sept. 2, 1962 at the home of Mrs. J. C. Pearce in North Asheboro. Other meetings followed in successive years at the homes of Mrs. R. C. Lewallen in Asheboro and Mrs. Pearl Millikan Pearson in Ellerbe.

Twelve children of Dan and Ann Millikan grew to maturity and older years and it is their children who have formed themselves together into the "Millikan Cousins' reunion."

Actually, fourteen children were born to Dan Millikan and his wife. A son and a daughter died in early life but six sons and six daughters survived to comprise one of the larger families of the Back Creek Township area in which the family lived.

The twelve children who grew to manhood and womanhood were Fanny Bulla, Nan Robbins, Lou Hinshaw, Vide Cox, Em Robbins, Mary Ward, Tom, Russ, Garfield, Walter, Bob and Gurney Millikan.

For many years prior to their deaths the six Millikan sisters, Fanny, Nan, Lou, Vide, Em and Mary, held a reunion each year on the occasion of the birthdays of Em and Vide who were twins. Their birthdays occurred on Sept. 6. So, the meeting of the cousins is a resumption of the celebrations which the six sisters formerly held and is about the same time of the year. The exception is, the children of

both brothers and sisters are invited to this latter commemoration.

Roses were brought to the reunion Sunday by Mrs. R. C. Lewallen in memory of Mrs. Carmen Millikan Burrow, who died since the holding of the last reunion, and Mrs. Stella Hinshaw Franklin, who died a year or so previously.

Cousins present at the reunion were Mrs. Annie Pearce, North Asheboro, daughter of Fanny Bulla; Mrs. Ada Helper, Greensboro, and Mrs. Clyde Fields, Bonlee, daughters of Nan Robbins; Mrs. Florence Harrelson, Asheboro, Mrs. Ollie Harrelson, Mrs. Nora Tippet and Jesse Millikan, Route 1, Franklinville, daughters and son of Russ Millikan; Mrs. Beulah Bulla, Mrs. Virginia Garner, and T. F. Robbins, of Asheboro, and Mrs. Kathleen Julian, Route 1, Franklinville, and Mrs. Wanda Bunting, Randleman, daughters and son of Em Robbins; Mrs. Isley Lewallen, Asheboro, Mrs. Annie Harrell and Clarence Cox, Greensboro, daughters and son of Vide Cox; and Mrs. Jessie Menius and J. B. Ward, Jr., Asheboro, daughter and son of Mary Ward.

Others in attendance at the cousins' reunion were Charlie Harrelson, Miss Evelyn Harrelson, Mr. and Mrs. David Harrelson, Jack Garner, Mrs. J. B. Ward, Jr., Mrs. Edna Bowman, J. C. Pearce, Ralph Bulla and Worth Shaw, Asheboro; Ernest Bunting, Randleman; David Harrell, Mrs. Clarence Cox, Greensboro; and Mrs. Mae Penny, Greensboro; Levi Harrellson and Mrs. Jesse Millikan, Route 1, Franklinville, and Mrs. Carlyle Gaines, John Gaines, Lisa Gaines and Adene Tillman, Bonlee.

After A Month In Capital County Youth Back Home

Sept. 13, 1965 - Jimmy McElreath, an outstanding Randolph County 4-H member, has returned to his Route 2, Denton home after a month's employment in the offices of Congressman Harold D. Cooley in Washington D. C.

The Farmer High School senior, serving currently as president of Randolph County 4-H Clubs, made many contacts with high governmental officials during his employment in the Congressman's offices and was pleased with the manner with which he was received and the experience which he gained while in Washington.

He served as an administrative assistant in the offices of the House Agriculture Committee, over which Congressman Cooley presides as chairman. In this capacity he had many contacts with the Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman.

He was introduced by Congressman Cooley to the Vice President of the United States Hubert Humphrey and the House Majority Leader Carl Albert from Oklahoma.

He enjoyed an unusually nice visit with Senator B. Everette Jordan from North Carolina and talked with two newly elected Senators, Fred W. Harris from Oklahoma and Robert Kennedy from New York.

A new Congressman, Prentiss Walker from Mississippi, asked him out to lunch and he has received a warm letter of regards from Congressman Walker since returning home. Congressman Walker is a member of the House Agriculture Committee and like Jimmy was once active in 4-H Club activities.

Jimmy received autographed pictures of many of the high ranking dignitaries whom he met and associated with, including the Vice President, the House Majority Leader, Senators Harris and Cooley. He neglected to get one from

Senator Robert Kennedy while visiting with the Senator but is expecting to receive one from him soon in the mail.

His official duties while in Washington were involved mainly with the House Agriculture Committee which necessitated his attendance at meeting of the full committee as well as session of the sub-committees.

He also accompanied various visiting groups on tours of Washington and his stay in the Capitol City.

Young McElreath, who was one of 25 4-H members in North Carolina to be tapped into the Honor Club at the 4-H Convention in Raleigh just before he left for Washington, was a guest at the 4-H Citizenship Short Course which was being conducted in Washington while he was there.

During his visit to this group, he was asked to speak to the 4-H club members from eight different states about his work in the Congressional office. Last year Jimmy attended the Citizenship Short Course in Washington as a representative of 4-H Clubs in North Carolina.

Other young men from the Fourth Congressional District working in Congressman Cooley's offices during Aug. included Aaron Clinard, Thomasville, and Rick Samuels, Lexington.

At Giles Chapel Church Homecoming, A Proposal For Improvements Waits

Sept. 13, 1965 - When annual Homecoming services are held at Giles Chapel Methodist Church on the third Sunday in this month, proposals will be offered for the improvement of the church cemetery and more adequate means for permanent care of the burial grounds.

These plans or suggestions will be made by Reuben Allred, caretaker for the cemetery for the past five summers and a great-grandson and namesake of Reuben Giles who gave the land for the church and cemetery over a hundred years ago.

Reuben Allred, now 71 years of age and retired from public employment since Feb. 8, 1961, has maintained a deep interest in the cemetery at Giles Chapel for many years. Besides his present tenure of service for the past five summers, he also looked after the cemetery for four years at another time.

He feels that the time will soon come when he will have to give up the care and upkeep of the cemetery grounds. He feels also that due to the size of the cemetery, four of five acres, and the estimated number of graves therein, about 500, that improvements should be made which would expedite the mowing and other care of the grounds.

He plans to recommend at the Homecoming service that the mounds be leveled off, monuments lined up and coping removed in order that the cemetery may be mowed by a riding mower.

Also included in his proposals would be the placing of a white cross or some similar emblem at the approximately 186 graves which are now only marked by a stone or a rock.

Although a cemetery fund now pays for the upkeep of the cemetery grounds, Mr. Allred would urge that a more definite or permanent memorial organization be set up for the financing of improvements and continuous care of the cemetery.

On the one hundredth anniversary of the church, observed the third Sunday in May, 1933, a white flint monument was dedicated to the memory of Reuben and Annie Giles,

donors of the land for the church and cemetery site.

Reuben and Annie Giles were not among the six members composing the organization of Giles Chapel on the fourth Sunday in May, 1833. These were William Davis and wife Silas Swaim, Lemuel Glasgow, William Laughlin and Ruhama Glasgow. The organization was effected by the Rev. Alson Gray.

But soon after the organization of the church, Reuben and Annie Giles came into membership with the group, along with Margaret Laughlin, Daffron Davis, Nancy Jennings, Sarah Winningham, Sebert Winningham, Bohn Julian and Rev. John Diffee.

John C. Allred, father of Reuben Allred and who married Cora Giles, granddaughter of Reuben Giles, came into the church later at the time of a great revival meeting and remained an interested member until his death Apr. 18, 1949 at the near age of 88.

As the one hundredth anniversary of the Giles Chapel Church approached, it disturbed John C. Allred that the graves of Reuben and Annie Giles, The grandparents of his wife, Cora Allred, were without a marker and remained undersigned. So, he went to work and erected the monument which was dedicated on the occasion of the anniversary celebration.

Unveiling of the monument was by Darrell Allred, at that time the 12 year-old son of Reuben Allred and great – great grandson of Reuben and Annie Giles. A solo rendering of "The Holy City" was by Dr. C. L. Gray, a great-grandson of the church organizer, Rev. Alson Gray.

Buried in the cemetery in the vicinity of the monument are four of the children of Reuben and Annie Giles. These are Samira Ann Giles Stevenson, Kizza Giles Free, Milton Giles and Sylvania Giles Julian. Two other children, Polly Ann Giles Gordon and Jesse Giles are buried elsewhere. Milton Giles was the father of Cora Allred and grandfather of Reuben Allred.

Some of the earlier graves in the cemetery are those of Miles Glasgow, who died Dec. 11, 1841, Gloey J. Cross, wife of Thomas Cross, who died June 21, 1844, Isaac Diffee, who died Sept. 3, 1846 and John York who died Oct. 3, 1859. There is also one grave in the Diffee plot with the date of death occurring in 1838, with the remainder of the inscription being illegible.

Most of the graves without inscription are located in the original part of the cemetery near the graves of Reuben Giles, John York, Isaac Diffee and Thomas Cross' wife.

There are many interesting epitaphs on the tombstones in Giles Chapel cemetery and there is a great deal of history attached to the founding of the church and to the people who are buried within the bounds of the church cemetery.

The grave of the Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, himself a former pastor of the church, lies facing the driveway which encircles the cemetery boundaries. After a fruitful ministry among the people of this countryside and other areas, Mr. Trogdon's influence continues to pervade the minds of the people since his death Feb. 24, 1945.

The inscription on his gravestone also carries a message to those who pass along the driveway beside of his grave.

It reads: "Remember friends as you pass by. As you are now, so once was I, As I am now, so you must be, prepare for death and eternity."

The Rev. Mr. Trogdon's brother-in-law, Rev. James A. Howell, who died in 1957, lies in a grave across the

driveway and off to a short distance. His consecration and his dedication to the ministry of the church was set forth on his gravestone in the following words: "He never failed to declare the whole Counsel of God."

Then, on another grave supposedly that of a Negro slave, is a beautiful script on a slate rock which reads: "Sacred to the memory of Richard Redding, who died Mar. 28, A. D., 1852, age supposed to be 100 years." It is said that Richard Redding was a local preacher, ministering to the people of his race.

Then too, there is the Jeff Armstrong plot occupied by Jeff, his wife, a son and a daughter and on which plot the ashes of another son, Will Armstrong, were scattered, after being flown here from a distant state. Will Armstrong's ashes now mingle with the ashes and dust of his loved ones and in the vicinity in which he was born and reared.

It is these graves and the hundreds of other graves in the Giles Chapel Cemetery that Reuben Allred wants to perpetuate and establish a continuous and permanent care.

Reuben Allred, who first joined the Giles Chapel Church in 1904, cares what happens to the church and cemetery just as his father, John Allred, wanted a marker for the graves of Reuben and Annie Giles and just as his great-grandparents, Reuben and Annie Giles and just as his great-grandparents, Reuben and Annie Giles, wanted the church and cemetery to have a tract of land on which to locate.

Gatlin's Exchange Golden Rings On Their Fiftieth Anniversary

Sept. 16, 1965 – Mr. and Mrs. W. T. (Willie) Gatlin, Route 1, Seagrove, exchanged gold wedding rings on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 12, and were honored by their nine children at an open house to further commemorate the event.

The exchange of wedding rings occurred in the presence of the immediate family group just prior to the receiving of the other relatives and friends which began at 2 p. m. and continued until 5 o'clock.

The nine children hosts and hostesses for the open house event, included Mrs. Lacy (Claire) Brewer, Eagle Spring; Ralph Gatlin, Asheboro; Franklin Gatlin, Route 1, Ramseur; Lester Gatlin, Asheboro; Miss Pauline Gatlin, of the home; Charles Gatlin, Bennett; Lonnie Gatlin, Randleman; Ernest Gatlin of the home; and Mrs. Wesley (Nellie) Freeman, Route 5, Asheboro.

Sons – in –law, daughters – in –law and part of the twelve grandchildren of the honored couple assisted in the functions of the open house and reception.

Three grandsons, Arnold Gatlin, Eddie Gatlin and Lonnie Freeman, received the guests at the front door where they were registered by a granddaughter, Jeanie Gay Gatlin.

Receiving with the honored couple were their nine children, standing with their parents in the order of their ages, Mrs. Gatlin wore a blue dress, similar in color to the one she wore for her wedding vows fifty years ago, and her corsage was made up of gold eclipse roses.

The daughters, daughters-in-law and granddaughters also wore corsages of gold Eclipse roses while Mr. Gatlin, his sons, sons-in-law and grandsons wore similar roses as boutonnières.

Two granddaughters, Susan Gatlin and Frances Freeman, carried the gifts to the gift room where Mrs. Lonnie Gatlin and Mrs. Charles Gatlin received and arranged them.

The three other daughters-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Gatlin, Mrs. Franklin Gatlin and Mrs. Lester Gatlin, served the decorated cake squares, fruit punch, nuts and mints.

The dining room table was centered with an arrangement of fifty gold Eclipse roses, arranged in an antique gold tureen. Each corner of the table was adorned with three small white lace bells, each tied with yellow ribbons with gold Eclipse roses as clappers.

The white three – tiered anniversary cake, with the top tier separated by a swan separator, was decorated with yellow flowers and gold leaves and was topped with golden anniversary bells and the inscription of "50". The cake knife was tied with gold ribbon and tied on to the streamers were gold Sweetheart roses.

At the other end of the table was the punch bowl, decorated with ivy and gold Eclipse roses.

The buffet was decorated with gold candelabra holding yellow tapers and also an arrangement of gold Eclipse roses in an imported brass container while the side service held an arrangement of yellow snapdragons with gold Sweetheart roses.

Crystal candelabra holding yellow tapers and gold Eclipse roses were on the piano and similar roses were also found in the gift room and the den. A gold mum plant, one of the anniversary gifts, was on the coffee table.

It was appropriate that the Gatlin residence would abound with beautiful flowers for the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin. Because the abundance of flowers and shrubs in and around their residence and the recently erected greenhouse, already completely filled with flower plants, attest to the love of Mrs. Gatlin and the other members of her family for the beautification of their surroundings.

Mr. Gatlin, 71 years of age and son of Garrett Franklin Gatlin and Betty Ann Stewart Gatlin, is still living on land which was a part of his father's estate, located in Brower Township. Outside of a brief period directly following his marriage, he has lived there all of his life.

From a family of nine children, he has two brothers, Johnny and F. F. Gatlin, both of the same community and the same land on which he lives, and two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Jones, of Ramseur, and Mrs. Laura Cox, of Route 1, Ramseur, still living.

Mrs. Gatlin, the former Rosa Emma Deaton, daughter of James Thomas Deaton and Rosa Adeline Brewer Deaton, was born in Pleasant Grove Township but before her marriage moved with her family across the river into the same township in which Mr. Gatlin resided.

From a family of eight children, she has one sister, Mrs. Cornelia Powers, of Greensboro, and one brother, Baxter Steven Deaton, of Route 1, Seagrove, still living. She is 68 years of age.

Both were reared on farms and both attended the one-room Trogdon's School, located not far from where they now live. However, when living in Pleasant Grove Township, Mrs. Gatlin attended the Phillips School.

They knew of each other's families when living on opposite sides of the river but had not seen each other because there was no bridge and transportation across the river was by ferry. And, as Mr. Gatlin expressed it, "there had to be something right interesting on the other side when they crossed it."

Their wedding occurred on the same date and the same day of the week as their anniversary and Mr. Gatlin

transported his bride to the home of the officiating magistrate, Stanley Gardner, with a horse and open top buggy.

Throughout their married life they have been engaged in farming and are still occupied along this line but perhaps on a slightly reduced scale. Asked if he was retired, Mr. Gatlin, quiet spoken and easy going, said "I do a little of everything that is done around here."

Mrs. Gatlin is youthful looking and shows no sign yet of the advancing years. She keeps busy, works in the house, helps with the tobacco and grows her plants in the greenhouse which is becoming her pride and joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin, as well as the other members of their family, have made distinct contributions to the community in which they have lived and where they are regarded as one of the better known families of the lower southeastern area of Randolph County.

Westfield Baptist Church Setting for Reunion Of Hughes Family

Sept. 23, 1965 – A full program and a large attendance featured the 8th annual reunion of the Hughes family Sunday, Sept. 19, at Westfield Baptist Church, located on Route 1, Trinity, in Tabernacle Township.

The Westfield church building, erected in 1915 was once the worship place for many of the Hughes family. Many members of the family are interred in the beautiful burial grounds to the left of the building, an area which is well kept and extending into a slope.

A stately structure with high ceilings and a balcony in the rear, the church building is situated on a high level amidst a setting of oak and cedar trees.

It was a beautiful site for the meeting of this well known western Randolph County family last Sunday.

The morning program started promptly at 11 o'clock and each person entering the building was presented with a printed program by Glenn Hughes who was assisted in its preparation by Mrs. Oscar Parrish, Mrs. Cletus Myers, Mrs. Golda Green and Wade Hughes.

Mrs. John T. Hughes served as pianist and Max Hill was scheduled for the invocation. In the absence of the president, Judge L. Roy Hughes, of Thomasville, the address of welcome was given by Guy Hughes, second vice president, who presided over the program for the remainder of the day.

A speaker of considerable note, Judge Hughes gave the address at another family reunion in an adjoining county Sunday morning but got back to the reunion of his own family in time for the afternoon program.

Judge Hughes has served as president of the Hughes reunion since its organization in 1958 and other officers who have also served since that time include first vice president, Hal Hughes; second vice president, Guy Hughes; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Richard Hughes; historian, Mrs. Josie Hughes Daniels; and publicity chairman, Roscoe Myers.

Speaker for the morning program at the eighth reunion of the Hughes family was a Greensboro attorney, John R. Hughes. He had spoken at another gathering of the family two years earlier. This year he was accompanied by his wife, his daughter, Mrs. Betty Hughes Alexander, of Eleuthera, Bahama Island, and his granddaughter, Dixie Alexander, of the same place.

Music for the morning program was provided by the Swordsman Quarter of Winston – Salem who had also appeared at an earlier session of the family reunion.

Luncheon during the noon hour was spread on tables placed in a shaded area on the church grounds and over which a shelter has recently been built.

Before the luncheon was over, Carl King and the other members of his Friendly Four quartet had arrived to help provide the special music for the afternoon program. Another musical group, the Redeemed Trio from Thomasville, was also present to assist in the singing.

Prizes were awarded to C. T. (Charlie) Hughes, Route 1, Trinity, 87 years of age, for being the oldest man present; to his sister, Mrs. Ella Hughes Loflin, Route 1, Trinity 78 years of age, for being the oldest woman in attendance; to Diane Hedrick, one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Hedrick, Route 1, Trinity, for being the youngest person in attendance; to Robert Hughes, of Hartsville, S. C., for traveling the farthest distance to attend the reunion; and to Mrs. Ella Hughes Loflin as the mother who had the greatest number of her children in attendance.

An unusually interesting report was made during the afternoon session by Mrs. Josie Hughes Daniels, reunion historian. It was a report which revealed varied activities by Mrs. Daniels during the past year.

She read greetings to the eight annual reunions from U. S. District Judge Sarah L. Hughes, of Dallas, Texas, who gave the oath of office to President Lyndon B. Johnson following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Judge Sarah L. Hughes extended her greetings in a letter to Mrs. Daniels

Other greetings, most of them by telegrams, were from Michael Hughes, Indianapolis, Ind.; Charles Evan Hughes, III, of New York City, grandson of the late Chief Justice of the United States; Governor Richard Hughes, of New Jersey; Elbert and Delbert Hughes, twins of the Exchange Bank, New York City; Rev. and Mrs. Aubry Hughes, of the Perryman Methodist Church, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Wilbur Scales, Rivera Beach, Fla.; Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Leek, Chatham, Va., who formerly served First Baptist Church in Virginia Sessions, Little Rock, Ark.

The reunion historian also reported four new members of the Hughes family by birth during the past year, one of whom included a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jarrell on the Sunday morning of the reunion.

Mrs. Daniels said that since the organization of the reunion she had received messages from people bearing the Hughes name from every state in the union except one, also from Iceland, Greenland, Bahama, Vietnam and Wales.

A memorial service for Mrs. Dora Myers, who died Apr. 8, 1965, was made a part of the afternoon program for the Hughes reunion Sunday.

The idea of a Hughes reunion came about in Mar., 1958 in a suggestion from Hal Hughes of the Charlie T. Hughes family. Other members of this family joining in with the suggestion were Hal's brothers, Glenn, Ross, John, Robert, and his sister, Mrs. Virginia Thomas.

Other families also joining in included the family of Ella Hughes Loflin, whose children are Mable Myers, Clara Prevost, Velna Underwood, Edith Gallimore, Jewel Miller, Worth, Dolan and Wayne Loflin; the family of Harvey Hughes, whose children are Ollie Kay, Josie Daniels, Ola Royals, Lillie Pearl Siler, and Will Hughes; and the family of

Reid Hughes, whose children are Guy and Max Hughes, Faye Loflin and Eva Lewallen.

The common ancestors of these families were Winburn Hughes and Sarah Hall Hughes, parents of Charlie, Ella, Harvey and Reid and grandparents of the others mentioned. Winburn and Sarah Hughes are buried in the cemetery at Westfield.

Many of the members of the Hughes family now living have left the Westfield Baptist Church and are attending services elsewhere. However, still remaining are Charlie Hughes, who lives a quarter of a mile from the church, and his son, Glenn, who is a source of strength for both the church and reunion organizations, and some other members of the Hughes family.

Charlie Hughes' wife, Rettie Kennedy Hughes, died in Aug., 1961 and living with him at the old place near the church is Glenn and his wife. Glenn also looks after the care and upkeep of the Westfield cemetery, aided by funds from the Hughes reunion.

Members of the Hughes family, although many of them attending church elsewhere, still hold deep memories for the Westfield church and the Hughes reunion each year provides for them an opportunity of not only returning to the scenes of their past but also for a period of fellowship with members of their family.

Visitors From Far Places Favor The Bulla Vineyard

Sept. 30, 1965 – The Grapes are ripening again in the Pete Bulla vineyard on Route 2, Asheboro and a steady stream of visitors are coming daily to partake of the luscious sweetness of the different varieties of grapes.

On last Sunday twelve cars with people from Asheboro, Randleman, Greensboro, Trinity, High Point, Sophia, Thomasville, and Charlotte came to enjoy the grapes in the vineyard which covers approximately one quarter of an acre.

Some of the grapes are still not ripe and it is expected that the crowds will increase as they become more fully ripened.

Mr. Bulla, who has been growing grapes for ten years or more, said at one time there were as many as 72 people under the vines eating the luscious fruit. The farthest distance a person has come to eat the grapes was from the state of Florida.

Pete Bulla, a semi-retired carpenter, has established his large vineyard purely as a hobby. He makes no attempt to market the grapes, saying humorously that if he did that he "would have to pick them".

Instead, he invites his friends and "everybody I see" to come and enjoy the grapes which he takes so much pride in growing. It is estimated by some that if this year's crop were to be sold at the current market price, it would total at least \$1,000.

The vineyard began with the old fashioned scuppernon vines but soon branched out into at least eleven other varieties. These include the Higgins, Topsail, Nov., Magon, Albemarle, Dulcet, Hunt, Yuga, Chowan, James and Tar Heel.

The Higgins, a large pink grape, is considered the "pride of the vineyard". The Dulcet, a black grape more tender and more sweet, is considered one of the better grapes, along with the Hunt, also a black grape.

Although about ten days late in ripening this season, it is still one of the best years for the Pete Bulla vineyard. He

counted 35 grapes on one cluster in the vineyard this year; Mr. Bulla said that the grapes would remain on the vines for about five weeks, or until frost.

After getting his start ten years or so ago, he kept setting out more vines each year until last year. He said the number of vines he set out each year was based on "according to how my back felt". In all, he figures that his vineyard includes about forty vines.

He estimates that he spends a month or six weeks each year caring for the vineyard. He doesn't plow or cultivate them because of the roots being so close to the top of the ground. But he feeds the vines twice a year with fertilizer, nitrogen and bone meal. He estimates that he puts out about 200 pounds of bone meal and 50 pounds of nitrogen.

None of the vines are crossed but all grow with their individual taste, size and color. At the close of the season, the vines are pruned to keep them from smothering.

Actually, Pete Bulla and his wife, Decie, derive no material benefit from the large quantity of grapes each year except a small amount of preserves, jelly, grape juice and "just a little wine".

But their benefit and their satisfaction comes from the establishment of a vineyard second to none in this area and from the enjoyment of their many friends who come to eat the grapes which are grown in Pete's vineyard.

Grantville Senior Citizens Enjoy Gala

Oct. 7, 1965 – Grantville community's third annual party for its senior citizens took place Sunday evening at the club house on Highway 42.

Sponsored jointly by the Bethel – Grantville Home Demonstration Club and the Grantville Community Development Club a committee handling arrangements was composed of Mrs. Lester Byrd, Mrs. Earl Coble, Mrs. Frank C. Gann and Mrs. Howard Byrd.

Twenty eight senior citizens were guests of the two groups at a sumptuous buffet supper which was enjoyed by all of those in attendance.

Mrs. Lester Byrd served as mistress of ceremonies and after welcoming the honored guests, presented Allie R. Kemp, who conducted a devotional period and spoke briefly on the scripture which he read.

Mr. Kemp, a Friend's Minister and resident of the community, was among the guests who were honored.

Seventy – two year-old E. C. Gann favored the group with two special songs, "Silver Threads Among the Gold" and "When You and I were Young Maggie." He was accompanied by Mrs. Earl Coble at the piano.

Then Mrs. Howard Byrd led the entire assemblage in singing some old favorites such as "Blest be the Tie," "Where We Will Never Grow Old" and "God Be With You Until We meet Again." Each year between the time of the honoring of the senior citizens, death has removed one or more of them from the Grantville community.

The oldest senior citizen present for the honoring of the group was Ervin Cox, who was 80 years old last Mar. He was followed closely by Walter Humble, 80 years of age last May.

The oldest woman in attendance was Mrs. Addie Stout, 78 years of age.

Other senior citizens recognized were Miss Fleta Stout, Mrs. Allie Kemp, Mrs. C. C. Craven, Miss Allie Spoon, Mrs. Lura Owens, Mrs. E. C. Gann, Mrs. Fleta Morrison, Mrs. C. C. Macon, J. L. Lawson, Mrs. Beulah Wright, Mrs.

Goodman Voncannon, Mrs. W. J. Byrum, Mrs. Elmer Byrd, Mrs. J. L. Lawson, Miss Rilla Spoon, Mrs. Ervin Cox, Mrs. Walter Humble, Mrs. E. C. Craven, Mrs. E. C. Cagle, Mrs. Maggie Brown, E. C. Gann, E. C. Cagle, John E. Wright, Allie R. Kemp and E. C. Craven.

Carnations and other favors were furnished for the occasion by Garner's Florist in Asheboro.

High Pine Wesleyan Methodists Enjoying New Educational Building

Oct. 14, 1965 – The congregation of the High Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church, located in union Township, Route 5, Asheboro, is enjoying the facilities of a handsome new educational building which they occupied over a month ago.

Housing the Sunday School department of the church, the new building is the first unit of a proposed new church plant at High Pine. It is planned to erect a sanctuary at a later date.

The new building is a sturdy structure, well built and consisting of ten Sunday rooms and pastor's study.

It is a two – storied brickveneered building with sheetrocked walls and ceilings and vinyl tile linoleum on the floors. The rooms are spacious and airy with aluminum type windows. Heat is furnished by a forced air unit which uses oil.

A building fund for erection of the new building was started in Jan., 1964, following the paying off of the indebtedness of the youth building at the church in Dec., 1963. The youth building had been erected in 1960 at a cost of \$8,000.

A special offering for the building fund was taken and is still being taken on the first Sunday in each month. At the time of the beginning of construction last Mar. approximately \$4,000 was in the building fund towards the payment of the new building.

Actual Cost of the building was \$14,981.12, However the building has an estimated valuation of \$25,000. The difference in the two figures was made up by donated labor, reduced material costs by many of the participating business firms and the refunding of labor costs. Upon the completion of the building, it was only necessary for the church to borrow \$7,500 for the payment of all bills.

Many of the classes occupying the new building have provided the money for the furnishing of the class rooms, thus reducing the cost obligation of the church for the completed building.

J. H. (Hoyt) Callicutt, well known building contractor and a member of the High Pine church, supervised the construction of the new building. He was assisted by a building committee from the church composed of John Story as chairman and Davis Luther, Kenneth Trogdon and Walter Parks.

The High Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized in 1878 with fifty-one charter members. The first church building was replaced by the present sanctuary, which was erected in 1913.

The remarkable progress of the church in recent years is all the more unusual because now there are only thirty-five members of the church body. However, there is a Sunday

School enrollment of 130, with an average attendance of 104.

Part of the progress is due to the effective leadership of the church pastor, the Rev. George D. Simmons, and his wife who came to the church in Aug., 1962.

Mr. Simmons, a native of Macon, Ga., came to the church soon after leaving Central Wesleyan College at Central, S. C. where he graduated in June, 1961 but remained over for a year of graduate study.

Although a native of Macon, Ga., Mr. Simmons lived in Asheboro from 1951 to 1957 and as a member of the First Wesleyan Methodist Church in Asheboro, was called into the ministry of the church; it was also while living in Asheboro that he married his wife, the former Christine Parks.

The High Pine Church a symbol of Wesleyan Methodism in southwestern Randolph County and the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church for eighty seven years, has surged ahead in recent years to establish itself as a bulwark for the purposes for which it was originally founded.

A Belated Anniversary Observed As Sosebees Enjoy Open House

Oct. 21, 1965 – Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lavinder Sosebee, a couple who came to Asheboro over fifteen years ago, were honored Sunday, Oct. 17, at an open house event commemorating their golden wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives called at their 1111 Meadowbrook Rd. residence from 2 p.m. until 5 p. m. Hostesses for the occasion were their three daughters, Mrs. Lawrence T. (Frances) Prevatte, Asheboro; and twins, Mrs. Jack R. (Barbara Jane) Auman, Cherryville, and Mrs. Bobby J. (Betty Jean) Short, of the same address as her parents.

It was a belated anniversary celebration, as Mr. and Mrs. Sosebee were married July 26, 1915. But when the anniversary date arrived last summer one of the twin daughters entered the hospital the week before and on the actual anniversary date Mr. Sosebee himself became a hospital patient.

But all of the participants were in fine form for the open house event Sunday, Oct. 17, and the nearly new Sosebee residence was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Short greeted the guests at the front door and introduced them to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. Sosebee and their other two daughters.

Mrs. Rodney Prevatte, a granddaughter-in-law, presided over the guest register while Miss Janie Canoy received the gifts and entered a record of them upon the gift register.

In the dining room, the table was covered with a white hand crocheted cloth over yellow. In the center of the table was a yellow and white four-tiered cake topped with gold numerals of "50" and golden bells. A divider with swarms at the base separated the tiers of the cake. Decorating the high cake were yellow roses, string work, green leaves and white sugar bells.

The anniversary cake was designed and made by Mrs. Bobby J. Short, daughter of the honored couple.

A silver tray with cake squares was placed at one end of the table and a crystal punch bowl at the other end. Both were encircled with fern and yellow Shasta daisies.

Other arrangements in the dining room were epergnettes, which contained yellow carnations, Shasta daisies and roses and held yellow lighted tapers. There was also an arrangement of large yellow mums which was a gift.

A "Horn of Plenty" arrangement was placed in the fireplace in the living room.

Mrs. Clifford Tilley poured punch while Mrs. Arthur Short and Miss Kathy Prevatte, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sosebee, served the cake squares, homemade mints, nuts and cheese straws.

Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rogers, nephew and niece of Mrs. Sosebee.

Mrs. Sosebee wore for her anniversary celebration a brown lace dress with a corsage of yellow rosebuds. Her daughters wore corsages of yellow carnations. Mr. Sosebee's boutonniere was a yellow rosebud while those of his sons-in-law were yellow carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Sosebee, natives of other states, lived in many places before moving to Asheboro Mar. 17, 1950.

Mr. Sosebee, born at Noocoochee Valley, Ga., left the place of his birth at the age of five and moved with his family to New Holland, Ga., near Gainsville. He was one of sixteen children born to his parents. His father, a miner in the asbestos mines, died when he was about eight years old.

It was while living in New Holland, Ga. that he began working in a cotton mill as a barefoot boy of eight, for which work he received the sum of four dollars every two weeks. He moved again with his family at the age of about thirteen years to Atlanta, Ga., where he also worked in a cotton (bag) mill and on a farm. He also joined the state militia. He was living in Atlanta, Ga. at the time of his marriage to Mrs. Sosebee, the former Minnie Pearl Rogers.

Mrs. Sosebee was born in Youma County, Va., near the town of Gates City, but moved with her family to Lenoir County, Tenn., at about the age of eleven years. While living in Lenoir City, Tenn., she too began working in a cottonmill, starting off for wages of twenty five cents per day. She then moved to Chattahoochee, Ga., about ten miles from Atlanta, and then to the Georgia state capitol where she was living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Sosebee.

However, the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sosebee occurred in Montgomery, Ala., which place they reached by train from Atlanta, Ga., and from where they had planned to continue their journey on to Texas.

But instead, they remained in Montgomery, Ala., for two years and then move to Anderson, S. C. It was a series of places after that, including Gastonia, N. C., Catawba County near Lincolnton, Bessemer City, Penderlea in Pender County and then defense work for Mr. Sosebee during World War II in South Carolina and Tennessee.

After the war, the Sosebees went back to Penderlea, from which place they came to Asheboro. Here Mr. Sosebee has been employed at various places, including the P & P Chair Co., Rural Electrification Authority and the Blue Gem Manufacturing Company. He retired from the latter place shortly after reaching the age of 66. He is now 70 years of age.

Mrs. Sosebee, 66 years of age, is an employee of the Blue Gem Manufacturing Company, from which place she is partially retired.

Besides their three daughters, the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Sosebee includes eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Sosebee have lived in many places and many houses throughout the years of their lifetime and particularly since their marriage over fifty years ago in

Montgomery, Ala. But they have seemingly found a degree of permanence in Asheboro, where they have lived for over fifteen years, and in the beautifully appointed residence at 1111 Meadowbrook Road. Prior to moving there they lived on Pershing and Hoover Streets in Asheboro.

But living in many places, moving from one house to another and the acceptance of the various jobs did not affect the marriage vows which were said in that Alabama city over a half of a century ago. Asked if she had ever regretted that train ride to Montgomery, Mrs. Sosebee quickly replied: "No, if I had it to go over again, I'd catch that same old 'choo choo' again.

Richland Church honors Its Senior Citizens

Oct. 21, 1965 – Thirty six people sixty five years and older were honored Sunday evening at the Richland Baptist Church in a service especially designed for recognition of the elderly people of the community and elsewhere.

This was the second annual service of this type at the Richland church and during the service a memorial for Mrs. Dan Voncannon, who died since the service last year, was given by T. L. Kiser.

The 72 year-old Mr. Kiser, a veteran song leader, was in charge of the singing for the meeting, leading off with the song "Brethern We Have Met To Worship."

Members of the elderly group comprised the choir for the special service and other songs by the choir and congregation included "How Firm A Foundation," "Amazing Grace," "At the Cross," "When I can Read My Title Clear," "on Jordan's Stormy Banks," "When We All Get to Heaven," and concluding the group of old songs was "O Father Will You Meet Me?"

A trio was rendered by E. A. Cox, L. W. Burgess and John Dixon, all of Ramseur, with the 87 year-old Mr. Dixon also singing a solo.

The sermon for the second consecutive year was delivered by the venerable Rev. J. E. Shaw, who spoke on the subject: "The Lord Honors His Prophets."

The 87 year-old Rev. Mr. Shaw, older by months than Mr. Dixon, won the prize for being the oldest man in attendance. Winning the prize for being the oldest woman in attendance was Mrs. Flora Ann Prevost, 83 years of age.

A complete list of those who were honored in the service included Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jordan, Mrs. Flossie Craven, Mrs. Addie Stout, Mrs. Flora Ann Prevost, Steven W. Stout, Mrs. Mary Craven, Dan Voncannon, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Settlemire, E. A. Cox, L. W. Burgess, H. T. Hancock, Mrs. Hurley Staley, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kiser, John W. Dixon, Clarence H. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin D. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Wright, Mr. and Mrs. George Ledwell, Mrs. W. H. Bates, Mrs. Lizzie Jones, Mrs. Martha Odom, U. G. Woodell, Mrs. Edie Marley, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Reynolds, Rev. and Mrs. B. W. McPherson, Mrs. Mary Wright, Rev. J. E. Shaw, and Mrs. W. J. Byrum.

A committee composed of Mrs. Pearl Ferree, T. L. Kiser, and Jim Lovings planned the annual event. Rev. B. W. McPherson is pastor of the church and conducted the preliminaries for the service

Cornerstone Laying Anniversary Sunday At St. John's Lutheran

Oct. 25, 1965 – The 25th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Asheboro will be held Sunday, Oct. 31.

A full schedule has been planned for the day of the anniversary with special services to follow for three days thereafter.

Participating will be the four former pastors of the church, the present pastor, Rev. Donald E. Woolly, and the president of the North Carolina Synod, Dr. George R. Whittecar.

Recognition will be extended to the six charter members who remain from the group of fifty who joined the church at the time of its organization June 18, 1939.

They are Mrs. John E. Ingram, Albert W. Meyer, Mrs. Frank R. Pugh, Mrs. Alton Kearns, Walter A. Styers, Sr., and Mrs. H. I. Bunch.

Former pastors are the Rev. Roscoe B. Fisher, now pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Badin; the Rev. Walter N. Yount, now pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Concord; the Rev. Charles E. Bernhardt, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Cherryville; and the Rev. W. David Wise, pastor of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Claremont.

For the anniversary worship service Sunday morning, Oct. 31, at 11 a. m., Dr. Whittecar, the Synod president, will bring the message.

An anniversary picnic will be held at 12:30 p. m., with members of the church group bringing their lunches for a period of food and fellowship during the noon hour.

A recognition service will follow at 2 p. m., at which time the Rev. Mr. Bernhardt will conduct the devotions and the Rev. Mr. Fisher, the organizer of St. John's Lutheran Church in Asheboro, will discuss the development and organization of the church. At this service the charter members and others will be recognized.

Open house and a fellowship tea will be held at 3:30 p. m., followed by the evening worship service at 7:30, at which time former pastor W. David Wise will bring the message.

For the next three evenings, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 7:30, the messages will be delivered by the Rev. Walter N. Yount, the second pastor of the St. John's Church.

The first definite move toward organization of a Lutheran Church in Asheboro came on Apr. 16, 1938 when five pastors of the Eastern District of the North Carolina Synod, the Revs. B. S. Brown, Carl H. Fisher, Roy Fisher, Charles E. Fritz and C. R. Pless, made a survey and found that sentiment existed for the organization of a Lutheran church within the city.

They reported their results along with a recommendation for the organization of a church and then on June 1 of the same year one of the survey ministers, the Rev. Carl H. Fisher, then stationed in Liberty, was placed in temporary charge of the Asheboro work.

Three months later, on Sept. 1, the Rev. Roscoe B. Fisher was called by the North Carolina Lutheran Synod to become the first pastor of the church.

The first Lutheran service to be held in Asheboro occurred on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30, 1938 and took place at the Park Street School, next to the present location of the church. Twenty eight persons were present for this service.

Regular services began shortly thereafter and were held in the park Street School, the Carolina Theatre, the Asheboro Presbyterian Church and the Agricultural Building before the completion of the church and the cornerstone laying on

Sunday, Oct. 27, 1940. Cost of the building and land on which it was located was \$19,500.

But before that, the actual organization of the church had occurred on Sunday, June 18, 1939 at the Asheboro Presbyterian Church, with the receiving of fifty members.

Charter members included Howard Newton Cline, Jr., Nancy Jean McElroy, William R. McElroy, Frank Langhenry, Mrs. Alvin Bensing, Howard N. Cline, Mrs. Howard N. Cline, R. P. Deal, William A. Elbers, Mrs. William A. Elbers, Rev. Roscoe B. Fisher, Mrs. Roscoe B. Fisher, Miss Maude Fox, Dr. Dennis B. Fox, Dr. L. M. Fox, Dr. Jacob L. Fritz, Frank Gritzkie, Paul R. Hoke, Mrs. Paul R. Hoke, John E. Ingram, Mrs. John E. Ingram, John A. Kalladoff, F. Luther Kennedy, Mrs. Frank Langhenry, Mrs. Frank Gritzkie, Jrs., Mrs. John A. Kalladoff and Mrs. Albert W. Myer.

Also, Mrs. F. Luther Kennedy, Harold E. Mesimer, Albert W. Meyer, Herbert P. Meyer, Mrs. Herbert P. Meyer, Mrs. William R. McElroy, Reece McSwain, Hal J. Phillips, Frank R. Pugh, Mrs. Frank R. Pugh, Mrs. Alton Kearns, Walter A. Styers, Sr., Mrs. J. B. Tunnell, Miss Bessie Young, Henry R. Bunch, Mrs. R. L. Bunch, Mrs. L. N. Barnes, I. C. Moser, Mrs. Frank Ridge, Ralph Smith, Mrs. Walter Way, Mrs. Bertha Ingram Fitzgerald and Mrs. Hal J. Phillips.

Baptized children brought into the church at the time of its organization included Neal Bensing, Franklin Smith Cline, Luther Brown Fisher, Janice Hoke, Bill McElroy, Nancy Kennedy, Rosemary McElroy, Mary Belle Pugh and Clarence Lee Pugh.

Groundbreaking for the new church building occurred on Apr. 30, 1940. Before the completion of the new church a parsonage lot directly behind the church was purchased. The parsonage itself was occupied in February 1942.

Dr. J. L. Morgan, the venerable president of the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church, came to Asheboro on the day of the cornerstone laying. He delivered the sermon at the morning worship service prior to the cornerstone laying in the afternoon.

Dr. Morgan, now deceased, had also participated in the organization of the church and the ground breaking service for the erection of the church building.

On Jan. 8, 1961 the cornerstone laying of a newly erected two-story educational building for St. John's church was held, with Dr. F. L. Conrad, president of the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church, and the pastor of the church, Rev. David Wise, participating. The cost of this building along with the renovation of the existing church plant amounted to approximately \$81,500.

Since its beginning, the St. John's Lutheran Church in Asheboro has ministered to 510 adult members and 350 children who have been brought into the church by baptism.

The church continues its progress under the pastoral leadership of the Rev. Donald E. Woolly and recent additions to the physical properties of the church were the purchase of an electric organ in Feb., 1963 at the cost of \$2,700 and the purchase of additional land at the beginning of this year at the cost of \$5,000.

Therefore, the pastor and members of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Asheboro, proud of its accomplishments and grateful for their opportunity for service to the people of Asheboro, extend a cordial invitation to their friends to attend the events of the 25th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone.

Great Event For Church – A Mortgage Burning Day

Oct. 25, 1965 – The First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Asheboro, located on Cliff Road at Randolph Ave., will hold a special service Sunday morning, Nov. 7, at 11 o'clock for the burning of the mortgages on both the educational building and the church parsonage.

Guest speaker for the mortgage burning service will be a former pastor of the church, the Rev. Lawrence A. Leonard, who served the local church for nearly seven years, beginning his pastorate on Apr. 1, 1954. He is now pastor of the St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Burlington.

Conducting the service will be the Rev. Donald M. Leonard, who assumed the church pastorage in Nov. 1960.

The combined choirs of the church will present special music for the occasion and following the service a luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall.

Indebtedness on the church parsonage, which was purchased in the summer of 1953, was cleared in June, 1964. This building which was purchased for the amount of \$24,000 is located at 702 Redding Road.

The educational building, valued at \$45,000 at the time of its erection in 1957, was declared free of debt in July, 1965.

Participating in the burning of the mortgages on both the educational building and church parsonage will be the church pastor, the visiting former pastor, during whose pastorage the educational building was erected, and Theron West, a co-chairman of the building committee.

The Mortgage burning service at the First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Asheboro next Sunday morning marks another step in the consistent progress of the church since its beginning over twenty-seven years ago.

It was on May 31, 1938 that the Clasis of North Carolina, now called the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, voted to sponsor the organization of a congregation in Asheboro under the leadership of the Rev. A. Odell Leonard.

After the appropriation of \$300 toward this project and the calling of A. Gail Holt, a ministerial student at Catawba College for assistance in the formation of the new group, the first public service was held at Pugh's Funeral Home on Worth street on Sunday, June 12, 1938, with thirty eight people present.

Organization of the church took place in the chapel of the funeral home on Sunday, July 3, 1938 and two Sundays later forty-four charter members were received into the newly organized church.

Half of the charter member group are still on the membership rolls of the church, namely; Charlie Swing, Calvin Swing, Miss Agnes Swing, Ed Hedrick, Bill Wilson, Mrs. Bill Wilson, Mrs. Sulon Hunt, Mrs. Walter Roberts, Grover Snyder, Mrs. Grover Snyder, Mrs. H. R. Moon, Henry Ferree Miller, Clifton Wade Miller, Miss Evelyn Miller, Mrs. Carl McRae, Mrs. Pearl Collins, Mrs. Della Miller Haga, Mrs. W. B. Hunsucker, Lawrence Calloway, Mrs. Lawrence Calloway, Bob Pickett and Mrs. Bob Pickett.

Following the organization of the church, the Rev. A. Odell Leonard served for four years as its pastor. At two other times in the history of the church, from July 31, 1944 to Feb. 28, 1945 and from Jan. 1, 1954 to Apr. 1, 1954, he served as supply pastor.

Other pastors have been the Rev. R. Wendell Snyder, Rev. Arthur Detwiler, Rev. Harvey Koonts, Rev. Lawrence Leonard and the present pastor, Rev. Donald M. Leonard.

Three months following the organization of the church, the Board of Home Missions voted an appropriation for the new work in Asheboro and the Classis of North Carolina granted a gift of \$2,000 with which to start a church building.

Construction of the building began in Apr., 1939 and slightly over one year later the new church building was occupied. Dedication of the structure was held on Sunday, Aug. 3, 1941. Cost of the building and the lot on which it was located was \$14,005.57.

The Christian Education Building, erected in 1957 and for which the mortgage will be burned Sunday, Nov. 7, contains over 6,000 square feet of floor space. Additional land for the church was also purchased that same year by the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the local congregation and presented to the church.

Present officers of the Consistory, the governing body of the church are president, Donald M. Leonard; vice-president, Roland Linnens; and secretary, Sam Auman.

The financial secretary of the church is Mrs. Herbert Harris; the treasurer is Lawrence Calloway; and the congregational secretary is Sam Auman.

General superintendent of the Sunday School is Bob Pickett while other officers of the school are assistant general superintendent, Roland Linnens; superintendent of adult department, Hubert Causey; assistant superintendent of adult department, Willis Hedrick; children's division leader, Mrs. Jack Morris; secretary, Mrs. Stamey Dunn; and assistant secretary, Mrs. Louie McElreath.

The First Evangelical and Reformed Church, in its comparatively short existence on the local scene, has established itself as a vital part of the religious institutions in the city of Asheboro. With the physical buildings of the church cleared of indebtedness, the First Evangelical and Reformed Church can now direct its efforts and energies toward other phases of the ministry which began with the formation of the church in Asheboro over a quarter of a century ago.

A Ninetieth Birthday ... And Many Fond Memories

Oct. 28, 1965 – A Route 1, Staley woman, living three miles west of Liberty just off Highway 49A, is today Oct. 28, observing her 90th birthday on the plantation which she helped her husband cut wood to pay for sixty years ago.

Mrs. Louetta (Etta) Kimrey Ferguson, known also as "Granny", said that when she and her husband moved to the 115-acre-farm ten years following their marriage she "pulled a crosscut saw" with her husband, John Ferguson, to cut chair blocks which they sold to a factory in Liberty.

The timber had been cut off the place before they purchased it and they cut the chair blocks from the tree laps which remained. None of their children had at that time reached the age of assistance to their parents.

But Mrs. Ferguson's earlier existence had prepared her for the help which she rendered her husband in cutting the chair blocks. Because in her early childhood she had carded and spun cotton which her mother had woven into trousers for her brothers and also when asked if she had worked in the fields, she laughed and said, "I was raised in the field".

These hardships of her childhood and of the earlier years of her marriage also probably prepared her for worse times which came when her husband died fifty years ago last

May, with all of their nine children still at home and the youngest one less than two years of age.

Some of her people wanted her to sell her large farm but Mrs. Ferguson determinedly said, "No, I ain't going to leave." And stay she has over fifty years since her husband's death. She plans to remain at the place which she and her husband acquired by their efforts in the first years of their marriage until her summons comes and she goes to join the man to whom she was married over seventy years ago.

Twelve children were born to the marriage of Mrs. Ferguson and her husband but three of them, including twins, died in infancy.

The other nine, most of whom Mrs. Ferguson reared to maturity without the assistance of her deceased husband, included the following; Lonnie Ferguson, Liberty; Mrs. Causey (Nora) Allred, Route 1, Liberty; Arvin Ferguson, Route 2, Liberty; Miss Donnie Ferguson, Route 1, Staley; Lester Ferguson, Route 1, Liberty; Mrs. Randolph (Lola) Coltrane, Liberty; Danner Ferguson, Route 2, Liberty; David Ferguson, Route 10, Greensboro; and John Ferguson, Route 1, Staley.

Living with Mrs. Ferguson at the old homeplace is her daughter, Miss Donnie Ferguson, while of her sons, John, lives close by. When speaking of her determination not to leave her home and apparently referring to her children, she said "when I get done with it, they can have it".

While speaking of the trials of her early days, Mrs. Ferguson was asked if times then were hard. She said, "Well, we though so but they are worse now." Asked what she meant, she said "folks these days are trying to live too fine and too nice."

She spends her time "setting around", listening to the radio and looking at television but prefers the former. She said television didn't have anything but "old ball games and things which I am not acquainted with". On radio she listens mainly "to the preaching and the announcements". She doesn't particularly care for the government which is always "wanting to put more taxes" on her place.

She had a sharp retort to the question as to why she did not remarry since her husband had died so many years ago. She said, "Sometimes when you get the second one, you don't get much."

She is a member of the Bethany Methodist Church which her husband helped to haul the lumber to build. Her husband and parents are buried in the church cemetery. Although she is not able to attend the church services, her pastor, Rev. William M. Spake, Jr., was present to participate in a huge birthday celebration which took place at her home on the Sunday before her birthday on Thursday.

All of her nine children were there except one, a great many of her 28 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren were present, along with her two great-great-grandchildren.

Her surviving sister, Mrs. Fannie Troy, 81, and one brother, C. T. Kimrey, 79, both of Liberty, were present to join in the birthday celebration. Another brother, T. P. Kimrey, of High Point, 83 years of age, was unable to be present. There were also many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends including people from Liberty, High Point, Greensboro, Charlotte, Asheboro and Ramseur.

Today Etta Ferguson has reached a significant miles stone in a long life. Slightly built but determined, this pioneering little woman has successfully weathered the

storms of ninety years. She now heads into the last decade of a century of living which is expected to pass more smoothly than some of the years she has already lived.

Evangelical Church Crowded Sunday - With A Reason! Mortgage Burned

Nov. 8, 1965 – The First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Asheboro was crowded Sunday morning for the dedicatory service at which the mortgages for both the educational building and church parsonage were burned.

It was an impressive service in the church sanctuary, with its sturdy exposed beams lowered from the ceiling and stained to match the pews in which the people sat.

The primary choir, composed of the very small children of the church, led the processional to open the service, followed by the junior choir, the senior choir and the two ministers, the pastor, Rev. Lawrence Leonard, who had served the church for nearly seven years.

It was during the pastorage of the latter that the educational building was erected in 1957. This veteran minister, now pastor of St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Burlington, has participated in seven building programs during his ministerial career.

During the course of the sermon of dedication, the visiting minister said that "dedication is a time of thanksgiving and that thanksgiving is a time of remembrance and a time for praising."

The two representatives of the congregation who participated in the mortgage burnings. Theron West for the burning of the mortgage on the parsonage and Dwain Curtis for the burning of the mortgage on the educational building, also gave praise to God and the members of the congregation for the accomplishments which had been brought to pass.

A breathless silence pervaded the packed sanctuary as the two men burned the mortgages which cleared the church of its indebtedness.

The two ministers led the recessional to the site of the laying of the cornerstone for the educational building, followed by the small children, the other choirs and the members of the congregation.

There the ministers and the two representatives of the congregation. Messrs. West and Curtis were joined by James Cagle, son of the late J. D. Cagle, one of the builders of the educational building, and Clifford Bowers, the other builder, for the actual laying of the cornerstone. Placed within the cornerstone were the ashes from the mortgage burning in the church sanctuary.

The benediction and the Doxology followed, after which the people gathered on the north side of the church for a period of luncheon and fellowship.

Arrangements of red rosebuds were placed on the altar during the service to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Rev. Donald Leonard's coming to the church. In connection with the arrangement, the following notice was inserted in the bulletin for the service: "The rosebuds are placed there by the congregation who Don has so faithfully and unselfishly served these past five years. Our love and highest esteem to you, Don, as you endeavor to serve the Lord and your Church people in the coming years, which we hope will be with us at First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Asheboro.

Production Credit Group Elects Officers In City

Nov. 8, 1965 – Randolph County stockholders of the Production Credit Association, with headquarters in Graham, held their annual meeting Thursday evening in the Randolph County Court House at Asheboro.

This was the second time a stockholders meeting has been held on the local scene. Prior to last year, all stockholders meetings were held in Graham.

Coming in for the local meeting were V. W. Coltrane, Route 8 Greensboro, president of the production Credit Association; B. G. Rogers, General Manager, and Charles T. Peel, Assistant General manager, both of Graham; and directors E. S. Seawell, Route 2, Bennett, J. R. Williams, Prospect Hill, W. F. Covington, Route 1, Mebane, and R. B. Pritchett, Route 6, Reidsville.

Also present from the headquarters office staff in Graham were Mrs. Annie Frank Boland and Ben Thomson, both of Graham.

Arrangements for the annual meeting were handled by M. B. Gibson, branch office manager for Randolph County, assisted by Mrs. Grady Councilman, a member of the local staff. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. David Blue, Jr. pastor of Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church.

In the absence of the association president, C. T. Hall of Roxboro, the vice president V. W. Coltrane, presided over the meeting. The director's report was given by J. R. Williams.

The assistant general manager recognized the special guests, who included Elroy Cox who served for many years as branch office manager in Asheboro.

A report from management was delivered by General Manager B. G. Rogers who cited the association's record of service for the past 32 years and urged members of the association to "support your organization and bring us your needs".

He made a comparison of the fiscal years ending in 1945, 1955 and 1965, which revealed that assets had gone from \$692,984 in 1945 to \$11,761, 094 for this year. During the same period income rose from \$45,878 in 1945 to \$716,708 in the twenty-year period.

Loans closed for the year 1945 amounted to \$966,230 while in 1965 loans closed amounted to \$9,178,930. For the fiscal year 1965 in Randolph County associational loans amounted to more than one and one half million dollars.

Two directors in the Production Credit Association, E. S. Seawell and J. R. Williams were re-elected for three-year terms. Their election came about as the result of a nominating committee report given to the meeting Thursday evening by Richard Earl Johnson, Route 1, Randleman.

A report from the same nominating committee resulted in the election of a membership committee for Randolph County, consisting of Russell Powers, Route 2, Bennett, Gilbert Davis, Route 1, Randleman, and Clyde Williams, Route 3, Asheboro.

After the business part of the meeting had been disposed of, Richard Freeman, assistant farm agent for Randolph County, presented a program dealing with 4-H talent in the county. Appearing in his capacity was Jimmy McElreath, president of Randolph County 4-H Clubs and Janice Hancock, who will assume the presidency of the county 4-H unit sometime this month.

A drawing for door prizes followed and after adjournment refreshments were served to all those in attendance.

Wives of directors attending the meeting included Mrs. V. W. Coltrane and Mrs. E. S. Seawell.

Counties served by the Production credit Association are Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph and Rockingham. Besides Asheboro, branch offices are located in Yanceyville, Siler City, Greensboro, Roxboro, Reidsville and Hillsborough.

Mrs. Moore Recites Accomplishments Of "Her Favorite Governor" (Dan K.)

Nov. 15, 1965 – Mrs. Dan K. Moore, North Carolina's first lady, came to Asheboro Thursday for a meeting of the Democratic Women of the Fourth Congressional District, who turned out for the occasion attired in their new fall outfits, including their best hats.

The latter elegance was noticed by the state's first lady who impressed her audience as a person of many aspects and qualities, not the least of which was her admiration and devotion for the man whom she refers to as "my favorite Governor."

She arrived promptly at the appointed time of 12:30 p.m. at the Asheboro Country Club where the luncheon meeting was held. She was accompanied by Sergeant Fred Bowen, one of the two highway patrol personnel assigned to the Governor's Office.

Greeting Mrs. Moore upon her arrival was her long time friend, Mrs. Walter Gibson, of Randleman, who later introduced her to the audience composed of eighty women from the counties of Randolph, Davidson, Chatham, Wake and Johnston, two newspaper men, two television personnel, one representative from radio and one photographer.

Mrs. Gibson outlined Mrs. Moore's service to her family church and community and pointed out that it was known that Dan Moore "would be a good Governor because he had the good judgement in his youth to choose Janelle ("Mrs. Moore) as his wife."

The brief address by the Governor's wife was divided into two parts, the state-wide accomplishments of her husband's administration particularly his legislative program, and her own personal activities during the ten months "I have spent in the brown house on Blount Street."

She brought the Governor's "appreciation for the overwhelming vote of approval on the road bond issue," she praised the "fine members of the General Assembly you sent to Raleigh," and she urged that they "give swift and decisive approvable to the report of the Study Commission on the Speaker Ban Law." She also had praise for the Fourth District's Congressman Harold D. Cooley and his services to the district and the state.

She discussed the accomplishments of the Moore administration in education, namely, expenditures, reduction of class room size and book fees, and the appropriation of free lunches, and she talked about the highway safety program, saying that young drivers constitute a special problem.

Mrs. Moore told about her recent trip to Spain and Portugal and she described her visit to Rome and the private audience with Pope Paul. She gave a resume of her activities within the state and said that since she had been a resident of the Governor's Mansion, she had served 17,000 people with meals and refreshments, including all members of the General Assembly and their wives.

She also told about her formation of the Executive Mansion's Fine Arts Committee and said "at the mansion my days are filled to overflowing."

An indulgent grandmother, her voice warmed as she talked about the visit of her family to the Mansion and as she described the "happy sounds of our grandchildren in the high ceiling rooms."

The thoughts of those grandchildren, whom she had left early that morning in Shelby, and her concern for them were still with her when she reached Asheboro, for immediately upon her arrival at the Country Club a call was placed to inquire as to how they were progressing from an illness which had come upon them.

Mrs. Helen York Spencer, the efficient president of Democratic Women of Randolph County, presided over the luncheon meeting in a smooth manner as she carried the program through to completion.

She was ably assisted by Mrs. Cleron Elliott, first vice chairman of the Randolph County Democratic Executive Committee, who also handled the reservations for the district luncheon meeting.

Recognition was extended to Mrs. Dock Oliver, of Pine Level, director of Democratic Women for the Fourth Congressional District; Mrs. Harry Horton, of Pittsboro, assistant director and also a member of the State Board of Higher Education; and to Mrs. Jessie Ruth Seagraves, of Siler City, Mrs. R. H. Carson, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Robert Winston, of Smithfield, the respective presidents of the women's Democratic organizations in Chatham, Wake and Johnston counties.

Mrs. Lee Valand, of Raleigh, former vice chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, was in attendance and representing Davidson County in the absence of the president of the women's group was Mrs. Paul H. Stoner, Sr.

After arriving at the luncheon scene, the guest of honor, Mrs. Moore, was presented with a corsage of white Chrysanthemums by the club of Democratic Women in Randolph County. This complemented her wool mohair suit of American Beauty Pink which she wore with a matching small hat and shoes. Her earrings were pearl.

Following her address, which she closed by stating her foremost desire to "stand close by the side of my favorite Governor" and assuring her audience that "you have chosen wisely and well the man who leads." Mrs. Moore was presented gifts representing the products of the various counties represented. Randolph's gift was hosiery.

Attendants at the luncheon were served baked ham, seafood au gratin in a casserole, green beans amandine, sweet potatoes rolled in coconut, and cranberry pineapple salad with little biscuits and coffee and tea. For dessert there was Cherry Jubilee.

Mrs. Sam Burrow spoke the invocation at the luncheon and also presented the gifts to Mrs. Moore.

Pleasant Hill Seniors Honored

Nov. 15, 1965 – The third annual luncheon in honor of the senior citizens of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church and community was held Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the fellowship hall at the church.

The church is located on Route 3, Thomasville, in the northwest corner of Randolph County.

Sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of which Mrs. Lawrence Crews is president, the luncheon

honored twenty three elderly citizens of the church community.

Rev. A. T. (Mike) Tuttle pastor of the church, was present for the occasion, along with his wife, and Mr. Tuttle said the grace over the luncheon which was prepared and served by members of the women's society, assisted by other ladies in the church.

Following the luncheon, the children's choir of the church, accompanied and directed by Kearns, sang several selections. The devotional program was conducted by Mrs. Ambrose Hepler and the honored guests were given an opportunity of relating a story of any event which had occurred in the years behind them.

Door prizes were presented and candy was given as favors to those who were being honored.

Persons eighty years of age and older at the luncheon included Mrs. Dora Hepler, 93, C. T. Hughes, 87, Mrs. Ada Myers, 86, Mrs. Carrie Kearns, 84, and Henry Younts, 84.

Mrs. Myers celebrated her birthday on the day of the luncheon and as special recognition to her on the occasion the children's choir sang "Happy Birthday."

Other senior citizens honored and recognized besides the five named above included Mrs. C. O. Plyer, Sr., wife of the former minister at the church, Mrs. Reid Hughes, Miss Hester Embler, Mrs. Lena Skeen, Mrs. John Arnold, Miss Sally Elliott, Mrs. O. E. Parrish, Mrs. Wade Smith, Mrs. Loula Baity, Mrs. Sam Williams, Sam Williams, Mrs. Betty Williams, Mrs. Bob Hepler, Mrs. Lee Younts, Will Hepler, Mrs. Will Hepler, Cicero Hunt, and Ray Hepler.

During the course of the program, a brief memorial service was conducted for Miss Ruth Elliott, Bud Dennis and Ben Hepler, who had died since the holding of the last luncheon for the senior citizens of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church and community.

The members of the honored group of elderly citizens were brought to the luncheon and then carried back to their homes by the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, sponsors of the delightful and most enjoyed occasion.

Gray Ladies Class Is "Capped" At Awards Banquet In Asheboro

Nov. 18, 1965 - Impressive ceremonies and presentations marked the annual awards and recognition meeting of the Gray Lady Volunteers of the Reandoph County Chapter of the American Red Cross Tuesday evening at the Asheboro Congregational Christian Church.

Included in the ceremonies was the "capping" and presentation of pins to a class of forty two new Gray Ladies.

Conducting this ceremony by candlelight was Mrs. Frances B. Smith, chairman of Gray Ladies, assisted by Mrs. Lois S. Gurganious, records chairman.

For outstanding volunteer service in the past three years Mrs. Sue Harrell and Mrs. Ethel Kivett were presented certificates for 300 hours of volunteer service. Making this presentation was Joe Bossong, chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Rev. William Everhart, pastor of the Asheboro Congregational Christian Church, pronounced the invocation for the awards and recognition service. A period of silent prayer was held in memory of Mrs. Lone Sistrunk, who served as a volunteer Gray lady for many years, especially in the bloodmobile program.

Members of the new Gray Ladies group receiving their caps and pins were Mrs. Bettie Berliner, Mrs. Betty Bowers, Mrs. Mattie Briles, Mrs. Stella Brooks, Miss Juanita Bullins, Miss Janie Canoy, Miss Carolyn Davis, Mrs. Otis Davis, Mrs. Dorothy Fagge, Mrs. Edith Gaines, Mrs. Olivia Greeson, Mrs. Pearl Grimsley, Mrs. Anna Haak, Mrs. Frances Harrelson, Mrs. Dora Hathaway, Miss Dianna Hayes, Miss Doris Hayes, Mrs. Ruth Henson, Miss Elta Hogan, Miss Kaye Hudson, Mrs. Argene Kivett, Mrs. Edna Kivett, Mrs. Rebecca Kizer and Mrs. Nell Lamar.

Also, Mrs. Ruth Laughlin, Mrs. Hazel Lewallen, Mrs. Josie Luck, Mrs. Lena Martin, Mrs. Clara Marziano, Mrs. Beulah Nance, Mrs. Helen Nance, Mrs. Nellie Perdue, Mrs. Anna Pugh, Mrs. Winifred Ramsey, Mrs. Vae Robbins, Mrs. Betty Short, Miss Joan Staton, Miss Patricia Ussery, Mrs. Betty William, Mrs. Dorothy Wright, Miss Wanda Wright and Miss Iris Jean Thomas.

Before receiving their caps and pins, members of the new class received ten hours of instruction and twelve hours of actual training.

Other awards for service within the local Gray Lady group were presented as follows; bar for one year, Miss Janie Canoy and Mrs. Josie Luck; three bars for three years of service, Mrs. Opal Russell, and Mrs. Gerona Tucker; one chevron for four years of service, Mrs. Ophelia Bruton, Mrs. Myrtle Forkner, Mrs. Mary Galbincea, Mrs. Veola Hanner, Mrs. Mamie Hunt, Mrs. Allie Kearns, Mrs. Myrtle Ledwell, Mrs. Minnie Mills, Mrs. Sue Parker, Mrs. Ann Parrish, Mrs. Lauretta Redmon, Mrs. Elva Rush, and Mrs. Edna Stanton; one chevron pin and one bar for five years of service; Mrs. Ella Brown, Mrs. Mabel Cox, Mrs. Ethel Kivett, and Mrs. Willena Russell.

One chevron and two bars for six years of service, Mrs. LaRue Brown, Mrs. Minnie Hinshaw, Mrs. Mary Holt, Mrs. Edna Mae Phillips, and Mrs. Thelma York; one chevron and three bars for seven years of service, Mrs. Kate Buie, Miss Frances Lambeth and Mrs. Ruth Moore; two chevrons for eight years of service, Mrs. Pearl Allred and Miss Lucy Crowell; two chevrons and one bar for nine years of service, Mrs. Maguerite Miner, Mrs. Frances Smith and Mrs. Hazel Lee Swicegood; and two chevrons two bars and a pin for ten years of service, Mrs. Sue Harrell.

Recognition was also extended to Mrs. Rose Ferguson for eleven years of service; Mrs. Margery Cranford for twelve years of service; Miss Marie Duncan, Mrs. Lois Gurganious and Mrs. Alice Kivett for thirteen years of service; and Mrs. Hildred Pritchard and Mrs. Mildred Weston for fourteen years of service.

A Living memorial To Late President Carved In Wood

18 Nov. 1965 - Charlie Cooper, a 64 year old Route 3, Asheboro woodcarver, has many unusual designs of his workmanship, including a replica of the flag draped caisson and white horses which were used in the funeral of President John F. Kennedy.

Partially paralyzed from a stroke which he suffered nearly four years ago, it took Mr. Cooper over a month to carve out with his pocketknife the tragic reminder of the assassination of the President and the funeral cortege which was spotlighted on the television screens throughout the nation.

Left handed before the stroke which affected his left arm and leg, the wood carver shifted over to his right hand and

carved the caisson block wheels and running works out of mahogany wood and the horses and casket out of cedar.

He gained the idea by looking at the television coverage during the funeral rites and worked at it in his spare time for over a month.

Although Mr. Cooper has been carving various items out of wood since he made a violin forty-five years ago, he has especially turned to this type of workmanship since his illness. Because, as Mr. Cooper expressed it, "I would go crazy if I didn't do something to keep my mind off of the shape I am in."

Since his illness he has also made some unusual lamps such as the one with three stocks of an old pump rifle, complete with the metal attachments, and other lamps out of cedar and mulberry stumps, in addition to one made out of a buggy wheel.

A furniture worker for twenty years and a carpenter for fifteen years, other interesting items which Mr. Cooper has carved include three replicas of covered wagons, complete with water barrel, shovel, pick and tool box.

He built the house in which he lives on a dead-end road with his wife, the former Hazel Varner, and his mother-in-law. Mrs. Daisy Varner and he made much of the furniture which is found therein.

This includes a bed, chest of drawers, dresser, night stands, china closet, cupboard and various other pieces, including all of the kitchen cabinets.

He is living about a mile from the place where he was reared on old 49A highway and in which vicinity he attended the old Long Branch School.

In his possession is an old spinning wheel which was made by his grandfather, Riley Cooper, in 1807, and an old walking cane, made out of a dogwood limb and carved with a blacksnake head, which also belonged to his grandfather.

The skill of Charlie Cooper with a piece of wood and his pocketknife has taken on greater significance since the illness which rendered him unable to work at regular employment. A hard worker for all of his life, he turned to that which he knew best to occupy the time of his disability.

A View Of Children's Home Sunday

Nov. 25 1965 - Picture slides depicting scenes at the Hephzibah Children's home in Macon, Ga. will be shown Sunday evening, Nov. 28, at the meeting of the Wesleyan youth Society at the Rushwood Park Wesleyan Methodist Church on the old Farmer Road.

Included among the slides will be pictures of the Dewey Swaney children who entered the children's home around six years ago.

The program will begin at 6:15 p.m. and will be in charge of C. W. McNeill. Eighty six slides will be shown.

Showing of the pictures of the Swaney children will bring back remembrances of their departure for the Hephzibah home following the tragedies which befell their family in quick succession.

At the time of their departure, there were four of them, Richard, 13, Susan, 13, Rosa Louise, 10, and Katherine Dail, 5. Now, only two of them remain at the home, Louise, who was 17 years of age Wednesday, and Dail, who will be 12 years of age in Jan.

Richard, now 19, has been gone for quite a while and is serving with the U. S. Army at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. Susan, now 18 years of age, has graduated from

the high school in Macon, Ga. and is presently enrolled at the Central Wesleyan College in Central, S. C.

Over eight years ago Dewey Swaney, the father of Richard, Susan, Louise and Dail, was injured while working on a construction job in Raleigh. He fell a distance of 40 feet, breaking his back, injuring his spine breaking both arms and his left hip. Six days after the accident his left arm had to be amputated above the elbow. He was paralyzed from the waist down as the result of the accident.

Something over two years later Mrs. Dewey Swaney, the mother of the four small children, died after several months of suffering and hospitalization because of a malignant cancer.

Before and after the death of the mother of the children their father spent considerable time at a rehabilitation center in another state. So, following the death of their mother the children were cared for by relatives. But later, through negotiations by Rev. Paul E. Allred, pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, the children were placed in the Hephzibah Children's Home, which is operated by the Wesleyan Methodist denomination. The children and their mother attended the neighbors Grove church prior to Mrs. Swaney's death and their departure to the home.

The Hephzibah Children's Home has provided a proper environment for the rearing of the Swaney children and it has been a happy place in which they could grow to maturity. Their father, other members of their families and their friends are well pleased with the results of their residence at the home.

C. W. McNeill and the members of the Wesleyan Youth Society at the Rushwood Park Wesleyan Methodist Church. Hope to present this picture of the Hephzibah Children's Home in the slides which they will show next Sunday evening and by so doing to further promote the interest of the home to the people of the Asheboro area.

All interested people in the Asheboro area are invited to be present. The program begins at 6:15 p.m. in the basement of the church.

A single piece of fiberglass reinforced plastic can provide an extra bathtub and shower unit. The unit, called "Uni Bath," is a five foot enclosure with three six foot high walls. A plumber can install it with no tiling needed. Universal Rundle Corp. 101 Park Ave. New York City, N. Y.

McCrary's Chapel Methodists Exceed Fund Goal At Harvest Rally

Nov. 25, 1965 - Members of McCrary's Chapel Methodist Church in Ramseur held a harvest rally day at their church Sunday, Nov. 21, and exceeded by far the one thousand dollar goal which had been set for the occasion.

Received from the harvest rally day observance was the amount of \$1,320.60. An additional \$27.62 was received for current expenses, Sunday School and missionary purposes, making a grand total for the day of \$1,378.22.

Although small in membership, the members of the church worked in a determined manner to procure the necessary funds to effect repairs to their church building.

They were encouraged in their efforts by their resourceful young pastor, Rev. Sampson Buie, who preached on the Sunday morning of the rally day a forthright sermon on the text: "Thou has not lied unto men but unto God."

Mrs. Lena Phillips, well known Ramseur woman, was crowned "Mrs. Harvest Queen" for having raised \$300, the largest amount brought in for the rally day service.

For all of her life, Mrs. Phillips has been active in the McCrary's Chapel Methodist Church, serving as a teacher and secretary in the Sunday School, secretary of the official board and as president of the choir for over fifty years.

Mrs. Phillips received donations in her drive from former members of the church and friends from Alexandria, La., New Orleans, La., New York City, Washington, D. C., Cincinnati, Ohio, Baltimore, Md., High Point, Greensboro, Lexington, Salisbury, Ramseur and Liberty.

First runner-up to the harvest rally day queen was Mrs. Leona Cheek, who raised the amount of \$211.00. In third place was Mrs. Cheek's sister, Mrs. Essie Isley, who raised \$135.00. All of the winners received prizes, in addition to a silver crown being placed on the head of the first place winner.

Other members of the church participating in the harvest rally day and the amounts which they raised are as follows: Mrs. Jeanette Cheek, \$72.85: Mrs. Ethel Caveness, \$50: Mrs. Geraldine Siler, \$50: J. B. King, \$45: Mrs. Etta Reaves, \$42.75: Pair Lee Marley, \$37.50: Flora Brown, \$32: Minnie Staley, \$30: Thelma Marley, \$28: Dolphia Allred, \$25: Ivory Allred, \$25: Clifford Brown, \$25: Ada Caveness, \$25: Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Glover, \$25: Linda Marley, \$25: Ada Reaves, \$25: Louise Staley, \$25: Rev. Sampson Buie, \$25: Betty Brown, \$12.70: Lacy Marley, \$11: Ometta Reaves, \$11: Hazel Goldson, \$10: J. B. Brown, \$5: Debois Cheek, \$5: and Katie Brown, \$5.

It was pointed out by the pastor, Rev. Sampson Buie, that the harvest rally day funds amounted to nearly as much as the entire receipts of the church last year.

It is planned to use the money on the laying of a new hardwood floor and other repairs. Each member had been asked to bring twenty-five dollars for the improvements to the church and two dollars for current expenses on the day of the harvest rally.

McCrary's Chapel was organized on July 4, 1896. One of the charter members, Mrs. Ada Caveness, 83, was present for the harvest rally day observance and remains an active member of the church. She is the mother of the late J. M. Caveness, principal of the former Negro school in Ramseur and for whom the school was named.

They Grew Up On Farms, One Room Schools, Now Formality

Dec. 2, 1965 - Formality combined with cordiality and exquisiteness mixed with friendliness marked the fiftieth wedding anniversary observance of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albin Staley Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28, at their home at 703 Dixon Ave. Asheboro.

Hostesses for the open house event which was held from one o'clock until four o'clock were their four daughters, Mrs. Harvey (Alta Mae) Bennett, Mrs. Ralph (Edna Lee) Gatlin, Mrs. Robert (Clestell) Thompson, and Mrs. Clarence (Myrtle Marie) Hunt, assisted by other members of their immediate family.

The four daughters and their mother, wearing identical dresses of white brocade satin and corsages of yellow roses, presented a lovely appearance as they, along with Mr. Staley, greeted the numerous guests as they called at the Staley home during the appointed hours.

First to welcome the guests as they arrived at the Staley home were two sons-in-law, Harvey Bennett and Clarence Hunt, after which they were directed to the receiving line and other areas of the reception by Roger Staley, only grandson of the honored couple, and Monroe Barker, who has lived in their home for many years.

Miss Hilda Ann Staley, a granddaughter, presided over the guest register.

In the dining room the table was covered with a white hand crocheted cloth over yellow and was draped at the corners with a cluster of wedding bells and nosegays of yellow Pom Poms and Baker fern.

In the center of the table was a yellow and white four tiered anniversary cake, topped with gold numerals "50" and golden bells. The cake which was decorated with yellow roses, string work, green leaves and white sugar bells, was separated by two tier dividers which were also decorated with roses and sugar bells and with swans at the base.

At one end of the table was a silver tray with cake squares and at the other end was a crystal punch bowl, embedded in ivy and yellow Pom Poms and flanked by three - branched brass candle holders on each side, holding yellow candles.

Presiding at the table, pouring the punch and serving the cake squares, nuts and home made mints were the other two granddaughters of the honored couple, Misses Brenda Staley and Marie Thompson.

On the buffet in the dining room was an arrangement of yellow snapdragons, Shastas, and gold bronze mums in an antique bronze container, while on the mantel in the living room was an arrangement of yellow snapdragons, Shasta Chrysanthemums and large gold bronze mums, flanked by yellow candles in brass candleholders.

Assisting in entertaining and helping in the gift room were Mrs. Charles Malcolm Staley, widow of the deceased son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albin Staley, their granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Roger Staley, and Mrs. Luna Auman.

Godbyes were said by Ralph Gatlin and Robert Thompson, the other two sons-in-law of the honored couple.

Mrs. Charles Malcolm Staley and the granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Staley were attired for the golden wedding anniversary occasion in dresses of yellow bonded lace and also wore corsages of yellow roses.

Dresses worn by Mrs. Staley, her daughters, daughter-in-law, and grand-daughters were designed for the occasion by Mrs. Dempsey Hulin.

Mr. Staley, his sons-in-law, grandson and Mr. Barker each wore a yellow rosebud as a boutonniere.

Out of town guests included people from Greensboro, Raleigh, Charlotte, and Myrtle Beach, S. C.

At the end of the open house event, Mrs. Staley and her daughters changed to dresses of Navy blue for a buffet supper which was served to the immediate members of the Staley family.

The wedding of Charles Albin Staley and his wife, the former Velva May Cox, occurred also on a Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28, 1915. Their marriage vows were pledged at the home of a retired Methodist minister, the Rev. William Smith, who lived about half way between the homes from which they came.

Mr. Staley, son of David C. Staley and Hannah Lutetia (Tishie) Lowdermilk Staley, was born in Grant Township,

just off of the Flag Springs Church road and he was living there at the time of his marriage to Mrs. Staley.

Mrs. Staley was living about ten miles to the south at the home of her parents, Alfred Cox and Vandora Richardson Cox, who lived near Mitchfield in Richland Township. Mitchfield, now extinct, was then a thriving place and contained a tie yard, flag station and postoffice.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Staley grew up on farms and attended one teacher schools, Mr. Staley at the Brower school and Mrs. Staley at the Rock Springs school.

Mr. Staley left home at an early age and worked at sawmills in Randolph and Moore counties and at a lumber plant in South Carolina but had come back home prior to his marriage.

Mrs. Staley, the oldest child in her family, remained at home until her marriage and helped with the younger children in the family due to the ill health of her mother.

On the day of their marriage they left for the preacher's house "thirty minutes early to beat the crowd" but still did not escape all of them. They traveled in a one seated buggy drawn by a mule which, according to Mr. Staley, was "the biggest fool that ever stood on legs." Word had got out of their proposed wedding and Mrs. Staley said by the time the wedding occurred the road between her home and the preacher's house was "full of buggies as far as you could see".

A big wedding supper at Mr. Staley's home followed the wedding and they lived with his folks for about two months following their marriage, after which they moved to Asheboro.

They returned again to the country to live, this time going to the vicinity of Mitchfield where Mrs. Staley's people lived. But they came back to Asheboro in 1945 where they have resided since that time.

In the early years of their marriage Mr. Staley engaged in farming, sawmilling and carpentry but has worked regularly at the latter trade since 1945. Now nearly 69 years of age, he is semi-retired and only works part time.

An avid deer hunter in former years, with twenty-nine to his credit, Mr. Staley hopes to go deer hunting again soon. But the day following his anniversary celebration, with friends still calling by to extend their congratulations, found him back at the carpentry trade at which he has spent so many years.

But Mrs. Staley, who is 70 years of age, was taking it easy, relaxing, reviewing the events of the day before and sorting out the numerous anniversary gifts which their family and friends had brought to them.

The couple are members of the Flag Spring, Methodist Church where Mr. Staley's parents are buried. Mrs. Staley was formerly a member of New Zion Methodist Church where her parents are interment.

Three of their children live in the immediate neighborhood of their parents, with the other one less than a mile away. Besides their four daughters and four grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Staley also have one great-grandson, Charles Anthony Staley, fourteen-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Staley. Charles Malcolm Staley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albin Staley died in 1950.

The golden wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albin Staley is now over but the manifestations of love and esteem from their four daughters, the other members of their family and their friends will remain with this couple in the years to come. For

the remainder of their lives they will recall the day their friends came to honor and to congratulate them upon the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary

Marse Grant Praises Area's Campaign Workers.

Dec 2. 1965 - J. Marse Grant, of Raleigh, State March of Dimes Chairman, spoke to an area precampaign meeting Monday evening at the Dixie Restaurant in Asheboro, to which thirteen counties had been invited.

He praised the volunteer workers for their activity in the field of birth defects and cited what he called the "worthwhileness of this effort."

Saying that one out of every 16 babies is born with a birth defects which amounts to one every 2 minutes, he stressed the need for more birth defects centers like the one now operated with North Carolina March of Dimes funds at Chapel Hill.

He also said that more than 7,700 have been born in North Carolina with serious birth defects and that although the polio epidemic of past years were terrible, the persons affected by birth defects are three times greater in number.

He spoke of the work in birth defects by the Salk Institute, operated by national March of Dimes funds, and said that experimentation and research there through the processes of the aging could very well find the cause and cure for cancer.

"The image of the March of Dimes is fine," he said, "there is a degree of permanence about it." He also stated that "when a really powerful cause touches the hearts of the American people, they will respond. Yesterday it was polio, today it is birth defects, cancer and heart diseases."

Himself the father of a child with a serious birth defect he spoke of the "emptiness of coming into the world and watching it whirl by untoached."

Also coming from Raleigh to participate in the area meeting was Jack E. McGee, a field representative for the National Foundation in North Carolina.

He outlined methods of fund raising in the forthcoming March of Dimes drive and introduced Craig Matta, state Teen-Age Chairman for the 1966 March of Dimes organization, who also addressed the gathering of volunteer workers.

Ralph L. Bulla, chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation, presided over the meeting and also participating were the Rev. John W. Woody, Randolph County drive chairman for the 1966 March of Dimes drive, and the Rev. R. Sam Parker, who served in the same capacity last year.

Coming in from other counties for the meeting were Larry Macomson, Curry Rudd, and Richard McIntyre, Burlington. Al Matta and Craig Matta, Halifax, Mr. and Mrs. Legrand Bennett and Mrs. J. W. Morris Wadesboro, and Eddie Riddle, Dave Morgan, and Eddie Swicegood, Lexington.

In attendance from this county, in addition to those appearing on the program, were Ralph Cox, Millard Gibson, Wayne Hughes, Mrs. Lloyd Hamlet, Mrs. Ben Jenkins, and Ronnie Baker, from Asheboro, Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lowman and Dr. E. L. Mitchell, Liberty, Elvin Cox, Ramseur, and Leonard and Clendon Richardson, Route 4, Asheboro.

Brower's Pilgrim Church Classes Recognized For helping Campaign

Dec. 2, 1965 – Sunday School classes at Brower's Memorial Pilgrim Holiness church were recognized Sunday morning, Nov. 28, for their participation in a fund raising campaign which was held recently for the benefit of a new educational building for the church.

Classes which had reached a goal established for them during the campaign were awarded plaques.

The overall goal for the campaign was \$5,000 but the grand total which was reached on the last day of the campaign, Sunday, Oct. 31, amounted to \$5,738.32.

Located on the Mack Road, Route 5, Asheboro, dedication of the new building followed on the next Sunday, Nov. 7, with the Rev. R. S. Shelton, District Superintendent, delivering the message. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Floyd Miller.

Special plaques were presented last Sunday to the young married Peoples Class No. 2 in the senior division, which led all fund raising efforts by bringing in \$1,543.05, and to the Nursery Department in the junior division who led their group coming in with a total of \$225.50.

The goal of the Young Married Peoples Class No. 2, taught by James Brower, had been set at \$700 while the goal of the nursery Department had been set at \$50. Workers in the latter group are Mrs. John F. Callicutt, Jr., Mrs. Lacy Parks and Mrs. D. R. Farlow.

Other classes in the senior division reaching or exceeding their goals were the senior High Class, taught by Mrs. Floyd Miller, who followed closely the leading class by raising \$1,436.35; and the young Married Peoples Class No. 1, taught by Mrs. Frances Tesh. Who raised \$623.00.

Other classes in the junior division reaching or exceeding their goals were Junior Boys, taught by Hubert White, \$163.05, Junior Girls, taught by Mrs. Leroy Alman, \$87.87, Primary No. 1, taught by Mrs. Lula Cranford, \$107.50; Primary No.2, taught by Mrs. Nelson Burcham, \$100; and the Young People Society, Mrs. Ann Owens, leader, \$100.

Amounts raised by other classes included the adult Bible Class, taught by Rev. Floyd Miller, \$600.53; Young Married peoples Class No. 3, aught by Mrs. Gary Cooper, \$388.01, Intermediate Class, taught by D. R. Tesh, \$77.51, and the beginner Class, taught by Mrs. Nancy Swaney, \$29.

A total of \$5,501.32 was raised in the campaign and this amount coupled with the regular morning offering on Oct. 31, brought the grand total to \$5,738.32.

The plaque awarded Primary Class No. 1, taught by Mrs. Lula Cranford, was given in memory to the late Rev. Sam N. Nelson, a friend of the church and some of its older members back in the days of the origin of the church. After a warm tribute to the life and ministry of the deceased minister by the church pastor, Rev. Floyd Miller, the plaque was presented to his daughter, Mrs. Julia Nelson Thompson, of Colfax, who was present for the occasion. Also standing by for this presentation was a long time friend. Locally, Ralph Bulla.

Planning for the new building began in July, 1964, at which time the goals for the fund raising campaign in the Sunday school were established by the school superintendent, Leroy Alman. The actual construction for the building was started in Apr. of this year by E. E. (Pat) Burns as the builder for the project.

The new educational building or Sunday School annex consists of the following: ten classrooms, a large chapel, a

nursery, the Superintendent's office, the pastor's study, a choir room, two rest rooms, a utility room, and elevated choir with indirect lighting. The annex also has a carport. The building is brick-veneered with plastered walls in the basement and sheet rock upstairs.

Building committee for the construction of the new building consisted of the pastor, Rev. Floyd Miller, the Sunday School superintendent, Leroy Alman, the treasurer of the church, James Brower, and Gary Cooper, John F. Callicutt, Jr. and Donnie Lassiter.

A finance committee for the raising of funds consisted of the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent, and Mrs. Donnie Lassiter, Mrs. Gary Cooper and Claude Swaney, Jr.

Since the beginning of the plans for the new building in July, 1964, a total of \$10,000 has been raised towards its construction. Indebtedness on the building amounts to \$13,000. Arrangements will be made in the near future for the clearing of this indebtedness.

Sunday, Oct. 31, the last day of the fund raising campaign, was designated as "All For Christ Sunday." For the culmination of the campaign a large wooden cross was erected which was lighted up in the reaching of the \$5,000 goal. Sunday School attendance on the "All For Christ Sunday" numbered 214. Average attendance for last year was 147.

Future improvements at the Brower's Memorial church include the erection of a church steeple, the landscaping of the grounds and the erection of a sign in front of the church.

The present pastor of the church, the Rev. Floyd Miller.

Hanks Masonic Lodge Observes Big Day.

Dec. 9, 1965 – Hanks Masonic Lodge No. 128 of Franklinville held a significant occasion Saturday evening, Dec. 4, when the 115th anniversary of the founding of the order was celebrated and a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 63 years was honored.

The dual observance took the form of a covered dish supper and was held at the community building in Franklinville. Wives of the members and other guests were in attendance.

Honored was James Arthur (Dink) Cheek, 85 years of age, who has been a continuous member of Hanks Masonic Lodge No. 128 since May 17, 1902. Mr. Cheek remains an active member of the lodge and still attends its meetings.

The charter of Hanks Masonic Lodge No. 128 was granted on Dec. 6, following a dispensation authorizing the establishment of the lodge on Mar. 26, 1850.

Application for the charter was made on Nov. 15, 1850.

A committee composed of Don Parks, Jerry Grazier and Porter Anderson made the plans for the anniversary observance and the honoring of Mr. Cheek last Saturday evening, Dec. 4, with Mr. Anderson serving as master of ceremonies.

C. L. Williams offered the tribute to Mr. Cheek and the Rev. B. L. Gupton gave highlights of the founding of the Franklinville lodge.

Prior to Mar. 26, 1850 a petition was made to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which upon being granted authorized the establishment of the Hanks Lodge, to be composed of the following group of men namely, Archie T. Pounds, W. H. Burgess, Thomas Glass, John Howard, Samuel Hunt, Robert Moffitt, Thomas Moffitt, Henry D. Machin, Henry Arledge, and David P. Reece.

Upon the receiving of the charter on Dec. 6, 1850, these men became charter members, along with others which included Thomas W. Allred, Anderson Craven, Eli A. Craven, Rev. John W. Craven, Rev. Alfred Caviness, Benjamin F. Coffin, Spencer Dorsell, Dr. Henry M. Foust, Isaac H. Foust, Clavin E. Craven, Alexander S. Horney, Patrick H. Hunt, D. W. Hunt, Thomas T. Hunt, Garrett Lane, Logan M. Moffitt, Samuel McCleary, Solomon J. Pickett, D. T. Reece and Joseph L. Reece.

Hanks Masonic Lodge No. 128, one of the oldest Masonic lodges in the state of North Carolina, has occupied the same building since its charter was granted 115 years ago although the building itself has changed sites.

Present officers of Hanks Lodge are W. A. Martin, master; Jerry Grazier, senior warden; James Craven, junior warden; J. H. Shane, treasurer; H. A. Saunders, secretary; E. M. Curtis, senior deacon; Don Parks junior deacon; Sam McNeill and Leon Davis, stewards; C. L. Williams, tiller; and B. L. Gupton and James Arthur Cheek, chaplains.

C. L. Williams, in his words of appreciation of James Arthur (Dink) Cheek's long continuous membership in Hanks Masonic Lodge No. 128, said that Mr. Cheek was "a symbol of Masonry in North Carolina". He spoke of "his great love and loyalty to our order" and said that Mr. Cheek had held every office in the lodge not only once but several times except the office of secretary but that he had served in that capacity on several occasions.

James Arthur (Dink) Cheek lives on Route 1, Asheboro, south of Highway 64 and on land on which he has lived for all of his 85 years. He was born on election day, Nov. 2, 1880, and was named for James A. Garfield who was elected President of the United States on that day.

His father had said prior to his birth that if the forthcoming child was a boy he was going to name him after the man who was elected President. Although Mr. Cheek's father was a staunch Democrat, he still lived up to his promise and named his son after the new President who was from the opposition party.

His son and the namesake of the Republican President, himself also a staunch Democrat, eighty-five years later said "he'd rather not have done it, but he kept his word."

Dink Cheek was the oldest child in a family of eight and for that reason had to stay out of school to help his father saw rail timber and cut saw logs. But what schooling he got was at the Ferree and Fairgrove schools which were located in the vicinity in which he was born and reared.

Although he was working in the cotton mill at Franklinville at the time he became a Mason over sixty-three years ago, he became in early young manhood a stone mason and has followed this trade for all of his long life.

Mr. Cheek said that he has done most of the stone work in Asheboro and has "laid stone all the way from Richmond, Va. to Miami, Fla." He built churches, including the Church of the Good Shepherd in Asheboro, houses and a lot of chimneys.

He also built the house in which he has lived for many years out of white flint rock. The fireplaces, mantels and chimneys in the house are also built out of stone.

He and his wife, the former Nancy Elizabeth (Nannie) Martindale, a native of Moore County, now live alone in the house. Their five children, Clarence Cheek, Mrs. Edna Horner, Mrs. Ruth Kivett, Mrs. Neva Campbell and Dewey Cheek, are married and gone from the white flint rock house in which they spent their childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheek have been married since July 8, 1903. Mrs. Cheek also 85 years of age, is the daughter of a Civil War veteran James Martindale, who brought his family to Franklinville from Moore County when Mrs. Cheek was about twelve years of age.

Long before James Arthur (Dink) reached the eligible age for membership in the Masonic Lodge, he became interested in Masonry and dreamed of the time he would be able to identify himself with the order.

The reason for his intense interest arose from the fact that his maternal grandfather Jesse York was a member of a Masonic Lodge in Coleridge. Although his grandfather was killed in the civil War before Mr. Cheek was born, his interest in Masonry and his knowledge of the order came from a book on Masonry which his grandfather left at home before he went away to engage in the conflict between the states.

As Dink Cheek grew to manhood he became interested in the book on Masonry in his grandmother's home, studied it intently and was intrigued by its contents.

Impatient to become a Mason, he went before his 21st birthday to see about the matter but was told he would have to wait. This disappointed him and in order to be sure the next time, he waited for a few months after his 21st birthday before petitioning for his membership.

Due to his knowledge of Masonry, which he had gained from his grandfather's old book he received his degree in Masonry twenty-one days after starting the proceedings for membership. He was initiated in Hanks Masonic Lodge No. 128 on Apr. 19, 1902 passed the requirements on Apr. 26, 1902, and was raised to the degree of masonry on May 17, 1902.

He doesn't remember too much about the Saturday night on which he was inducted over sixty-three years ago "except that I was scared about half to death". However, he remembers that he worked in the mill until four o'clock that afternoon and after the Masonic meeting that night walked the more than two miles to his home for the weekend. Master of the Masonic Lodge at the time he was received into membership was Lewis Ventress, who was the spinning room boss at the cotton mill.

Mr. Cheek's eyes light up and his voice becomes firm and clear when he speaks of the Masonic Order in which he has spent so many years of his life. He said, "I will tell you one thing it is the greatest protection to your wife and your children than anything in the whole United States." He also said, "it has made a better man out of me than I could have possibly been without it".

His wife has encouraged him throughout the long years of his affiliation with the Masonic Order, with which he identified himself long before his marriage to her.

This encouragement has been evident even though he has spent endless hours away from her and his family engaged in the activities of his applicants in the catechisms and obligations of the Masonic Order in speaking of his wife's cooperation in relation to his Masonic activities, Mr. Cheek said "that is one thing I never have had any racket about".

His wife and other members of his family were present on Saturday evening, Dec. 4 when Hanks Masonic Lodge honored him for his long, continuous years of membership with the local group. They were present for the words of commendation and praise for his years of service and for the standing ovation with which he was accorded.

James Arthur (Dink) Cheek's body has now become frail, his voice falters, his hands are unsteady and he sat with bowed head and misted eyes as the people stood in his honor. But there is still within his small frame an unshaken determination to remain loyal to the principles and obligations of Masonry, to which he has given the greater part of his lengthy existence.

A Rural - Urban Interdependence Essential, Farmer Grange Told

Dec. 9, 1965 - An assistant supervisor of agriculture education in the Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh said Monday evening at the annual Christmas party of the Farmer Grange that the interdependence of rural and urban people was more essential than ever before.

Charles Keels, who taught agriculture at Seagrove High School for five years, said "we cannot deny or ignore the interdependence between agriculture and industry, as only one person out of seven lives on a farm but all people depend on farming.

Saying that the rural areas have been the main supply of the city dweller and that the rural areas have been lagging behind the city areas, he warned that city areas would be affected as the less educated man moves into the city.

Theme for the annual Christmas party, which has been held for around fifteen years, was the promotion of a better rural-urban understanding. In the pursuance of this theme many guests were invited from the Asheboro urban area, as well as other places.

The speaker also developed his address around this theme as he pleaded for not only a better understanding between people of the rural - urban area but also between people of all walks of life.

He said "understanding is to gain tolerance and sympathetic outlook and without understanding no problems however big or small can be solved." He also said "we have made much more progress in scientific research than we have in human relations. We have not learned how to get along with people."

Grange Master Alton Wall presided over the supper meeting and introduced the speaker. Also appearing on the program was R. C. Adams, worthy lecturer of the Farmer Grange. The invocation was pronounced by Dr. Herbert Baker, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Denton.

The grange hall was lavishly decorated in the holiday theme for the occasion. There was an abundance of pine, running cedar, and holly throughout the length and breadth of the long room. There were also two lighted Christmas trees, with white and red lighted candles in settings of holly and other greenery at each of the small tables which were used for the annual supper party. A large plant of green foliage was on the table and another one near the front of the room.

Grange members and guests served themselves from a long table literally loaded down with meats, vegetables, salads, cake, pies, and various other items of food, served with biscuits and hot coffee.

Christmas music was provided by Elaine Balderson, Farmer school student, accompanied by Lynn Adams. Her selections included "Silver Bells", "Silent Night", "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas", and "O Holy Night".

Guests of the grange included Robert Donnell, representing Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., and Mrs. Donnell, Ben Jenkins, county agent, and Mrs. Jenkins; Ira

McDowell, county commission chairman, and Mrs. McDowell; Dr. H. C. Whims, county health department, and Mrs. Whims, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wallace, of the Davidson County Record at Denton; Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Graham, Jr.; Sheriff and Mrs. Lloyd Brown; M. H. Branson, of the Randolph Industrial Education Center, and Mrs. Branson; W. K. Cromartie; assistant superintendent of Randolph County School System; Rep. and Mrs. C. Roby Garner; Lee Meredith, Master of Pomona Grange and chairman of executive committee of the State Grange; Ralph Bulla, representing The Courier-Tribune; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Balderson and Lester Gatlin.

There were numerous other guests in attendance, coming upon invitation of individual grange members. Included among them were Henry Armfield, of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Miss Lucy Davis, of the county health department, and Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Baker of Denton.

Appreciation was extended by Grange Master Wall to R. C. Adams and the boys of his agriculture class for decorating the grange hall; to Mrs. Louise Kearns and Mrs. Forest Kearns for the table decorations; and to the committee in charge of the food arrangements, composed of Mrs. G. C. Castelloe, chairman, Mrs. Porter Gray, Mrs. Allen McDaniel, and Mrs. Alton Wall.

The food was good, the speech was pertinent, the music and decorations a delightful reminder of the approaching season and the fellowship was such that many people remained to talk after the time of adjournment.

Birth Defect Program Emphasized As Dimes Workers Get Instructions

Dec. 13, 1965 - The Rev. John W. Woody, drive director for the 1966 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County, stressed the need for efforts in birth defects programs as he addressed community March of Dimes workers at the Balfour Baptist Church Tuesday evening.

It was the annual instructional meeting to the local workers as they, prepare for the March of Dimes drive in Jan. and for the distribution of the materials which they will use in the month long campaign for funds.

The Baptist minister, who is the pastor of the Balfour Church, told the workers that the March of Dimes emphasis has now turned from polio to birth defects.

He cited statistics to outline the necessity for continuing the March of Dimes drive for the benefit of the birth defects programs.

He said that birth defects occur in six to seven per cent of all babies born; birth defects are the nations second greatest destroyer of life, birth defects each year claim about twice as many lives as cancer; birth defects afflict 250,000 babies born in the United States each year; one out of every ten families are affected by birth defects; 7500 birth defects occur each year in North Carolina whereas only 2516 persons were afflicted in polio's worst year in North Carolina; and about eighty per cent of birth defects can be treated.

He listed birth defects and the percentage afflicted as follows; water on the brain - one out of every 500; Mongolism - one out of every 600; club feet - one out of every 100; cleft lip - one out of every 1000; urinary tract defects - one out of every 250; and open spine - one out of every 500.

He concluded his statistical presentation by saying that March of Dimes funds are now being used for a medical

care program, prenatal care, research program, professional education, public education and for polio.

The drive campaign film, "An Extra Measure," was then shown, after which Mr. Woody, assisted by other drive personal, explained the materials which will be used in the drive campaign and various methods of fund raising,

Other participating in this phase of the meeting were Wayne Hughes and Clendon Richardson, two veteran March of Dimes workers, Mrs. Robert R. Walker, Mothers March chairman for Asheboro last year, and others.

Invocation for the meeting was pronounced by the Rev. John Mangum, community chairman for Central Falls.

Shoemakers Traveled Widely, But Observed Anniversary Here

Dec. 16, 1965 - A respected Route 1, Asheboro couple living five miles southwest of Ramseur and seven miles from Asheboro, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 12, in a quiet celebration at their home.

This family observance in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Medford (Ned) Shoemaker was held fifty years and two days following their marriage Friday, Dec. 10, at Huntersville, N. C., Mecklenburg County, where Mrs. Shoemaker, the former Lucy Edna Rogers, was born and reared.

Mr. Shoemaker, age 76, is a native of Alexander County and was born and reared in the edge of the mountains, eleven miles east of Taylorsville. His wife is 68 years of age.

Three of their five children, Mrs. Edna Victoria Hill, Ramseur, Craven Shoemaker, Route 1, Asheboro, and Tommy Shoemaker, Greenville, S. C. were present to join their parents in the anniversary celebration. Two others Rogers Shoemaker, New Bern, and Carlton Shoemaker, a veteran with over twenty years in the U. S. Navy, now stationed at Pensacola, Fla., were unable to be present.

Two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Craven Shoemaker and Mrs. Tommy Shoemaker, four grandchildren, Pam and Penny Shoemaker, Timmy Shoemaker and Lynne Hill and a close family friend, Mrs. Allie Barkley, also joined in the family celebration, which included a buffet luncheon during the noon hour.

Friends calling during the afternoon included Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ingold and children, Patricia Anne, Donald and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Byrd and daughter, Belinda, Mr. and Mrs. Oakwell Ingold, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hanes and sons, Steve and Jeff, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stringer and Fred Bray.

The Shoemakers came to Randolph County in the month of June 1928. They came here because of their association with the William Barkley family who had come to Randolph County prior to that time. Upon reaching the age of ten years, Mr. Shoemaker had gone to live in the William Barkley home in Alexander County.

After attending a one-teacher school in Alexander County and two years of high school, Mr. Shoemaker left the county at the age of 24 to see parts of the country which he had learned about in the schools of his native county.

He spent two summers and part of one winter in Minnesota and also spent a brief period in North Dakota near the Canadian border.

Another reason for leaving his native county was a more profitable livelihood in other areas of the United States. Whereas he could only make seventy-five cents a day

sawmilling in his home area, he made \$33 a month, in addition to room and board, working on a farm the first time he went to Minnesota and \$36 a month during a second period of employment there.

Before going to Minnesota the first time he had met Mrs. Shoemaker while visiting a brother who lived in her home town. He saved his money while in Minnesota and before coming back the second time considered buying land and settling in Virginia. But upon a visit to that State he changed his mind.

He came back from Minnesota one night and the next night he and Mrs. Shoemaker were married by an Associate Reformed Presbyterian minister at his home in Huntersville where Mrs. Shoemaker lived. It was a winter night as they walked across town to the home of the minister. The next day snow was on the ground.

Mrs. Shoemaker had prepared for the wedding before the return of Mr. Shoemaker from the cold plains of Minnesota. She was dressed for her marriage vows in a blue poplin coat suit, with black and white trimming and she wore button shoes with a cloth top.

The blue serge suit which Mr. Shoemaker wore is still in good condition and is being preserved by Mrs. Shoemaker at their home on Route 1, Asheboro.

After living briefly in Huntersville, and in Iredell and Davie counties, Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker moved to Mr. Shoemaker's native area in Alexander County. They lived there until they came to Randolph County shortly after the death of William Barkley, to live on the farm of Mrs. William Barkley and her son Allie.

In Dec., 1942 they bought an adjoining farm the old Doc Allen place, from John Comer where they have lived since that time.

For all of his life Mr. Shoemaker has engaged in farming but has also worked at sawmilling. He was engaged in the latter occupation in Rockingham County just before coming to Randolph County. However, his family continued to live during that time in Alexander County.

The 85 acre farm which they bought after leaving the Barkley place was an old place which contained some tremendous Oak and Maple trees in the yard. The house itself, although remodeled, also contains evidence of the type of construction which went into the earlier design of homes.

In the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker sit, there is a wood stove, similar to those used in the old school houses of years ago, which they purchased in Taylorsville 39 years ago. On the stove sets an iron kettle with which they went to housekeeping.

In the kitchen is a wood cook stove, their second one since they began housekeeping fifty years ago, and in the dining room is a "safe" or china closet and a chair with which they also went to housekeeping.

All the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker have seen military service. Their eldest son, Craven lives on an adjoining place to their farm while their youngest son is associated with a rescue mission in Greenville, S. C. In addition to the four grandchildren who were present for their anniversary celebration, they also have seven other grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker are active members of the Pleasant Ridge Congregational Christian Church and attend services at the church regularly. Mrs. Shoemaker

expects to soon receive a 12 year attendance award at the church.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker remain active and this fall Mr. Shoemaker broke the tobacco and corn land on his farm. However, he rents out most of the land on his farm.

Respected in the community in which they have lived now for over thirty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker have lived quietly and without fanfare and ostentation. Although their golden wedding anniversary was observed quietly, in the manner in which they have lived, their friends and neighbors nevertheless offer their congratulations and extend their wishes for peace and happiness in the remaining time of their lives together.

For A Moment They Could Almost See A Gala Evening For The Blind

Dec. 19, 1965 – The Lions Clubs of Randolph County held their annual Christmas party for the blind and other visually afflicted persons Friday evening at the Randleman Elementary School.

It was a gala night and one which the honored guests had looked forward to for the entire year.

In small groups they came, Lion Club members bringing their visually handicapped friends from all over Randolph County, until the Randleman School cafeteria was virtually filled

Lacy Presnell, Jr., county school superintendent and prominent in Lions Club circles, was superb as master of ceremonies for the events of the evening.

Leon Hucks, immediate past president of the host club, pronounced the invocation and A. O. White, the current president, extended the welcome.

The meal, consisting of ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry salad, cake, coffee and milk was served by members of the host club, other Lions and the cafeteria staff at the elementary school.

Special guests were Marion Smith, Randolph County director of welfare; Albert Willis, new case worker for the blind in Randolph and Chatham Counties, who also extended greetings; and The Courier Tribune reporter.

Each blind or visually handicapped guest was presented with a gift of five dollars from the Lions Clubs of the county and as each name was called the recipient was given an opportunity of speaking, reciting, singing or whatever he or she felt inclined to do.

Many of the guests responded and their contributions to the program provided a most enjoyable evening for all who were in attendance.

Eighty-nine-year old John Quarles of Trinity, was one of the first to speak. He urged those suffering with a similar affliction to have faith, stating that before the Trinity Lions came for the trip to Randleman his wife became discouraged and said "nobody is coming for us". He told her to "have faith" and soon they came for them.

Many others sang, some played the piano while others merely stood to express their appreciation and to extend seasonal greetings.

Mrs. Norman now, of Seagrove, whose husband is afflicted, said "if it had not been for the Lions, I don't know what we would have done." Marvin Gatlin, of Staley, said the "Christmas party has grown through love"; Mrs. Clara Belle Lynn, of Asheboro, played the piano and used an astronomical paraphrase when she said, "the Lions have made a successful landing"; and Mrs. Effie Spinks, also of

Asheboro, sang "Merry Christmas to you and may the Good Lord bless you all the night through".

But it was the ninety-year-old Debbie Barnes, Route 3, Asheboro, who brought the house down with a recitation of "Naomi Wise", the asking of a riddle and her comments on various other subjects.

Among the other aged persons present was 93-year-old Emmanuel Strider, of Franklinville.

Four sisters, all visually handicapped, were among those in attendance. They were Mrs. Ada Hawkins, Mrs. Mary Spencer, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill and Mrs. Effie Spinks, all of Asheboro. Two of the sisters, Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Spencer, delighted the audience with a duet, accompanied by Clara Belle Lynn at the piano.

In addition to the five dollar gifts, many door prizes were given and also each guest was presented with a large basket of fruit and a fruit cake at the conclusion of the evening's entertainment.

Friends Honor Nixons Sunday - Their Golden Wedding Observance

Dec. 23, 1965 – Clifford and Lula Nixon, well known Route 1, Franklinville residents were honored Sunday, Dec. 19, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Their niece and nephew Mr. and Mrs. John Nixon, were the hosts at an open house in their honor at the fellowship building at the Grays Chapel Methodist Church where they have worshipped for the past 38 years.

Receiving with the couple as they greeted their friends and neighbors from 2 to 5 o'clock, were Mr. Nixon's brothers, Emmett and Guy, his sisters, Mrs. Charlie York and Mrs. Ed. Nixon.

Two nieces of Mr. Nixon, Mrs. Willard Rudd and Mrs. Ervin Nance, registered the guests as they arrived and Mrs. Eugene Hillard, another niece presided at the gift table. Assisting her in this capacity were Mike Nixon and Mary Ann York.

The long serving table, covered with a gold cloth, held the four tiered white anniversary cake at one end, with the fourth tier separated from the other tiers by a Swan divider. The cake a gift from Mrs. Ed Nixon, was decorated with yellow rosebuds and gold leaves and was topped with golden bells and the numerals denoting the fiftieth anniversary.

In the center of the table was an arrangement of yellow Fuji mums and yellow snapdragons, flanked by two double crystal candelabra holding lighted candles. The punch bowl was at the other end of the table. Napkins with gold lettering were a gift from Mrs. Willard Rudd and Miss Marion Glasgow, nieces.

Miss Marion Glasgow, niece of Mr. Nixon, served the decorated cake squares while Mrs. Edward Westmoreland, niece of Mrs. Nixon, poured punch. Mints and nuts were also served.

On the gift table was an arrangement of large yellow chrysanthemums containing also the half century inscription, which was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Underwood and daughter, Roberta, long time friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nixon.

Mrs. Nixon was dressed for her anniversary celebration in a knit suit of Royal Blue and wore a white yellow-throated orchid as a corsage. Mr. Nixon wore a yellow rose as a boutonniere.

Mrs. Nixon's corsage was a gift from Mrs. David Bullard and her mother Mrs. Jess Vernon, while Hardin's Florist in Liberty provided the other flowers which were used for the occasion.

Clifford Nixon was born a mile and one half to the northeast of where he is now living. On a clear day he can see the pecan tree at the old log cabin site of the place where his grandfather William Nixon, who was killed in the Civil War, lived on the place where he was born and reared.

The Nixon home was a mile up the railroad from Millboro which place during Clifford Nixon's boyhood was more thriving than it is today.

Millboro at that time had a two-teacher school, which was discontinued with the establishment of the consolidated school at Graves Chapel in 1925, the town also had a postoffice, a chair factory was a center for the handling of lumber and cordwood and was a shipping point for the cotton mills at Worthville and Central Falls.

Each of the two mills kept two wagons and teams for the transportation of the cotton which was unloaded at Millboro for the supply of the mills and for the cloth which was brought back from the two mills to be shipped out to their customers.

Clifford Nixon stayed on the farm on which he was born until his marriage, attended the Millboro school and worked a team bauling logs, cordwood and crossties in addition to the work he did on the farm.

Mrs. Nixon, the former Lula Kindley, lived on an adjoining farm and also attended the Millboro school.

Their marriage, occurred on Sunday night, Dec. 19, 1925. It has been thought that they were to be married on Christmas Day. Their friends were more or less anticipating the forth coming event and were watching to see when it would happen.

The friends congregated the afternoon of their marriage but left in late afternoon thinking that it would not be that day.

After their departure, Clifford and Lula hitched up the mule to the buggy and traveled along the muddy dirt road on the clear but cold Sunday night to the home of Justice of the Peace G. W. (Bud) Pugh where they were united in marriage.

They came back the mile and one half or so to Mrs. Nixon's home where they began their married life together. They spent six years in Chatham County, near Bennett, they lived 18 years at the old L. P. McMasters place, in sight of their present residence, which they still own and they have lived at their present home, the old J. S. Redding place, located on 49A for the past 20 years.

Mr. Nixon 70 years of age, engaged in hauling and farming during the earlier years of their marriage and in farming and carpentry during the latter years, however quitting the occupation of carpentry last year. Still very active, he raised 400 bushels of corn this year and more than 500 bushels last year. He keeps cows on both of the farms which he owns.

Mrs. Nixon, 68 years of age, is also very active and helps Mr. Nixon with the milking of the cows each day. When the hour of the anniversary celebration was established, she asked, "why so late, it is milking time with me".

That is typical of the married life of Clifford and Lula Nixon. Substantial citizens of the community in which they have spent most of their lives and consistent members of the church in which their membership has been these many

years they have adjusted themselves to a routine which characterized the lives and habits of the people of the community in which they live.

It is evident in the youthfulness and healthiness of their countenances, in the primness and neatness of their home and its surroundings and in the dignity and quietness of their association with their friends and acquaintances.

Clifford and Lula Nixon have lived among their home folks in such a manner as to gain their respect and esteem. It was in this vein that the people came to honor them upon the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Cedar Grove Community Honors Well Known Resident

Dec. 27, 1965 – The Cedar Grove community, in a gesture of appreciation for one of their best known residents, honored Manley Ashworth Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

It was a surprise party, held in the new community building, to which Manley was brought from the old Ashworth residence which was originally built fifty years before he was born.

He was dressed in the overalls and work shirt which he ordinarily wears around the old homeplace but his contagious laugh and his bright smile was still evident as he walked in the door of the community building, to be greeted with "Happy Birthday" from his friends and neighbors.

The Rev. William H. Dingus, pastor of the New Union Methodist Church which is located in the community, was present for the invocation and to give thanks "for the brightness of his sunshine smile and all that he has done for us."

Then Manley, accompanied by the preacher and followed by the others made his way around the buffet table which contained the sumptuous birthday supper which had been prepared by the people of the community.

In addition, Manley received many gifts upon the commemoration of his birthday.

Lewis Moffitt is chairman of the Cedar Grove community group while Mrs. Betty Hunt led the initial planning for the honoring of Manley Ashworth on his 75th birthday.

Manley, a son of Russell Ashworth, a well known school teacher in Randolph County for 42 years, has always lived at the old homeplace, the original part which was built in 1840 by Manley's grandfather, Joe Ashworth.

It is located in a beautiful rural setting, at the end of a road which extends a half of a mile or so off the old Highway 49 on Route 3, Asheboro. The house is unpainted, water is still carried from a spring and it was only two years ago this past summer that the house was wired for electricity. A rail fence adds to the rusticity of the old place.

Manley Ashworth, like the old place where he has remained since the departure of the other members of his large family, has retained his simplicity, his purity and his honesty in a civilization which is plagued with many besetting evils.

He trusts and believes in his fellow man, who he addresses as "my friend," and the people in turn love and revere Manly whom they know as a man without harm or malice.

It was because of these things that Manley Ashworth's friends and neighbors wanted to show to him their appreciation of his life among them by honoring him on his 75th birthday.

Improvements Are Planned For Old Bulla Cemetery

Dec. 27, 1965 – Plans of the Bulla family to erect a chain link fence and effect other improvements to the old Bulla family cemetery in Back Creek Township will begin to materialize shortly after the first of the year.

A fund for this purpose was started in the early part of 1965 and sufficient money for the beginning of the project has been received.

However, family members who have not yet contributed are asked to do so as soon as possible in order that the improvements to the 156-year-old burial site may be completed in their entirety.

The cemetery contains the graves of Thomas Bulla, first member of the family to come to this part of the United States, who died in 1809, Alfred and Calvin Bulla, their wives and members of their immediate families, Nancy Bulla and several members of the family whose graves are not identified by tombstone inscriptions.

Obstructive trees on the burial grounds have already been removed, preparatory to the erection of the fence.

The cemetery is located on the east side of Back Creek and across the creek from the old Bulla homestead which is now owned by Henry Bulla, grandson of Alfred Bulla. Provision for the land on which the cemetery is located was made in the last will and testament of George E. Bulla, a son of Alfred Bulla, who bequeathed an acre of land for the use of the Bulla Family Burial Grounds.

At some time during this next spring or summer, following the completion of the improvements to the cemetery, it is planned to rededicate the old burial grounds in a ceremony to which all members of the Bulla family will be invited to attend.

Additional contributions to the Bulla Cemetery Fund may be made to Ralph L. Bulla, treasure of the fund. Other members of a committee assisting with this project of restoration are Miss Edith and Mary Wellborn, of Greensboro, granddaughters of Alfred Bulla.

Those persons who have contributed to the fund thus far include Miss Lillie Bulla, Mrs. Lena Bulla Cole, Mrs. A. C. Bulla, Claude and Millie Bulla Tedder, Brinford Bulla, Miss Mary Wellborn, Kenneth Bulla, Mrs. Nellie Brookshire Ferree, Charles Bulla, Judge J. B. Craven, J. D. Brookshire, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Brookshire, Clay Bulla Rich, Mrs. Fannie Newby Yokeley, Mrs. Charles A. Brantley, Miss Kate Bulla, Earl Bulla, Mrs. Mary Wade Bulla Farlow, Mrs. Callie Bulla, Charles W. Cranford, Mrs. Edith Bulla Cranford, Mrs. Juanita Jackson Kelsner, Claude G. Brookshire, R. Frank Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bulla, Henry Bulla, T. A. Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bulla, Mrs. Ruth Bulla Kiger, Mrs. Blanche F. Farlow, Virgil B. Redding, and Mrs. Kate Newby Holloway.

Also, Miss Edith Wellborn, Mrs. Mary Ellen Bulla Parrish, Ernest Clark, Mrs. Nettie Newby Frazier, Jim and Nita Burkhead, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bulla, Reid Rich, T. F. Bulla, Jr., Vernon Gordon, Ben Bulla, Mrs. O. L. Whitesell, Dr. A. C. Bulla, James Bulla, Oscar Bulla, Ralph Bulla, Mrs. Essie Dougan Routh, Joseph R. Bulla, Robert Bulla, Mrs. Ruth Brookshire Edwards, Glenn Bulla, Mrs. Hilda Henley Prefontaine, Mrs. Myrtle Bulla Hinshaw, Pete Bulla, Miss Anne E. Brower, and Miss Beatrice Bulla.

Hoover Name Survives In Grave - But Time Is Taking Its Toll

Dec. 30, 1965 – An unkept cemetery on a remote hillside in western Randolph County contains the graves of Andrew Hoover, great-great-great grandfather of President Herbert Clark Hoover, and other ancestry of the 31st President of the United States.

Located a mile or so off of the main road in the Hoover's Grove church vicinity, between Parker's Mill and Jackson Creek, the cemetery can only be reached by traversing a field grown high with weeds, an old logging road through the woods filled with timber laps and then a short trek to the cemetery on a knoll, seemingly carved out of the hillside.

Interest in the cemetery which was kindled with the nomination and election of Herbert Hoover as president has long since died down and now those who even know about the existence of the cemetery don't seem to know how to reach the site on which it is located.

Except for Victor Parker, Route 2, Denton, well known Quaker genealogist, staunch Republican and operator of historic Parker's Mill in western Randolph County for 33 years before closing it down in 1945.

Victor Parker, who spearheaded improvements to the old cemetery in 1928 and 1929, which included the purchase of a monument for the grave of Andrew Hoover, is still concerned about the care and upkeep for the cemetery which contains the graves of the ancestry of one of Randolph County's best known families.

But "Vick" Parker, now 76 years of age, has been plagued with illnesses since 1945 and has not been able to maintain the care and upkeep of the old Hoover cemetery. It is doubtful that his condition would even permit him to cross the rough terrain to the site of the old graveyard.

His concern now, since his age is becoming advanced, would be a more permanent plan for the care of the old cemetery, such as recognition as a historic site by the state of North Carolina and the establishment of a state maintained road to its location on the remote hillside. The building of a road would set up a transportation link to provide access to those who desire to visit the old site.

In the years 1928 and 1929, Vick Parker collaborated with Theodore J. Hoover, Dean of Engineering at Stanford University in California and brother of President Herbert Hoover, in setting up a permanent marker or monument at the grave of Andrew Hoover and in the clearing of the burial site.

On Nov. 27, 1928, directly following the election of Herbert Hoover as president of the United States, Theodore J. Hoover wrote Mr. Parker as follows: "Dear Mr. Parker: Miss Ruth Fesler, Mr. Hoover's secretary has told me of the interesting discovery you have made of the grave of Andrew Hoover. We are very anxious that this historic spot have suitable care and therefore should like to have you, as you know the local conditions, suggest some plan to effect this desired object.

On Jan. 11, 1929 Theodore Hoover wrote Mr. Parker again as follows: "My brother and I are very much pleased to have you take charge of this matter and would like to have the plot made to look presentable.

But before the communications from Theodore J. Hoover, Miss Ruth Fesler, secretary of Herbert Hoover, had visited the gravesite, accompanied by Mr. Parker, after which she wrote on Aug. 25, 1928 the following note: "My dear Mr. Parker" I want you to know in writing how much I

appreciated all the time you took to help me in my search. I sincerely hope that you did not lose any business during the hours you were helping locate graves. Mr. Hoover appreciates also your assistance and I am sending you a friendly picture of him which he was glad to autograph for you."

Then five days later, on Aug. 30, 1928, the presidential nominee himself wrote Mr. Parker the following letter: "My dear Mr. Parker: I have your letter of Aug. 27th and I am pleased to know that the private burying ground has been cleared of brush and put in good condition. Since the grave of my first ancestor in American is somewhere there, I have an affectionate interest in it. Of course I shall be glad to know any additional information you get. I am most grateful for all that you have done and I hope if at any time I can help you, you will let me know."

Following the erection of the monument at the grave of Andrew Hoover, a letter from Lawrence Richey, Secretary to the President, dated July 9, 1929 expresses the appreciation of the President to Mr. Parker as follows, "Your letter of July 7, enclosing pictures of the Hoover burying ground and the new marker recently erected at the grave of Andrew Hoover, has been received and your thoughtful courtesy in sending them to the President is very much appreciated."

Just before and following the election of Herbert Hoover to the presidency of the United States there was a great deal of interest concerning his Randolph County ancestry and Victor Parker and others historians received many inquiries concerning the Hoover family and interrelated families. In 1930 a series of copyrighted articles by Verna Thompson Dunn were published in The Randolph Tribune entitled "President Hoover's First American Ancestor."

According to the best available records, Andrew Hoover, the Randolph County ancestor of Herbert Hoover, was born in Germany as Andreas Huber in 1723 and arrived in American at Philadelphia on Sept. 9, 1738. he was at that time 25 years old.

He came to Little Pipe Creek, Maryland in 1746 and in 1763 Anglicized his name to Andrew Hoover. He removed to North Carolina and Randolph County near 1774 where he died in 1794. The earliest date of Andrew Hoover purchasing land in Randolph County was 1779 when he bought 200 acres of land on the east side of Uwharrie River.

Besides Andrew Hoover's grave in the Hoover Cemetery, there are twenty three other graves. Markers of slate rock are placed at the head of these graves and the graves with inscriptions include the names of A Hoover, Amy Johnson, Mart Thompson, Lewis Johnson, Rachel Hoover and Nancy Yates.

Other members of the Hoover family were buried in the cemeteries at the Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Methodist and Pleasant Union Christian Churches located in the vicinity of the Hoover Cemetery while other members of the Hoover family were buried in Ohio and Indiana to where they went to from North Carolina and Maryland.

Andrew Hoover was married to Margaret Fouts and his lineage down to President Hoover include John Hoover, who was married to Sarah Birkhead, Jesse Hoover, who was married to Rebecca Yount, Eli Hoover who was married to Mary Davis, Jess Clark Hoover, who was married to Huldah Menthome, and Herbert Clark Hoover, who was married to Lou Henry.

Names of Andrew Hoover's sons are listed among the papers of Mr. Parker as being Andrew Hoover, Jr., John Hoover, Adam Hoover, Jonah Hoover and David Hoover, with these names being repeated many times during the succeeding generations.

On one of the records it is indicated that John Hoover, great-great-grandfather of Herbert Hoover went to the state of Ohio from Maryland.

On another record the transactions of land among members of the Hoover family were noted as follows: Jonas Hoover entered 250 acres on Uwharrie River in 1788; Jacob Hoover entered 200 acres on Uwharrie River in 1787; Estate of Andrew Hoover, by Admr. Jonas Hoover to Jacob Hoover 35 acres, Oct. 24, 1794; Estate of Andrew Hoover by Jonas Hoover Adrm, to Andrew Hoover; 111 acres Feb. 1st, 1802; Jacob Hoover entered 60 acres On Uwharrie River Aug. 5th, 1817; Jacob Hoover entered 11 ½ acres on Jackson Creek Aug. 5th, 1817; Jacob Hoover entered 54 acres on Uwharrie River Feb. 6th, 1816; Jacob Hoover entered 300 acres on Uwharrie River Jan. 4th, 1822; Estate of Min Fuller sold to Andrew Hoover 100 acres on Uwharrie River Jan. 4th, 1822; Estate of Jacob Hoover sold to Joseph Hoover 370 acres on Uwharrie River Jan. 4th, 1822; Estate of Jacob Hoover sold to Joseph Hoover 370 acres on Uwharrie River Sept. 2nd, 1826. Consideration \$1551. Benjamin Elliott sold to Joseph Hoover 113 acres on Uwharrie River Jan. 1st, 1831. Consideration \$250; Benjamin Fuller sold to Andrew Hoover 75 acres on Uwharrie River Jan. 5th, 1822. Consideration \$100; Joseph Hoover, Sr. sold to Joseph Hoover, Jr. 233 acres on Uwharrie River, Consideration \$800.

Member of the Hoover family and descendants of Andrew Hoover have held a significant place not only in the history of Randolph County but the entire country as well. It is felt that the cemetery containing the grave of the ancestor of the man who held the highest position in the land should not be allowed to disintegrate and pass into oblivion.

Therefore, the desire of "Vick" Parker is a reasonable one. Because if perpetuation of the cemetery is not soon begun, the old Hoover Cemetery in western Randolph County will be nonexistent.

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March of Dimes Opens; Woody Directs Effort

Jan. 3, 1966 – The 1966 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County officially opened Saturday, Jan. 1, to continue for the entire month of Jan.

An overall goal of \$9, 870 has been established for the annual drive which is headed by the Rev. John W. Woody as director.

This represents an increase over the amount of \$9,020.37 which was raised last year.

Expenses last year amounted to \$398.76 leaving a net total of \$8,621.61. A division of the net total was made as follows; 25 per cent or \$2,155.40 to the medical Scientific Funds, with the remainder of the fund or 6,466.21 being divided equally between the national headquarters of the National Foundation and the Randolph County, Chapter of the National Foundation.

Funds going into the Medical Scientific Fund are used to finance research into the cause and prevention of birth defects.

According to statistics, every two minutes in the United States a child is born with a birth defect and more than 250,000 babies are born each year, with serious birth defects.

It is further revealed that birth defects each year destroy more life than cancer and stroke combined, including prenatal loss.

During the past calendar year in Randolph County the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation spent \$3,002.08 of funds which it had received in the March of Dimes drives.

This money was spent for the care, treatment and the providing of equipment for persons in Randolph County who are afflicted with polio and who were born with birth defects.

Besides extending aid to numerous persons in the above category, the local foundation broadened their services in other areas last year.

They contributed \$673 to the support and maintenance of the Birth Defects Special Treatment Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to which place Randolph County patients afflicted with birth defects may be taken for diagnosis and treatment.

They also contributed \$100 to the Salk Institute for research into the cause of birth defects, in addition to the twenty five per cent of their total receipts in last year's drive which also went for this purpose.

In addition, they awarded a \$250 March of Dimes health scholarship to a 1965 graduate of Asheboro High School, Miss Johnsie Pierce, who is currently enrolled in the Rowan Memorial School of Nursing at Salisbury.

A similar scholarship will be awarded again this year to a Randolph County high school graduate, with a selection committee composed of professional and civic leaders choosing the winner from among the high schools of the county.

Many activities will feature the March of Dimes drive which got underway last Saturday. The first public function on Sunday was a singing at the Flag Springs Methodist Church. Another singing to follow will be the annual Comer family singing next Saturday night at the Seagrove School.

There will be other special events, road blocks, a Mothers' March in various communities, auction sales, suppers, business and professional solicitations, mailers and various other forms of raising money for the annual March of Dimes drive.

People of Randolph County remember the work of the March of Dimes in the care and treatment of polio and the final elimination of this dreaded disease and they look forward to the eventual results of research and diagnosis in the field of birth defects

Pells Feted On 50th Anniversary With An Open house Observance

Jan. 6, 1966 - A popular Route 1, Ramseur couple received their friends and neighbors Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. John Herman Pell at the open house observance from 2 to 5 o'clock were their three children, Sybrant Pell, Fayetteville, Mrs. Charlie (Golda) Joyce, Route 1, Asheboro, and Mrs. James Clinton (Marie) Bray, Siler City.

In contrast to their wedding of fifty years ago, when only a few persons witnessed their marriage ceremony, many people from the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church community in which they live and surrounding vicinities came to the anniversary celebration of this well known couple.

They were married Jan. 1, 1916, on a Saturday night at the home of Homer Moffitt, the officiating Justice of the Peace, who lived about a mile from Moffitt's Mill. Mr. Moffitt, who is still living in the vicinity in which their marriage was performed, conducted the ceremony early in the evening in order that he could attend the farmers' union meeting which was to be held later that night at the "Rabbit Gnaw" schoolhouse near Holly Springs.

Among those persons witnessing the ceremony were Mr. Pell's cousins, Lelia Pell and Lucy Chilton, and Robert Moffitt and Willie Cox.

Mrs. Pell, the former Bertie May Forkner, was dressed for the ceremony fifty years ago in a blue coat suit, black patent leather shoes with a cloth top and blue hat.

For her golden wedding anniversary open house observance she was attired in a Royal Blue wool dress, highlighted with gold accessories and complemented by a yellow carnation corsage. Mr. Pell, who wore a blue serge suit fifty years ago, was dressed in a black suit with a yellow carnation as a boutonniere.

Mr. and Mrs. Pell beamed happily as they stood with their eldest daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Joyce, at the open house event and greeted the people with whom they have been associated during the years of their marriage.

Their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sybrant Pell greeted the guests at the door while the younger daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bray, registered the guests and directed them to the other areas of the anniversary reception.

In the dining room, where two lovely granddaughters, Miss Susan Pell and Miss Martha Joyce, served the cake squares and poured the punch, the table was covered with a lace cloth over gold.

At one end of the table was the large three-tiered white anniversary cake, decorated with yellow roses, green leaves and golden bells and with a large inscription of "50" at the top. In the center of the table was a floral display of yellow pom poms and yellow snapdragons, over which, in a unique arrangement, was placed a large bell of gilt-edged styrofoam edged with gold lacelace and topped with large gold wedding rings. Flanking the floral arrangement were gold tapers in brass candlesticks and the other end of the table was the punch bowl.

The gift room was decorated with white poinsettias, a gift from a friend and the remainder of the house was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Miss Sonia Forkner, sister of Mrs. Pell, presided in the gift room and received the large array of gifts which were presented to the honored couple.

Others assisting in the open house observance were Mrs. Colbert Allen, Miss Emma Allen, Miss Velma Allen, Miss Lola Wight, Miss Sarah Lowdermilk, Miss Nancy Edwards and other friends.

Co-incidentally, all three of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Pell were married like their parents on the first day of the month, with the first two doing this before becoming aware

that they were following the example their father and mother had set before them.

Besides the two lovely granddaughters, the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Pell also include two grandsons.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pell are natives of Surry County. Mr. Pell was born at Westfield, about seven miles north of Pilot Mountain, while Mrs. Pell was born at Pilot Mountain.

Mrs. Pell's people moved to Randolph County in 1912 and Mr. Pell and his folks came two years later. Mrs. Pell remembers only seeing Mr. Pell once when the two families lived in Surry County.

After attending the schools in Surry County and working with his father who ran a blacksmith shop, farmed and was a carpenter, Mr. Pell at the age of about 17 went "west to make big money." He went to Indiana where a brother lived and the money he made working on a farm amounted to twenty five dollars a month, including his board but not his washing.

He came back to Surry County after one year in the Midwestern state and soon thereafter moved with his family to Randolph County. The family moved to the area between Moffitt's mill and the Postoffice of Spokane, near the Antioch Christian Church.

Mrs. Pell's family had moved to the same community earlier and the two families lived on adjoining farms. Mrs. Pell who had started her education in Surry county, continued it at the old Antioch school and was attending a boarding school in Bonlee at the time of her marriage.

She was in her second year at the Bonlee school and had come home for Christmas when the marriage between she and Mr. Pell occurred. She did not return to school.

The weather was warm and the roads were muddy on that New Year's night fifty years ago as the couple traveled with horse and buggy across the covered bridge at Moffitt's Mill in route to their marriage site.

They lived during the earlier years of their marriage with Mr. Pell's parents a year in Stokes County and in the vicinity of Holly Springs before moving to their present residence directly across from the Pleasant Ridge church in 1925.

Here they have lived, remodeled the old house in which Mrs. Pell's mother lived and where Mr. Pell has cleared most of the land by hand.

He has partially retired from his farming interests but still maintains a great deal of pride in his herd of Black Angus cattle and other evidence of his tedious days, weeks and months which he spent in the clearing of his land.

Loyal members of the Pleasant Ridge church since the time they moved into the house across the road, their friends have only words of commendation and praise for their service to the church and to the community where they have lived these forty years.

Their marriage, began on that first day fifty years ago, has been a durable one and has provided the basis for their exemplary lives and the fine Christian home which they have maintained.

Their standing in the community was reflected by the joyous congregating of the Pleasant Ridge people and others at the celebration of the fiftieth year of their marriage.

Jaycee Leaders Conducting Dimes Drive In Randleman

Jan. 6, 1966 – Three charter members of the newly formed Jaycee organization in Randleman and their wives are busily engaged in organizing the town for the March of Dimes drive this month.

The three young couples, Tony Fields and his wife, Barbara, Alton Byrd and his wife, Dee, and Guy Steed and his wife Grace, have already planned a road block, a Mothers' March and a bake sale.

In addition, they have placed coin collectors in the business places of the town and surrounding area and they plan to solicit contributions from business and industry.

It was only last month that the Randleman Junior Chamber of Commerce received its charter and began its program of service to the people of Randleman and the county.

Outside of a small project of selling Christmas trees, the March of Dimes effort by the Randleman Jaycees will be the first concerted project of the newly organized club.

Anthony (Tony) Fields, 710 Worthville St., was named chairman to coordinate the drive with the other members of the Jaycees and their wives. His wife, Barbara, was named to head the Mothers' March and she has also taken on other aspects of the drive among the women of the organization as well as the women of the town.

Soon after being named to their positions, Tony and Barbara asked the other two couples, Alton and Dee Byrd and Guy and Grace Steed, to help them. Now, all three couples are working hard to make the March of Dimes drive in Randleman an overwhelming success.

Tony Fields is a native of the Randleman area and a 1982 graduate of Randleman High School. His wife is the former Barbara Hicks and the couple has two young daughters, Lori, 20 months old, and Amy, 9 months. Tony is employed at the Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills.

Alton Byrd is a native of Mt. Gilead and was a graduate of the high school there in 1957. He is employed at Laughlin Hosiery Mills in Randleman. His wife is the former Delores (Dee) Eisenhart and the couple has a three and one half year old daughter, Terri.

Guy Steed is also a native of the Randleman area and graduated from the local school in 1960. A representative of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, he is married to the former Grace Tingen. The couple is the parents of a daughter, Robin, who will be four years of age on Jan. 31, and a son, Spencer, age 2.

On Jan. 14 and 15, the young women of the March of Dimes committee in Randleman have scheduled their bake sale at the Food Line Super Market, at which time cakes, pies, cookies, candy and other items will be sold.

Their Mothers' March, which will consist of a door-to-door canvass of the town of Randleman, will follow on Jan. 20. Many volunteer workers will be participating in this Mar.

The road block, conducted by Tony, Alton and Guy and the other members of the Randleman Junior Chamber of Commerce, has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 22.

Thus, the newly organized Junior Chamber of Commerce in Randleman, headed by Jim Jenkins as president and comprising within its membership young men of the caliber of Tony Fields, Alton Byrd and Guy Steed, has entered early into the field of worthy public service.

Chicken Stew And Auction Will Benefit Dimes Fund

Jan. 10, 1966 – A chicken stew supper and auction sale for the benefit of the March of Dimes will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 15 at the Grantville Community Building, located on Highway 42 southeast of Asheboro.

Sponsored by H. Clendon Richardson, well known polio patient and March of Dimes drive chairman for the Ulah Flag Springs community, this will be the second year this dual event has been held.

The supper will begin at 5 p. m. and continue through 7 o'clock or until everyone has been served. Advance tickets are on sale at one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children under twelve, and will also be sold at the door on the night of the supper.

At 7 o'clock the auction sale will begin and continue until everything has been sold.

Entertainment throughout the evening will be furnished by "The Country Drifters", a local string band.

Carl Steed, who assists in many public suppers and meals throughout this area, will be in charge of the supper, assisted by other qualified people, while J. D. King, well known auctioneer, will conduct the auction sale without charge by either of these two gentlemen.

Clendon Richardson, afflicted with polio at the age of 14 and paralyzed from the neck down, has been working for weeks planning and preparing for the supper and sale, which he terms as "a big jamboree for the March of Dimes".

First he sent letters to merchants and industries in Randolph County and outlying areas asking that they contribute their products as items to be sold at the auction sale, these letters he addressed by manipulating an aluminum rod through an impression of his teeth, as he has no use of his hands.

He asked also for chickens and other food items to be used in preparations for the supper.

The response has been heavy and he, along with other members of his family, has been out for the past several days hauling in the items which have been donated.

Last year Clendon's receipts for the March of Dimes amounted to nearly one thousand dollars. However, around two hundred dollars of this amount was raised in a public singing and from other sources.

This year he hopes to do better, as last year his big jamboree had to be postponed because of snow.

He is hoping to serve from 300 to 400 people at the chicken stew supper but points out that folks not able to attend the supper are still invited to come for the auction.

Some of the items which have already been donated for the auction sale, with more to come in, include a hospital bed, a bookcase, mixer, toaster, lamps, sink faucet, paint, spark plugs, plastic canvas, toy horse, shirt, ties, bud vases, sewing box, thermos jug, barn paint, tray, wall picture, necklace with a pearl, folding suitcase, timer, slippers, artificial arrangements, grease, shoes, oil steel tapers, light bulbs, flour, honey, two end tables and a coffee table, T-shirts, hair sprays, toilet articles, seat belt and various other items.

Already donated for the chicken stew supper are chickens, rolls, biscuits, coffee, sugar salt, lard, pepper, soda, baking powder, cabbage, milk, mayonnaise, plates, bowls cups, spoons and forks.

Many Anticipated At Dimes Dance

Jan. 13, 1966 – A large crowd is anticipated for the March of Dimes square dance at the Farmer Grange building Saturday night, Jan. 15, beginning at 7:30.

Sponsored by the Farmer Grange, the benefit dance has been held for many years. However, square dances, usually every first and third Saturday nights, have been held continuously by the grange organization since 1948.

E. W. (Whit) Elliott is in charge of the square dances as the representative of the Farmer Grange. Head caller for the dances is N. M. Lowe, assisted by Lawrence Williams and the veteran Eugene Hill.

Now furnishing the music for the dances is the Trinity String Band, composed of Gurney Peace, violin; Ike Jackson, guitar; William M. Lohr, guitar; Gilbert Skeen, banjo; and Joseph Hill, banjo.

Cordinating the efforts of the March of Dimes organization with the benefit square dance will be Jimmy McElreath, dirive chairman for the Farmer-New Hope- Cedar Grove – Jackson Creek areas.

In addition to the square dance, there will be refreshments, cake walks, an auction sale of cakes and other money raising features.

Admission to the dance will be fifty cents but additional contributions to the March of Dimes will be accepted.

A New Freedom For Polio Victim: March of Dimes Money Buys Chair

Jan. 13, 1966 – A 34 year-old polio victim has sat in a dark corner of her mother's rural residence for many years because there was not enough strength in her afflicted arms to propel herself about in the manually operated wheel chair in which she sits.

Soon she will be moving about the rambling residence in a new electrically, operated wheel chair which is being purchased with March of Dimes money collected in Randolph County.

For twelve years, since her affliction with polio, Mrs. Lucy Henderson has been completely paralyzed from the waist down. Her right arm is also useless and there has been just enough strength in her left arm to propel herself across the room in the manually operated wheel chair which she has used since her illness.

For the greater part of the time, except for about 20 months in the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro and four and one half months at the Warm Springs Hospital in Georgia, Lucy has sat in the corner of the room at her mother's residence on Route 1, Staley, in the northeast corner of Randolph County, close to both the Chatham and Alamance lines.

It has been only when members of her busy family has had the time to push her about that she moved, as it was an exhausting experience to try to propel herself about.

But that will be changed upon the arrival of her new electric wheel chair. She will then be able to move about in the home with ease and when the weather moderates she will be able to ride about in the outdoor areas.

Lucy herself, went to Greensboro for the final selection and outfitting of her chair, after its authorization by the Randolph County Chapter of the National Foundation. The chair which she has used since her affliction had worn out and the local chapter decided to replace it with an electric one.

Due to the more complicated attachments needed for Lucy's comfort and the adjustment to her body, it was

necessary to order the chair from the factory in Los Angeles, Calif. Thus, the arrival of the chair has been delayed but is expected at the latter part of this month.

At the time of her affliction twelve years ago last Aug., Lucy Henderson was happily married, the mother of a two and one half year old son and was living with her husband and son near Randleman.

She was employed at the time at the Commonwealth Hosiery Mill in Randleman.

But, all of that has changed since her illness. After completing her convalescence at the polio hospitals in Greensboro and Warms Springs, Ga., she came to the home of her mother, Mrs. Floyd Langley, on Route 1, Staley where she has lived since that time. Her husband and son are living elsewhere.

Here she has remained for most of the time, sitting in the corner of the room, watching the activities of the household revolve before her. But still ever patient, cheerful and seemingly reconciled to the circumstances in which she has found herself for the past twelve years.

It is hoped that Lucy Henderson, still young and attractive, will discover new interests upon the arrival of her electrically powered wheel chair and that it will be an encouragement for her to resume some of the activities which ended with her illness twelve years ago.

New Family Singing Group Will Assist Dimes Drive

Jan. 17, 1966 – A new family singing group, the Harris Brown Family, will be featured in the second annual March of Dimes singing to be held Saturday evening, Jan. 22, at the Coleridge School, beginning at 7 o'clock.

However one number of the family, Harris Brown, is not new to gospel singers in Randolph county. A well known bass singer, he has sung previously in three organized singing groups, namely, The Four B's, Melody Masters and the Disciples of Song.

The new singing group, Harris Brown's family, includes Harris, his wife, Lucille, who sings alto, their eleven year-old son, Eddie, who sings the lead, and their fifteen year old son, Danny, who sings the baritone.

Although Harris Brown is a veteran singer and well known to the singing public in Randolph County and his wife, Lucille, sang at the school in Bennett, the choir at her home church, Pleasant Grove Christian Church, and in the choir at Brower's Chapel Methodist Church, where the family now attend, it was still not known until a year ago or so that the family could sing as a group.

This discovery was actually made as the family rode together on Sunday afternoons and at other times.

Since the realization that they could sing as a family group, they have been making appearances at Methodist Youth Fellowship at Brower's chapel, at Pleasant Grove and a few other places. Also all of them now sing in the choir at the Brower's Chapel church.

But, as Harris expressed it, "we've been preparing more than anything else."

They made quite a hit at Clendon Richardson's gospel singing for the March of Dimes at Flag Springs Methodist Church the first Sunday in Jan. and will make their second appearance in the current March of Dimes drive at Coleridge next Saturday night.

Accompanying them will be Mrs. W. Kennard Vernon, the former Patty Fesmire, of Ramseur and the wife of the well known bass singer in the Carolinians Quartet.

Patty Vernon, mother of three children, grew up in the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church but now attends with her family at the Foster St. Pilgrim Holiness Church in Asheboro. Playing the piano since she was in the first grade at school, she has played at church and filled in at times for the Carolinians Quartet.

Appearing also in the March of Dimes singing at Coleridge will be the Friendly Four, the Friendly Six, the Phillips Family and the Coleridge Quartet.

The event is sponsored by Elvin Murray and John T. Brown, March of Dimes chairmen for Coleridge and Pleasant Grove townships.

There will be no admission charge but an offering will be taken for the benefit of the March of Dimes drive.

It Was A Successful Year For Sunday School

Jan. 20, 1966 – The year 1965 was a successful one for the Sunday school of the Beulah Baptist Church, Route 2, Bennett, with 141 members of the school receiving attendance awards.

Located on the lower edge of Randolph County, one half of a mile from Chatham County and within throwing distance of Moore County, the Sunday School started its awards program for attendance eleven years ago.

During that time, as revealed by the awards presentation on the second Sunday in Jan., 680 years of perfect attendance had been compiled by members of the Sunday School at the Beulah Baptist Church.

Attendance pins, with an extra bar for each additional year, is awarded those persons who attend Sunday School continuously for one year. No absence during the year is allowed on the attendance record.

However, whenever a member of the Sunday School is in the hospital or sick at home someone from the teaching staff and other members of the Sunday School go to the sick bedside to teach the lesson and hold a substitute Sunday School service.

This happened on the second Sunday in Dec. in the case of Harold Purvis, who had served for the past fourteen years as the superintendent of the Beulah Baptist Sunday school.

On this particular Sunday Mr. Purvis was a patient at the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst. So, in order that his attendance record remain intact, one of the teachers of the men's class, accompanied by several members of the class, went down and held the Sunday School service with their superintendent.

Nine members of the Sunday school have attended continuously during the eleven years of the awards program. Actually, many members held perfect attendance records prior to the beginning of the program, some of them as far back as twenty five years or so.

In addition to the 141 awards which were presented on the second Sunday in Jan., twenty two other members of the Sunday School indicated that they had only missed one Sunday during last year.

Unusual records among those members receiving awards were three children who have attended every Sunday of their lives. These were Anna Purvis, who received an award for nine years of attendance; Ricky Caviness, who

received an award for eight years of perfect attendance; and Terry Purvis, who received an award for six years of perfect attendance.

Anna and Terry Purvis are children of Harold Purvis, the Sunday school superintendent, and his wife, Cora Hussey Purvis, while Ricky Caviness is the son of Mrs. Purvis' sister, Blanche Hussey Caviness, and her husband, Leon Caviness.

Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Caviness attended Sunday School on the Sunday before the births of their children and were able to return to services on the Sunday following, thus enabling them not only to maintain their own attendance records but also to enroll their children in the school on the first Sunday of their lives. Neither of the three children have missed a Sunday since that time.

Both of the mothers were among those receiving attendance awards. Mrs. Purvis received an award for ten years of perfect attendance while her sister, Mrs. Caviness, received an award for nine years of attendance.

In addition to allowing for the holding of services at the sick bed, attendance at other Sunday Schools besides the one at the Beulah church is allowed. This has particularly been applied in the case of Gary Purvis, another son of the Beulah superintendent, who is presently a first year student at North Carolina State College in Raleigh.

He has maintained his attendance while away at school and was among those persons receiving the eleven year award.

In fact, the Harold Purvis family themselves are responsible for fifty seven years of the perfect attendance awards at the Beulah church. These awards are broken down as follows: Harold, 11 years; Cora, his wife, 10 years; and their children, Gary, 11 years; Eddie, 10 years; Anna, 9 years; and Terry, 6 years.

The Sunday school at the Beulah Baptist Church is perhaps the largest rural Sunday School in Randolph County and one of the largest in the state of North Carolina. Enrollment in the school is 360 with an average attendance last year of 319. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Curtis Barbery.

A complete list of those receiving attendance awards on the second Sunday in Jan. are as follows: 11 years of attendance, Curtis Caviness, Yancy Caviness, Gary Purvis, Lydia Ann Garner, Mamie Murray, Farrell Lambert, Theron Caviness, Bud Garner and Harold Purvis; 10 years, Cora Purvis and Eddie Purvis; 9 years, Gilbert Purvis, Jean Purvis, Anna Purvis, Joyce Brown, Blanche Caviness, Glenn Caviness, Fay Garner, Elton Caviness, Odell Gibson, and Leta Lambert; 8 years, Vera Garner, Linda Brown, Darrell Powers, Evon Caviness, Ricky Caviness, Virginia Mae Hussey, Geneva Caviness and Pink Powers; 7 years, Sandra Gibson, Marilyn Garner, Lela Gale Ritter, Christine Hussey, Mattie Caviness, B. H. Powers, and Farrell Ritter.

Also, 6 years, Edison Powers, Fay Powers, Doyle Powers, Terry Purvis, Peggy Jones, Cheryl Jones, Debbie Jones, Herbie Jones, Walter H. Jones, Loraine Caviness, Lois Ann Caviness, Wanda Garner, Rhonda Bouldin, Roy Lambert, Jimmy Comer, Ronald Garner, and Ted Comer; 5 years, Oliver Gibson, Nora Gibson, Gertrude Gibson, Cheryl Garner, Michael Garner, Pattie Garner, Denise Hussey, Judy Comer, Danny Garner, Greg Garner, J. L. Purvis, Ethel Purvis, Stella Powers, Philip Powers, Helen Forest, Clarence Caviness, and Sheryl Lambert.

Also, 4th year, Chyrie Barbery, Wanda Purvis, Joyce Comer, Carol Powers, Laura Ann Garner, Mary Ellen Garner, Ray Purvis, Marvin Lambert, Barry Forest, Oashie Purvis, Glenn Powers, Stevie Hussey, Junior Powers, Lola Caviness, Walter Caviness, Leo Caviness and Donnie Martindale; 3 years, Debbie Barbery, Diane Myrick, Rickie Myrick, Charles Purvis, Anita Purvis, Shelia Powers, Cathy Powers, Ronnie Maness, Hilda Hussey, Tommy Martindale, Leon Caviness, Grover Maness, Kenneth Bouldin, Barry Bouldin, Tamara Lambert, Cynthia Gibson, and Van Lambert; 2 years, Amy Garner, Caryl Lambert, Candus Lambert, Wayne Hussey, Ted Barbery, Jean Powers, Anneta Powers, Lisa Powers, Dale Lambert, Richard Burns, Lester Myrick, Anthony Caviness, Timmy Caviness, Tommy Forest and Sherrie Jones; and one year, Angela Powers, Teresa Powers, Shelia Powers, Marline Powers, Doug Powers, Johnny Powers, Mary Purvis, Neil Purvis, Andy Purvis, Debra Purvis, Dale Purvis, Mark Purvis, Ronnie Poindexter, Randy Poindexter, Addie Purvis, Robert Purvis, Stevie Purvis, Archie Maness, Robert Murray, Barbara H. Garner, Ted Forest and Timmy Powers.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. Curtis Barbery who is beginning his fourth year of his pastorage. One year ago, on the first Sunday in Jan., the church occupied a new sanctuary structure. The new educational building or Sunday School plant had been occupied since its completion in 1961. The new church facilities, in their entirety, are valued at \$250,000.

Central Falls Pastor, Family Move Into A Brand New Pastorium

Jan. 20, 1966 – On Jan. 7 of this year the pastor of the Central Falls Baptist Church, the Rev. J. C. Mangum, and his wife moved into a brand new pastorium, only, seven months after a building fund began for the new structure.

In June of last year the church voted to start a building fund for the construction of a pastorium and decided at that time to put in the fund all surplus amounts in excess of \$1,000

It was also agreed that when the building fund reached the mark of \$3,000 that construction would begin.

The regular offerings brought the fund to slightly less than the \$3,000 mark on the fifth Sunday in Aug. A special appeal in the service that Sunday evening, with only a few people present, raised more than the needed amount to start and an active building program had begun.

When the church had moved to its present site in 1961, land on which the new building was erected included a two-story dwelling house. This building had been used as a church pastorium since that time

But, with the beginning of the new building in Sept. of last year, the old building, formerly the home of Miss Bessie Rollins, was torn down and the new construction started on the same site. The pastor and his family lived in a rented house in the village during the period of construction.

With the decision to begin construction, a building committee, consisting of Elwood Hughes, chairman, C. R. Ingold and Zeb Davis, was named by the church to supervise the erection of the new structure. A plan was selected and Joe Brantley, local builder, was engaged to put up the building.

The new building is brick-veneered and is sixty four feet and ten inches across the front and thirty two feet and ten inches at its widest part.

It consists of a living room, kitchen, combination den and dining area, three bedrooms, bath and a half, carport and pastor's study. There is a large porch on the front and a stoop at the rear of the residence.

All the rooms are of sheetrock interior except the kitchen, dining room and den which are enclosed with birch paneling. The overhead area in all of the rooms is covered with sheetrock overlaid with a plaster design.

Other features of the house contain a private bath in the master bedroom, a wide hallway in the area of the bedrooms, a hideaway stairs, and an insulated wall between the den and the study, with the latter having a separate entrance. There are also large closets in the bedrooms and built in appliances in the hallway and the kitchen area.

The living room floor is covered with a beige carpeting while other floors are covered with inlaid tile.

Estimated value of the building is placed at \$20,000. There has been a great response to the starting of the building fund and the actual construction of the new pastorium. During last month alone the amount of \$750 was diverted to the building fund.

The pastor, Rev. J. C. Mangum, who came to the church in Sept., 1963, said that the decision to start the building fund and the resulting moves in the construction of the building "had been done Unanimously" by the people of the church." He further said that the "cooperation of the church has been beyond anything that I have ever witnessed."

Thus, the pastor and the people of the Central Falls Baptist Church are moving forward, as evidenced by the spirit and accomplishment which has been manifested in the building of the new pastorium.

Comer Family—14 Strong—Plan Annual Sing Jan. 29

Jan. 29, 1966 – The Comer family, 14 strong, will conduct their annual singing for the March of Dimes Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Seagrove School, beginning at 7 p. m.

They will sing the old songs of the church and the songs which were heard in the years gone by.

The Comers are in great demand to sing at various places but their March of Dimes singing excels their other appearances, as the entire singing is usually restricted to their own family group.

The family includes Mr. and Mrs. Coy Comer and twelve children, all of whom usually sing with the family group, with the possible exception of one.

But an enjoyable addition to the immediate family group this year at the singing in Seagrove will be three of their granddaughters, Rosemary, Jan and Donna Sue Ritter, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. J. B. Ritter.

These girls and their mother thrilled the congregation with their beautiful singing at the Christmas program at the Needham's Grove Christian Church recently and they are expected to contribute greatly to the Comer family singing at Seagrove.

Besides the singing the Comer women and others will bring in cakes, pies and other items to be auctioned off during the singing.

Also a quilt will again be given away and this, along with the auction, adds a great deal of interest to the program.

Last week the women of the Comer family gathered for the quilting in the old house in which some of them were born, now used only for such occasions. A beautiful quilt

has emerged as the result of their labors and will be given away at the March of Dimes singing on Jan. 29 at Seagrove.

All other March of Dimes singings by the Comer family have been held at the Brower School at Erect but had to be moved this year to Seagrove because there is presently no auditorium space at Brower.

Helping Hand For Puerta Ricans: He'll Help Build Methodist Church

Jan. 1, 1966 – A parcel post mail carrier, living on Route 1, Staley, will spend nearly a month of his annual leave in Puerto Rico where he will help to build a Methodist church.

Ray Thompson's interest in missions is an outgrowth of his service as chairman of the Commission on Missions at the Glenwood Methodist Church in Greensboro, where his church membership was placed at the time of his marriage around 19 years ago.

While serving with the missions group at the Greensboro church, a missions study six weeks each year and money was also set aside for the support of four missionaries.

Then, an additional \$1,000 was raised at one time to help build a class room at the missionary station of Asheboro native Max Lowdermilk in West Pakistan.

So, Ray Thompson was already missionary minded when he heard about the project of building Methodist churches in Puerto Rico.

The idea originated with Dr. N. M. Harrison, former Asheboro resident and well known member of the Methodist denomination, who brought the project into realization three years ago. This will be the third year that Dr. Harrison has solicited materials, transportation for conveying the supplies to their intended destination, and the manpower for the erection of the church building.

Mr. Thompson says that those who have participated in the church building projects for the past two years have "a thrilling story to tell of their experiences."

Four different groups will fly to Puerto Rico for the project, with Mr. Thompson's group which will also include the Rev. Wade Bustle, pastor of the Franklinville Methodist Church, leaving the Greensboro-High Point Airport next Sunday morning at 9:50.

A small advance group, including Dr. Harrison, left the Greensboro airport on Jan. 25 while two more groups also left on Jan. 30, the same day as Mr. Thompson's group, one from the airport in Charlotte and the other one from Miami, Fla.

The project will last for one month and at least one Methodist Church will be built during that time and perhaps two.

Expenses of Mr. Thompson's air transportation to Puerta Rico, amounting to \$225.00 for a round trip ticket, has been borne by the congregations of the Liberty Charge of the Methodist Church, including the Staley, Bethany, White Chapel and Randolph Methodist Churches.

Since moving to the Staley area in June, 1964 Mr. Thompson has been a member of the Staley Methodist Church. He is active in the work of the Staley church, the same as he was at the Glenwood church in Greensboro where, in addition to his chairmanship of the Commission on Missions, he was also a member of the choir, a member of the board of stewards and a teacher of the intermediate group in the Sunday school.

Born and reared in Greensboro, his mother was the former Beatrice Edwards, a native of the Staley area. It was on land which was a part of his mother's homeplace that he built a house and brought his family to live in Randolph County nearly two years ago.

His wife is the former Ruth Roberson, a Greensboro native with whom he graduated from Senior High School in Greensboro. They are the parents of a daughter, Carol Lynn, who is a member of the senior class at Ramseur High School, and a son, Steven Ray, who will be 11 years old on Feb. 10.

After graduating from high school, Mr. Thompson enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served in the European theater during World War II. After getting out of the Navy, he worked for one year in textiles and at other work before becoming a Civil Service employee with the Greensboro Postoffice in Apr., 1947.

While in Greensboro Mr. and Mrs. Thompson engaged in other interests outside of their church work. Both of them sang with the Greensboro Oratorio Society and Mrs. Thompson with the Don Trexler Singers, with whom she is still associated.

Mr. Thompson was also identified with recreational and sports groups, particularly boxing. This is expected to stand in good stead with his efforts in the building of the church in Puerto Rico. Because, as Mr. Thompson expressed it, "I will only be a laborer."

He is not expecting the physical exertion to bother him, even though he has reached the age of forty. Because his job as a parcel post truck driver, his continuance to work out even though he has quit the boxing field and regular horseback riding has prepared him for the physical labors which he will encounter in Puerto Rico.

Ray Thompson made his decision to become a part of the Puerto Rico church building project after much thought and prayer and after consultation with Dr. Horace McSwain, Executive Secretary of the Mission Board of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, who endorsed the idea.

The transportation cost of Mr. Thompson's trip to Puerto Rico and back was raised by the four churches of the Liberty Charge with no difficulty at all. "It was a joint effort," according to the recipient of the amount who himself will be giving at least 20 days of the 26 days of annual leave to which he is entitled in addition to receiving no recompense for the work which he will do.

But that is what Ray Thompson and his family want because, as he said, "the church has been a very important part of our lives." He also said that the "spiritual vitality of our Methodist Church lies in our mission field.

Neighbors Grove Church Awards Presented

Feb. 10, 1966 - Sunday school attendance awards were presented to eighty three persons at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church Sunday morning, Feb. 6, at the conclusion of the school's assembly period.

The presentation of the attendance awards followed by one week the Sunday of the big snow when ninety nine persons reported for Sunday School at the Neighbors Grove Church.

This was especially pleasing to church and Sunday School officials in view of the school's enrollment of 251 and its average attendance of 216.

Receiving the award last Sunday for the most years of attendance was Charles W. Cranford, veteran superintendent of the Neighbors Grove Sunday School, whose award was for 18 years of attendance. One member of the school, Eric Davidson, who received a six-year award, has attended Sunday school every Sunday of his life. On Apr. 25, his 7th birthday, he will have reached his seventh year of attendance.

Eric's father, J. Wilson Davidson, received an eighth year award last Sunday while his mother, Mrs. Lucille Davidson, received an award for ten years of attendance at Sunday School.

It was noted that another faithful member of the Sunday School, Clarence Allred, had attained 14 years of attendance at Sunday School before being stricken with an illness which terminated his years of perfect attendance.

Attendance awards, as presented last Sunday, are as follows: one year, Lloyd Russell, Ginger Rush, Ronnie Beaver, and Rodney Ruthledge; two years, Annie Hill, Teresa Saunders, Clayborn Lee Hall, Sandra Saunders, Judy Saunders and Estelle Saunders; three years, Don Hill, Ray Jordan, Lucille Jordan, Willie Rush, Doris Owens, Tina Jordan, Don Pritchard, and Darlene Hall; four years, Neil Pritchard, Mark Jordan, Sherry Russell, Delores Allred, Denise Lovin, Steve Jordan, Dorothy Allred, Bertha Russell, Tommy Hill, Wayne Richardson, Marty Allred and Earnest Moffitt; and five years, Brenda Hill, Betty Owens, Nellie Davis, Karen Jennings, Pam Starcher, Bobby Jordan, E. Ray Jordan, Phyllis Richardson, Maurice Lovin, Myrtle L. Pritchard, Kaye Owens, Paul H. and Angeline Smith.

Also, six years; Eric Davidson, Worth Walker, Pam Parker, Leon Furr, Dorothy Richardson, Clegg Pritchard, Roger Smith, Timmy Hill, Steve Pritchard, and Ray Hill; seven years, Timmy Jordan, Mrs. J. O. Pritchard, Sheila Rich, Keith Rich, Mrs. Causey Jennings, Silas Hill, and Mike Jennings; eight years, Clarence Smith, Wilson Davidson, Herbert Smith, Causey Jennings, Juanita Pritchard and Louretta Lovin; nine years, Mary Lambe, Wanda Smith and Ethel McNeail; ten years Lester Bulla, Martha Hall, Nina Smith and Rosalyn Hodges; 11 years, Mrs. A. M. Jordan, Betty Jordan, Sharon Pritchard Sam Parker, and A. M. Jordan; 12 years, Vettie Walker; 13 years, Charlie Brown; 14 years, Edith Smith; and 18 years, Charles Cranford.

Pastor of the neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church is the Rev. R. Sam Parker.

Randleman Did Its Share For The March of Dimes

Feb. 14, 1966 - The first major project of the newly organized Randleman Junior Chamber of Commerce, the sponsorship of the March of Dimes drive for that area, has met with overwhelming success.

Last Thursday evening, just prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Jaycee club, a check for the amount of \$845.13 was turned over to the Rev. John W. Woody, 1966 director for the March of Dimes drive in Randolph County.

Making the presentation of the check, which far exceeded the area quota of \$600, was Jim Jenkins, president of the Randleman Jaycee Club.

Standing by for the presentation were Guy Steed and Alton Byrd, members of the Jaycee club, and their wives who conducted the March of Dimes drive in Randleman.

When the club voted to sponsor the funds drive in Randleman Tony Fields, one of the club's vice presidents, was appointed to be in charge of it. His wife was named to conduct the Mothers' March and other women's activities. Mr. and Mrs. Fields then asked the Steeds and the Byrds to help them in the drive.

But soon after the original planning for the various phases off the drive illness beset the Fields family but the other two couples carried the drive on to a successful finish.

The various projects of the drive included a bake sale, a Mothers' March and a road block, with contributions also coming in from the industries of the town and coin collectors in the business houses.

The bake sale was held on successive days at the Foodline Super Market, with wives of the Jaycee members and other women in Randleman furnishing the cakes, pies and the other items.

Assisting Mrs. Steed and Mrs. Byrd in conducting the sale were Mrs. Dee Ann Julian, Mrs. Mae Rumbley, Mrs. Pat Allred, Mrs. Mary Ann Brown and Mrs. Betty King, all of whom are wives of Jaycee members. A total of \$82.95 was realized from the bake sale.

Next came the Mothers' March on a bitter cold night. The volunteers were few but by persistence and canvassing late in the night the job was completed and the amount \$223.52 collected.

Participating in the Mothers' March were Mrs. Sue Conner, Mrs. Dee Ann Julian, Mrs. Dorothy Jenkins, Mrs. Marilyn Turner, Mrs. Trudy Davis, Mrs. Grace Steed, Mrs. Ruby Jones, Mrs. Sandra Long, Mrs. Ruth Ann Wood, Mrs. Ann Yow and Mrs. Mary Ann Brown.

The road block, which lasted from nine o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening, completed the projects for the drive and raised the amount of \$401.10. Members of the jaycee organization conducted the road block in the uptown area of Randleman.

Industries contributing to the drive included Laughlin's Hosiery Mills, J. P. Stevens Company, United Brass Works, Inc. and Hilliard Brothers Lumber Company.

March of Dimes officials told members of the Jaycee organization at the time of the check presentation Thursday evening that a sizable amount of the Randleman drive had already been allocated for the expenses of hospitalization for a Randleman infant who is afflicted with a multiplicity of birth defects.

Officials of the Randleman junior Chamber of Commerce are Jim Jenkins, president; Tony Fields, internal vice president; Don Allred, external vice president; Harry Long, secretary; Ronald Davis, treasurer; Colvin Craven, state director; and Larry Allred and Tommy Julian, directors.

Other members include Dwight Pennell, Guy Steed, Alton Byrd, Robert Ledbetter, Johnny Rumbley, Joe Jones, Bobby Allred, J. C. King, Jr., Darrell Griffin, Jerry Brown, Darrell Dennis, Neal Conner, Ralph Groce, Brantley Davis, and Harold Richardson.

The chartering of club occurred on Dec. 9.

A Busy Week For Campaign: Moms March, Sale, Dinner

Jan. 17, 1966 – Last week was a busy one in the Mar. of Dimes drive in Randolph County, with many other events scheduled for this week.

Activities began on Sunday evening, with the drive director, Rev. John Wood, presenting a program at the

Piney Ridge Methodist Church. He spoke to the group, after which he showed the drive campaign film, "An Extra Measure."

On Monday evening a Mothers' March in Staley was held, conducted by Mrs. Frank Bridges as Mothers' March chairman.

On Tuesday evening the film was shown at two different places, with Ralph Bulla and Frank White, March of Dimes drive personnel, presenting a program before a group of Mothers' March workers at the Union Grove Baptist Church fellowship building and Ralph Cox, vice chairman of the local March of Dimes foundation, appearing before the Asheboro Civitan Club.

Also on Tuesday Mrs. Lloyd Hamlet and Mrs. Neal Blevins Mothers' March workers, attended a tea at the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh.

The campaign film was shown three times on Thursday evening. Director Woody showed the film and spoke to a meeting of the Coleridge Lions Club and at the same time the film was being shown in Randleman before a meeting of the newly organized, Junior – Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the March of Dimes drive in Randleman.

The third presentation of the film Thursday evening was at a meeting of Mothers' March workers at the First Baptist Church, which showing was made by Mr. Woody upon his return from the Coleridge meeting.

Then, on Friday and Saturday in Randleman wives of the Jaycee members conducted a bake sale at the Foodline Grocery Store in that place.

The rain, snow and sleet postponed two of the March of Dimes events which had been scheduled for Saturday. These were the supper and auction sale to have been sponsored by Clendon Richardson at the Grantville Community Building and the Mothers' March for the Seagrove area.

Both events have been scheduled for next weekend. The Mothers' March will be held beginning at 1 p. m. Saturday and the auction sale and supper at Grantville will follow the same schedule as previously planned, with the supper beginning at 5 o'clock and the auction at 7 o'clock Friday.

The square dance in Farmer, scheduled for last Saturday night, was held as planned but with a reduced number in attendance because of the unfavorable weather.

Other events for this week in addition to the Mothers' March in Seagrove and the supper and sale at Grantville include Mothers March for Randleman Jan. 20, a Mothers' March for Central Falls Jan. 21, a road block in Randleman, a benefit rook party at the Cedar Grove Community Building and a gospel singing at Coleridge School, all on Saturday, Jan. 22. The rook party and the gospel singing will both begin at 7 p. m.

Also, at the end of the week Mrs. Grady Ritter accepted the appointment to lead the Mothers' March drive in the Negro community of Asheboro.

Baptist Scout Troop Pop-Son Meal Culminates Their Boy Scout Week

Feb. 17, 1966 – A National Scout Week was culminated by members of Scout Troop No. 524 with a father – son breakfast Sunday morning at the sponsoring First Baptist Church.

The scouts and their fathers were served country ham, scrambled eggs, grits, red eye gravy, jelly, butter, hot rolls,

coffee and milk at the breakfast which was prepared by members of the troop committee.

This is an annual event for Scout Troop No. 524 and following the breakfast members of the troop attended the morning worship service at the church in a group. The church pastor, Rev. James B. Gibson, was present at the breakfast and pronounced the invocation prior to the partaking of the meal.

The members of the troop were smartly dressed for the breakfast meeting and for the worship service which followed. They were wearing for the first time their new campaign hats and in addition to their uniforms were also attired in leggings.

The hats are similar to the hat worn by Lord Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scout organization in 1910, and are also patterned after the hats worn by Army personnel in the first World War.

Twenty eight active boys comprise the membership of Scout Troop No. 524, with thirteen registered adults comprising the leadership of the troop.

Alan Reavis is the Scoutmaster for the troop and has as his assistants Neal Blevins, J. E. Fitzgerald, and Frank Symes.

Richard B. (Dick) Harris is the institutional representative for the troop and serving as chairman of the troop committee is B. G. (Buck) Hardee.

Accomplishments for the troop this year will be based on an advancement program through competition, an active camping program and through pride and enthusiasm in the scouting program.

The troop schedules one camping trip each month and has for the past three years received the National Camping Award which requires that fifty per cent of all registered boys have at least ten nights of camping each year.

Bad weather for the camping expeditions of Troop No. 524 is somewhat of a tradition and their last camp, pitched at Camp Wenasa near Greensboro, was held with five inches of snow on the ground, Scout personnel and troop members felt that the rain and wind which prevailed during the breakfast last Sunday morning would have been more appropriate weather for a camping trip.

Members of Scout Troop No. 524 include James M. Ball, Gary Blevins, Michael N. Cockerham, Michael Cox, Douglas R. Cranford, John Dougan, Terry Edwards, Speight Felton, Brownie Fields, Randal Graham, Rex Griffin, Berkley Hardee, Neil Jordan, Russell Kilpatrick, Gilbert Luck, David Miller, Mike Miller, David Paschal, Charles Reavis, Steve Reavis, Rhodes Robinson, Houston Symmes, Edward Thurston, Henry Trollinger, Tommy Trollinger, Dean White, Dennis Wilkins, and Richard Woodbury.

Quiet Family Gathering Marks Anniversary Of Martin Couple

Feb. 21, 1966 - A quiet family gathering marked the fiftieth year of marriage for Mr. and Mrs. W. A. (William Alexander) Martin Sunday, Feb. 13, at their home, Route 1, Franklinville.

As a surprise to this well known Franklinville couple, three of their four children and most of their grandchildren came Sunday before noon to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary and to spend the remainder of the day with Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

One daughter, Mrs. George (Ruth) Russell, of Minneapolis, Minn., her husband and her son, Johnny, were unable to be present for the anniversary occasion. It is hoped that she can be present for a more complete observance of the anniversary at a later date.

Another daughter, Mrs. Leroy G. (Ruth) Simmons, who resides at Albertson in Duplin County, was present along with her husband and three children, Second Lieutenant W. G. Simmons, of Ft. Bragg, Lisa and Martin Simmons, of Albertson, Mrs. W. G. Simmons, the former Barbara Wethington, of Clark, N. C., also accompanied her husband to the family celebration.

The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Martin and members of their families, living on adjoining areas to their parents, were a part of the family group observing the golden wedding anniversary. These family members include Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and daughter, Teresa, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Martin and daughters, Dorothy Jean (Dotty), Susan and Annette.

Jimmy Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and a student at Campbell College, and his wife, the former Genvieve Allen, of Tar Heel, N. C. were unable to be in attendance.

Following a buffet luncheon which included an anniversary cake, the remainder of the day was spent in a period of family fellowship.

The Martins both natives of Montgomery County, came to Franklinville in 1923. they first lived in the village but are now living a mile away, just off of Highway 64A.

Mr. Martin, 73, was born and reared near the postoffice of Okeewemee, five miles north of Troy and twelve miles or so from the Randolph County line. His father, who died three months before his birth, formerly carried the mail on a Star route from Troy to Ramseur and Asheboro.

Mr. Martin remained in the Okeewemee community until he was 21 years of age but before leaving the community taught two sessions of school between Troy and Pekin and at the Cochran school north of Troy.

When he left Okeewemee he went to the Cape Elsie Cotton Mill community south of Troy where he went to work as a payroll clerk and also became an employee in the company store. He was living in this community at the time of his marriage to Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Martin, 71, the former Millie Etta Batten, was born in Mt. Gilead but was also living in the Cape Elsie Community at the time of her marriage to Mr. Martin. Their marriage occurred on a rainy, stormy Sunday afternoon similar to the Sunday morning of their anniversary date, exactly fifty years ago on Feb. 13, 1916. Accompanied by three friends, they motored from the Cape Elsie community to Troy in a 1915 Model Ford where they were married by the Rev. J. M. Page at his home.

After the ceremony they returned to the home in which Mr. Martin lived with his mother at Cape Elsie. However, before coming to Franklinville over forty two years ago they lived in Candor for a year.

In Candor, Mr. Martin worked in a store and upon coming to Franklinville he became associated with the company store where he remained for 14 years. he then worked at Weston's Feed and Seed Store in Asheboro for 10 years and following that operated a store of his own for 10 years.

W. A. Martin supposedly retired in 1958 but has engaged since that time, with the help of his wife, in the egg producing business. His layers produce approximately 150

dozens of eggs per week which he dispenses to around sixty customers.

He also serves as the election registrar for the Franklinville voting precinct and is the Master of Hanks Masonic Lodge no. 128. He is serving his second year in the latter capacity, a position which he held once before. Mr. Martin first joined the Masonic Order in Troy in 1919.

Active in the Baptist Church for most of his life, he has held many positions within the church. A member and regular attendant of the Franklinville Baptist Church, he is currently serving on the board of deacons and is the assistant teacher of the Adult Men's Class.

Mrs. Martin, who was a Methodist at the time of her marriage, has now been a Baptist herself for around forty five years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin are widely respected in the town and community to where they came over 42 years ago. Although a formal reception was not held to commemorate their fiftieth anniversary, their friends will still extend their congratulations and best wishes to a couple whose lives have been meaningful for the entire community.

Mrs. Newell Again Heads Campaign After Record Performance At Task.

Feb. 28, 1966 – Mrs. J. C. Newell, who has received state-wide recognition for her participation in Heart Fund drives in previous years, is in the midst of her fourth consecutive drive in the Ramseur area.

She first became chairman for the Heart Fund drive in Ramseur in 1963. That year she raised \$1,189.10. In 1964 she raised \$1,258.73 and last year she raised \$1,272.59.

For her efforts in 1965 she received state-wide recognition for the amount she raised as compared to the size of the town and for the coverage which characterized the conduct of the drive. Statistically speaking, Ramseur placed third last year in the state in the amount, of money which was received according to the proportionate population.

The money she raised last year in the Heart Fund drive amounted to the equivalent of one dollar for every man, woman and child in the town of Ramseur.

In recognition of her achievements, she was invited to a breakfast meeting at Duke University for the presentation of a certificate and an emblem by the governor's wife. Because of two small children, she was unable to attend but received her awards through the mail.

The coverage of her drive last year included house to house canvass, contact of the business places and manufacturing plants, letters to the churches and to the civic clubs, balloon day by the members of the Ramseur Assembly No. 57 Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and a benefit basketball game between the Ramseur Jaycees and the business and professional men's club.

One reason for the universal recognition which she has received is due to the fact that she has increased the amount received in the drive each year. It is generally expected that she will increase it again this year, as the drive has been extended to Mar. 10 because of the bad weather and she already has about \$1,225 on hand.

This amount does not include the money which was received last Saturday in the balloon sale which was conducted again this year by the Rainbow Girls. Last year they raised over \$135.

A tragic note for Mrs. Newell entered into the Heart Fund drive this year. Because on Jan. 10 her husband, a well known resident of the Ramseur area, died of a heart attack.

It was several years ago that both Mrs. Newell and her husband became interested in the activities of the Heart Fund drive because of other members of Mrs. Newell's family who had been afflicted, especially an aunt who had undergone open heart surgery.

The almost sudden death of her husband of a heart ailment has brought added impetus to this courageous woman in her efforts to raise money for research, diagnosis and treatment of the nation's number one killer.

Mrs. Newell, the former Ruth Turner of Toledo, Ohio came to Ramseur in 1948 about two and a half years after her marriage to her husband who was a native of the Ramseur area.

Four children, Johnnie, Jr., 18, Clarice, 14, Brian 6, and Dean, 5, were born to their marriage. The oldest son was a student at Western Carolina College at the time of his father's death. He will resume his studies there at the beginning of the next semester.

Besides her activities with the Heart Fund, Mrs. Newell is active at the Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ where both she and her husband were members. She is superintendent of the children's department, president of the Women's Fellowship and a teacher in the Sunday School.

A member of Weatherly Chapter No. 271 of the Order of the Eastern Star, she is a past Worthy Matron of this chapter. At the time of her tenure of service, her husband also served in the capacity of Worthy Patron. He was also a former Master of Marietta Masonic Lodge No. 44 in Ramseur.

Mrs. Newell has also served as vice president of the P. T. A. in Ramseur and has been identified with the tuberculosis and cancer groups in the county.

She is also presently serving as the Ramseur correspondent for the Courier-Tribune.

The most unusual factor of Mrs. Newell's activities with the Heart Fund drive and her other activities is that she does not drive an automobile. She carries on most all of her work on the telephone.

A Courtship On Horseback Then, Now they Celebrate Anniversary

Mar. 3, 1966 – Joe C. Delk, Sr., a native of western Randolph County, and his wife, Adletta, the daughter of a well known minister in Randolph County, were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 27, at their home on Route 1, Asheboro.

Holding open house from three to five o'clock in their honor were their two children a son, J. C. Delk, Jr., who operates extensive floral interest less than one half a mile away, and a daughter, Mrs. Olan Hunt, the former Golden Delk, who lives next door to her parents.

Planned previously for Sunday, Feb. 20, the golden wedding anniversary event was postponed at that time because of the death of Mrs. Delk's brother-in-law, R. A. Lemmons, husband of her sister, Hallie. The actual date of Mr. and Mrs. Delk's anniversary occurred on Feb. 17.

All of the honored couple's five grandchildren, Gary and Ronnie Hunt, and Joe Delk III, Tommy and Delia Ann Delk, were present for the open house event, with the oldest

grandchild from each family, Joe Delk and Gary Hunt, greeting the guests as they arrived.

The receiving line was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Delk, their son and daughter-in-law and their daughter and son-in-law.

Mrs. Delk's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Erman Trogdon, directed the guests to the dining room where the table was covered with a linen cut-work table cloth over a yellow satin cloth.

The table was centered with a five-branch candelabra holding yellow tapers and epergne of yellow roses, Shasta daisies and pompons with the punch bowl at one end and the white anniversary cake, decorated with yellow roses, at the other end. The cake was three tiered and was topped with a nosegay of yellow roses and pompons.

Presiding over the punch bowl were Mrs. Henry Short and Mrs. A. E. Williams, both of High Point sisters of Mrs. Delk, assisted by Mrs. Mary Boger, of Asheboro.

Mrs. Bill Chandler, Asheboro, presided over the guest register and Little Miss Delia Ann Delk, only granddaughter of the honored couple, opened and took care of the gifts. Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Raeford Macon, Asheboro.

In the living room were arrangements of yellow roses, snapdragons, pompons mums.

Mrs. Delk wore a blue knit dress with a yellow cymbidium orchid for the observance of her fiftieth anniversary and Mr. Delk wore a yellow rose for a boutonniere.

The marriage vows which united Joseph Clay Delk and Burnard Adletta Trogdon fifty years ago were heard by the Rev. C. E. Stedman at his home in Farmer. He was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Farmer while Mrs. Delk's father, the Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, was the pastor of several Methodist Protestant churches in the vicinity.

One of these Methodist Protestant churches was the Piney Grove church, near to where Mr. Delk was born, the son of John and Pallie Ingram Delk. Mrs. Delk's mother was the former Annie Howell.

Mr. Delk attended the Piney Grove School and the schools at Denton, Bombay and Farmer. He worked at Mithcell's Hunting Lodge, located near his home, before and after his marriage. His duties at the hunting lodge were of a miscellaneous nature, including the training of bird dogs, going out with hunting parties and cooking.

Although Mrs. Delk's parents were Randolph County natives, she was born in Guilford County. However, at an early age she came with her family to Randolph County to the vicinity East of Asheboro where many of the Trogdons lived and the vicinity where her father was born and reared.

Her acquaintance with Mr. Delk began after her family moved to Farmer in order that her father might assume the pastorate of the churches in that vicinity. They attended school together at Farmer and sometimes Mrs. Delk would accompany her father to Mr. Delk's church at Piney Grove on his preaching Sunday.

Most of Mr. Delk's visits to her home before their marriage were made on horse back, especially when the roads were muddy. But when he went there on the day of their wedding, Thursday, Feb. 17, 1916, he was driving a 1916 Model T. Copper Head Ford.

It was his first car and when they left Mrs. Delk's home, following the marriage ceremony and a noon day meal, to go to Mr. Delk's home near Mitchell's Lodge, they had to go

around by Denton because of the impassability of the road they usually traveled.

Mrs. Delk was dressed for her marriage vows of fifty years ago in a blue suit, black velvet hat and black button shoes.

The couple lived at Mr. Delks home for two years before buying his grandfather's place located only one farm away from the one at which he was reared. For thirty six years they lived there with Mr. Delk farming in the summer, sawmilling and working as a carpenter in the winter.

Their roots there went deep, especially their association with friends and neighbors and at the Piney Grove Church where Mrs. Delk played the piano so many years and where Mr. Delk served as the Sunday School superintendent.

Although they still retain the ownership of the old place, they left it in Apr., 1953 to come to the home community of Mrs. Delk's family east of Asheboro where they built a house on land which was given them by her father.

Some time after that they moved their church membership to the Giles Chapel Methodist Church where Mrs. Delk had first joined the church and where her parents are buried.

The church has been and continues to be a major factor in the lives of this couple, both of whom came into its membership at an early age.

Mrs. Delk is still devoted also to her music, even though she now only plays occasionally at church. But her piano at home is used frequently and last Christmas she acquired a cord organ which she also enjoys playing very much.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Delk continue to lead an active life, with Mr. Delk growing a wheat crop, raising hogs, cows and chickens, with Mrs. Delk selling milk, butter and eggs.

Their marriage, begun on sound basic principles fifty years ago, brought them to their golden wedding anniversary with the assurance of a place of respect and esteem among the people they know and the community in which they live.

As they have reached the crest of their lives and begin the Mar. downward towards the sunset of their years, they do so with the knowledge that God's blessings are upon them and that an even fairer day awaits them

March of Dimes Work Picks Up Momentum

Mar. 6, 1966 - Activity in the March of Dimes campaign has picked up momentum in the early stages of the annual drive for funds in Randolph County.

Last Sunday, the second day of the month-long drive, the first public function, a singing at Flag Springs Methodist Church, was held before an over-flow audience.

The singing was sponsored by Clendon Richardson, drive chairman for Ulah-Flag Sprintgs, who is also planning a big jamboree for the March of Dimes Saturday evening, Jan. 15, at the Grantville Community Building.

This event will feature not only a chicken stew supper but also a big auction sale following the supper. Advance tickets are on sale for the supper and will also be sold at the door. However, admittance for the auction will be free.

On Tuesday evening the county director for the March of Dimes, Rev. John W. Woody, presented a program at the meeting of the Asheboro Lions Club. He spoke to the group on the work of The National Foundation March of Dimes organization in the field of birth defects and showed the March of Dimes film entitled: "An Extra Measure." He was introduced by Wayne Hughes, March of Dimes chairman for the city of Asheboro.

On next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock a similar program will be presented by Mr. Woody at the Piney Ridge Methodist Church. Plans have also been made for Mr. Woody to speak and show the film at the meeting of the Coleridge Lions Club Thursday evening, Jan. 13.

Besides Clendon Richardson's big jamboree and auction sale Saturday evening, Jan. 15, another event for that evening will be the annual March of Dimes square dance at the Farmer Grange Building, sponsored by the Farmer Grange and the local drive chairman for that area, Jimmy McElreath.

The annual Comer family singing, postponed because of illness in the family, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Seagrove school.

However, before that singing comes off, the second annual March of Dimes singing at the Coleridge school, sponsored by Elvin Murray and John T. Brown, chairman for Coleridge and Pleasant Grove areas, will have been held on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Other March of Dimes events will be announced at a later date.

Church Had Beginnings In Only A Dairy Barn

Mar. 14, 1966 – A huge dairy barn, forty by one hundred feet and towering high in the sky, is housing Randolph County's newest Baptist Church which was organized on Sunday, Apr. 3.

The Lake Park Baptist Church received its name from the housing development with a similar name in which it is located on Route 1, Trinity, just east of Hillsville, and also by reason of ownership of a sizeable lake on the property which the church has bought for its use.

Before its organization on Apr. 3, the church had operated as a mission since May 2, 1965, most of the time in the dairy barn which now constitutes the building for the new church.

When the mission held its first service in the barn on June 13, 1965 there was no floor in the building. Except for cleaning, the building was in the same condition as it existed for original owner Carl Hill when he used it for a dairy and feed barn and for a later owner who used it to house his horses.

But now a concrete floor has been poured throughout the building, double doors have been installed in the front and rear and also from the vestibule leading into the small auditorium, seven Sunday School rooms, a heating plant and rest rooms have been partitioned off with oak walls and paneling has been put up in the rear of the auditorium.

The entire lower floor of the former barn has been utilized for the assembly and Sunday School use of the newly organized church. The continuous row of windows on each side of the large structure gives it a light and airy appearance, the hallway through the Sunday School area is wide and roomy and all in all the building is adequate for the needs of the new group.

Approximately \$7,500 has been spent on the renovation of the building. Future plans call for the construction of a church sanctuary in the feed loft or upper story of the building and the continuation of the downstairs for the Sunday school plant.

For the time being no one has come up with any use for the large silo which is situated just to the right of the

building. However, the possibility of the use of the lake for baptism has been discussed.

One year prior to its formal organization as a church on Apr. 1, 1965, interest in the development of a mission in the Lake Park area began with the Archdale Baptist Church making the initial effort were the mission groups of the church, its pastor, Rev. E. W. Clapp and Harry Ward, a young minister within the church.

A religious survey followed and on Apr. 24, 1965 a special meeting of the missions committee of the Archdale church was called and before adjournment, the entire committee drove over to the proposed area.

On the next day, Apr. 25, 1965, a meeting was called at the home of Herb Kennedy on Clover Drive in Carraway Hills, an adjoining housing development, to determine the interest in the community, concerning the establishment of a mission. Present were the Archdale pastor, Rev. E. W. Clapp, several of the deacons from that church, as well as representatives from the community in which the new mission would be started. Decision was made to begin the meetings of the mission group in the basement of Charlie White's home on Clover Drive on May 2, 1965. The Archdale Baptist church voted at their next business meeting to sponsor the mission and Harry Ward was called as its pastor.

At the first meeting of the mission on May 1965, 26 people were present for Sunday School and 28 people for the worship service. The first offering amounted to \$71.31. Twelve of the people present agreed to become supporting members of the mission.

Before the end of the month on May 28, 1965, the present building and property were purchased by Bobby F. and Barbara S. Beane. Purchase price for the building and approximately seven acres of land, including the lake, was \$4,300.

Renovation of the building began immediately with Bill Beard, a local real estate man and member of the mission in charge. Many members of the mission and other residents of the community worked many hours at night to complete much of the project.

Although the building was occupied and used for services two weeks after its purchase, the first phase of the missions's building program was not completed until just before dedication services for this project were held Oct. 17, 1965.

Rev. E. W. Clapp, now a former pastor of Archdale Baptist Church, is due much credit for the beginning of the mission which led into the organization of the Lake Park Baptist Church. He especially led in the survey of the community to determine the need for a new Baptist church.

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The Pastor of the mission and now the first pastor of the newly organized church. Rev. Harry Ward is a native of the Archdale and Trinity area in which the church is located. He attended the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. And while there served as pastor of the Mussel Shoals Baptist Church. He was ordained to the ministry by the Archdale Baptist Church in 1963.

Moderator for the meeting of organization was the Rev. James L. Pharr. Moderator for the Central Baptist Association, of which the new church will be a part. The inspirational message was brought by Rev. Lunsford, pastor of Albertson Road Baptist Church.

Thirty four charter members became a part of the newly organized church, 29 by letter and five by baptism. These charter members include George S. Armentrout, Jr. Michael Armentrout, Bill and Edna Beard, Donald and Jeanett Beard, Richard and Hazel Campbell, Debbie Campbell, Mrs. Elizabeth Henson, Rickey Henson, Herb and Polly Kennedy, Mark Kennedy, Manuel Holloway, Jane Holloway, Mrs. Willie Hensley, Larry and Donna Overcash, Mrs. Ethel Overcash, Gordon Smith, Jr., Jimmy and Hilda Ward, Mrs. Betty Watkins, Harold Watkins, Charlie and Pat White, Harry and Colleen Ward, Diane Campbell, Ed Overcash, Mike Overcash, Jack Melvin Smith and Dale Ward.

Sunday services at the church include Sunday School, two worship service and a Training Union. Prayer meeting is held on Wednesday evening, at which time girls and boys organizations also meet. A womans missionary group meets monthly. A nursery is provided for each service.

Church deacons are Herb Kennedy, Donald Beard and Richard Campbell. Sunday School superintendent is Charlie White; president of the Woman's Missionary Union is Edna Beard; brotherhood president is Larry Overcash; and Training Union director is Jim Ward.

At the beginning of the mission Sunday school enrollement was 20 in comparison to the 62 members now enrolled. Members of the mission itself were 12 in contrast to the 34 who became charter members of the church at the time of organization.

In Oct., 1965, a budget of \$5,200 was adopted. The average offering in Feb. of this year was \$134.44. Despite the expense of buying and renovating the mission property last year, the mission group nevertheless gave \$261.18 to outside mission causes in the year 1965.

Constituted as a Southern Missionary Baptist Church, the Lake Park Baptist Church is now duly organized, ready for growth and has the building in which to expand. No new church organization of comparable size ever had its beginning in a building of similar dimensions.

But the warmth, the friendliness, the welcome and the thrusting out of the right hand of fellowship from the presently small band of people at the Lake park Baptist Church matches the hugeness of the building in which they worship.

With the Sunday School attendance reaching 52 on Easter Sunday, an egg hunt for the children planned on the following day and a substantial church program planned for the future, it may be that the forty by one hundred feet building, including the hay loft and the high ceilings, will still not be big enough for the Lake Park Baptist Church of the years to come.

(Original material and interest in publicizing the organization of the Lake Park Baptist Church came from Mrs. Althea Brown, The Courier-Tribune correspondent from the Sophia area).

A Well-Known Citizen Celebrates A Birthday

Mar. 17, 1966 – The annual birthday celebration for Tommy Powers, southeastern Randolph County's best known citizen, was held Sunday in the Route 2, Bennett neighborhood in which Mr. Powers and many members of his family reside.

It marked the observance of his 92nd birthday, which occurred on Mar. 3, and was the sixth consecutive year that the celebration has been held.

A native of upper Moore County, about three miles away from where he now lives, Mr. Powers has been a member of the board of directors of the Randolph Electric Membership Corporation since the beginning of REA in 1939.

He served as list taker for Pleasant Grove Township for several years and has had fifty years or more service as the Republican Judge in the township's voting precinct.

He helped to organize the Beulah Baptist Church, one of the strongest rural churches in this area and the state of North Carolina, and is one of the two charter members of the church still living.

The oldest child in a family of twelve children, born to John Henry (Jack) Powers and Cynthia Ritter Powers, seven of his eight living brothers and sisters were present to join in his birthday celebration last Sunday.

They were Mrs. Nancy Cheek, Route 2, Robbins, age 89, Joe Powers, Route 2, Bennett, age 88, Johnny Powers, Route 2, Bennett, age 81, Mrs. Ollie Moffitt, Bennett, age 78, Herbert Powers, Route 2, Bennett, age 77, E. S. (Pink) Powers, Route 1, Bennett, age 75, and Bennie Powers, Route 2, Bennett, age 72.

Absent was a sister, Mrs. Aggie Kidd, Route 2, Bennett, age 83. Deceased sisters are Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Lydia Ann Jones, and Mrs. Sarah Cheek.

Present also for the birthday celebration were Mr. Powers' three children, Mrs. Lillie Purvis, Greensboro, Curtis Powers, Route 2, Bennett, and Avery Powers, Coleridge. Another daughter, Mrs. Clara Shelton, died at the age of 24 years. Her son, Thurman Shelton, and his family live with Mr. Powers. Mrs. Miranda Cockman Powers, wife of Mr. Powers, died in 1958.

Coming in for the family gathering and the observance of her grandfather's birthday was Mrs. Hoyle Allred, of Gastonia, wife of a Baptist minister. Before the family ate the birthday dinner which was served at the family hatchery, Mrs. Allred spoke words appropriate for the occasion and also rendered the thanks for the meal.

Among those present for the birthday celebration was D. H. (Hack) Jones, a former Asheboro resident and father of Mr. Powers' daughter-in-law, Mrs. Curtis Powers.

Mr. Powers can still read without glasses, still drives his car and goes wherever he pleases. He is alert and retains an interest in the things which have been a part of his busy life.

But even though he continues to enjoy life and seems to relish every moment of it, J. T. (Tommy) Powers knows, perhaps better than anyone else, that the shadows are lengthening for him and that his summons will come in the not too far future.

His faith, however, is firm and unshakeable and he has no fear of what is ahead. He awaits his entrance into the other life with the same calm assurance that he has spent the ninety two years which has been allotted to him thus far.

Relics From Her Past Decorate "Memory Room"

Mar. 19, 1966 – Mrs. Chamier Hughes who believes in "the old timey way," has reconstructed a room in like fashion in the attic of her Jackson Creek community home.

The low ceiling room, situated underneath the eaves of the one and one half story farm residence, is filled with relics of the past, including Mrs. Hughes' childhood home in Davidson County near Denton.

Predominant in the room is the homemade bed which was made by Mrs. Hughes from cedar slabs. A bed tick filled with corn shucks has been placed on the bed, covered with a spread which Mrs. Hughes made out of silk scraps.

Drapes on the small windows over the head of the bed were also made from silk scraps.

On one side of the room is a dresser, also made by Mrs. Hughes out of cedar slabs, on which sets three old lamps reminiscent of an earlier area and over which hangs an old fashioned mirror.

On the other side of the room is a table constructed from cedar slabs and on which the old iron kettle, the black covered iron pot and another iron pot sets.

An effective scene in the room is the homemade cradle in which the lifelike baby doll is covered with the white netting while another lifelike doll, larger than the one in the cradle, is sitting in a homemade chair "taking care of the little one," according to Mrs. Hughes who has no children of her own.

Other objects in the room which date back to Mrs. Hughes' childhood were an old platter with the cream pitcher and sugar bowl, a dirt dish, straw broom, goards, lanterns, horseshoes, shoe last, an old washing board, baskets, the little Brown Jug, powder horns, an old fashioned churn and the traditional black bonnet.

There was also an old clock in the corner of the room and standing alongside of the bed was a forked cedar in which a toy monkey sat. There was also various other ornaments fashioned from wood and other materials in the room.

Mrs. Hughes' husband says that "she can make anything" and that is certainly a literal statement, especially when it comes to working with wood. For years she has been working with various pieces of wood and every room in her house is filled with various objects which she has made from old stumps, pine knots, slabs roots and other pieces of driftwood.

Some of the objects in the rooms include a sourwood walking cane, a flower container made out of a peach basket, a squirrel's den made from a sourwood limb, complete with the miniature squirrel, a picture arrangement made out of yarn cones and clothes pins, another ornament made from ale caps, an arrangement consisting of a cedar block and pine cones and various and other sundry items.

This versatile lady is also proficient with the more refined tasks of crocheting and knitting. On every wall is some evidence of this talent and particularly intriguing was the composition of a "bird's nest" which was attached to sheep bones and the thimble holders which were attached to turkey pulley bones.

Current projects were the crocheting of women's headgear and the knitting of a stole and men's socks. Asked if the socks were for her husband, she said "he wouldn't wear them." She plans to send them to a brother in another state.

Mr. Hughes is a native of Randolph County, in the area between the Sawyersville community and the West Chapel section west of Asheboro. Mrs. Hughes is the former Ersealy Gallimore. The couple lived in Thomasville after their marriage until a year ago last Oct. when they moved into the old John Ridge home at Jackson Creek. Now

retired Mr. Hughes formerly worked at the Thomasville Chair Company.

A most energetic woman at the near age of 64, Mrs. Hughes plans to continue with the making of things, the working with the various kinds of wood, the knitting and the crocheting. Because as she said, "I have got to be working at something."

Negro Community Works To Establish Reputation

Mar. 24, 1966 - A Negro community in southeastern Randolph County is working hard to establish itself as a responsible factor in the affairs of the county and is making every effort to improve and beautify the surroundings of the community in which the people live.

The Piney Ridge community, located in three townships, is a sprawling section and contains many families within its bounds.

Living in Grant, Richland and Brower townships, the people's interest lie with their church, which is the focal point, and its outlying units, the Piney Ridge Community Development Club, the Home Demonstration Club and the education in general of their children with the facilities that are available to them.

Also, for the past three years they have staged a successful March of Dimes Drive in the community.

Right now, the people of the Piney Ridge community are vitally concerned about the building of a new structure for the Piney Ridge Methodist Church.

Their present structure, built in 1892 after a brush arbor beginning, is dilapidated, shabby and hard to heat. It is not benefiting, a community which is trying to upgrade their accommodations and their manner of living.

Their original church building fund, which was started some time ago, holds the amount of \$7,540.56. Another fund more recently started has \$491.55.

They have recently held conferences with their pastor and district superintendent and hope to soon name a building committee to negotiate for the contract of a new church building.

Two of the oldest members of the Piney Ridge Methodist Church, Chatham Spinks age 85, and Mrs. Delia Coffin, age 84, are concerned over the progress of their church and its ambitions but are willing to let the younger ones pursue the plans.

As Chatham Spinks, son of a former slave and named for his maternal grandfather and the county in which his mother was born, expressed it, "I done clumb to the top of the hill and am going down on the other side. It's up to the other folks to do what they want to do."

He further said "you can encourage all you can. I believe in everything that is good and am against every thing that is evil."

The Sunday school at Piney Ridge is a thriving one, with an approximate attendance of 60 and included in its membership are many children. These children, clean and neat in their Sunday attire, presented an attractive picture to this reporter as he visited their school a few Sundays ago and was to him as indication that with their presence the future of the church as well as the community was assured.

Officers of the Sunday school are James Brady, superintendent; Wilson Green, assistant superintendent; Elmer R. Cassady, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Brady, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Virginia Cassady, treasurer.

Other organizations of the church are the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Officers of the W.S.C.S. are Mrs. Alma Brown, president; Mrs. Golda Mae Matthews, vice president; Mrs. Maggie Green, secretary; Mrs. Mary R. Cassady, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Mamie Cheek treasurer.

Officers of the MYF are Miss Syphronia Brown, president; Wayne Brady, vice president; Miss Georgia Leach, Secretary; Larry Coffin, assistant secretary; Miss Barbara Harris, treasurer; and adult advisor, Mrs. James Brady.

Home Demonstration officers are Mrs. Margaret Green, president; Mrs. Verlia Brady, first vice president; Mrs. Mattie R. Staley, second vice president; Mrs. Evangeline Leach, secretary; Mrs. Virginia Cassady, treasurer; Mrs. Ophelia Brady, program committee; and Mrs. Mary R. Cassady, assistant program committee.

The Piney Ridge Community Development Club has as its projects soil testing, painting the community signs, beautifying the homes of the community and helping to build a new church. It meets once a month.

Its officers are Mrs. Golda Mae Matthews, chairman; James Brady, co-chairman; Mrs. Mamie Cheek, secretary; Mrs. Viola Coffin, assistant secretary; and Carlee Staley, treasurer.

The March of Dimes workers, who have increased their amount with each successive year, has had as its leaders Mrs. James Brady and Mrs. Rufus Cheek.

Those assisting Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Cheek have been Mrs. Golda Mae Matthews, Mrs. Maggie Green, Mrs. Margaret Green, Mrs. Callie Cassdy, Mrs. Adline Leach, Mrs. Mattie R. Staley, Mrs. Eva Green, Mrs. Gertrude Spencer, and one man, Benjamin Cassady.

The families of the two March of Dimes leaders are illustrative of the incentive and the vision which now characterize the leadership of the Piney Ridge community and its hopes for a better tomorrow.

Mrs. James Brady, now an employee of the Ramseur plant of Klopman Mills, is a former school bus driver. She drove the school bus for eleven years and received a safety award for each of those years. her husband is an employee of the Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills.

Mrs. Brady's children include Roxie, graduate of the Randolph High School at Liberty and the Winston Salem State College at Winston-Salem and now a teacher in the schools at Chatham, Va.; William, graduate of Randolph High School, student at A&T. College at Greensboro for one year and now serving in the United States Air Force at Arlington, Va.; Paul, graduate of Randolph High School a student at A&T College for two years and now serving also in the Air Force at Chanute, Ill.; Elmer, graduate of Randolph High School and now in his second year at A&T College; Wayne, a senior at Seagrove High School; and Marshall, a sophomore at Seagrove High School.

Mrs. Rufus Cheek is also an employee at the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Mills. She formerly worked in the school cafeteria system at Asheboro High School. Her husband is a farmer and saw mill employee.

Her children include Camilla, a graduate of Randolph High School and Bennett College in Greensboro, with a degree in home economics, and formerly a dietitian at Manhattan State Hospital in New York City; Cara, a junior at Fayetteville State Teacher's College at Fayetteville; Rufus Madison a senior at Sedalia High School in Guilford

County; and Beatrice; member of the 8th grade class at Coleridge School.

The Piney Ridge Community once remained stagnant and was the wrath of that section of the county because of a tragic incident which involved one of its residents.

But with revitalized leadership and a dedicated citizenry, the community is on the move and is fast taking its place along the side of other responsible groups in Randolph County. Its motives are progress, decency, enlightenment for its people and education for its children.

Groundbreaking For A New Church

Mar. 28, 1966 – Groundbreaking services for construction of a building for the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church at Ulah were held Sunday morning, Mar. 27, following the regular morning service of the church at the old Ulah school building.

Actual construction of the first unit consisting of four class rooms, a small auditorium, kitchen and two baths, has already started, even through the church congregation only gathered last Sunday morning for the groundbreaking ceremonies.

It was only a year ago last Mar. 7 that the new church was formally organized by the Orange Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Asheboro. However, services leading to its organization began as early as May, 1961.

Site on which the construction of the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church has begun is located on Highway 220 north of Ulah on a tract of land given to the church organization by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe, which is located next to their home.

The tract of land is a beautiful wooded area and consists of 275 feet frontage on the highway and has a depth of 400 feet. Two other units of the church building is planned at a later date.

Clifford Bowers of Asheboro is the contractor for the building which will be of brick and block construction, with the interior consisting of exposed blocks. Tom Osteen from Croft and Hedrick architects is the designer of the building.

Two old bricks, one from the first church to be erected in the thirteen original Colonies in Jamestown, Va. In 1637 and another one from an old rock house which was built ten miles west of Danbury in 1725, will be placed in the building. The brick from the Jamestown, Va. Church came from England. Members of the building committee for the erection of the building are Edgar Mabe, George Clark and Jerry Dickinson. Approximate cost of the first unit of the church building will be \$30,000. It is hoped to occupy this building within three months.

Supply pastor for the Whispering Pines congregation is the Rev. David Blue, Jr., who is the pastor of the Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church.

Other church officials are Elders Jerry Dickinson, George Clark and Edgar Mabe; Deacons Floyd Parks, Emmett Rich and Joe Loflin; and Trustees David Clark, George Clark, Fincher Loflin and Edgar Mabe.

At the time of its organization twenty two persons united with the church as charter members.

Although the sun shone brightly for the groundbreaking occasion, the Sabbath morning was cold and invigorating. But the fellowship of the small gathering was warm as the people could see their vision of many years becoming a reality

Scout Leaders Gather At District Assembly

Apr. 4, 1966 – The annual scouters conclave for the Weatherby District of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts of America, composed of Randolph and Guilford Counties, was held Sunday afternoon, Apr. 3, at the Randleman Elementary School.

Five units composed the Weatherby District, Pack 411, sponsored by the Randolph School P.T.A.; Pack 413, sponsored by the Oakland Baptist Church; Troop 411, sponsored by the Edward Grove Baptist and Stephens A. M. E. Methodist Churches; Troop 414, sponsored by the Randleman Community Center; and post 450, sponsored by the United Institutional Baptist Church.

C. E. Curry, Scoutmaster for the Randleman Troop, presided over the meeting. Arrangements were in charge of Sampson Buie Scout Executive for the Weatherby District.

Also present for the annual meeting was the new Scout Executive for the General Greene Council, H. M. (Smoky) Eggers, delivered a brief inspirational address.

Other Scout officials appearing on the program were Earl Whitley, district chairman for the Weatherby District, and E. J. Jones, chairman of the finance committee for the district. At the outset of the meeting greetings were extended by Randleman Mayor Paul Bell, Fred Albright, principal of the school at which the conclave was held, and from the Randleman community through Mrs. Ora M. Goss, Den Mother of Pack 424.

Music was furnished by choirs from Randleman, Ramseur, Liberty and Asheboro. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. W. T. Rankin, pastor of Randleman Methodist Church.

Highest scouting award went 14 year-old Howard Spencer, Route 1, and Randleman, who received the Star Award. He is a 9th grade student at Randleman High School.

Other awards were presented as follows: Wolf Ranks, Reuben Brooks, George Walden, Joseph McCaskill, Odell Garner, Theodore Harris, Marvin Kimes, Thomas Martin, Charles Headen, Harry Coltrane, Joseph Coltrane, Nathan Godfody, Coide Ford, Samuel Bittle, Chester Swaringer, Roger Patterson, Donald Brown, Gary Clapp, Garry Dark, Lynn Lucas and Dennie Bittle from Pack 411 and Ricky T. Andrews, James A. Spinks, Andrew Marley, Jr., Kenneth Caviness, Johnny Siler, Robert L. Siler, Clinton Gladden, Jackie Brady, Richard Cheek, Charles Staley, and Felton Strickland from pack 413.

Graduation certificates went to Floyd Overman, Charlie Gilmer, Judas McCaskill, Herbert Bittle, and Fred Lucas from Pack 411; second class awards went to Alfonso Stubbs, Lee Cheek, Charles Overman and Leonard Overman from Troop 411 and Bruce Hayes, Junior Goss and Terry Ray Ferree from Troop 414; and first class awards went to James H. Matthews, William Stubbs, Wayne Isley, and Reginald Cheek from Troop 411 and Phillip Ferree, Sonny Ferree, and Roger McComb from Troop 414.

Merit badges went to Jerry Gaines for forestry, personal fitness and world brotherhood to James Ferree for citizenship in home, nature and fishing to Howard Spencer for public health, world brotherhood and marksmanship to James Green for nature, world brotherhood and marksmanship, all from Troop 414, and to Arthur Jackson for cooking and Ronald Robinson for citizenship in community, both from Post 450.

Mr. Presnell has 90th Birthday—Family Gathering pays Honor

Apr. 7, 1966 – A family gathering marked the ninetieth birthday of Joe S. Presnell, Route 1, Asheboro, Sunday Apr. 3.

A sumptuous buffet luncheon, held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John M. Maness, also on Route 1, Asheboro, was a predominant feature on the birthday celebration, with friends and other relatives calling by in the afternoon.

Mr. Presnell was joined in the occasion by his wife, the former Lillie Dorsett, and their two sons, John W. Presnell, Conway, S. C. and Dennis Presnell, Columbia, S. C.

Completing the family group with Mr. and Mrs. Pesnell, their daughter and two sons were their eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of whom were in attendance.

Josiah S. (Joe) Presnell is a native of the Pisgah area of Randolph County having been born a short distance east of the Pisgah Methodist Church.

His father, Dennis Presnell died fairly early in the life of the son Josiah, and was buried in the family cemetery at the old log homestead near Pisgah. But when his mother died many years later the road to the old cemetery was not passable and she was buried in the cemetery at the Pisgah Methodist Church.

Joe Presnell stayed in the Pisgah community until maturity and his first work away from the farm on which he was reared was in the barrel factory operated by Henry Yow near Seagrove.

He worked at making barrels for a short while but for this work was paid forty cents a barrel and could make two of the fifty gallon barrels in one day. His next work was in the cotton mill at Naomi Falls or what is now know as Randleman. He went from there to a veneer plant in High Point.

It was after moving to High Point that he became acquainted with Mrs. Presnell, who was a native of the Plainfield and Sophia area, the daughter of Martin Henry Dorsett and Mary Powell Dorsett.

Their acquaintance began one Sunday at the Mt. Olive Pilgrim Holiness Church west of Sophia when Mr. Presnell brought the family of the Mt. Olive pastor, the Rev. J. E. Shaw, down from High Point for the Sunday services. He was driving a white horse and riding in a rubber-tired buggy.

The second time he came; Mrs. Presnell's father invited him to bring his horse and buggy over to their place and extended other hospitalities to the visitor from High Point.

Mrs. Presnell, who was playing the organ when he came into the church on the Sunday of his first visit, figured he was all right or he wouldn't have been with the preacher and his family.

Anyway, they were married in five months and Mrs. Presnell left her Randolph County home to live with her husband in high Point. Their marriage occurred fifty-five years ago last Dec. and Mr. Presnell, a man of dry wit, said "I've been living with her for fifty – five years and I've never whipped her yet".

Theyd lived in high Point for 26 years and moved to Archdale where they lived for 20 years before coming to their Route 1, Asheboro residence three years ago. Although they live in a pleasant community and among nice neighbors, their ties of friendship and other association are

in Archdale and High Point where they spent so many years of their lives.

During his years of residence in High Point and Archdale, Mr. Presnell worked with veneer and furniture companies and his last work was with Peerless Veneer Co. where he retired at the age of 73, after having been with the firm for thirty-five years. His first work upon going to High Point sixty years ago was with the veneer business which was owned by John Clinard.

His oldest son, John, acquired a love for the business in which his father spent his life and is now managing a plywood plant in Conway, S. C. His other son, Dennis, studied business administration and is owner and operator of the Presnell Adjustment Service in Columbia, S. C. Their only daughter, Treva, now Mrs. John M. Maness, pursued a business career in High Point until coming to the Route 1, Asheboro section where her husband is occupied with bird dog training and farming. She is now employed with The Courier Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. Presnell saw High Point change from a horse and buggy town to the modern progressive city which it is today. In fact, when Mrs. Presnell joined her husband in High Point following their marriage Mr. Presnell went to his work in a buggy.

They came to the vicinity in which they live in order to be near their daughter. Mr. Presnell quit driving a car 14 years ago but Mrs. Presnell, who is 79 years of age, only quit driving last Feb. However, she could have retained her license but decided against it.

Throughout the years of their lives, Mr. and Mrs. Presnell have adjusted themselves to the circumstances in which they have found themselves and have made friends, whether it was in Pisgah, Seagrove, Plainfield, Sophia, High Point, Archdale or the community in which they now live.

Easter Sunrise Services Slated By North Asheboro Churches

Apr. 7, 1966 – And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, and when they went in they did not find the body.”
- Luke 24:2

Before the beautiful resurrection scene at Randolph Memorial Park, North Asheboro churches will sponsor their second consecutive Easter sunrise service Sunday morning, Apr. 10, at 6 a.m.

The early worshippers will stand before the resurrection scene at the park, which depicts the angel, the open tomb and the two women standing by.

Across the way will be the open Bible scene, on which the words of the Lord's Prayer are engraved on the grey stone which is similar to the open tomb scene.

Rev. John Ivan Kizer, the minister for the occasion, who is the pastor of Forest Park Baptist Church, will extol the words of the risen Christ as the early dawn breaks across the eastern horizon.

Ministers of the other North Asheboro churches will also participate in the sunrise service.

Music for the service will be directed by Charles Stout while a portion of the Asheboro High School Band will also participate. Marion Boling, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, will be the soloist.

In the case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Balfour Baptist Church.

Last year several hundred people attended the early service and it is expected that a similar number will attend this year.

Adding to the beauty of the occasion will be the multi-colors of the jonquills, the tulips and the azaleas grouped around the sundial and the beautiful Easter flowers which the people will have placed on the graves of their loved ones

They Worshipped Easter In 123-Year Old Church

Apr. 11, 1966 – Many sunrise services were held in Randolph County on yesterday's cold but beautiful Easter morning, among them the service at Shiloh Christian Church which has become an annual event.

The 123 year-old church is located on Route 1, Ramseur, near Moffitt's Mill, and at the site of historic Shiloh Academy, one of Randolph County's earliest educational institutions.

The sun was attempting to break through the eastern horizon as the early worshippers, a goodly number of them, gathered for the early service.

The first part of the sunrise service was held on the inside and the sanctuary of the Shiloh church, which was rebuilt and renovated in 1949, presented an appearance of simple dignity and beauty.

A lighted picture in the pulpit of Christ praying in the garden, with Peter, James and John in the background, although a permanent fixture, was still very appropriate for the service commemorating the death burial and resurrection.

A cluster of white lilies from the women's fellowship graced the chancel area and were to be taken to Mrs. Roella Needham, an ailing member, after the service.

The stained doors and wainscoting blended with the beautiful natural wood of the pews and early morning sun coming through the stained colors of the memorial windows on the east side illuminated the entire scene and brought reflections on the splendors of the resurrection story.

Rev. Ray Hapsel, pastor of the church for three and one half years and also a member of the faculty of the Bob Jones University at Greenville, S. C., presided over the service and brought with him a quartet of young men from the college.

Clifton Allen, Shiloh's choir director, led the church choir in a presentation of Easter music.

Guest speaker was the Rev. Richard Grey, dynamic young pastor of Faith Baptist Church and a former classmate of the Shiloh pastor at the Bob Jones University.

His scripture was "I am he that liveth, and was dead, and behold. I am alive for evermore." His three points of emphasis was the importance of the resurrection today, the extent of the resurrection of Christ, and what does the reality of the resurrection mean to me as an individual?

After the service in the church, a brief service was held on the edge of the cemetery where Shiloh's dead await the resurrection morn. The significance and realization of the Easter observance was made more poignant with the revelation that a young man who had participated in the service in Shiloh's cemetery last Easter day was himself now waiting the day of resurrection.

The congregation sung "The Old Rugged Cross." The quartet rendered another selection heralding the coming of the Lord and the benediction was said.

The spell of the sacred hour was broken and the early Easter worshipers, attired in their finery, their new hats and some with overcoats, trooped into the old school building for a fellowship breakfast of ham, bacon, eggs, rolls and hot coffee.

Successful Ministry Ends As Pastor Leaves County

Apr. 21, 1966 – Rev. Avery Brown, who has served with honor in his own country, will conclude a successful ministry in his native county with the close of worship services at his churches next Sunday.

He tendered his resignation as pastor of the Seagrove, Union Grove and Pleasant Cross Christian Churches on the first Sunday in Feb. in order to accept the pastorate of a parish in Rockingham County.

On next Monday he and his wife will leave to assume the duties of their new work which will include the pastorates of the Kallam Grove, Mt. Bethel and New Lebanon Christian Churches. Their residence will be established at the parsonage of the New Lebanon church located on Route 4, Reidsville. This genial Randolph County native, who has spent much of his ministry among the people with whom he grew to manhood, has already concluded his services at the Pleasant Cross church. His final service at the Union Grove church will be held next Sunday morning at 9:45 and his final service at the Seagrove Christian Church will be next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

But no one who knows Avery Brown believes but that time and events will bring him back to the land and people where he was born as one of the ten children of Ben F. Brown and Omata Bray Brown at the old homestead in Brower Township near the family graveyard on the old Indian Mound.

His mother died when he was young and his father, a prominent citizen in the area in which the family lived, married for the second time and two half-sisters joined the original family of ten.

Avery grew up on the farm and attended the old Mt. Olivet Academy nearby. He later graduated from Seagrove High School and married Dora Hayes, a girl from the community in which he lived and who rode with him on the same school bus to the Seagrove school.

The couple were married and the parents of five children at the time Avery entered the ministry he was employed as a loom fixer at the Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills.

He continued working until the following year when he entered Elon College to better prepare himself for the work to which he was called. In Jan. 1953 he became the pastor of the Sophia, Flint Hill and Bailey's Grove Congregational Christian Churches where he remained for four years.

His next tenure of service was at the Pleasant Grove and Union Grove Christian Churches and at the former church he was particularly working among people whom he had known through bonds of kinship as well as relationships from his boyhood in an adjoining township.

Following his service at Pleasant Grove and Union Grove, he left the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational-Christian Churches for a brief period and served for two years as pastor of the Gibsonville Christian Church, an affiliate of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the same denomination.

Upon his return to the Western North Carolina Conference and to his native county, he came to Seagrove where he

had attended high school and took the Seagrove church, the Union Grove church and the Pleasant Cross church.

His entire service at the Union Grove church amounts to nearly nine and one half years, his first tenure of service there being nearly five years and his last pastorate lasting for four and one half years.

His pastorates, extending now for over thirteen years, have been enjoyable, blessed with many achievements and challenges and in most cases a building program has either been started or enlarged under his leadership.

At Sophia the church site was relocated and a completely new building erected at Union Grove and educational unit was built and at Seagrove a new educational unit is well on its way to completion at the present time.

On the conference level he has served for two years as president of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational-Christian Church, having concluded his official duties last November. Currently he is serving as a member of the executive committee of the conference and also is a member of the committee on ministers.

But Avery Brown's real depth of service has been evidenced not in the knowledge of what the people of his parish needed and the subsequent fulfillment of those needs.

He has come from among the people and has known their hopes, their ambitions, their fears and has therefore been able to make the application which has been needed.

Quiet spoken and easy going in his manner of approach, he has nevertheless been firm in his decisions for the betterment of his churches, the welfare of his people and the furtherance of the Kingdom to which he dedicated his life fifteen years ago.

The scriptures make mention that "a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country." But Avery Brown has served with honor in his own country, the county which has nourished him since his birth, and he has served with distinction among the people with whom he has spent his years.

Franklinville Couple Honored On Their Fiftieth Anniversary

Apr. 28, 1966 – Although Mr. and Mrs. John Jester, Route 1, Franklinville, reached the fiftieth milestone of their marriage Apr. 23, their eventful life is far from over and in at least one instance they have recently made another beginning.

Three weeks before the anniversary of their marriage was reached, they moved into a modern new spacious home which they built mostly through their own efforts.

Mr. Jester, a stone and brick mason for the past fifty-five years and also endowed with other skills of the building trade, did all of the work on the house himself, assisted by his wife and sons, except for the electrical, plumbing and cabinet work.

It is a three-bedroom house, with a huge combination kitchen, dining area and living room and a full basement. The exposed brick walls on the inside of the house attest to the masonry trade for which Mr. Jester has been proficient all these many years.

On the day following the occurrence of their golden wedding anniversary, Sunday, Apr. 24, the six children of Mr. and Mrs. Jester held an open house event for them at the fellowship hall of the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church.

Their children are Henry Way Jester, Mrs. Charlie (Mary Elizabeth) Bolton, Mrs. Robert Lee (Daisy) York, and Mrs. Ed (Katherine) Hutchins, of High Point, and John Henry Jester, Jr. and Mrs. Jack (Edith) Gaines, of Route 1, Franklinville, live in the vicinity in which their parents live.

Both Mr. Jester and his wife, the former Susan Regina Giles, are natives of the High Point area, he from the Kivett Drive area and she from the Springfield section. When they came to Randolph County in Dec. 1937, only one of their children was married and living in High Point. But three more of them went back to High Point at the time of their marriages.

These four children wanted Mr. and Mrs. Jester to come back to High Point where they had spent most of their lives. But, as Mrs. Jester expressed it, "we liked it down here in Randolph, and it is here they plan to stay for the remainder of their lives."

Even though Mr. and Mrs. Jester have lived in the vicinity in which they are now living, just west of Ramseur, for nearly thirty years, their residence prior to that time was not quite so permanent, particularly Mr. Jester's.

In 1908, when Mr. Jester was twelve years old, his family left their home near High Point and went by train to Oklahoma City, Okla. Two of Mr. Jester's thirteen brothers and sisters were already out there, only one remained behind in High Point.

The family remained in Oklahoma for two years, where Mr. Jester's father pursued his trade as a stone and brick mason. From the nine sons in this family, all of them except one followed this same occupation.

Indian uprising occurred while the family was in Oklahoma and an erroneous report was printed in a High Point newspaper stating that John Jester was killed in one of the affrays with the Indians.

From Oklahoma the family moved to Central, S. C. where they remained for a year and one-half before coming back to their native High Point.

Mrs. John Jester, the daughter of a carpenter, remained stationary with her family in the Springfield area of High Point until after her marriage to Mr. Jester. But in the fifty years of their marriage they moved fourteen times, including the move three weeks ago to the new house situated close to their former residence west of Ramseur. Concerning future moves, they simply state that "we plan to stay here".

Outside of the various changes of residence, Mr. Jester has also pursued his trade at various places away from home, all the way from Silver Springs, Md. to Punta Gorda, Fla.

He still works at the masonry trade outside of building his own house, even though he will be 72 years of age on May 1. He said that "Uncle Sam" thought he was one year older, as prior to World War I he moved his age up one year in order to join the National Guard. Before the end of the war he was called into active service.

Mrs. Jester, who is only 67 years of age, had to have the permission of her parents at the time of her marriage. So, her father accompanied Mr. Jester when he went after the marriage license. She, too, is a member of a large family, being one of seven girls and three boys.

In addition to their six children, the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Jester include 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

At the open house for Mr. and Mrs. Jester at the Pleasant Ridge fellowship hall, the guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hampton of High Point, a granddaughter of the honored couple, and her husband, who presented them to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. Jester, their two sons and four daughters.

Two granddaughters, Misses Kitty Sue Hutchings and Diane Jester, presided at the guest register.

The serving table, covered with a white lace cloth over gold, featured the three-tiered white anniversary cake, decorated with yellow rosebuds and gold leaves and topped with two white swan and two gold wedding rings. Also on the table was an arrangement of gold asters, flanked by gold candelabra holding lighted tapers.

The wedding cake was especially designed for the honored couple by Mrs. Norman Kinney.

Miss Carol Jester, a granddaughter, served the decorated cake squares while Mrs. John Jester, Jr. poured punch. Assisting in serving were Misses Sylvia and Janet Canada.

Mrs. John Jester, Sr. was dressed for her fiftieth wedding anniversary occasion in a knit suit of golden brown, complemented by a corsage of gold asters with silver and gold net. Her daughters wore similar corsages while Mr. Jester and his sons wore boutonnieres with the same flowers.

Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. George Greer, of High Point, also a grand-daughter and her husband. Many friends, neighbors and relatives called during the afternoon.

The people came from Mooresville, Ramseur, High Point, Jamestown, Winston-Salem, Thomasville, Asheboro, Denton, Archdale, Elon College, Siler City and Trinity and Brooksville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jester, although natives of another area, have established themselves in the Franklinville - Ramseur vicinity since coming here three decades ago.

Friendly and easy going, they are held in warm regard by those who know them and their friends and neighbors are glad to know that they plan to remain where they are.

Hunts Married On Easter Sunday Commemorate It 50 Years Later

Apr. 28, 1966 - Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Evans Hunt, who were married on Easter Sunday, Apr. 23, 1916, were honored Sunday when their children held open house to commemorate the fifty years of their marriage.

The open house event from 2 o'clock until 5 took place at their home at 1016 Uwharrie Street, where they have lived for nearly 43 years.

The wedding of fifty years ago took place at the home of Mrs. Hunt's parents, Cicero and Rhodema Hoover McDowell, in Albemarle. However, Mrs. Hunt the former Carolina (Caroline) McDowell was born in western Randolph County, near the Pleasant Union Christian Church.

Mr. Hunt, the son of Azra (Aze) and Emma (Emmie) Varner Hunt, was born in Tabernacle Township, near Mt. Zion Methodist Church, but at the time of his marriage was living in Cedar Grove Township Southwest of Asheboro.

The family attended the Mt. Zion Methodist Church but since his father "was pretty substantial to go to big meetings," the family also attended services at the Pleasant Hill Tabernacle and Mt. Pleasant Methodist Churches. According to Mr. Hunt, the children in his father's family were "raised to go to church and Sunday School."

When he was reaching young manhood the family moved to their home southwest of Asheboro and then attended the New Union Methodist Church. But like his father before him, Mr. Hunt also went around to other churches and big meetings; It was while attending services at the West Chapel Methodist Church, more directly west of Asheboro, that he first saw the girl he was later to marry.

Mrs. Hunt and her people, soon after her birth, had moved to high Point but had come back to Randolph County and settled near the West Chapel Church. The family attended the West Chapel services and Mrs. Hunt went first to the Back Creek school and then to the Davis Mountain school.

The courtship of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt began before she moved with her parents to Albermarle and then continued after the change of residence. Approximately 39 miles away. Mr. Hunt would leave for Albermarle early in the morning, around seven or eight o'clock, when he planned a visit to the Stanley County town. Traveling by mule and buggy, he would arrive at his destination about 4:30 in the afternoon.

This went on until the time for the wedding, when Mr. Hunt left on a Friday morning in order to get the license and make preparation for the wedding on Easter Sunday. For this trip also he went by mule and buggy.

It was an early Easter Sunday morning wedding, held before Sunday School and preaching, but the preacher came back after church for the big wedding dinner which was prepared for the occasion.

The couple came back to Randolph County the next day and began making preparations to move into a small house on old 49A which Mr. Hunt had rented three months earlier. They lived in this community for five years and Mr. Hunt engaged in farming.

Then they came to Asheboro where Mr. Hunt worked in the chair factory and the casket making unit of one of the lumber plants. But many years ago he began following the carpentry trade in which he remained until his retirement approximately ten years ago.

Now 75 years of age his health is not good and it falls to the lot of Mrs. Hunt, who is only 68 years of age, to care for him. This she does in addition to doing her housework and planting a garden in the summer months. They live alone at their Uwharrie Street residence, although two of Mr. Hunt's sisters, Miss Lillie Hunt and Mrs. Dora Hall, live a few houses down the street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt joined the New Union Methodist Church shortly after their marriage and remain within the watchcare of the church, although not attending regularly because of Mr. Hunt's health. His parents are buried in the New Union cemetery while hers are interred in the cemetery at Pleasant Union.

Eight children were born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hunt, the oldest one Wade Roe, dying before he reached the age of two.

The others are Mrs. Bennie (Pauline) Wilson, Route 3, Asheboro; Baxter Hunt, Route 2, Asheboro; Clarence Hunt, Asheboro; Mrs. Gladys Davis, the widow of Rev. Harvey Davis, Asheboro; Mrs. Henry (Hazel) Harvell, Route 3, Asheboro; Melvin Hunt, Route 3, Asheboro; and Mrs. Bobby (Ola Mae) Spencer, Asheboro.

There are eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Approximately 200 friends and relatives called during the appointed hours at the open house honoring Mr. and Mrs.

Hunt on their golden wedding anniversary, extending to them their best wishes for the occasion.

Two sons-in-law, Bobby Spencer and Henry Harvell, greeted the guests at the door and presented them to the honored couple, their three sons and four daughters.

Registering the guests as they arrived was Ricky Spencer, a grandson.

In the dining area the table was covered with a white lace cloth over yellow. At each corner of the table was a cluster of wedding bells tied with yellow bows. The four-tiered wedding cake at one end of the table, with a swan divider, was decorated with wedding bells and yellow streamers, with a bronze inscription of "50" at the top. At the other end of the table the punchbowl was encircled with ivy and gold miniature mums.

Also, on the table was an arrangement of yellow Dutch Iris, snapdragons, snowdrift pompoms and gypsophelia, flanked by four-branched silver candelabra with lighted tapers.

On the mantel in the living room there was an arrangement of yellow gladoli, snapdragons, Dutch iris and snowdrift pom poms.

Serving the decorated cake squares, mints and nuts were Mrs. Clarence Hunt and presiding over the punch bowl was Mrs. Melvin Hunt, both daughter-in-law.

Assisting in the serving were Mrs. Bobby Poole and Mrs. Tommy Stanley.

Miss Linda Wilson, a granddaughter, and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, wife of a grandson, received in the gift room.

Her daughters and daughters-in-law wore corsages of yellow mums while Mr. Hunt, his sons and son-in-law wore yellow roses as boutonieres.

Goodbyes were said by Bennie Wilson, a son-in-law.

Thus, the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Lonnie and Caroline Hunt came to an end. Native of Randolph County, respected and church going, the honor extended to them by their children on Sunday, Apr. 24, was a fitting and proper way in which to mark their fiftieth year of marriage.

Neece Couple Honored On Their Anniversary

Apr. 28, 1966 – Mr. and Mrs. R. Talmage Neece, Route 1, Pleasant Garden, were honored Sunday afternoon, Apr. 24, on their golden wedding anniversary when their children held open house at the fellowship hall at the Providence Friends Meeting house.

Their children are Mrs. Geo Hewitt, Elizabeth Cith, Mrs. P. S. Hylton, Route 1, Pleasant Garden, Mrs. Vernon P. Bordelon, New Orleans, La.; Talmadge M. Neece, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Vernon R. Boling, Randleman; Mrs. Robert G. Christopherson, Charlotte; and Mrs. Bain F. Allred, Route 10, Greensboro.

Receiving with the honored couple at the open house were members of their wedding group of fifty years ago, Clarence M. Macon, of Tacoma, Washington, brother of Mrs. Neece; Mrs. James T. Bowman, Asheboro, her sister; and Miss Vanner Neece, Route 1, Pleasant Garden, sister of Mr. Neece.

The refreshment table was covered with a deep yellow linen cloth covered with yellow net and centered with the three tiered wedding cake which was decorated in white and gold. The cake was flanked on either side by

arrangements of yellow snapdragons and daisies in silver candle holders.

On the gift table was an arrangement of yellow gladioli, mums and snapdragons.

The children of the honored couple, along with their husbands and wife, greeted the guests, assisted in the serving and at the the gift table, and said the goodbyes.

Helping them were Miss Estelle Neece at the guest book, Miss Laura Neece, who provided music, and Miss Ett Neece, who poured the punch, all of whom are sisters of Mr. Neece. Also assisting were Mrs. Ernest Macon and Mrs. Clarence Macon, sisters-in-law of Mrs. Neece.

Mr. and Mrs. Neece were married Apr. 23, 1916 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth M. Macon, in the Providence community. Mrs. Neece is the former Anna Moleta Macon.

They lived in or near the providence community for thirty years, then moved to Route 1, Greensboro, where they lived for twenty years. They just recently moved back into the Providence community in a new home which is located near the site of the house in which they began their married life fifty years ago.

For three hours on the Sunday afternoon of the open house in their honor, a large number of friends, relatives, neighbors and church people moved steadily through the fellowship hall at the Providence Meeting House to congratulate and extend their best wishes to this couple who are held in wide respect and esteem.

Brady Couple Are Paid Honors On 50th Year Of Marriage

May 5, 1966 – On Tuesday, Apr. 26, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. (Obie) Brady, Sr., a well known Coleridge couple, reached the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

They were both residing in Coleridge at the time of their marriage and it was on a Wednesday evening, Apr. 26, 1916, when they walked across the river bridge from their homes in the village to the home of the officiating minister, Rev. A. K. Scotten, for the speaking of their marriage vows.

On the Sunday afternoon before they came to their golden wedding anniversary day, their four children, three daughters and one son, invited their friends and relatives to an open house event in their honor.

Guests were invited to call between 2 and 5 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brady, across from the Coleridge School, and upon their arrival were greeted by the honored couple and their children.

Mrs. Brady, a youthful 66 years of age, wore a grey dress with a corsage of yellow roses. She wore a white dress for her wedding fifty years ago. Mr. Brady, four years older, wore a yellow rose as a boutonniere.

In the dining room the table was covered with a lace cloth of off-white, upon which was an arrangement of yellow roses and mums, flanked by crystal candle holder with lighted tall yellow tapers.

The anniversary cake was four-tiered and decorated in white and gold. Gold punch was served from a crystal punch bowl.

Mr. Brady, a retired miller and carpenter, has lived in Coleridge for a greater part of his life. He was born in Chatham County, near the Fall Creek Baptist Church, the son of William Wesley Brady and Betsy Ann Brady. At the time of his birth he was given the name of Obed Cornet but

has used his initials for correspondence and has been called "Obie" by his family and friends.

His family moved out of the Fall Creek area when he was small and lived in the Union Grove area of North Asheboro and Central Falls before moving to the "Brown Town" section of Pleasant Grove Township, southeast of Coleridge.

Before coming to this latter area, he had attended the Gold Hill school east of Asheboro and had worked in the cotton mill at Central Falls, then known as the Worth manufacturing Company.

While living in "Brown Town," he attended the Pleasant Grove school. His family then moved to Coleridge where he became employed at the Enterprise Manufacturing Company.

While working at the Central Falls mill, his wages were forty cents a day and he also received this amount when he began his employment at the cotton mill in Coleridge.

Mrs. Brady, the former Laura Caviness, was born in the area southeast of Coleridge, about two miles from the Maple Springs Methodist church. Her parents were Zeb Caviness and Hannah Moffitt Caviness and she was one of ten children, nine of whom are still living.

Reared on a farm she attended the Maple Springs school before moving to Coleridge with her family at about the age of fifteen when she also became employed at the Enterprise Manufacturing Company. However, her parents moved back to the section from which they came following her marriage to Mr. Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady planned to keep their marriage a secret until after the ceremony had been performed. But their friends found it out and before they reached the end of the bridge on their way to the preacher's house, their friends were crossing over also. So, the room was full by the time they stood up before the preacher for the marriage ceremony.

The officiating minister belonged to the Christian denomination and Mr. Brady had already joined the Baptist church. But following the ceremony the couple attended the Wednesday night prayer service at the church in Coleridge, next door to where Mr. Brady lived.

They started housekeeping in Coleridge and shortly after their marriage Mr. Brady quit the cotton mill and started working at the flour mill in Coleridge, first as a helper and then as the miller.

When he first went to the mill it was operated by water power.

He stayed there for twelve years, which time included the period of World War I. He made government flour during the war and operated the mill both day and night. He recalls also that due to the shortage of flour at that time, nothing was taken out of the grindings except the bran.

After he left the Coleridge mill he went back to the cotton mill for awhile. But the milling fever was still with him and along with a son-in-law he leased the Howard's Mill in Moore County which he operated for six years.

But in 1941 he brought his family back to Coleridge, bought the house in which they now reside and took up the carpentry work.

However, he couldn't seem to get away from milling and started a feed and corn mill at his home, working at it after his day's work as a carpenter was finished. He did this mill work after hours until he "got too much business" and had to discontinue it.

After twenty five years as a carpenter, he quit in 1961. He still does some odd jobs but spends his time mostly in the maintenance of his home and the grounds surrounding it.

Mrs. Brady worked for eleven years at the Coleridge school cafeteria until quitting this job a few years ago. But she is still active, looks after a grandchild and does all of her housekeeping.

Mr. Brady joined the Deep River Baptist Church at Coleridge over fifty years ago and has remained a continuous member every since, even though during his operation of the Howard's Mill he attended the Beulah Baptist Church. Mrs. Brady joined the Deep River Church shortly after her marriage.

Their four children are Mrs. James (Rona) Craven, Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. Graham (Velna) Hussey, High Falls; C. C. Brady, Jr., Route 1, Asheboro; and Mrs. Laughton (Betsy Jean) Cheek, Route 1, Ramseur.

Members of their immediate family also include five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Brady has a sister, Mrs. Harvey Bray, Route 1, Ramseur, and a brother, Ernest Brady, Route 4, Siler City.

The life span of "Obie" Brady has included cotton mill work, operation of roller mills. Carpentry and marriage for fifty years to the girl he walked across the river bridge with in the early hours of that Wednesday evening fifty years ago.

He is a gentle, soft spoken man, says he has never made financial gains, but that he is thankful for what he has had.

His wife, who entered the bonds of matrimony only fifteen days after her 16th birthday, has retained her youth and vigor and displays a good sense of humor when the occasion arises.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Brady, Sr. has reflected in the household which they have maintained and has been an inspiration and example to the community in which they have lived

Almost 5,000 Hours Contributed Last Year By Volunteers

May 9, 1966 – The ASH-RAND Rescue, Inc., organized to promote the conservation of human life and property and to render aid and assistance in time of need, emergency, or disaster, has rendered notable service since its organization on June 6, 1963.

Composed of rescuers, sustaining and honorary members, the corporation's scope of service and activity has steadily increased since its beginning less than three years ago.

Last year total time compiled by the members of The Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc in training and missions amounted to more than 4,989 hours.

The first real call to duty came about five months after their organization when they were called to search for a 75 year-old man who got lost in the woods.

Since then the missions have been many and have included hunting for missing children and a mentally retarded person who had wandered away, recovering the body of a man pinned in a wreck, diving for stolen goods and bringing to the surface a stolen auto which overturned in Deep River, the recovery of bodies of drowned persons, transporting blood needed in emergencies, assisting in the emergency room at the hospital, standing by for emergency calls at athletic events and horse shows, assisting firemen

at times of major fire calls, and various other missions which have fulfilled the purposes of their incorporation.

In the year 1965 members of the rescue squad recovered the bodies of four persons drowned in Randolph County and assisted with the recovery of two persons who were drowned in the lake at High Rock.

Recently the rescue squad recovered the body of a 11 year-old boy from the lake at Camp Caraway forty five minutes after arriving on the scene and earlier this year after a man had drowned while fishing in Randleman City Lake, the Asheboro Rescue Squad had brought his body from the bottom of the lake one and one half hours after he drowned and then pulled the boat and its heavy motor from the lake.

Randolph County Sheriff Lloyd Brown has repeatedly praised members of the rescue squad for their rendering of service to his department and to the people of Randolph County.

Even though The Asheboro Rescue, Inc. only elected its officers and began its program of service on June 6, 1963, its Articles of Incorporation were subscribed to on Sept. 12, 1962.

But before that the men who were to later form the corporation were preparing for its beginning, especially in the acquiring of standard and advanced first aid certificates were received in classes which were held by Red Cross instructors.

The Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc., however, had its beginning from a deputy reserve group of 50 men which was started by Wayne Wilson at the time he was Sheriff of Randolph of Randolph County and also from personnel of the Central Piedmont Citizens Band Radio Club. Both of these organization had planned to organize a rescue unit as a part of their group while they were operating separately, with the deputy reserve having drawn up by-laws for such an organization prior to its disbandment, which occurred when Sheriff Wilson resigned to become affiliated with the enforcement division of the Treasury Department.

At the time of its organization The Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc. had no equipment. Their only asset was the amount of \$300 which had been transferred from the disbanded organization of deputy reserve, this amount having been received from a fund raising event.

First equipment to be acquired consisted of two commercial first aid kits and a 1955 Model panel truck which formerly served for the pick up of laundry. This latter piece of equipment was completely reconditioned and painted by members of the rescue squad.

At about the same time each man in the organization purchased from his own personal funds a complete uniform, consisting of white trousers, shirt, green tie, coveralls and helmet. In Nov. of the year of its organization, Pugh Funeral Home donated a 1957 Plymouth Station Wagon which was converted by the squad members into an ambulance.

Another donation was a four-wheel drive ambulance which came from the Citizens Band Radio Club which came together with the deputy reserve for the organization of The Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc.

Other equipment now on hand and a part of the rescue efforts include two 11 foot aluminum boats and motors, a boat trailer which was built by squad members, a resuscitator, aspirator and inhalator, hydraulic ten-ton power jack, portable power plant with a 1,500 watt output

generator, complete first aid medical supplies, latest in transparent inflatable splints, flood lights, blankets, saws, walkie talkies, a giant can opener which can cut through the top of an automobile, ropes, block and tackle, picks, shovels, fire extinguishers, portable oxygen units, grappling hooks, equipment in skin diving, portable stretchers and other items.

Also, the organization has hospital beds which are available on loan to citizens of Randolph County without any charge.

A badly needed piece of equipment is a new ambulance. Another need for The Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc. is a tract of land on which to erect a building for their group. A fund for the erection of a building has already been started and it is hoped by members of the organization that the land for such a building will be donated.

Presently the organization operates from a building at 362 south Fayetteville Street, which was formerly occupied by Draughn's Radiator Service. They moved into this building from one across the street which is now occupied by Piedmont Auto parts. Before that they met in various places over town.

Until this year funds for operation came entirely from voluntary contributions and fund raising events, the first of which was a fish fry in Oct. after organization. But at the beginning of this year they received an allocation of \$1500.00 from the United Fund, which they plan to supplement with the holding of their annual barbecue supper, a bowling tournament and other fund raising events for which they have received the approval of United Fund officials.

The administrative body of The Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc., is a board of directors consisting of a president, two vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. These are named in an election which is held annually by the entire membership.

The initial boards of directors signing the Articles of Incorporation were Carl Steed, Joe Moffitt, John Scaro, Robert Lewallen and Howard K. Hunter, with the latter serving as the temporary president of the newly formed group. First regularly elected president was Ford Coleman who was succeeded by Vernon Freeman.

A new group of officers were elected on the third Thursday evening in Apr. and consists of Ford Coleman, president; Carl Steed, First vice president; Tony Shane, second vice president, Oliver Shirley, secretary, and Bill Russell, treasurer, Oliver Shirley has served as secretary of the organization since its inception.

From the membership of the organization there are a group of twenty five active Rescuers. These men are divided into three crews, each by their own group. All three groups are responsible to a Rescue Chief, which position was first held by Avery Watson. He was succeeded by L. B. Watson. The Rescue Chief is assisted by a deputy chief.

At the election of officers last month, Vernon Freeman was named as Rescue Chief and Fred Tonkins was elected as Deputy Chief.

All new officers assumed their duties at a swearing in ceremony. Thursday evening, May 5, at the American Legion Post building on Lanier Street. The oaths of office were given by Randolph County clerk of Court John Skeen and attending the ceremony were representatives from the Randolph County sheriff's Department, the Asheboro Police Department and the Asheboro Fire Department.

Rescue members included N. M. Coleman, Oliver Shirley, L. B. Watson, Fred Tonkins, Tony Shane, Robert Lewallen, James Cagle, Ray Dezern, Larry Lewallen, John Trotter, Vernon Freeman, Bill Russell, June Cox, James Allmon, Darrell Hendrix, Lemon Byrd, Jesse Leonard, Joe T. Moffitt, Jim Laughlin, Griffin Craven, Bobby Shirley, Charles Hoover, John Routh, Alfred Wallace, and Tommy Smith.

Sustaining members are Carl Steed, Russell Ingold, Walter Jones, Roy Rich, Charles Beane, J. D. Skeen, George Braun, Howard Hoover, James Brower, Joe Brantley, Kelly Lee, Lloyd Malpass, Colbert Hinshaw, Allen Scott, Raeford Gaddis, Jake Newton, Ed Parrish, T. F. Smith, Odell Mabe, Jesse Varner, and new members Wayne Morgan, local radio personality who will serve in a public relation capacity, and Kenneth F. Lawyer, an ordained minister who will serve as chaplain, George Hancock was a sustaining member until his recent death.

Honorary members are Jack Pugh, who donated the first valuable piece of equipment, and Tom O'Briant and Tommy Kemp who assisted in saving a life.

The oldest person in the organization is the energetic sustaining member Carl Steed who is now seventy and one half years old. A retired volunteer fireman with forty five years of service with the Ashebro Fire Department, Mr. Steed operates a complete field kitchen outfit when the Rescuers are on their missions of mercy, in addition to assisting churches and civic groups in the preparation of their public suppers.

The entire membership of The Ashe-Rand Rescue, Inc. is composed of men like Carl Steed, who are willing to devote their time and efforts towards rendering a service to their community and their fellowman. They receive no pay for their efforts and their service is rendered at considerable personal sacrifice to themselves and the members of their families.

In addition to the missions which carry them to the different parts of the county and elsewhere, they spend considerable time in training themselves for greater efficiency in the pursuance of the talks for which they have volunteered.

Rescue members are expected to complete 48 hours of courses in rescue techniques sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Insurance division of fire and rescue training under the direction of Sherman Pickard, state inspector of the Department of Insurance.

When tragedy strikes in Randolph county and surrounding vicinities, members of the rescue squad spend endless and precarious hours in all kinds of weather and under all circumstances in the alleviating and extending of aid in the unfortunate mishaps which occur within our midst.

For their efforts, their personal sacrifice, their exposure to danger and their outstanding contribution, all citizens of Randolph County need to salute them and render to them every possible means of support.

Officers Installed, Top FHA Girl Feature Annual Mom-Daughter Meal

May 12, 1966 - Pageantry, music, good food and elaborately dressed girls and their mothers marked the annual Mother-Daughter banquet of the Seagrove Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America Friday evening, May 6, in the Seagrove school cafeteria.

Miss Sandra Auman, retiring FHA president, was crowned the FHA'er of the year towards the conclusion of the

evening' festivities, after which the impressive installation of the officers for the next school year was held.

Earlier in the program the presentation of the Crisco Award, to the outstanding student in home economics, was made by Mrs. Wade Harris, veteran home economics teacher at Seagrove High School.

This year, due to the close division of the outstanding qualities of two students, Miss Carolyn Johnson and Miss Clara Caudill, the award was presented to each of them.

The opening ceremony at the annual FHA Mother-Daughter banquet was conducted by the president, Miss Sandra Auman, after which a welcome to the mothers was extended by Miss Ellen Eaton. Response was made by Mrs. Paul G. Johnson.

Greetings from their brother organization, the Seagrove Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, were extended by Frankie Macon, the president of that organization. The invocation prior to the serving of the meal was said by Miss Linda Garner.

The menu consisted of grapefruit juice, roast beef, gravy, hashed brown potatoes, buttered peas, golden glow salad, clover leaf rolls, butter, pound cake, vanilla ice cream and iced tea. The serving was done by members of the FFA chapter under the supervision of their advisor, H. T. Boling, agriculture teacher at the school.

Miss Carolyn Johnson introduced the principal of the Seagrove school, Gerald F. Braswell, who made brief remarks to the dinner gathering. He was accompanied to the banquet by his wife.

Other guests included the male participants in the banquet program. Doyle Allen, John Watkins, Gary King and Kelly Harris, and The Courier-Tribune reporter, Ralph Bulla, with the introduction of these guests coming from Miss Marie Beck.

The program, entitled, "It's A Girl", depicted the lives of the FHA members through childhood, adolescence and adulthood, with the portrayal by members of the chapter and the four male guests. Narrating the program was Miss Vickie Needham, FHA vice president.

Recognition of the chapter mothers, Mrs. Walter Beck, Mrs. Robert Copple, Mrs. Edna Council, Mrs. Edward Frye, Mrs. Dempsey Gatlin, Mrs. Birchel Hancock, Mrs. John D. Kiser, and Mrs. Lawrence Yow, was made by Miss Shirley Cole.

Symbols denoting their achievement of the State Homemaker Degree were presented to the thirteen recipients of this degree which was awarded earlier at the State F.H.A. Convention in Raleigh on Apr. 23. Presenting the symbols for their FHA pins at the Mother - Daughter banquet was Miss Sandra Auman the president of the Seagrove Chapter and receiving them were Frances Marie Beck, Ellen Elizabeth Bone, Linda Dianne Bullins, Nancy Dianne Deaton, Patsy Louise Deaton, Elizabeth Anne Gatlin, Helen Janice Hancock, Carolyn Ann King, Cynthia Dianne Kiser, Johnnie Susan Miller, Vickie Gail Needham, Joyce Ann Ritter, and Donna Faye Woodell.

Greetings from the immediate past president, Mrs. Gene Caudill, were received and it was Mrs. Caudill, as the FHA'er of 1964-65, who placed the crown on the head of Miss Sandra Auman as she became the FHA'er of 1965-66.

Assisting in the crowning ceremony was Frankie Macon, The FFA president, who served as escort for Miss Auman.

Selection of the FHA'er of the year was made by the entire membership of the chapter from the FHA members who

earlier in the school year had been chosen as FHA'ers of the month. These included Sandra Auman and Carolyn Johnson from the senior class; Patsy Deaton and Linda Garner from the junior class; Janice Frye and Ann Allen from the sophomore class; and Mary Bone and Jeannie Yow from the freshman class.

President Sandra Auman led the installation of the officers for the school year of 1966-67, assisted by the officers who served with her for the year 1965-1966. These included vice president, Vickie Needham; secretary, Carolyn Johnson; treasurer, Peggy Matthews; reporter, Clara Caudill; historian, Ellen Bone; parliamentarian, Ann Gatlin; song leader, Patsy Deaton; pianist, Judy Copple; chaplain, Linda Garner; and recreational leader, Dianne Bullins.

Installed were new officers Vickie Needham, president; vice - president, Ellen Bone; Secretary, Janice Frye; treasurer, Peggy Gray; historian, Linda Garner; parliamentarian, Patsy Stoltz; song leader, Mary Bone; pianist, Wanda Garner; chaplain, Jeannie Yow; and recreational leader, Pat Garner.

It was an impressive installation ceremony, with the outgoing invoking the duties of the various officers to those who were assuming the responsibilities for the new year.

It took place in a candlelight setting and both the old and the new FHA officials wore white dresses for the occasion.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the talented new president sang "Onward, Ever Onward", indicating that she will fulfill the traditions of the outstanding FHA club at Seagrove and follow in the footsteps of the capable presidents who have preceded her.

Senior FHA members of the Seagrove chapter are Sandra Auman, Clara Caudill, Judy Copple, Carolyn Davis, Ellen Eaton, Linda Gordon, Edith Hall, Diane Hayes, Carolyn Johnson, Brenda Macon, Judy Miller and Peggy Tedder.

Members from the Junior Class include Jeanette Asbill, Marie Beck, Ellen Bone, Dianne Bullins, Dianne Deaton, Patsy Deaton, Linda Garner, Ann Gatlin, Janice Hancock, Carolyn King, Dianne Kiser, Peggy Matthews, Susan Miller, Vickie Needham, Joyce Ritter, Faye Tedder, Ruth Trogdon, Pat Weaver and Donna Woodell.

Sophomores in the chapter are Ann Allen, Janice Chriscoe, Brenda Council, Marie Dunn, Janice Frye, Wanda Garner, Carol Hayes, Paula Johnson, Linda Latham, Dianne McNeill, Hilda Nichols, Patsy Stoltz and Linda Tucker.

Freshmen members are Louise Auman, Rebecca Auman, Sarah Auman, Bernice Ayers, Penny Blankenship, Mary Bone, Shirley Cole, Pat Garner, Rachel Garner, Uretha Gillespie, Sandra Graves, Rebecca Gray, Ellen Greene, Gail Harris, Pam Hodges, Sue Ledwell, Barbara Luther, Ann Miller, Barbara Nelson, Phyllis Nichols, Debra Page, Linda Weaver, Pat Williams, and Jeannie Yow.

Mrs. Purvis Extended Honors As Her 92nd Birthday Passes

May 19, 1966 - Mrs. Lanie Purvis, sharp-witted and alert at the age of 92, was extended a birthday honor last Sunday at her home, Route 1, Bennett.

Joining Mrs. Purvis at a birthday dinner was her son, Eli Brown, with whom she resides, a daughter, Mrs. Charles Morris, Fayetteville, grandchildren and other members of her immediate family.

Coming in to visit her in the afternoon were four generations of nieces. These included her niece, Mrs. Rosa

Welborn; her great niece, Mrs. Lillie Welborn Isley; her great-great niece, Mrs. Betty Isley Cox; and her great-great-great niece, Connie Cox, all of Ramseur.

Born as Nancy Celanie Kidd on May 10, 1874, near the Randolph-Chatham line, Mrs. Purvis attended the Jones school near Bennett.

She was the daughter of a Baptist minister, Edward Kidd, and has a nephew, John Kidd, who is also a Baptist minister.

However, Mrs. Purvis has been a member of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church for around seventy years. She united with the Pleasant Grove church soon after moving into that community at the time of her marriage to William Brown, who was her first husband.

Upon coming into the community, she and her husband moved into the home in which she still resides. Located about a half of a mile from Deep River, the house is estimated to be a hundred years old.

Her first husband died after four children had been born to their marriage, with only the son, Eli Brown, surviving this marriage.

After her husband's death, she married Garrett Purvis and they became the parents of twins, with only the daughter, Mrs. Charles (Annie) Morris, surviving.

A hard worker for all of her life, Mrs. Purvis can remember when she "hoed corn, chopped cotton and plowed a little."

The latter work came about after her first husband's death when she "had to take hold" and manage both the affairs of the household and the farm. Her last husband died around forty years ago.

She still cooks some biscuits and other food and gets around the house and yard with the aid of a cane. In reference to her cane, she said: "This helps me along, I stagger like I'm drunk but I haven't had a drop."

Then she added, "not since I had a little coffee at dinner."

When a comment was made on her appearance, she said to this reporter, "let me see how you look when you get past 92."

Many similar remarks were bright and witty but her obedience and her humbleness was manifested when it was mentioned that she might live to be a hundred years old.

Here reply was immediate and she said unhesitatingly "I hope I'll live as long as the Lord is willing."

Patsy Bulla And Bill Barker Feted At A Party In Lucia

May 19, 1966 – Miss Patsy Bulla of Asheboro and her fiance, Bill Barker were honored at a party given Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll McIntosh in Lucia. Hosts with Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh were Mr. and Mrs. John N. Calder, Jr.

Miss Bulla, who will be married to Mr. Barker in June, received a corsage of white carnations and a gift of crystal from the hosts, and the young couple received a shower of miscellaneous gifts from the guests.

Arrangements of spring flowers were used in the home. A progression game was played at four tables in the living room and den. At the conclusion of play, high score prizes were awarded Miss Bulla and David Calder and low score prizes to Betty Barker and Charles Rudisill.

Guests were invited to the dining room for refreshments. The table was covered with pink linen and centered with an arrangement of pink and white rosebuds. Crystal

candelabra held white candles. Punch was served with a variety of party pickups.

Attending were members of the Young Adult Sunday School class of Snow Hill Methodist Church of which Mr. Barker is a member. Mrs. McIntosh is the class teacher and Mrs. Calder, the assistant teacher. Present were the hosts and the honored couple, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Beatty, Cassie Calder, Ann Kaylor, Charles Rudisill, David Calder, Jimmy Barker, Sharon Davis, Reggie Henkle, Mary Ann Henkle, Betty Barker and Judy Hess of ASTC, Boone, guest of Miss Barker.

Mrs. Hoover Leaving Randolph— After Farewell From Friends

May 19, 1966 – Mrs. Lizzie Hoover, respected and loved by her friends and neighbors, will leave soon to take up her residence at The Methodist Home in Charlotte.

On Saturday, May 14, her house and land, located on 49A between Asheboro and Farmer, and her furnishings were sold at public auction.

On the afternoon following, Sunday, May 15, a farewell reception was held in her honor at the Cedar Grove Community Building.

The reception was sponsored by the Cedar Grove Community Development Club in which "Miss Lizzie" has taken an active interest since its beginning a few years ago.

She especially participated in the effort which was made in the erection of the community building, which serves as a place where the people of the community can come together for the various functions of the entire area.

"Miss Lizzie" has worked hard in the money raising events which have been held to finance construction of the new building and it was appropriate that the reception in her honor would be held there.

She was born as Lizzie Lowe in the area east of Farmer, near the Science Hill meeting House and the old Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church building which burned to the ground.

After the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church burned down, she attended the Methodist Church in Farmer. But she has been a member of the New Union Methodist Church for many years and her pastor, Rev. Bill Dingus, assisted her in making preparations to enter The Methodist Home.

She was married to Alfred Hoover who died in 1962 on the day of their 44th wedding anniversary. He was a sawmilling man and outside of 12 years of residence in Orange County they lived in the area in which both of them grew to maturity.

"Miss Lizzie" is a remarkable woman with a wonderful outlook on life. She doesn't worry and neither does she "set around and fuss." She accepts life as it comes to her and she makes the best of it.

She is reconciled to going to live at The Methodist Home and is looking forward to the activities and benefits which await her there.

Beloved in the community where she has spent most of her life and beloved in the church where she has been a faithful member, the reception in her honor was deserving and in recognition of the manifold contribution which she has made.

New Market Senior Citizens Honored

May 23, 1966 – Thirty-four senior citizens of the New Market community were honored Wednesday afternoon when the home demonstration club of that area entertained them at a reception at the new community building.

The senior citizens were welcomed by Mrs. Garfield Davis, club president, after which Mrs. Frank Cox gave the devotions.

Guests were registered by Mrs. Troy Hall, who also served as accompanist at the piano during the group singing of familiar songs of the yester – years. The group singing was led by Mrs. Betty Linthicum.

Special singing was furnished by Misses Janes and Donna Stone.

Mrs. D. S. Davis presented prizes to Mr. and Mrs. Will Coltrane, the couple present who had been married the longest to Mrs. Esther Rich, 80 years of age, for being the oldest person present. And to Burleigh Wall, who received the door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Coltrane have been married for fifty-six years. Mr. Coltrane, also 80 years of age, came close to being the oldest person present, being only a few months younger than Mrs. Rich who received the prize.

Refreshments were served to fifty-four persons, including the senior citizens, club members and guests. As a benediction to bring the gathering to a close, the entire group sang "God Be With You Until We Meet Again."

Senior Citizens in attendance included Mrs. Esther Rich, Mrs. Nora Farlow, Mrs. Hessie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, John Spencer, Mrs. G. E. McDowell, Mrs. Lou Farlow, Mrs. Blanche Millikan, Mrs. Sybil White, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Farlow, Mrs. Lily Davis, Mrs. Ethel Farlow, Mrs. Drew Smith, Mrs. Olive Bristow, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hill, Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper, Mrs. Ollie Williams, Mrs. Althea Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Routh, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McElreath, Mrs. Emil Hohn, Mrs. Roney Fields, Mrs. Lizzie Steed, Mrs. Lula Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Wall, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Coltrane.

Brown Family Makes A Pilgrimage To Graves Of Their Ancestors

May 26, 1966 – The Ben Brown family have made their annual pilgrimage to the graves of their ancestors, situated on a huge mound overlooking the rich bottom land of their old homestead in Brower Township.

The mound, more commonly known as the Indian Mound, is located about three quarters of a mile west of the old family residence which was first occupied by Hardy Brown, father of Ben Brown.

Over a quarter of a century ago, members of the Ben Brown family began gathering each year in a reunion of their family group and also for the purpose of visiting and placing flowers on the graves at the top of the large mound.

This was before the death of Ben Brown, a prominent citizen of Brower Township, who died Aug. 6, 1914. This practice has continued since his death and the annual pilgrimage was made this year on the third Sunday in May.

It is believed by members of the Brown family and others that the huge formation of dirt, rising high above the rich soil of the bottom land and comprising approximately an acre of land, is actually an Indian Mound. At various time, when graves have been opened for the burial of family members, Indian relics, beads and even parts of skeletons have been found.

Other reasons for believing that the mound is man – made are derived from the various types of soil in the mound and due to there being no solid rock in the formation of dirt.

Then too, the story is carried down through the generations that Sarah Elizabeth Bray, maternal grandmother of Ben Brown, is supposed to have seen a long parade of Indians Marching double file, with bows and arrows and tomahawks, across the Brown lowlands which lay alongside of Fork Creek.

There are several unidentified graves on the south side of the family burial grounds, marked by rough-hewn stones on which there are no names or dates. Only one of these stones carries a date, 1874, and family members state that this particular stone marks the grave of Sarah Elizabeth Bray who supposedly saw the Indians as they rolled the dirt for the construction of the mound.

Sarah Elizabeth Bray's daughter, Cary, married Hardy Brown, the father of Ben Brown. It is thought that Hardy Brown came from the adjoining township of Pleasant Grove, where many members of the Brown family originated. Several members of the Bray family also came from that vicinity.

Hardy Brown's first home was closer to the road which goes by the Mt. Olivet church, the old Brower Mill site and to the Needham's Grove community. But the house which he later occupied and to which the members of the Ben Brown family go each year for their reunion is farther back from this road and closer to the rich bottom lands and the burial grounds on the mound.

Hardy Brown lived at this latter house until his death Mar. 27, 1904. At the time of his death he was 89 years of age, having been born Aug. 20, 1814. he was interred in the family burial grounds, on the mound where provisions had been made many years earlier.

His children, and there were many of them, had gone out from the old homestead, including Benjamin Franklin Brown, whose family gathered at the old homestead on the third Sunday in May. Ben who was born Nov. 15, 1871, had married Omata A. Bray and had established a residence in Moore County below the Union Grove Church and near the Moody school house.

Here he remained for the births of the first five of his twelve children, Carroll, Viola, Grace, Grady and Ethel. But in 1907, three years after the death of his father, Hardy Brown, he brought his family to the old homestead in Brower Township and assumed the farming operations of the 500 - acre plantation.

Cary Brown, wife of Hardy Brown and mother of Ben lived ten years after the death of her husband and died on Dec. 30, 1914. She was buried alongside of her husband on the mound.

After Ben Brown came back to the farm on which he was born, five more children, Pearl, Walton, Norma, Rosa and Avery, were born before the death of his wife, Omata who died Oct. 15, 1919. She too, was interred in the family burial grounds

About two years later Ben Brown married Nettie Monroe and to this union were born two daughters, Cary and Frances.

The first grave in the cemetery on the mound to be identified with name and date was Cary Emily Brown, sister of Ben Brown, who died Nov. 9, 1882 at the age of 24. She died during a typhoid epidemic and before her scheduled

marriage, for which her wedding dress had already been made.

Other sisters of Ben Brown buried on top of the mound were Ada Yow who died in 1932 and Ellen Carrick who has been interred there since the death of her brother. In fact, she is the last person to be buried in the family cemetery and Reuben Brown, a half brother of Ben Brown, is also buried there. He died in 1925. The graves of these family members are identified by their names on the tombstones. Other family members who may be buried there are not identified by a tombstone.

After coming back to the house which his father had erected, Ben Brown affected repairs and an addition to the old home in 1917. Reminders of this work are seen on the chimney on the south side on which initials carved by members of the family are still visible.

The ten - room house, with its wide interior boards, is now deserted although the oldest son, Carroll, a veteran of World War I, has lived there at intervals in the last few years. The old smokehouse has not yet fallen down and the hooks on which the hams hung are still in place. The periwinkle around the old oak tree in the front yard is green and thickly clustered even though the tree itself is dead.

The house and acreage on which it stands, now reduced to approximately 375 acres, is owned by two of the sons, Grady and Avery.

Ben Brown was such a well known citizen of Brower Township and Randolph County that since his death he has almost become a legendary figure. The respect which he was accorded in the community in which he lived has been attained by only a few men in their lifetime.

He was a farmer, trader, musician, justice of the peace, deputy sheriff and a well known political figure. Many people sought his advice and wise counsel.

He farmed during the summer months and traded in the winter time, sometimes carrying his products in a covered wagon as far as the coast.

Hundreds of people paid their respects upon his death, both at the funeral home where he laid in state and at the church where his final rites were held. But, for the final resting place, his body was brought to the mound where his first wife, his parents and other ancestry were interred.

Ben Brown loved the spot where his body was brought for its interment. It was a sacred place for him during his lifetime and a place which he wanted preserved for generations to come.

It is a beautiful place with its grassy surface and the trees around its edges. It is a place for meditation, a place for solitude and a place where quietness reigns supreme.

It is to this place that Ben Brown's children come each year, to place flowers on the graves, to bring back the remembrances of their childhood and to gain strength from the lives of the men and women who lie therein.

Farmer Future Homemakers Hold Gala Mother-Daughter Banquet

May 30, 1966 - A covered dish supper featured the Mother-Daughter banquet staged Tuesday evening May 24 by the Farmer Chapter of the Future Home-Makers of America.

The event, which was held in the Farmer school cafeteria, was attended by over 80 FHA members, their mothers and guests.

The latter included G. C. Castelloe, principal of the Farmer School, his wife, and Mrs. Claude York, guest speaker for

the evening. Mrs. York talked with the group about her hobby, the collection of shells.

Also speaking to the FHA club members and their guests was Mrs. Mary Watson, the club advisor and home economics teacher at the Farmer school. Mrs. Watson chose as her subject "Looking Forward in FHA." In this connection, she discussed the improvement of the club, the attainment of the various degrees and other progress which the club might make.

The banquet attendants were welcomed by Vickie Hill, Farmer FHA club president, with the response by the mothers coming from R. C. Adams.

Music for the occasion was provided by the club president who sang selections from "The Sound of Music."

The program for the banquet was in charge of Miss Janice Wood.

Members of the Farmer Chapter of the Future Home Makers of America include the following members from the freshman class; Judy Adams, Ottie Davis, Phyllis Greene, Rhonda Green, Linda Gordon, Becky Harris, Jo Ann Hulin, Olga Hurley, Wanda Ingold, Elaine Lambert, Beverly Lanier, Debbie Lanier, Frankie Lanier, Shariyn Loffin, Lynn Luther, Linda McDowell, Barbara McElreath, Rosa Lee Nicholson, Myrtle Russell, Brenda Shortsleeves, Belinda Watson, Fay Harris, Hilda Sink, Jane Kindly, Glenda Causey, Melissa Earnhardt, Marvene Elliott, Sherry Hinesley, Debra Hoover, Linda Lambert, Judy Loffin, Naomi Luther, Delores Miller, Dianne Ridge, Joanne Ridge, Betty Snider, Jamie Surratt, Carol White, Brenda Hughes.

From the sophomore class, Janet Barnes, Becky Causey, Linda Earnhardt, Rosemary Freeman, Laura Walker, Brenda Hoover, Linda Hoover, Gail Hoover, Patsy Hoover, Wanda Hoover, Mildred Hunt, Patsy Kearns, Carolyn Lanier, Elizabeth Newsome, Linda Parrish, Shirley Snow, Janice Wood, Betty Snider, Patricia Greene, Rachel Hill, Joyce Hulin, Rachel Hulin, and Vickie Green.

From the junior class, Brenda C. Hunt, Mary Seay, Jolene Voncannon, Carol Kearns, Wanda Kindley, Renda Maness, Jackie Walker, Ronda Pierce, Carolyn Steed, Patsy Waynick, Elizabeth Weiters, Jackie Pierce, Paget Tysinger, Harriett Watson, Diane York, Lynn Adams, Becky Bell, Vickie Hill, Patricia Hunt, Jean Latham, Sylvia Robbins, Hazel Yates, Janie Bescher, Nancy Hunt, Judy Robbins, and Wanda Bray.

From the senior class, Judy Poole, Peggy Small, Janet Tysinger, Gloria Sexton, Donna Cagle, Gayle Surratt, Susan Shortsleeves, Linda Small, Twanna Walker, Carol Swaney, and Barbara Campbell.

Dimes Scholarship Group Names Miss Lynch Winner

June 6, 1966 - The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Randolph County Chapter of the National Foundation March of Dimes was held Tuesday evening May 31 at the Seafood Lodge.

Meeting with the group was the scholarship committee the chapter and five of the seven students who had applied for the health scholarship which is offered annually by the Randolph County Chapter.

Announcement was made that Miss Treva Jane Lynch, who will graduate next Thursday evening from Seagrove High School, was this year's winner of the award.

Other applicants for the health award were Miss Clara Caudill, also of the Seagrove school; Miss Jayne Yates

from the Farmer school; Miss Donna Shaw from the Franklinville school; Miss Annelie Suzanne Russell and Miss Linda Louise Kidd from the Randleman school; and Doyle Stout, a student at Pfeiffer College.

Members of the scholarship committee included Mrs. Ben Jenkins, a supervisor in the county health department, who served as chairman; Mrs. J. D. King, a registered nurse; Mrs. Ruth Powell, a home economics teacher and guidance counselor; Mrs. Carolyn Beane, a case worker with the Randolph County Welfare Department; and Ken Jordan, physical therapist at The Randolph Hospital.

A new member of the executive committee of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation – March of Dimes, the Rev. John W. Woody, was named at Tuesday evening's meeting.

Mr. Woody, who served as 1966 director of the March of Dimes drive in Randolph County, joined Ralph Bulla, Ralph Cox, Joe Church, Ann Hamlet, Peggy Redding, Mrs. Ida B. Holmes, Elvin Cox, Sam Parker, and Wayne Hughes, who are already serving on the executive committee and who were re-elected at the meeting last Tuesday evening.

Officers of the committee are Ralph Bulla, chairman; Ralph Cox, vice chairman; Ann Hamlet, secretary; and Joe Church, treasurer.

The Rev. Mr. Woody discussed various aspects of the 1966 March of Dimes drive which raised an overall total of \$9,205.

Also under discussion was an educational program projecting March of Dimes activities in the field of birth defects. This discussion was led by Ralph Cox, who along with other members of the executive committee attended a regional meeting pertaining to this program in Lexington recently.

Besides the executive committee, the scholarship committee and applicants, other people attending the chapter meeting at Seaford Lodge included Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lowman, Liberty, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Steed, Randleman, Mrs. H. L. Richardson and Mrs. Leonard Richardson, of the Flag Springs community, and Ernest Bortner and M. B. Gibson of Asheboro.

Girl's Auxiliary Feted At Tea

June 9, 1966 – Intermediate and Junior members of the girls Auxiliary at the Cedar Falls Baptist Church were entertained at a tea Sunday afternoon at the church parsonage.

Hostesses for this event were the members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the church, of which Mrs. Clarence Freeman is the president. The W. M. organization sponsors the GA organization at the Cedar Falls Baptist Church.

Earlier, focus week had been observed by the GA organization with many activities resulting from this observance. The tea Sunday afternoon was the concluding activity for the observance.

Leaders for the Girls Auxiliary are Mrs. Hansel C. Neathery, Mrs. Clarence Haithcock, Mrs. Jonah Callicutt and Mrs. E. C. Callicutt, Jr.

Members of the Girl's Auxiliary present for the tea were Diane Hill, Doris Huffman, Tereasa Allred, Robin Parries, Patricia Ann Huffman, Patricia Hill, Shirley Huffman, Donna Temkey, Darlene Hill, Phyllis Anne Haithcock, Rena Beane, Teresa Callicutt, Virginia Haithcock, Libby Callicutt and Debra Allred.

Oldest Active minister Honored

June 9, 1966 – Rev. J. E. Shaw, who is Randolph County's oldest active minister, was honored Sunday, June 5, on the occasion of his 88th birthday which occurred on the following day.

The birthday event, mostly for members of the immediate family, was held at the home of a son, Martin Shaw, on the Worthville Road.

Mr. Shaw's other children, all of whom were present, included Mrs. Dora Wright, Harvey Shaw and James Shaw, of the Asheboro vicinity, Mrs. Ora Leonard, Ramseur, Preston Shaw, Route 1, Franklinville, and Mrs. Lillie McDowell, Winston-Salem.

Present also was Mr. Shaw's 83 year-old wife and many of his grandchildren. Friends from the Randleman area dropped in during the afternoon to pay their respects to this aged minister who has conducted an active ministry since 1904.

Rev. Boyd C. Kistler, pastor of the Midway Wesleyan Methodist Church and a colleague of Mr. Shaw, attended the birthday dinner and returned thanks for the meal, using the opportunity also of paying tribute to his fellow minister.

Mr. Shaw continues as the pastor of the Callicutt's Chapel church in the edge of Montgomery County which he organized around 17 years ago. Memorial services will be held at Callicutt's Chapel next Sunday, at which time revival service will also begin. Rev. Paul Whiteside, pastor of Crestview Wesleyan Methodist Church, will be the visiting evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Shaw reside at 232 Uwharrie Street in Asheboro.

They Return To Early Scenes, Celebrate Anniversary

June 9, 1966 – Rev. and Mrs. Martin William Heckard, Jr., who last year came back to the scenes of the earlier years of their marriage, were honored Sunday afternoon, June 4, on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

They were married June 8, 1941 at the White's Chapel Methodist Church, Route 1, Liberty, about four miles from the parsonage of the Gray's Chapel Bethany Methodist Churches where they are presently residing.

For the observance of their anniversary their two children, Ida Pearl and Martin William III, honored them at a reception from 2:20 p. m. until 4:30 p. m. at their parsonage home, Route 1, Franklinville.

Assisting at the event were members of their two congregations, a member of a former congregation and others.

The marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Heckard a quarter of a century ago was the first wedding ceremony to be performed at the White's Chapel church where the bride was an active member. Officiating at the ceremony was the bridegroom's father, the Rev. Martin William Heckard, Sr., who served as a Methodist minister for thirty seven and one-half years.

Mrs. Heckard, the former Addie Lee York, lived with her parents, J. L. and Ida Poe York, at their home a short distance from the White's Chapel church at the time of her marriage.

Mr. Heckard was living at the time in Liberty where he was engaged in employment with retail merchandise. However,

he was a native of Rutherford County and had also lived in Mecklenburg, Burk and Gaston Counties at the various pastorate of his father.

Although the son of a Methodist minister whose three sons became Methodist ministers prior to his death, Martin William Heckard, Jr. did not respond to the call to the ministry until twelve years following his marriage.

At the time he entered the ministry the couple were living in Liberty where they had resided since their marriage and where they were affiliated with the First Methodist Church, Mr. Heckard was employed at that time at Sears and Roebuck mail order house in Greensboro.

But, between the time of his marriage and his entering the ministry, Mr. Heckard had served with the United States Army during World War II, spending twenty-seven months with the 79th Infantry Division in Europe during that conflict.

Before the war and his marriage, he had attended Wofford College in Spartanburg, S. C. for one year and a half, but, upon entering the ministry, he enrolled at High Point College where he was graduated in 1957. He also completed the course of study prescribed for Methodist ministers.

His first appointment came in Oct., 1953, when he was assigned to the Bethel - Shiloh Charge, located in the vicinity of Liberty.

Before coming to the Gray's Chapel - Bethany Charge in June 1965, other places of service have been the Eldorado Charge, consisting of Eldorado, Eleazer, Macedonia, and Center; the Bonlee Methodist Church; the Rock Springs Charge in Lincoln County; the Cherry Street and Pine Grove Methodist Churches in Kernersville; the Good Hope Arcadia Charge at Arcadia; and the Hopewell Methodist Church near Trinity.

His brothers are Dr. Cecil L. Heckard, superintendent of the Gastonia District of the Methodist Church, who was extended an honorary doctorate at recent commencement exercises at High Point College, and Rev. Floyd L. Heckard, who is serving as a chaplain at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Before the elder Mr. Heckard's death, the father and his three sons formed one of the few complete family groups to serve in the Methodist ministry.

At the silver wedding anniversary reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Martin William Heckard, Jr., the guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Routh, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Clarence Lineberry at the guest register, and shown through the gift room by Mrs. D. R. Mabe and Mrs. Clarence York.

The table was covered with a white embroidered linen cloth. An arrangement of white snapdragons and pink mums, and triple branched silver candelabra were used. Tiny nosegays of sweetheart roses and lily of the valley and wedding bells surrounded the silver tray which held the top of the cake and formed the center of the table decoration. Magnolia and sweetheart roses were used throughout the house.

The wedding picture of Rev. and Mrs. Heckard, along with the prayer book and bouquet which were carried at their wedding, was displayed atop the coffee table.

Punch was poured by Mrs. Jack Pugh and Mrs. Glyn Caudle, Mrs. Cliff Thomas and Mrs. Bruce Pugh served cake and assisting with receptional duties were Mrs. John Coble, Mrs. John Nixon, Mrs. Wilson Gray, Mrs. Rom Millikan, and Mrs. Howard Russell, of Route 1, Troy, the

latter being a member of one of the churches on the Eldorado charge which the Heckards served earlier in their ministry.

Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fagg.

For the reception, Mrs. Heckard was attired in a blue crepe dress and wore as a corsage a white orchid.

On Wednesday, June 8, the actual date of their anniversary, Rev. and Mrs. Heckard left to attend the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska.

They took with them substantial reports for the past year's work from both the Gray's Chapel and the Bethany churches. These reports showed net increases in the membership at both churches and also revealed that all financial obligations were met and paid in full.

Therefore, the Rev. and Mrs. Martin William Heckard, Jr. are due to be congratulated upon the completion of the twenty fifth year of their marriage and also upon the compilation of another excellent report in their thirteen years of full time in the church and the Kingdom of God.

Proudest Person: Mrs. Andrews: She Had Many At Graduation

Jun 9, 1966 - One of the proudest persons at commencement exercises at Asheboro High School Friday evening was Mrs. H. L. Andrews who saw three grandchildren and one step-grand child receive their diplomas as members of the graduating class.

With the exception of one of them, the four high school graduates, Jack Stephen (Steve) Shaw, James Thomas (Tommy) Coble, Terry Lynn Pell and Brenda Ann Phillips, started to school in Asheboro in the fall of 1954. Although his parents were Randolph County natives Steve Shaw started the same year but at a school in Portsmouth, Va., where his father was employed.

However, his parents came back to Asheboro three months later and he was enrolled in school in Asheboro. Later, when he was in the third grade, his family left Asheboro again and he attended a school in Alexandria, Va. for one year.

But, with these two exceptions, all four students attended the Asheboro schools throughout the twelve years, from the time of their beginning in the fall of 1954 until their graduation last Friday night, June 3, 1966.

While in high school, Steve Shaw participated in D. O. and worked on a part time basis at the Randolph Animal Hospital for two years. He was also I. C. T. Club treasurer. He plans to leave Asheboro on June 12 for Jacksonville, Fla. where he will enroll in the Massey Technical Institute for the study of electronics.

Brenda Ann Phillips was a member of the F.B.L.A. and engaged in intermurals while in high school. Now that she has finished high school, she is planning to take a commercial course.

Tommy Coble, who is the step-grandchild of Mrs. Andrews was a member of the chorus while in high school and also a member of the student council. He plans to accept employment at a local textile plant.

Terry Lynn Pell was a member of the chorus, debating team, F.B.L.A., spirit leader and appeared in Showcase. She plans to assist her mother who is engaged in the real estate business.

The ages of these young people whose high school careers have so closely paralleled are also about the same.

Brenda was 18 years of age in Jan., Steve was 18 in Mar. and Terry Lynn and Tommy reached the age of 18 in Apr.

These were the first of Mrs. Andrews' grandchildren that she had the opportunity of seeing graduate from high school and there was no prouder person than she among the approximately 3,000 persons in the Lee J. Stone Stadium last Friday night for the graduating exercises.

This long time Asheboro resident feels that these grandchildren, coming from separate families and graduating on the same night, set some kind of record for the local school.

Mrs. Andrews also wants to give credit to the teachers who assisted her grandchildren in their efforts to acquire a high school diploma. She feels that to them is due a great deal of credit.

Treva Lynch Presented Dimes Fund Scholarship

June 13, 1966 – Miss Treva Jane Lynch was presented the annual March of Dimes health Scholarship during graduation exercises at Seagrove High School Thursday evening.

Selection of Miss Lynch, 17 year-old member of the senior class at the Seagrove school, had been made earlier by a committee headed by Mrs. Ben P. Jenkins, Jr., nursing supervisor for the Randolph County Health Department.

Mrs. Jenkins herself made the presentation of the \$250 award at the Seagrove graduation exercises, appearing on the platform with Gerald Braswell, Seagrove school principal. Wade Harris, vice chairman of the Randolph County School Board, and the members of the senior class who took part in the program.

Miss Lynch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lynch and resides with her parents at Route 4, Asheboro. Other members of the Lynch family are two married sisters and a married brother away from home and a younger sister and two brothers at home.

The scholarship recipient has been accepted at the High Point Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and will probably enroll there the latter part of Aug. or the first part of Sept. However, in the meantime, she hopes to find employment for the summer months.

Since early childhood Treva Jane Lynch has had her heart set on a nursing career. She said "since I was old enough to talk" or maybe a little later at about the age of five. An inspiration has been a aunt who is a registered nurse and works in the pediatrics section at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro.

Helping her to realize her life's ambition will be the March of Dimes Health Scholarship and the cash outlay which goes along with it.

In high school Treva Jane worked on the annual staff and the staff of Hi-Lite, the school newspaper. Just before the close of school, she won the French Award, French along with biology were her favorite subjects.

She attends the Union Grove Christian Church, is vice president of her Sunday School class and sings in the youth choir.

But above all, Treva Jane Lynch is friendly, likes people and is never happier than when she is helping someone else. Nursing will provide her with a great opportunity to put into practice this latter quality and it is predicted that she will excel in her chosen profession.

Staley Club Pays Honors To Its Senior Citizens

June 16, 1966 – The Staley Home Demonstration Club honored the senior citizens of the community with a buffet supper Saturday evening at the fire station.

This was the second consecutive supper sponsored by the club for the elderly people but for two years before that they had been recognized in a different manner.

Nineteen persons seventy years of age and older were honored at the supper Saturday evening, with the families of the club members also being guests at the meeting.

A special guest also was the Rev. Dough Roebuck, pastor of the Staley Baptist Church, who spoke the invocation before the serving of the meal. Before the prayer, the Rev. Mr. Roebuck told the honored guests that "God has blessed you as He continues to bless all of us".

Prizes were awarded to 87 year-old Herbert Staley, for being the oldest man in attendance and to Mrs. Emma Kirkman, 83-year-old resident of Route 1, Staley, for being the oldest woman in attendance.

Other honored guests among the senior citizens were Mrs. Gertrude Wright, Mrs. Ada Lackey, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Mattie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Siler, Mrs. Maude Deaton, Mrs. Carrie Lashley, Mrs. Violet Hill, Carl Teague, J. T. Warren, Claude Teague, Ed Langley, Mr. and Mrs. Charm Moffitt, Bill Lednum, and John Hicks.

It was a delicious supper, well prepared and in keeping with the suppers for which the Staley women are noted. Following the meal, Charlie Butler, of Liberty, showed colored slides of scenes in Florida and also locally.

Officers of the Staley Home Demonstration Club are Mrs. J. H. Hicks, president; Mrs. Dean Cox, vice president; Mrs. Ethel Ward, acting secretary; and Mrs. Sallie Kivett, treasurer.

Other members of the club are Mrs. Dora Hicks, Mrs. Ethel Cooper, Mrs. Bertha Pike, Mrs. Edna Suits, Mrs. Lena Langley, Mrs. Betty Brown, Mrs. L. C. Siler, Mrs. Gertrude Wright, and Mrs. Peggy Brown.

It is a small club but when it comes to putting on a supper like the one for the senior citizens at the fire station last Saturday night, their efforts are not exceeded by any larger group

Graduating Class Of '39 Gathers At Gray's Chapel

Jun 16, 1966 – A happy reunion took place Sunday, June 12, at Gray's Chapel High School when members of the graduating class of 1939 met collectively for the first time since their graduation twenty-seven years ago.

Thirteen members of the class were present, three were absent and three members are deceased.

Present also for the glad reunion was Otus Thomas, principal at Gray's Chapel for the past 25 years and a teacher for eight years prior to that time.

Mrs. Otus Thomas was also present along with some members of the families of the class of 1939.

But these additional people were relegated to the back ground as the thirteen former classmates talked, laughed, exchanged confidences and renewed the comradeship which existed between them during the time they were students together at Gray's Chapel High School.

Members of the class present for the reunion included Louise Routh Gray, married to Wilson Gray, Route 1,

Franklinville; Nancy Wicker Benbow, married to Pete Benbow, Newport News, Va.; Mary Cox Routh, married to J. W. Routh, Route 1, Franklinville; Elizabeth Kinley Dennis, married to Mike Dennis, High Point; Kathleen Ward Kivett, married to James Kivett, Route 1, Staley; Lois Caudle, Greensboro; Dorothy Routh Faust, married to the late Tracy Faust, Route 1, Franklinville; and Ruth Julian Lane, married to Virgil Lane, Greensboro.

Also, Fred Joe Redding, married to Juanita Pile, Liberty; Edgar Troy, married to Mary Glasgow, Greensboro; Clay Johnson, married to Esta Mae Brothers, Route 1, Julian; Everett Nixon, married to Doris Yow, Worthville Rd., Randleman; and Howard Johnson, married to Edna Chisholm, Route 1, Franklinville.

The absent members were Christine Heath, of Santa Monica, Calif., Maxine Routh Johnson, Chicago, Ill. and Louise Amick Buchanan, of Greensboro.

Deceased members are Garland Ruth, Everett Caudle and J. C. Parrish.

Officers were elected and the second Sunday in June was the date set for future reunions.

It was a glorious reunion after twenty-seven years, only mixed with regret for the three who were absent and with sadness for the three who had died. But it was a happy time and recalled many memories of the years which are now past.

Mission To Become Seagrove's 1st Baptist Church

June 20, 1966 – The Seagrove Baptist Mission identified with the Randolph Baptist Association, the State Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention began a tent meeting on Sunday June 19th at a site on Highway 220 North of Seagrove.

The revival services will continue through Sunday morning June 26th with services each evening at 7:30. On Sunday afternoon, directly following the close of the series of services, the mission group will be constituted into the First Baptist Church of Seagrove.

Rev. Bobby H. Martin, who came to pastor the mission group in Jan., 1965, will do the preaching for the revival services and will assume the pastorate of the church at its constitutional service on Sunday afternoon, June 26.

The site of the revival services, a two and one-half acre tract fronting Highway 220 for a distance of 380 feet, has been purchased by the Seagrove Baptist Mission as the location for their future church building. Plans for the building are already being discussed and it is hoped to start the building program soon after the official organization of the church.

Financial assistance in the purchase of the tract of land on which the church building will be located has come to the mission group from the Baptist State Convention in the amount of \$2,000. The state group is working with the Seagrove mission through the missions committee of the Randolph Baptist Association headed by the Rev. John W. Woody, pastor of the Balfour Baptist Church.

Presently the Seagrove Baptist mission is worshipping in a cement block building, consisting of an assembly hall and three class rooms, in the area west of Seagrove.

This building was first used for worship by an independent group but prior to Bobby Martin's coming sixteen months ago the group had expressed themselves as wanting to be

a Baptist church and had asked the Randolph Baptist Association to take them under their watchcare.

When the Rev. Mr. Martin came the group took on a full program of worship, which included Sunday School, morning and evening worship services, a Training Union and Wednesday night prayer service. The attendance has jumped from about twenty five to an average of nearly seventy five people.

The Sunday school enrollement is about one hundred people with the mission membership numbering about forty people. It is expected that about fifty people will comprise the charter membership of the church by the time the organizational service is held on June 26.

About one year after the Rev. Mr. Martin took over the work at the Seagrove mission, the congregation purchased a parsonage in Richland Acres between Seagrove and Asheboro.

This building, an all electric brick home consisting of six rooms and two baths, is occupied by Mr. Martin, his wife, the former Cladis Bradshaw, and their three daughters, Beverly, 9, Bonnie, 7, and Barbara, 3.

The Martin family came to Seagrove from their native home in Thomasville. The 29 year-old minister was a student at the Fruitland Bible Institute at the time he came with his family to the Seagrove mission. He completed his studies at Fruitland last Apr. and hopes now to attend the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Former furniture upholster, he was called to the ministry about three years ago. A former member of the Carolina Memorial Baptist Church in Thomasville, he was ordained in that church after coming to the pastorate of the Seagrove mission.

Bobby Martin is an aggressive young minister who believes in the cooperative program of his denomination and he is a sincere young man who is reaching the hearts of the people of Seagrove. Although there are Baptist churches in the surrounding vicinities, this will be the first formal organization of a Baptist church in Seagrove.

A strong young congregation has ably assisted Bobby Martin in the preliminary work which has been necessary in laying the basis for the organization of the new church. They have not only given moral and spiritual assistance but they have given liberally of their means and have practically assured the success of the new work.

But much credit is due the young minister of the mission group who has not only provided the spiritual leadership but has also pitched in and helped in the physical capacities of the establishment of a Baptist church in the town of Seagrove.

As they worked in putting up the tent and preparing the grounds for the revival series, one of the members described the young minister in these words: "he works like the rest of us."

Those words more or less describe the relationship of Bobby Martin and his people. He is dynamic in the pulpit and aggressive in performing the tasks to which he was called three years ago. But yet, on the other hand, he brings himself to the level of his congregation and works with them as a team to accomplish the things which they feel are needed in the Seagrove area.

They invite you to worship with them in their revival services this week. Special singing will be a part of each

service, including an appearance by the well known Carolinians Quartet at the Friday night service

Marlboro Friends Class Honors long Time Teacher In Retirement

June 20, 1966 – An occasion of significance took place at the Marlboro Friends Meeting House Wednesday evening when the adult class honored their teacher who is retiring after a long period of service.

Nora Farlow has been teaching the class for fifteen years and more, so what was supposed to have been a routine meeting of the class, which is held twice a year, turned out to be an occasion of honor to the veteran teacher.

Because Nora Farlow's duties as a Sunday School teacher did not begin with the adult class fifteen years ago. Now 73 years of age, she recalls that she began teaching fifty years ago and more as a young girl in her teens.

Her record of service has also extended to other areas, especially in the Friends Meeting House which has been a vital part of her life.

Nora Stout Farlow is a product of the Holly Springs Friends Meeting House, in which vicinity she was born the daughter of Daniel Stout and Cynthia Cox Stout. Her maternal grandfather, Levi Cox, was a Quaker minister.

Then her marriage to Frank M. Farlow over fifty two years ago consolidated her affiliation with the Quaker movement, as he was a birthright member of the Marlboro Friends Meeting and son of Michael A. (Tint) Farlow, also a Quaker minister, and Luvenia Loflin Farlow.

Besides her capacity as a teacher in the Sunday School, she served as the choir director at Marlboro for nearly thirty years and has been Clerk of the Monthly Meeting and Clerk of Ministry and Counsel.

The condition of her health and the health of her husband led to her retirement which will become effective the last Sunday in June. However, she still plans to attend the services at her Meeting House but is only trying to get out from under the pressures of the official duties with which she has been occupied these many years.

The class which she has taught so long holds two class meetings each year, one at Christmas and one during the summer months. The one last Wednesday evening was the summer meeting, planned as a covered dish or buffet supper affair.

After the supper had been enjoyed and brought to a close the routine matters of business was brought up under the guidance of Mrs. Arthur Brown who was presiding for her husband who is the vice president of the class.

Then, as a surprise to Nora Farlow, Mrs. Brown in behalf of the class presented her with a beautiful silver tray and an inscribed card with words of commendation and affection from the members of the class.

As a further token of their appreciation and their esteem, the class also presented her with a gift of monetary value to be used towards expenses to Yearly Meeting, as she had expressed a desire to attend this year.

Nora Farlow's record of service has been one of dedication and consists of many useful years. Her loyalty and Fidelity has never been in question. Her wise council and devotion to duty has been a bulwark in the movement which she has represented and been a part of.

But let the words of her class members speak the sentiment which is felt on her retirement from active duty

and let these words speak for all those who have known, respected and appreciated her.

"With this gift goes our love and deep appreciation for your many years of faithful service which you have given your time and yourself. May all the years ahead bring you happiness and health. These are the wishes from the hearts of each member of the class.

We will keep our happy memories and always remember the wonderful fellowship we enjoyed together and with the hope that each one is a better person by having had you as our teacher these many years."

North Asheboro Couple Honored On their Fiftieth Anniversary

June 23, 1966 – Two hundred people attended the reception Sunday afternoon, June 19, which honored Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hinshaw, well known North Asheboro residents, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Held at their home at 102 East Balfour Ave., where they have lived for many years, hosts for the observance were their four sons, their daughters - in - law, and their grandchildren.

Their sons are Francis Hinshaw, Route 2 Asheboro; Holt Hinshaw, Route 1, Randleman; Leon Hinshaw, Decatur, Ga.; and Bob Hinshaw, 1705 Shady Drive, Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw were married on Sunday afternoon, June 18, 1916 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. John Pugh, in Randleman. They made the trip to Randleman in a rubber - tired buggy which Mr. Hinshaw rented from a livery stable in Asheboro.

Mrs. Hinshaw, the former Maggie McLeod, was a native of Carthage but was living in Asheboro at the time of her marriage.

The guests at the golden wedding anniversary reception Sunday afternoon were greeted by Mrs. Holt Hinshaw, Sr., who also received the large number of gifts which were brought to the honored couple.

Mrs. Holt Hinshaw, Jr. registered those who came while Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hinshaw and their four sons greeted and mingled informally with the large number of people who came throughout the appointed time from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Francis Hinshaw received the guests in the dining room where the table was covered with a white lace cloth over a yellow linen cloth. In the center of the table was a gold epergne containing yellow rosebuds and yellow snapdragons with three gold tapers.

On one end of the table was the three - tiered anniversary cake, decorated with golden wedding bells and yellow roses, with one of the tiers supported by four white swans and with a gold inscription of "50 at the top.

Mrs. Bob Hinshaw presided over the crystal punch bowl, with her daughter, Teresa, and Mrs. Leon Hinshaw served the cake squares, mints and nuts.

The coffee table in the living room was centered with an arrangement of yellow roses and Shasta daisies. Yellow mums and pink and purple roses decorated the remainder of the house.

For her golden wedding observance, Mrs. Hinshaw wore an aqua dress of silk shantung with black accessories. Her corsage consisted of yellow rosebuds. Mr. Hinshaw wore a yellow rosebud as a boutonniere.

Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Childress. Out of town guests were from Carthage, Raleigh, Randleman,

Greensboro, Taylorsville, Lexington, Denton, Sanford, Howell's Point, and Decatur, Ga.

Lawrence L. Hinshaw was born on a farm on Deep river, half-way between Central Falls and Worthville. His parents were Sherman Hinshaw and Ida Faulkner Hinshaw. His father died when he was five years of age and in later years his mother married Benoni Pritchard.

He attended the school at Worthville, to which place he reached by crossing a mountain and sometimes wading the creek. He remembers that Miss Loula Andrews, who died recently, was one of the teachers at the school.

Mr. Hinshaw stayed on the river farm until his marriage. For the purchase of a new suit for his wedding and other expenses his mother allowed him to clear a section of newground, from which he realized a profit of \$50 from the corn which he planted. He recalls that \$10 of this amount went for the wedding suit which he bought at Newlin's Store in Randleman.

Mrs. Hinshaw's parents were E. V. McLeod and Daisy Wallace McLeod and she lived in Carthage until about a year before her marriage. Upon coming to Asheboro she became employed at the Acme Hosiery Mill.

The couple got acquainted when Mrs. Hinshaw obtained a boarding place next to the residence of Mr. Hinshaw's sister, an acquaintance which culminated in their marriage on June 18, 1916 in Randleman.

Mr. Hinshaw had a horse and buggy which he had used in coming from his home between Worthville and Central Falls to carry on his courtship with Mrs. Hinshaw at her boarding place in Asheboro. But this outfit didn't "look up to par" for his wedding journey to Randleman, so he hired the more dressy outfit from the livery stable.

After their wedding they lived for awhile at Mr. Hinshaw's home near the river but came in the fall to Asheboro where Mr. Hinshaw took employment at the Randolph Chair Company.

However, shortly after their marriage they took another horse and buggy trip to Carthage for a visit to the home of Mrs. Hinshaw's father. Her mother had died earlier when she was 13 years of age.

Other employment for Mr. Hinshaw after his marriage included work at the Acme Hosiery Mill before he took up the carpentry trade. He then operated a store in North Asheboro for eleven years before going to the Acme and McCrary Hosiery Mills where he remained as carpentry supervisor for 18 years. He retired in Aug. 1961.

Mrs. Hinshaw was manager for the cafeteria at the Balfour School for many years.

In recent years Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw have operated a small trailer court next to their home in North Asheboro.

A source of enjoyment in the past ten or eleven years has been their cottage at Howell's Point near the coast.

Six grandchildren and one great - grandchild, Starsha Marie Tuggle, one month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuggle, are also a part of their immediate family.

Mr. Hinshaw has two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Pritchard and Mrs. Mary Jarrell, and one brother, L. B. Hinshaw, still living while Mrs. Hinshaw has one sister, Mrs. Lewis Rush, and one brother, Claude McLeod, still living.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hinshaw have been respected citizens of Asheboro and Randolph County throughout the years of their married life. It was not surprising that their friends, both old and new, their neighbors and their relatives came

to extend their best wishes at the observance of their golden wedding anniversary.

It was a happy occasion for Lawrence and Maggie as the past and the present came together for the renewing of the vows which were made fifty years ago and for the assurances of friendship in the years which remain.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw are grateful for the people who came last Sunday afternoon and they are grateful for the many beautiful gifts which were brought in recognition of their anniversary. They wish to take this opportunity of saying to one and all, thank you.

Ernest Scotts Feted On Silver Anniversary

June 23, 1966 - Mr. and Mrs. W. Ernest Scott, Route 1, Asheboro, observed their silver wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, June 19, with a reception at their home from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Mr. Scott an employee of the finishing department at Randolph Mills in Franklinville, is superintendent of the Sunday School at the Spoon's Chapel Christina Church and is a member of the board of deacons at the church.

He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Scott, of Route 1, Ramseur, and was reared about one half of a mile from Pleasant Ridge Christian Church.

Mrs. Scott, the former Arlene Smith, has been a music teacher at the Franklinville school for the past seven years. She formerly taught music at the Grays Chapel school for three years. In addition to teaching music in the public schools she also has some private pupils for both piano and organ.

A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith, she was reared in the vicinity in which she and her husband are now residing and they live on a part of her father's land. She too, is active in the Spoon's Chapel Church and teaches a Sunday School class.

Mrs. Basal Craven, niece of Mrs. Scott, welcomed the guests as they arrived for the silver wedding anniversary reception, after which they were greeted by the honored couple, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Ralph Hall, another niece, registered the guests.

In the dining room the table was covered with a cloth of imported linen which came from Okinawa where Mrs. Scott's sister, Miss Verlie Smith, is a supervisor in the Military Education Division.

The three-tiered, off-white anniversary cake, decorated with silver leaves and pink roses, was placed in the center of the table, flanked on either side by arrangements of pink snapdragons and Shasta daisies and candelabra holding pink tapers. The third tier of the cake was separated by a swan divider and on the front side were two love birds, under which was placed the engagement and wedding band conveying the appearance of white gold.

Mrs. Furmer Robbins presided over the punch bowl while Mrs. Howard Cox served the white cake squares, green mints and nuts. Assisting in the serving were Mrs. Alfred Scott, sister-in-law of honored couple.

Helping in the kitchen were Brenda Carter, Randleman, Doris Caudle and Pamela Shoemaker, music pupils of Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Vernon Smith, sister-in-law of Mrs. Scott, directed the guests to the gift room where Mrs. Walter Coppedge, sister of Mr. Scott, Mrs. Gillis Luck, sister of Mrs. Scott, and Miss

Vella Wright, aunt of Mrs. Scott, received and arranged the gifts.

A silver tray, inscribed "Franklinville Faculty", was brought to the reception by Yates L. Holland, principal of the Franklinville school.

Mrs. Scott was attired for the reception in an embroidered light green dress and wore a white orchid for her corsage.

Goodbyes were said by Mrs. Herman Smith, Glen Raven, sister-in-law of Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Glenn Caudle, Approximately 125 friends and relatives called during the afternoon and evening.

Bean Reunion Scene Of Celebration As Couple Celebrate Fiftieth Year

June 23, 1966 — A two-fold celebration was observed Sunday, June 19, by the family of Oliver Duckery Bean and Tabitha Ann Cornelison Bean at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Auman, Route 2, Seagrove.

It was the regular time for the reunion of the O. D. Bean family which has been held annually since some time after the death of Mr. Bean in 1926. His wife, Tabitha Ann Cornelison Bean, had died earlier in 1914.

But an extra feature was added this year with the honoring of J. W. Bean, eldest son of O. D. and Tabitha Ann Bean, and his wife, the former Annie Stutts on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

J. W. Bean, who has served as a member of the North Carolina Industrial Commission since 1949 and as its chairman since 1964, and his wife were surprised at this additional feature to the family reunion.

They knew, of course, that it was the anniversary of their marriage fifty years ago but they did not anticipate that before the long table on the spacious lawn was spread for the noonday meal that Mr. Bean's brothers, sisters and other family members would present them with gifts, flowers and other reminders of their golden wedding anniversary.

Members of Mrs. J. W. Bean's family also came in at the noon hour period and later in the afternoon to join in the anniversary celebration for the honored couple.

Each year the nine children in the O. D. Bean family meet at the home of one of the members of this family who grew to maturity in upper Montgomery County, about four or five miles from the Randolph County line.

The family lived in Little River Township, had Steeds as their postoffice and it was necessary to ford the river in order to gain access to the family home in which they lived.

There were eleven children born to O. D. and Tabitha Ann Bean but the oldest and the youngest died in infancy. The nine who grew to maturity and who are still going strong today are J. W. Bean, Raleigh; Mrs. Hadley (Maggie) Auman, Route 2, Seagrove; J. Ollie Bean, Route 2, Seagrove; Mrs. H. C. (Beulah) Cole, Stokes in Pitt County; Mrs. June (Ina) Farlow; Seagrove and Carolina Beach; Mrs. R. H. (Esther) Cole, Charlotte; Mrs. Ima (Carrie) King, Route 2, Seagrove; Ervin Bean and Wesley Bean, Spencer.

All of the children attended the rural Piney Grove school near their home, first a one-teacher and then a two-teacher school. Their old home has been torn down but the land on which it stood is owned by the two youngest sons. Their parents are buried in the Sugg's Creek cemetery which is located in the area.

The mother of this large family died when many of the children were still very young. So, the responsibility of

maintaining the household went first to the oldest girl, Maggie, after her marriage, to the next girl, Beulah and then on down in succession to the younger girls as the older ones would marry and leave to establish homes of their own.

The oldest son and also the oldest living child in the family, J. W. Bean, continued his education beyond the Piney Grove school, going first to Seagrove and then to a private school at Ether.

After completing his education he taught school for two years, first at Abner in Montgomery County and then at Seagrove where he was the principal of the school there. While at the latter place he met and became engaged to Annie Stutts, the daughter of the town undertaker, W. L. Stutts, and his wife, Mattie Horner Stutts.

However, just before their marriage on June 19, 1916, Mr. Bean assumed a position with the Southern Railway in Spencer and he was living in Rowan County at the time of their marriage.

Their marriage occurred in Randleman, to which place they traveled by train, Rev. Amos Gregson, a well known Methodist minister of that period, performed the ceremony.

They established their home in Spencer where they lived until moving to Raleigh at the time of Mr. Bean's appointment to the Industrial Commission by Governor W. Kerr Scott in 1949. His appointment as chairman of the commission came from Governor Luther Hodges in 1954.

Before leaving Spencer and Rowan County, Mr. Bean had served as chairman of the school board for twenty years, was a town commissioner and mayor-pro-tem, and served as secretary of the Rowan County Democratic Executive Committee from 1928 until 1949.

He also served as a Rowan County Representative to the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1933 and 1935.

His employment with Southern Railway, terminated at the time of his appointment to the Industrial Commission, extended for 33 years.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bean one of whom, J. W. Bean, Jr., died in Aug., 1964. Their other two children Mrs. Foy E. Grubb, who recently moved to Durham from Greensboro, and Talmadge Bean, a finance officer with Ford Motor Company in Garland, Texas, were present for the Bean reunion and the celebration of their parents' golden wedding anniversary.

Also in attendance were Mrs. J. W. Bean, Jr. and the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bean, Sr.

J. W. Bean has perhaps achieved more public recognition than the other members of the O. D. Bean family and he is without doubt an outstanding public servant of the state of North Carolina.

But this does not in any manner lessen the contributions of the other eight members of this outstanding family. Because all of them are responsible citizens in the communities in which they live and have made their contributions in Rowan County and on the state scene.

It was refreshing to see these nine brothers and sisters, with their strong and vigorous personalities, come together for the annual reunion of their family. It was a time of greeting, a time for reminiscence and family fellowship, and a time for remembrance of the days when they forded the river in upper Montgomery County and attended the Piney Grove School.

His First Assignment Beyond Randolph County

June 27, 1966 – a ministerial family left Asheboro this past week to take over their first assignment outside of their native Randolph County.

Rev. and Mrs. B. Everett Wright and children, Jimmy Ray, 12, and Susan Diane (Susie) 5, left on Thursday for Marion where the Rev. Mr. Wright will become pastor of The Clinchfield Methodist Church.

For the past six years Mr. Wright has been the pastor of the Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church in the western section of the county, located on Route 2, Asheboro.

Licensed to preach in 1952 from the Westside Methodist Church in Asheboro, of which he was then a member, Mt. Shepherd was his first appointment, coming to him at the beginning of the conference year in June, 1960.

He was ordained a deacon in 1959 and his ordination as an elder came in 1962. For five years he attended the Approved Pastor's School at Duke University.

Now 48 years of age, Everett Wright is an Asheboro native, son of Arthur Wright and the late Zona Clark Wright. He says that "Asheboro is the only home I have ever known."

He grew up here, carried papers when he was a boy, attended the local school and served almost three and one half years in the Army during World War II, eighteen months of which time was spent in Europe and six months in Japan.

He worked at McCrary Hosiery Mills for over twenty years as a full fashioned knitter and since leaving there has engaged in a thriving cabinet making business. This latter work he started as a hobby about fifteen years ago.

When he received the appointment to Mt. Shepherd six years ago, Mt. View Methodist Church was also a part of his work. But, after a year, this church was discontinued by the Methodist conference and he has served full time at Mt. Shepherd for the past five years.

Considerable progress and an increased interest has been noticeable at Mt. Shepherd since Everett Wright took the church as his first pastorate in June, 1960.

Forty two members have come into the church during that time. The attendance has risen to an average of around eighty and there is \$1,500 in a building fund for the erection of a youth building.

Also, the budget apportionment, particularly relating to the pastor's salary, has shown a considerable increase.

But numerical figures, attendances and budget increases do not tell the full story of Everett Wright's ministry at the Mt. Shepherd Church.

The greater story is the increased interest in the work of the church, the attitude of the people and their fellowship together, the respect and affection which they felt for their pastor and his interest and concern for them. All of those things put with the numerical figures and other statistics adds up to a successful six years pastorate for Everett Wright at Mt. Shepherd.

When he told of the kindness and the generosity of the people at Mt. Shepherd, their gifts to him and his family at Christmas and at vacation, he described them as "some of the most wonderful people you have ever known." He said: "they have just been wonderful to me."

He has an humble attitude and he gives credit to the One whose wonders never cease. He realizes that his start in the ministry was late and that his education was inadequate

but still his ministry has been greatly blessed since he submitted to the call which he received.

He and his wife are thankful for the opportunity of adopting two wonderful children even though they were getting past the eligible age for adoption, especially with the last child which became a part of the beautiful home in which they resided south of Asheboro.

He has also been privileged to carry on a profitable cabinet business at the same time he has led the parishioners at Mt. Shepherd.

Then to the church to which he is going in Marion is a station church and well established in the Methodist conference. Other ministers, more fully trained secularly and education wise, have been sent to charges with more than one church.

Everett Wright is aware that all of these things did not come through his own effort and he expressed it pretty good when he said "something is behind it besides me."

Everett's wife is the former Janetta King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King, Route 1, Seagrove, to whom he was married in 1938.

Their friends in Asheboro and Randolph County, many of them lifelong ones, wish them continued success in their new work in the western part of North Carolina.

First Baptist Church Of Seagrove Formally Constituted In Ceremony

June 30, 1966 – The Seagrove Baptist Mission, operating for more than a year and a half under the watchcare of the Randolph Baptist Association, was formally constituted into the First Baptist Church of Seagrove Sunday afternoon, June 26.

Officials of the Randolph Baptist Association conducted the organizational service, in which the young pastor of the mission, the Rev. Bobby H. Martin, and his thirty five charter members joined.

The organization of the new church took place under a gospel tent on Highway 220 north of Seagrove where the Rev. Mr. Martin and his group had just concluded a series of revival services.

The tent was located on the tract of land which has been purchased by the newly organized church, with the help of the Baptist State Convention, for the future site of their church building. A donation of \$2,000 was made by the state Baptist group.

A concrete block building west of Seagrove is the present place of worship for the Seagrove Baptist group.

Rev. John W. Woody, pastor of the Balfour Baptist Church and chairman of the missions committee of the Randolph Baptist Association, was in charge of the organizational service last Sunday afternoon.

Other members of his committee and their functions in the service of Rev. Bennie Maness, pastor of Asbury Baptist Church, who read the scripture and prayed; Rev. D. C. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, who presented the resolution to organize; and Rev. Ralph Holcomb, pastor of the Glenola Baptist Church, who delivered the message for the organizational service.

From the mission group Wayman Scott gave the report of the committee on membership; Wayne Smith gave the report of the committee on covenant, Articles of Faith, constitution and by-laws; and Mrs. Marie Scott gave the report of the committee on nominations.

Special music was rendered by Bobby Ray Maness, director of music at the Union Grove Baptist Church. He was accompanied by Miss Vicki Needham. Pianist for the service of organization was Miss Vonnie Scott.

Declaration of constitution was made by the Rev. R. T. Smith, associational missionary for the Randolph Baptist Association, who formally announced that the church would be known in the future as the "First Baptist Church of Seagrove."

The young pastor, his family and the other charter members came to the front as Wade Yates, moderator of the Randolph Baptist association, extended to them the right hand of fellowship as a church group and also as individual members of the church. For this ritual of organization he was joined by the members of the missions committee, the associational missionary, the visiting choir director and others.

Nothing else remained for the service of organization except the singing of "Blest Be the Tie" and a fervent prayer of dedication and the benediction by the pastor of the new church, the Rev. Bobby H. Martin.

Charter membership in the new church will be left open through Aug. 28, 1966. But those people coming into the church Sunday afternoon at the time of organization were Bobby Martin, Cladis Martin, Beverly Martin, Bonnie Martin, Harley Scott, Marie Scott, Gary Scott, Ricky Scott, Wayman Scott, Evelyn Scott, Vonnie Scott, Jimmy Scott, Randy Bob Scott, Melanie Scott, Lester Carrick, Tamera Carrick, Grave Harrison, Nellie Singleton, Ethel Williams, Bynum James, W. L. Saunders, Lucille Saunders, Phillip Sauders, Terry Saunders, Pamela Saunders, Hester Collins, Brenda Collins, Vanessa Collins, Barbara Brower, Dwight Brower, Wayne Smith, Terry Lucas and Barbara Ann Lucas.

Officers of the new church are Rev. Bobby H. Martin, pastor; deacons, Wayne Smith, W. L. Saunders and Lester Carrick, deacons; Mrs. Marie Scott, clerk; Mrs. Marie Scott, treasurer; Wayne Smith, Sunday School superintendent; Barbara Brower, Training Union Director; Vonnie Scott, pianist; and Jimmy Scott, music director.

Mount Vernon Methodist Church Enjoys Annual Homecoming Day

June 30, 1966 – The annual homecoming service at Mount Vernon Methodist Church Sunday, June 26, was combined with a dedication service for the church's educational building which was completed less than three years ago.

Members of the congregation at Mount Vernon have moved quickly in the planning, building and paying for the new facilities which replaced their previous church structure.

Their building fund was only begun about two and one-half years before the groundbreaking which occurred on June 8, 1963. The new building was first occupied in Oct. of the same year.

Now, less than three years later, the indebtedness on the building has been paid off and plans are in the offering for the construction of the second unit, a church sanctuary.

Actually, the indebtedness was cleared last Jan., a little over two years after the occupancy of the building. Approximate cost for the educational facilities amounted to \$64,000.

Conducting the annual homecoming service and the service of dedication was the Rev. W. C. Anderson, who is beginning his fifth year of pastorate at the Mount Vernon

church. Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Philip Shore, Jr., district superintendent for the High Point District of the Methodist Church.

Also participating in the service of dedication was Worth White, chairman of the church's building committee, and the following members of the committee, L. G. Bowman, Sr., Alton Spillman, J. G. Fulton, Cone Spencer, Joe W. White, H. L. Jarrett, Norman Elder, Mrs. Zeola English and McCrary Peace.

One member of the building committee, Earl Reese White, was not present for the dedication service while another member, Mrs. Willa Carter, is now deceased and was among those members at Mount Vernon who were memorialized in the annual service commemorating the lives of those who had died during the preceding year.

Other Mount Vernon members whose names were called out during the annual memorial service included Mrs. Alice S. Hill, Miss Alma March, D. Kinney Myers, James Michael Payne, Earl L. Peace, Mrs. Fred Peace, Kearney Peace, Mrs. Charles W. Redding, John R. Trotter, and Mrs. Carl White.

Mount Vernon Methodist Church came into existence through the organization of a Sunday school which was started in the old log school known as Carraway. Started by a group of women consisting of Mrs. Adeliza English, Sarah Gray, Jane Johnson, Patience White, Martha Steed, Elizabeth Marsh, and Mrs. Frazier, the Sunday school was the only one of the circuit that continued throughout the winter months.

In the years 1875-76 Rev. Jeremiah Craven was the pastor of the Randolph Charge which included 16 appointments. Two of these appointments were the Glenco and Carraway School houses, about two miles apart.

Mount Vernon Methodist Church was organized when these two congregations merged and a church building was erected about a mile north of the Carraway School house on the public road leading from Bush Hill, now Archdale, and Flint Hill.

The church, which was to be called Mount Vernon, was built in 1879 – 80 on an acre of land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Robbins.

In 1907 the first church building was razed and a new building was erected and used for 17 years. This building was replaced in 1924 and the building which took its place was used until the erection of the present educational plant in 1963.

On the day of dedication, Sunday, June 26, 1966, the church pastor, Rev. W. C. Anderson, had this to say to those who came for the homecoming service and the service of dedication: "We have reached a mile – stone in the history of Mount Vernon Methodist Church. A stone of remembrance can be set up and we can say, by the grace of God we have come this far, and by His help we will lift our eyes to the wide horizon of the Kingdom and continue on our way until we arrive safely at home."

Pleasant Grove Resident Honored On His Birthday

July 7, 1966 – Millard Lee Brady, who was born, reared and has lived his entire life in Pleasant Grove Township, was honored at a birthday observance Sunday, July 3, at the fellowship hall at Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

The 75th birthday of this well known resident of the Pleasant Grove community had occurred two days earlier on the first day of July.

Present for the birthday luncheon were his wife, the former Myrtie Lutetia Bray, to whom two daughters, Mrs Norman (Maxine) Brown and Mrs. Sammy (Ruby) Leonard, other members of his family and friends. His son, Clarence Brady, was not present.

Millard Brady has lived since his marriage within sight of the Pleasant Grove Church, although he says there has been two buildings erected on the church site since that time.

He was born about a mile to the west at the home of his parents, Eli Abiga (Bige) Brady and Maxie Ann Brady. He says that his mother gave birth to fourteen children, with "five in the cemetery and the balance living."

Four of the five deceased ones died in infancy while a brother, Floyd Brady, died in recent years. Besides Millard, those living include two sisters, Mrs. Ada Hicks, Liberty, and Mrs. Lis Scott, Siler City, and brothers, Walter, Ernest, Homer and John, of the Pleasant Grove community, Gene Brady, of Route 2, Bennett, and Carl Brady, veteran school principal and minister at Robbins.

Now retired, Millard Brady has farmed, traded and worked at sawmills. He says that he has "helped build more sawdust piles" than any other man. An unusually hard worker for all of his life, he still walks erect at the age of three score years and fifteen and is not usually seen without a cigar in his mouth.

Although it has not always been the case, he is a staunch supporter of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, helps to push the programs of the church and is usually there when the doors are opened. His parents, his brother Floyd and the four infants who died in the earlier years are buried in the church cemetery.

His father died May 4, 1959 at the age of ninety years but his mother had died nearly thirty years earlier on Aug. 25, 1929. In the large cemetery, a short distance from the Brady graves is the grave of Jim Pool, a young Negro man who died in 1874 at the age of 19.

On the tombstone of Jim Pool is inscribed these words: "lost his life in saving the lives of William Brown and Levi Cox in a well being dug at William Brown's." The well in question is located at the home of Eli Brown, a short distance down the rural dirt road from the birthplace of Millard Brady.

The influence of the large Brady family has long been felt in the immediate vicinity of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church and in the surrounding vicinities. This has been no exception in the case of Millard Lee Brady. Strong minded, speaking frankly and sometimes showing a rough exterior, he is nevertheless a warm hearted man, generous and with strong loyalties for those things in which he believes.

His friends, neighbors and the people who go with him to the Pleasant Grove Church extend congratulations on the reaching of his 75th year and hope that the remaining years of his life will be both pleasant and useful.

Third Session Of Camp Meeting Begins Sunday In New Tabernacle

July 7, 1966 - A group of Baptist ministers, pasturing churches in Randolph and three adjoining counties, will begin the third session of the Central Baptist Camp Meeting

Sunday afternoon, July 10, at 2:30 in a brand new tabernacle located on Route 2, Seagrove.

The camp meeting will continue for two weeks at the new facilities, situated on the Dover Church road, about half way from the Westmore School and the Dover Baptist Church.

Held for the past two years under a gospel tent, first located on the ball field at the Westmore School and last year at the present tabernacle site, guest speaker for the series of services will be the Rev. Wade Huntley of Rutherfordton.

Conducting the services for the two weeks meeting will be members of a steering committee for the camp meeting, composed of Rev. Curtis Barbery, president; Rev. Billy Metters, vice president and treasurer; Rev. Amos Garner, secretary; and committee members Rev. J. G. Bailey, Rev. James Moon, Rev. William Hancock, Rev. Bennie Maness and Rev. Clarence Jenkins.

Committee members are contemplating changing the name of their organization to Keswick Baptist Tabernacle, emphasizing the truth of the Keswick conference in England which teaches and preaches the theme of the "Victorious Christian Life."

A successful undertaking since its beginning three years ago, the camp meeting group moved after the first tent meeting on the ball field at Westmore to the present tabernacle site, nearly a four acre tract of land, which was donated by Carl H. Brown, a layman in the Dover Baptist Church, who lives next to the tabernacle site.

The tent was used also for the second year of the meeting but this past May and June six members of the camp meeting committee, Curtis Barbery, Billy Metters, Amos Garner, J. G. Bailey, William Hancock, and particularly James Moon, who pastors the nearby Dover Baptist Church, built the tabernacle themselves, assisted by a few laymen.

They did the entire work on the 42 by 84 foot structure except for the laying of the concrete blocks which enclose the pulpit and choir area and the wiring of the building.

It is a clean building, presents a neat appearance and is located on a valuable corner tract of land which fronts both the paved Dover church road and a dirt road which heads into Highway 705.

The song books and the water fountain are new but the pews are second handed, coming from Methodist, Friends and Baptist churches. Plans, however, are to build seats later which will match the architectural design of the building. Sides for the length of the tabernacle will also be provided later.

For the first service of the camp meeting, Sunday afternoon, July 10, at 2:30, at which time the new building will be dedicated, the president of the camp meeting association, Rev. Curtis Barbery, will be the speaker.

On the second Sunday afternoon of the meeting, Rev. J. G. Bailey will preach and for the final Sunday afternoon of the meeting the Rev. Amos Garner will be doing the preaching.

The visiting evangelist will be speaking in all of the evening services during the two weeks series, with the services beginning each evening at 7:30.

The guest speaker, Rev. Wade Huntley, has been pastor of the Holly Springs Baptist Church in the Rutherfordton area for twelve years. He attended North Carolina State University at Raleigh, graduated from North Greenville College at Greenville, S. C. and also from the Fruitland

Bible Institute, a Baptist institution. He is the youngest of four brothers who have entered the ministry of the Baptist denomination.

Music for the camp meeting will consist of choir singing and selections from special groups of singers. Choirs will be directed by Ted Comer, choir director for the Beulah Baptist Church and Bobby Maness, music director for the Union Grove Baptist Church.

Members of the steering committee for the camp meeting are well known pastors of Baptist churches in lower Randolph and the adjoining counties.

Rev. Curtis Barbery is pastor of the Beulah Baptist Church, Rev. Billy Metters is pastor of the Huldah Baptist Church, Rev. Clarence Jenkins is pastor of the Union Grove Baptist Church, and Rev. J. G. Bailey is pastor of the Deep River Baptist Church, all of which churches are located in Randolph County.

Rev. James Moon's pastorate, the Dover Baptist Church, is located in Moore County, near the Montgomery County line and the Rev. Bennie Maness' Church, the Asbury Baptist Church, is located in Montgomery County, although a member of the Randolph Baptist Association.

Rev. William Hancock, although residing on Route 5, Asheboro, is pastor of the Laurel Hill Baptist Church in Montgomery County and the Rev. Amos Garner is pastor of the Fall Creek Baptist Church in Chatham County.

Also, the Rev. J. G. Bailey pastors another Baptist church in addition to the Deep River Church at Coleridge, the Bear Creek Baptist Church also located in Chatham County.

Besides the participation of the members of the steering committee, it is anticipated that other ministers from Randolph County and the three counties adjoining will attend the camp meeting and take part in the services for the next two weeks.

Signs announcing the series of services and pointing the way to the new tabernacle building are posted on all of the main roads leading in that direction and large crowds are expected at all of the services. There is a large parking area for the placing of the automobiles.

Members of the camp meeting steering committees, the ministers who have effected the organization and built the tabernacle, extend to the public a cordial invitation to attend all of the services.

30 Years With Our Farmers

July 11, 1966 – Since 1934 an eastern Randolph County farmer, Luther M. Sizemore, Route 1, Staley has served on the community and county committees which have carried on the government's farm programs in Randolph County.

He became a member of the community committee for Columbia Township on Feb. 13, 1934 and three years later went on the county committee where he has remained since that time.

However, even before the compulsory controls in tobacco, cotton and wheat of the old Triple A Act became effective in 1934, Luther Sizemore was working in 1933 with the preliminary sign – ups.

For his long tenure of service with the farm programs in Randolph County the Department of Agriculture has awarded him pins denoting 20, 25 and 30 years of service and also two certificates denoting 25 and 30 years of service.

The state organization plans to feature him in a forthcoming issue of the A.S.C.S. letter for service beyond

thirty years. There are only about three other men in the state whose terms of service equal the record established by Mr. Sizemore.

There have been many changes in the farm program since Mr. Sizemore worked with the preliminary sign-ups in 1933, including the names of the programs. When he first became a part of the organization, it was known as the Triple A Committee. Now it is the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

But through all of the name changes and changes of methods and procedures, the belief of Luther Sizemore in the programs which he has been helping to administer for more than thirty years has remained unchanged. Besides speaking in behalf of and explaining the various phases of the farm programs, he has participated in many of them on his own 136 – acre farm located at Brown's Cross Roads on Highway 64 east of Ramseur.

Asked about the reaction of the farmers when he first approached them in the beginning days of the compulsory sign – ups, his answer "starvation puts a man to thinking lots of time" was abrupt and pointed.

Told that the program had been called socialistic, he agreed that it was socialistic in principle but asked "where would you be if we didn't have tobacco control and only got twenty cents a pound?"

He defended the subsidy feature and said that it was no more than the guaranteed minimum wage for labor and the tariff and cotton payments for manufacturers.

He cited the benefits of the A.S.C.S. program in price supports, conservation, the reduction program, loans to farmers, and the distribution of lime, seed and fertilizer, the latter program which amounted to \$90,000 for Randolph County last year.

The three – man county committee on which he has served since 1937 is elected by a representative from each of the community committees for a one-year term. The community committees are named by the farmers themselves in a county – wide election.

Mr. Sizemore said there had been no campaigning for election to the county committee and he spoke of the fairness of the committee as it has administered the farm program throughout Randolph County. He said there had been "no favoritism or special favors" but that the committee had operated by the rules and regulations. For several years he served as the chairman of the committee.

In addition to serving on the farm committee these many years, he also served for a lengthy period on the F. H. A. committee, a governmental lending agency to farm groups.

He served alternately on this committee from 1937 until 1953 and cited this agency as also "a great benefit to farmers and one the government didn't lose any money on."

Many sources have said that a man could not pay for a farm in less than twenty years without raising tobacco. But Mr. Sizemore said that his knowledge of participants in both the A.S.C.S. and F.H.A. programs in Randolph County had borne out the fact it could be done, sometimes in as little time as four or five years.

Luther Sizemore is not a Randolph County native but was instead born and grew up in the Quaker Gap community in Stokes County, about five miles west of Danbury. He was reared on a farm which grew tobacco and small grain and he completed the eighth grade in school. At about the age of 21, he taught school for one term. His wife, the former

Laura Eaton, is also a native of the same area in Stokes County.

The Sizemores left Stokes County on Jan. 26, 1920 and came to a farm one mile from Staley. They left Stokes County "looking for better land" on which to grow tobacco. Mr. Sizemore said of the comparison on land in Stokes and Randolph, "you can't grow any better quality but you can grow it easier here."

But the land on which they settled near Staley was not sufficient for the growth of tobacco and on Thanksgiving Day, 1922, the Sizemores moved to their present residence, the old J. Y. Chisholm place, which they farmed first as tenants.

They must have impressed the owner of the land, Clay Chisholm, because he left a request in his will that the Sizemores be given the first chance to purchase the land on which they lived. This they did and about sixteen years ago replaced the old house with a more modern one.

But the three big oak trees, the large elm tree and the two smaller ones still remain and provide a great deal of shade, comfort and enjoyment to Mr. Sizemore since his semi-retirement six years ago.

Although tobacco is still grown on his farm, he does not raise anything himself except garden produce. He has five cows and one gray mare which is used in the sledding of the tobacco which is grown by a tenant on his farm.

Three daughters, Mrs. Harvey (Harriett) Miller, Newport News, Va., Mrs. Hugh (Ruth) Burgess, Route 1, Ramseur, and Mrs. Norman (Dorothy) Overman, Asheboro, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sizemore. They attended the Staley school where Mr. Sizemore served for many years as a member of the school committee.

For the past several years Mr. and Mrs. Sizemore, in company with a daughter and son-in-law, have spent part of the winter months in Florida.

But getting back to his service on the farm committees, this service has been rendered at a considerable sacrifice to Mr. Sizemore and his family. During these thirty years and more he has attended the regular meetings in Asheboro twice a month and has been subject of many call meetings.

Asked about his own farming operations during the times he was away, Mrs. Sizemore answered for him and said "the farming went right on." An energetic woman herself, her answer indicated that whenever it was necessary, she carried on the farm work in the absence of her husband.

Besides his attendance at meetings of the county group, he has attended most of the area meetings and doesn't think that he has ever missed a meeting on the state level.

Luther Sizemore has rendered dedicated service to the farming interests of Randolph County. There has not been adequate reimbursement for his time and effort but "trying to help my fellow man for a better life and more comfortable living, that has been my pay," he said.

He has now reached the age of 75 and his body shows signs of weakness. But Luther Sizemore still speaks with a strong, authoritative voice in behalf of the farm programs which he has advocated and helped to administer since their enactment over thirty years ago.

Penn Vestals Have Anniversary; Both Are Natives Of Randolph

July 14, 1966 – Penn Vestal, a car salesman in Asheboro for twenty – eight years, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, July 10.

An open house event honored this well – known couple at their home at 233 Dorsett Ave. from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Hosts for the occasion were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Vestal, and two of their three grandsons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. William Penn Vestal, II and Mr. and Mrs. James Larry Vestal.

Their other grandson is Timothy Vestal, age 12.

When the Vestals were married fifty years ago on Saturday afternoon, July 8, 1916, their marriage was delayed for an hour or so because of a big thunderstorm.

They were driven to the home of the officiating magistrate, J. A. Neighbors, in a Model T. Ford touring car, with the top down, which was owned by Albert Parrish, who drove the couple to their marriage site.

Following the exchange of their marriage vows, a half of a century ago, their friends joined them in an ice cream supper at Mrs. Vestal's home, to which they had been invited earlier.

It was their close friends and members of their immediate families who joined them in the observance of their golden wedding anniversary last Sunday afternoon.

Guests at the open house event were greeted upon their arrival and registered in the guest book by Mr. and Mrs. James Larry Vestal, who also presented them to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. Penn Vestal and their son, Willard.

In the dining room, the table was covered with a hand-crocheted cloth over a gold underlayment. The cloth was crocheted by Mrs. Penn Vestal's 91-year-old mother, Mrs. Maggie Spoon, after she passed her 80th birthday.

On one end of the table was the white three – tiered cake decorated with white roses and gold leaves and with the inscription of "50" at the top.

An arrangement of ivy encircled the cake and also the punch bowl at the other end of the table. Flowers on the table were yellow Shasta daisies and pom poms.

Other arrangements, consisting yellow Shasta daisies and yellow roses, were placed on the living room mantel and coffee table.

Mrs. Frankie Spoon, niece of Mrs. Vestal, poured punch and Mrs. Clyde Shaw and Mrs. Etta Millikan, neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Vestal, served portions of the anniversary cake, along with cake squares, decorated similar to the cake, mints and nuts.

Taking care of the gifts and saying the goodbyes were Mr. and Mrs. William Penn Vestal, II.

Mrs. Penn Vestal was attired in a dress of Turquoise Blue and wore a corsage of yellow rosebuds. Her granddaughters –in-law wore corsages of yellow rosebuds. Her daughter –in law Mrs. Willard Vestal, was unable to be present because of illness.

Mr. Vestal, his son and the two grandsons who participated in the open house event each had a yellow rosebud in his lapel as a boutonniere.

For her wedding vows fifty years ago Mrs. Vestal wore a white crepe dress, trimmed with ribbon, and had white shoes and hat.

Present for the wedding ceremony, following that thunderstorm of long ago, where Miss Ida Moody, now Mrs. George Teague, Miss Vallie Osborne, now Mrs. Walter Stowe, and Mrs. Vestal's brothers, Joe and Herbert Spoon.

William Penn Vestal, known as "Penn" to countless friends and acquaintances throughout Asheboro and Randolph County, was born southeast of Asheboro, near the end of the Cox Road. His parents were Orlando (Lindo) and Elizabeth Scarlett Vestal.

He attended the Brower school, about two miles from where he lived, but said "when the creek got up we didn't go".

He remained at home until about three years before his marriage when he left to become employed with a construction company which built roads in Randolph County. He is 72 years of age.

Mrs. Vestal, the former Sarah Gertrude Spoon, is also a native of Randolph County, the daughter of E. P. (Press) Spoon and Maggie McPherson Spoon. At about eight years of age, her parents moved a short distance from Asheboro, on the Coleridge Road.

She attended the Gold Hill School, the Silver Hill school and the school at Brower. She was living at home at the time of her marriage. She is now 68 years of age.

Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Vestal have live in Asheboro and vicinity, except for one year in Concord during the depression years and for one year in Bennett.

Employment for Mr. Vestal in the earlier years of their marriage included work at a chair factory, a sawmill and hosiery mills. But the work for which he is well known is as a car salesman.

He first started selling cars at the beginning of the year 1935 and continued in this capacity until forced to retire about three years ago because of illness. His son, Willard, has followed in his father's footsteps and operated a car lot at 703 North Fayetteville Street.

Besides the son and three grandsons, immediate members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Vestal include three great - grandsons, Larry Anthony and Marty Wedell, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Larry Vestal, and Kale, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Penn (Bill) Vestal, II.

William Penn Vestal, II has his grandfather's name but is nicknamed "Bill" after his great -great- grandfather, Billy Vestal, who was the grandfather of Penn Vestal.

Mr. and Mrs. Penn Vestal were also the parents of another son, Kenneth, who died at the age of 16 months.

They are members of the Flag Springs Methodist Church, which Mr. Vestal has attended since childhood. He served as chairman of the building committee when the new church building was erected in 1953.

Mrs. Vestal attended the Spoons Chapel Christian Church during her childhood, a church for which her grandfather gave the land on which the building was erected.

Due to Mr. Vestal's heart ailment, his activities have ceased. But Mrs. Vestal remains busy and especially tends her garden during the summer months. For the pursuit of this project, Mr. Vestal said, "I bought her a tractor."

It was because of Mr. Vestal's condition that the guests at their golden wedding anniversary reception was limited. But nevertheless, a host of friends and acquaintances, who did not attend the reception, will still recall with them the years of their marriage, congratulate them upon the attainment of their fiftieth anniversary and wish for them the best in the years to come

Charlotte Church Seniors Honored Last Week

July 18, 1966 – An observance in honor of senior citizens at the fellowship hall of the Charlotte Methodist Church Thursday, July 14, proved to be a resounding success.

Despite the sweltering heat of the summer's hottest day, approximately thirty senior citizens from the Charlotte church community, Asheboro and elsewhere attended the enjoyable event.

Sponsored by the Charlotte-Asheboro Home Demonstration Club, this was the club's first formal observance in honor of senior citizens. Although they had previously visited the nursing homes in recognition of those in the senior group.

Last Thursday's honoring the senior citizens took the form of a buffet luncheon which was thoroughly enjoyed not only by the senior citizens but all those in attendance.

The observance was in charge of Mrs. Amos Rush, president of the home demonstration club, and Mrs. Jack Bulla, the club's secretary. Assisting them were Mrs. Horace Poole, Miss Kate Bulla, Mrs. Winfred Bruton, Mrs. Annie McCain, Mrs. Brad Bulla and Mrs. C. W. McElreath, the latter three being listed also among the senior citizen group.

Others honored as senior citizens included Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henley, Mrs. Webb Hussey, Mrs. H. L. Walker, Sr., Mrs. Celia Green, Mrs. Dora Adams, Mrs. N. C. Farlow, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Hughes, Mrs. Ella Wright, C. L. Bruton, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Loutrel, Mrs. Mary Wade Farlow, Brad Bulla, Mrs. Ora Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Trotter, Miss Moleta Morgan, J. W. Morgan, C. W. McElreath, Mrs. Theresa Owens, and Mrs. Sarah Rollins.

Also present were Miss Sallie McCain, Jack Bulla, Ralph Bulla and the photographer, Ronald Baker, along with the new pastor at the Charlotte Church, the Rev. Sam Carter.

The new minister at the church had the prayer before the partaking of the sumptuous meal and then following the luncheon spoke to the senior citizens and the others who were in attendance. Mrs. Mary Wade Farlow delighted those in attendance by reciting a poem entitled "Growing Old."

Oldest person in attendance was 86 year-old Mrs. Celia Green, followed closely by Mrs. N. C. Farlow, 85 years of age, and C. L. Bruton, who is 84 years of age. Mrs. Dora Adams, originally of the Sophis area, is 81 years of age.

Flowers for the occasion were furnished by Mrs. Lillie Henley Frazier, Mrs. Jack Bulla and Mrs. Brad Bulla.

She Kept Her Community History

July 21, 1966 – For fifty years a chronological record of events in the Sophia and New Market areas has been recorded by Mrs. Althea Farlow Brown, a Route 1, Sophia resident.

Newspaper clippings, a record book of births, marriages and deaths, a personal diary, all measuring one and one half feet high, relate the happenings of the community for the past fifty years.

This record has also reached into other areas of Randolph County, whenever a person with connections or association with the Sophia-New Market area was involved.

Helping Mrs. Brown to compile her amazing array of statistics and record of events in the community in which she has spent her life has been her work as a newspaper correspondent since 1916.

In that year she began writing the news of her community for The Asheboro Courier and continued in that capacity after the merger of The Asheboro Courier with The Randolph Tribune. She continues as an active correspondent for the Courier-Tribune writing under the Route 1, Sophia caption.

But in the tremendous volume of newspaper clippings which tell the story of the last half century, other captions under which the news appear are Marlboro News, Edgar News and Flint Hill News.

Her father, Nathan Hill Farlow, was a newspaper correspondent before her and wrote the Edgar News for The Asheboro Bulletin and perhaps The Asheboro Courier. Mrs. Brown said that "he could write beautifully" and that he got her interested in writing the news also.

At that time the Edgar Postoffice, about a quarter of a mile to the west, served Nathan Hill Farlow, his wife, Samila Cox Farlow, and their only child, Althea Alma. Another daughter, Mary Elizabeth, died shortly after her birth.

Althea Brown's father was a farmer a carpenter, a birch mason and worked at a sawmill. Althea, speaking affectionately of him over thirty eight years after his death proves that, "he was Jack of all trades and good at all of them."

He died in Jan., 1928, in the month following the one in which Althea's mother died. An aunt, Hannah Farlow, died about the same time. All three deaths occurred over a five weeks period.

Shortly after her father's death, Althea married Albert Brown who came from the northeaster part of Maryland. Their union lasted until Apr. 30, 1964 when he died at the age of 83 years.

They lived at Althea's old homeplace and for many years her husband sold eggs, chickens, and other produce in High Point where he was known as "the egg man."

Althea was several years younger than her husband. On Aug. 21, 1966 she will be 69 years of age.

Since Albert's death the sale of eggs and chickens has ceased but Althea remains busy with her newspaper correspondence, her interest in the Marlboro Friends meeting where she has attended all of her life and with her various activities in the community and among her friends.

Since 1960 she has served as secretary of the old Marlboro School reunion which she helped to organize. The school was located near the Meeting House, about a mile and one half from her father's home just off of Highway 311, north of Sophia.

She has always lived at the old homeplace and for six years she and her husband operated a service station on the highway near their home.

Although she has gathered the news for fifty years, she has only had a telephone for the past four years. She has got her news at church, from people coming in the service station which she and her husband operated and from other contacts within the community.

In the newspaper clippings which she has regularly filed, news from communities besides Route 1, Sophia, Marlboro, and Edgar have been Flint Hill, Randleman, High Point, Route 3, High Point, Holly Springs, Asheboro Star Route, Ramseur, and other areas where there were Sophia connections.

There is also a listing from the Draft boards during World War II, with the names of the young men from Althea's home area underlined.

It would be literally impossible to discuss the thousands of new items which can be found among the clippings which have already filled two huge scrapbooks and enough left over to fill another one.

Some of the items go back to 1915, a year before Althea started writing for The Courier. One of the earlier notices was a listing of the honor roll for the Marlboro Graded School in the year 1919.

Since New Market Township has always been a Republican stronghold, it is natural that a political note would sometimes creep late into the news of that area.

About 1918 or the next year this question was asked in the column: "how about Democratic efficiency in New Market, when it fell so flat in November 1914? Demonstrated in the case of R. L. vs A. B." further news items led one to believe that the "R.," referred to The R. L. White while "A. B." was A. B. Coltrane, both of whom were leaders in their respective parties.

Another political note, evidently in 1928, stated, "The election passed off very quietly in New Market Township and we are well pleased with Hoover for President and our new county officers."

Then, there was the report, coming from the Asheboro scene, which revealed the arrest of an Asheboro attorney and another well known Asheboro citizen for interrupting a meeting and throwing eggs at a minister who had directed remarks against Al Smith, the Democratic candidate for President.

But in the main, the items tell of the births, marriages, deaths and the other happenings of the community in which Althea Brown was born and has lived.

Supplementing the scrap books of clippings, remarkable complete within themselves, are the personal records which Althea Brown has methodically kept for a half of a century.

She has listed, in neat chronological order, the births, the marriages and the deaths of the people in the Sophia - New Market area and has also included the ones occurring outside of the community when it was on interest of her particular area.

The list of the deaths is perhaps the more complete one, she having recorded 1,295 since the first one in Feb., 1916.

Marriages and births in the journal cover at least three generations and may in some instances take in four.

But the more detailed record of the births, marriages, deaths and other major event in the community is found in the diary which has been meticulously put down, with appropriate embellishment and explanation of each item.

This unusual document has been filled out in Mrs. Brown's own handwriting, the same as the record book of births, marriages and deaths, and it contains over a hundred extra long sheets with the transcript having been put on both sides of the paper.

It is complete, accurate and an unusual recording of what has happened in the community for the past fifty years.

It sets forth the unique expression of its recorder just as Althea Brown's news column through the years has represented an originality and style which is not found with other news correspondents. Many people outside of the Route 1, Sophia area follow closely the news items of Althea Brown, due to the fervency, the sincereness and the quaintness of the manner in which she arranges her column.

The efforts of Althea Brown, in the compilation of the statistical facts of her community, also represents endless

hours, hard work, perseverance and a devotion to the community that is seldom seen in the day and age in which we live.

But it has not been regarded as a sacrifice to recorder and writer, Althea Brown. She says that she has "spent many happy hours" in the tasks to which she assigned herself.

A small woman with an unassuming appearance, she has faithfully reported the news of her community for fifty years and also kept a permanent record of what has happened therein.

Almost a legend in her own time, Althea needs to be cited for meritorious effort to her community, well beyond the realm of duty.

Some day time will take its toll and someone else will make an entry in the journal which has been kept so faithfully by Althea Brown. But her records will withstand the ravages of time and will continue to exist, even after she has become immortal.

Students Of Old Marlboro School Gather For Reunion On Sunday

July 21, 1966. — The 7th annual reunion of the students of the old Marlboro School was held Sunday, July 17, at the Marlboro Friends Meeting House situated a short distance from the old school site.

Forty-eight of the former Marlboro students were in attendance. However, family members and visitors brought the overall number to 83.

Speaker for the occasion was Bill Payne, principal of the new Market School which replaced the old Marlboro School for the school year 1936.

Enrollment at the New market School last year was 522 but in 1935, the last year of the Marlboro School, there were only 22 students enrolled there.

The first school in the community was started in 1892 and was named Gum Grove. Later the school was moved to a new location and was named Marlboro.

Teachers for the Gum Grove school were a Miss Lowe, Maggie Hockett, Lucy Ingram, Emma Coltrane, Lou Gray, Lena Bulla, Roella Frazier, Elmina Farlow, Ellen F. Ridge, Delphina Farlow, Bird Bulla, Gaston Wright, Bertha Wright, Edgar Highfill, Orlenda Nance, Dora Bulla and Eliza Spencer.

Teachers at the Marlboro School were Mamie Pierce, Lenora Bray, Swanna Lowdermilk, Harris Johnson, Ida Ridge, Ethel Cox, Deca Tucker, Esther Hussey, a Miss Ferree, Edith Julian, Victoria Brown, Argus Lineberry, Senith Johnson, Joe Millikan, Ethel Hinshaw, Charles K. White, Tom Elder, Muriel Lowe, Clara Davis, Edna Beeson, Myrtie Lawrence, Alice Farlow, Blanche Farlow, Nathan Edwards, Emma Ridge, and Guy Leonard.

The idea of a school reunion for former Marlboro students came about in the spring of 1960 when Harris Johnson and Ida Ridge Parker, who taught at the school during the school year 1910-11, and some of the students planned a reunion of the students for that particular school year.

These two teachers, along with 1910-11 students Carl and Cora Loflin Beeson and Althea Farlow Brown, made plans for the reunion, assisted by Harvey Farlow, Frank Davis and Lillie Spencer Wall. Althea Brown sent out invitations based on an old school picture for the year 1910-11.

Students who attended school that year included Lewis Farlow, Carl Beeson, Jerome Davis, Jesse Farlow, Frank Davis, Vernon Spencer, Hal Farlow, Marvin Osborne, Clyde

Ridge, Emery Farlow, James Winslow, Mary Osborne, Hettie Newlin, Hessie Newlin, Lillie Farlow, Lillie Spencer, Ora Loflin, Beulah Coltrane, Nannie Davis, Esther Loflin, Rosa Sinclair, Jessie Mae Spencer, Gwen Loflin, Edna Beeson, Nellie Farlow, and Aliese Davis.

Also, Sadie Osborne, Florence Spencer, May Davis, William Farlow, Lester Wall, Ray Nance, Walter Davis, Stella Nance, Maie Hill, Ollie Ward, Harris Coltrane, Walter Beeson, Russel Hill, Jeffrey Cox, Wesley Cox, Jimmy Farlow, Robert Spencer, Cicero Hill, Bertha Spencer, William Nance, Evla Farlow and Flora Berry.

Also, Althea Farlow, Jim Davis, Clifton Davis, Flossie Snider, Mamie Spencer, Blanche Hill, Blanche Davis, Garland Beeson, Ila Snider, Clara Ward, Alene Nance, Carl Ward, Mabel Hill, Paul Winslow, Buford Farlow, Theresa Spencer, Angie Farlow, Pearl Spencer, Howard Hill, Lester Farlow, and Cornelia Coltrane.

Sixty one persons were present for this reunion of the students who attended the Marlboro School in the school year 1910-11 and the following year another reunion was held at which time it was decided to make the gathering an annual event.

Officers for the organization were then elected, consisting of Harvey Farlow, president; Frank Davis, vice president; Althea Farlow Brown, secretary; and Carl Beeson, treasurer.

For the reunion in 1962 a decision had been made to include in the reunion all students and teachers who had been a part of the school from its beginning in 1892 until its discontinuation in 1935.

Each year since the reunion has been held a great deal of interest has been manifested at each successive gathering.

Carl Beeson, one of the originators of the reunion and the first treasurer of the organization, died about two years after its organization and last year Harvey Farlow, first president of the reunion organization, also passed away.

Succeeding Harvey Farlow as president was Rufus Davis, who in turn was succeeded by Carl Ward. However, Mr. Ward was unable to attend last Sunday's reunion and Mr. Davis continued in that position for the sixth annual session.

Frank Davis has continued to serve as vice president and Ethel Farlow served as treasurer for two years. Althea Brown now serves as both secretary and treasurer, with Emily Pugh as the assistant secretary and treasurer. Lillie Spencer Wall was formerly in charge of the memorials.

At the reunion on Sunday, July 17, a nominating committee composed of Ruth Allred, Rufus Davis and Dorothy Smith was named to report out a slate of officer for the next year.

In order that the reunion organization would continue through the years, even as the roll of former students thinned out with each succeeding year, another revision was made in the organization at the session this year. It was decided to broaden out the group a step further by making descendants of former students a part of the reunion organization. Next year all descendants of students at the Gum Grove and Marlboro schools will be invited to participate.

Many former students have died since the organization of the group in 1960 and this past year was no exception. Fay Loflin Hayes and Ethel Cox Farlow conducted the memorial service which was held in memory of Maud Welborn

Farlow, Jeff Dorsett, Rachel Farlow Taylor, Cornelia Coltrane Ross, Harvey Farlow and Agnes Spencer.

Former teachers present for the reunion were Ethel Hinshaw Fields, Guy Leonard, Harris Johnson, Edna Beeson Kemp and Edgar Highfill.

Prizes were awarded to 84 year-old Arthur Farlow for being the oldest student in attendance; to 38 year-old Wayne Loflin for being the youngest in attendance and to Arthur and Ora Loflin Farlow, of Bahama, who traveled the farthest to attend the old school reunion.

Prizes consisted of two dollar bills. Arthur Farlow's attendance was at the Gum Grove school and the miles he and Ora traveled to attend the reunion was 83. The youngest student, Wayne Loflin, attended the last school which was held in 1945.

After the adjournment of the reunion meeting, everyone was invited to the basement of the Meeting House where refreshments were served by this year's hostesses Emily Pugh, Mary Alice Allred and Laone Loflin, former students at the school and daughters of Jerome and Hessie Farlow Newlin Davis, both of whom were students during the 1910-11 school term.

Mrs. Barnes Celebrates Her 99th—And Her Memory Hasn't Failed Her

July 25, 1966 — Mrs. Deborah Lucinda Hoover Barnes, Route 2, Asheboro, reached her 99th birthday Friday, July 22, with impaired hearing and eyesight but still with firm convictions about the state of the world and the people who live within it.

She still recognizes voices and her memory bears up her statement that "I can remember everything since I was four years old."

She greeted this reporter with the question "who do you reckon you are" and kept up a running discourse until he departed, except for an occasional exchange with various relatives who came by to pay their respects on her 99th birthday.

The ballad of Naomi Wise was recited, just as she had done at a visit with her on her 95th birthday, and stories to fit any occasion were related in the brief visit with this aged woman with the remarkable remembrance.

Her mind works quickly and there is no halting of speech. The relatives would approach her and this reporter would drift over to another part of the room to talk with others who were present. But Debbie Barnes, even though she could not see across the room, would not forget and when a pause came in the conversation with who she was talking, she would lean back and ask "Where's that Ralph Bulla?"

She said, maybe as an excuse, "I am afraid that he will take my picture again, but she may have wanted to tell more of the stories she had learned in her childhood or recite some of the verses which she knows so well.

"I have lived for a purpose," she said, "to stay here and look after my old home, 80 acres of it. We had a hard time paying for it." She came to the old home seventy-seven years ago with her husband, Thomas Wilson, and two of their children. At that time the couple had been married for three years.

She spoke of her father, John Hoover, and said that "he wanted to live and let live." She was concerned that "folks don't care now if you sink or swim".

Her mind went back to the Civil War, evidently to the years just after the war, and she spoke of the Yankees coming by

getting food which her mother had left out and she told of some of her neighbors being taken to the salt works and being left for three years.

She said back in her younger days there were "no foolish books to read like there is now." She said they read the Bible and stated that with the knowledge she had gained reading the Bible "I can outdo the preachers".

The more up to date building of the Back Creek Friends Meeting, where she is a birthright member, came into the discussion and Debbie, still speaking her own mind, said "we used to have better meetings in a brush arbor".

She spoke of people attending church "with their hair all kinked up" and also said that "preachers don't talk to their congregations like they used to.

About the only thing she didn't express an opinion on was the question of her next birthday - her 100th one. Her only comment was, "I can't express it the way I am thinking."

She said "time seems so long and I am so lonely". Actually, in one sense, Debbie Barnes should not be lonely. She lives with a son, Wayman, and his family. Her daughter in - law is with her most of the time.

Another daughter, Mrs. Nellie Smith, lives just up the road and sees her every day. Her other children, Ernest Barnes, Emory Barnes and Mrs. Eunice McPherson, live in Asheboro and come out frequently to see her.

Then there are various other relatives who come by to visit with her. While this reporter was present, two nieces, Mrs. Belle Lowe Johnson, Route 3, Asheboro, age 77, and Mrs. Candance Hussey Frazier, Route 2, Trinity, age 82, were there, along with a great niece.

It would seem that Debbie Barnes' loneliness comes not from being alone, because she is surrounded by relatives and friends, but perhaps she is lonely for the life she knew so many years ago. It is to that period that her mind goes most frequently and it is of that time that she speaks, recites and relates the stories which she learned in the years when she was a child.

Many members of her family have lived to be extremely old. One of her sisters was 98 at the time of her death while two more of them died at the ages of 91 and 92. A brother died at the age of 88.

A nephew died about nine months ago at the age of 92 and besides the two nieces, ages 77 and 82, who came to see her on her birthday, a nephew is now living at the age of 84. her oldest son is now 77 years of age.

Deborah Lucinda Hoover Barnes does not leave home too much anymore, except to visit once in a while in the homes of her children. It is not that her physical condition will not permit it but she is more adjustable in the home where she has spent her last 77 years and where she came as a young wife with her husband and two of the ten children who were to be born to their marriage

One of her children died at the age of one, the others died after reaching the age of maturity. Her husband died over twenty-five years ago.

A big celebration is being talked for Debbie Barnes' one hundredth birthday. When that day arrives, there is no doubt that she will still be full of remembrance of the life of long ago, still be able to recite "Naomi Wise" and the other verses which she learned in the years gone by, and will still be able to share the philosophy and wisdom which is acquired only by one who has lived as long as she

Wagon Master Leading Parades

July 25, 1966 – Wagon Master Curtis Hussey, living two miles from the Randolph County line, is getting ready for the 11th annual Farmer's Day parade in Robbins on Saturday, Aug. 6th.

Last year there were over 300 entries in the parade, including horses, mules, ponies, covered wagons, flat bed wagons, buggies and other farm equipment, of which many of the entries come each year from Randolph County.

For the first parade eleven years ago, there were only three entries in the parade. These were Curtis Hussey, his covered wagon and team, and his two first cousins, Graham and Branson Hussey, who live in Randolph County, and their entries.

Graham Hussey had a buggy and pair of mules and Branson Hussey had an open bed wagon and a pair of sorrel mules. Graham and Branson Hussey are brothers, living on Route 2, Seagrove.

Little did Curtis Hussey, his two first cousins and the merchants of Robbins realize that these three men, the covered wagon, the buggy and the other wagon and the teams wending their way through the main street of Robbins on that first Saturday in Aug. eleven years ago would blossom into the huge Farmer's Day event which now attracts over 300 entries and around 10,000 people.

Actually, that was not the purpose in the beginning. The idea originated with Curtis Hussey, Graham Hussey and Branson Hussey, who merely wanted to drive their teams down through town, mainly to show them to the people of Robbins.

They asked permission to do this from Wayland Kennedy, the town undertaker who at that time was serving as mayor of Robbins. Their purpose in discussing the matter with Mr. Kennedy was to "see if there was a law against it."

But the word got out that they were coming and there was such a crowd waiting for them that Mayor Kennedy, Albert Trotter, operator of the furniture store, and other merchants got interested and told the Husseys that "we want you to make this permanent."

Albert Trotter, who was one of the first to become interested in having the annual parade and other events, is a Randolph County native, coming from the area west of Asheboro.

Successful from the beginning eleven years ago, much credit for the origination of the idea, the planning throughout the ensuring years and the maneuvering of the large number of entries is due to the Wagon Master, Curtis Hussey, as he leads the huge parade each year.

He is a commanding figure as he heads the parade in his covered wagon of 1906 vintage, drawn by the big 1,700 pound Chestnut Sorrel horses, registered Belgians, which he has had since they were four months old. Named Reuben and Dolly, they are now six years old.

Curtis will have other entries in the parade this year besides the lead wagon. He has won many trophies for his entries in the past eleven years, including the "best" work horse" last year. His wife, the former Beulah Culler, a native of Randolph County, won her first prize "best original costume for ladies", last year. Attired in a black bonnet and dress of many years ago, she rode with her husband as they came through the streets of Robbins in the covered wagon for which he has become so well known.

Curtis Hussey lives at the homeplace of his grandfather, Johnny Hussey, in the old log house weatherboarded with

hand dressed lumber fourteen inches wide and with tongue and grooved ceiling.

The home of his parents, the late L. W. (Walter) and Sallie Garner Hussey, where he was reared, is about a quarter of a mile away.

The father of nice children, Curtis Hussey is an industrious man. He raises wheat, corn, hogs, cows, hauls shavings and has been an egg jobber for thirty-five years. He takes his eggs to Asheboro, Star, Biscoe, Candor, Robbins, Carthage and nearby Sanford. This past season he raised 500 bushels of wheat, barley and oats.

His grandfather, Johnny Hussey, with whom he used to work, told him when he was a boy "that if he farmed he wouldn't have much money but you will always have plenty to eat."

Besides his two big Belgium horses, Reuben and Dolly, Curtis Hussey also has another Belgium horse named Prince. One of the covered wagons he owns, the William Moody wagon, is older than the 1906 model in which he rides in the parade.

Before he rode in his covered wagons in the Farmer's Day parades, he used his wagons and teams in Christmas parades and at the sessions of the Dunlap and Hussey reunions. His wagon is still a familiar sight at the Hussey reunion gathering each year.

Curtis Hussey's address is Box 68A, Route 2, Robbins, in case anyone wants to contact him in connection with the Farmer's Day parade on Saturday, Aug. 6th.

During the Fourth of July holidays he visited the wagon train, including "100 covered wagons with nice stock", which traveled a route from North Wilkesboro to Boone.

Although the 60-year-old Curtis Hussey is an old hand at parades, he is still eagerly looking forward to the first Saturday in Aug. when he will again lead the long parade of horses, mules, ponies, covered wagons, flat bed wagons, buggies and other farm equipment through the streets of downtown Robbins.

Balfour Club Honors Area Senior Citizens

July 25, 1966 – Although small in number, members of the Balfour Home Demonstration Club honored in a big way the senior citizens of the North Asheboro community Friday evening at the fellowship hall of the Balfour Baptist Church.

A buffet supper was served to twenty – one senior citizens of the community, with two of those being honored coming from the home demonstration club itself.

These were Mrs. J. C. Pearce and Mrs. Claude Hicks while a former member of the club, Mrs. C. C. Harrelson, was also among the honored group.

Others extended honor were Mr. and Mrs. Scott McGill, Mrs. R. H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Hulin, Mrs. J. E. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bulla, Mrs. J. W. Prevost, Mrs. Charlie Moody, Mrs. R. H. Dallas, Mrs. A. A. McConkey, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hinshaw, Mrs. Jane Marley, Calvin Frazier, J. C. Pearce and C. C. Harrelson.

Mrs. R. H. Thompson, age 83 years, was the oldest person attendance. The next oldest person and oldest man was K. W. Hulin, age 81. Both Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Hulin were presented dish gardens from the club. All of the senior citizens were pinned with decorated identification badges upon arrival.

Miss Rose Badgett, home economics agent for Randolph County, was a special guest. Rev. John W. Woody, pastor

of the Balfour Baptist Church, pronounced the invocation and was a guest at the buffet supper along with his wife.

Club members in attendance included Mrs. Cecil Sewell, club president, and Mrs. Wayne Thompson, chairman of the committee for the senior citizen observance, and her committee members, Mrs. J. C. Pearce and Mrs. Troy Hackett. Other club members present were Mrs. Staton Poole, Mrs. Vernon Poole, Mrs. Claude Hicks and Mrs. Joe Rich.

Also present were Troy Hackett, Dr. Wayne Thompson and Ralph Bulla.

This was the first formal honoring of senior citizens by the Balfour Home Demonstration Club. In the previous years of this project by home demonstration clubs the Balfour Club's recognition had been confined to visiting the senior group in their homes and the taking to them of small tokens of respect.

Three – Generations Observance At Walter Robert's Home Sunday

July 28, 1966 – A family gathering Sunday, July 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter V. Roberts, 712 Worth St., Asheboro, commemorated the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bernice Roberts, of Durham.

With all members of their immediate family in attendance, the elder Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were honored at a buffet luncheon at their son's home. They were married July 24, 1911.

After serving themselves, buffet style, the guests were seated at small tables in the newly decorated basement area of the Walter Roberts home.

The arrangement on the main table consisted of white gladioli and Shasta daisies. The three – tiered anniversary cake was all white with bells embedded in net and lily of the valley at the top.

The occasion was a three generation observance, as it also commemorated the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Walter V. Roberts, who were married 28 years ago on July 27, 1938, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vance Roberts, Jr., who were married three years on Aug. 4, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bernice Roberts are natives of Granville County, Mr. Roberts coming from Stem and Mrs. Roberts, the former Myrtle Hobgood, coming from Oxford. They moved to Durham in 1941 where they have lived since that time.

Mrs. Walter V. Roberts is the former Virginia Swing, of Lexington, while Mrs. Walter Vance Roberts, Jr. is the former Mary Inez Arnold, of Rocky Mount.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bernice Roberts, all of whom were present for their parents 55th wedding anniversary, include four sons, Paul and William (Billy) Roberts, Durham; Alton B. Roberts, Franklinville; and Walter V. Roberts, Asheboro; and two daughters, Mrs. Henry T. Hicks and Mrs. Garland S. Motley, Durham.

Present also were their two sons-in-law, Henry T. Hicks and Garland G. Motley and a daughter-in-law Mrs. Walter V. Roberts.

Grandchildren in attendance were Jodie and Beth Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ray Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wayne Ellis and son, Michael, of Durham; David Roberts, Franklinville; Mr. and Mrs. David Sprouse, Concord; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vance Roberts, Jr. and Miss Janet Roberts, of Asheboro.

Four sisters of Mrs. J. Bernice Roberts attended her 55th wedding anniversary celebration and they were Mrs. Raymond W. Daniel, Mrs. Flora Pruitt, Mrs. Bessie Adcock and Mrs. Mary Morris, all of Oxford.

Also from Oxford was her brother in-law, Raymond Daniel, and Mrs. W. W. Ellington and daughter, Dulcie, Mrs. Watkins Boyd, and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Jones, all nieces and nephew.

A guest from outside the family included Miss Fay Sutton, Raleigh.

Four generations in attendance consisted of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bernice Roberts, their daughter, Mrs. Garland S. Motley, their granddaughter, Mrs. Michael Wayne Ellis, and their great – grandson, Michael Ellis.

At the conclusion of the buffet luncheon, the elder Mr. and Mrs. Roberts opened the anniversary gifts which were presented to them by the members of their family.

One Hundred Years Ago, He Began A Long Life

July 28, 1966 – One Hundred years ago last Monday, July 25, 1866, Jerome A. Barker was born in the area about five miles southeast of Asheboro, the son of Alex Barker and Louisa Petty Barker.

Although his family left the area in which he was born when he was four years of age, Mr. Barker still celebrated his 100th birthday in Randolph County Sunday, July 24, one day before he actually reached the century mark.

He has been living since 1948 at 110 Petty St. in Archdale in the extreme upper edge of Randolph County and only a very short distance from the Guilford County line.

Since it has been ninety-six years since Mr. Barker left the place of his birth, he can't remember exactly where he was born. However, three churches, Bethel and Holly Spring Friends Meetings and the Spoon's Chapel Church figure in his memory and it is thought that he originated from one of these communities.

His one hundred years has been spent mainly in Archdale and High Point, after leaving the place of his birth. However, he lived for two year in Winston-Salem and came back to Asheboro during the years 1901 and 1902.

He quit work in 1950 from employment which was principally spent in the furniture industries.

His first wife was Emma Moffitt and to this union was born a son, Edgebert Barker, who lives next door to his father. The son is 71 years of age.

Mr. Barker was next married to the former Mary Lowe Christy Lackey, who died Mar. 4, 1964. A native of the Science Hill Friends Meeting community near Farmer, she was married to Mr. Barker for eleven years before her death.

In addition to Mr. Barker's son and daughter-in-law helping him to celebrate the 100th year of his birth, four of his second wife's children and some of her grandchildren came from long distances to join in the birthday celebration.

One step-son, Howard Christy, and his wife came from Englewood, Calif., a stepdaughter, Mrs. Loretta Dameron, came from Yorba Linda, Calif., another step – daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Shipman, and her husband came from Detroit, Mich. While still another stepdaughter, Mrs. Edwin B. Reid, and her husband came from Royal Oak, Mich.

Step – grandchildren coming in for the birthday event included Mrs. Linda Neese and daughter, Shirri Lynn, Englewood, Calif., Lieutenant and Mrs. Keith Ruona and

children, Lee and Erin, Patuxent River Naval Base in Maryland, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shipman, Jr., and son Wayne, Detroit, Mich.

Also figuring in the family gathering were Mrs. Fannie Lowe Payne, sister-in-law and housekeeper for Mr. Barker, another sister – in –law, Mrs. Lucy Lowe, and other family members.

Leading off the birthday festivities was a luncheon at the Brinwood Restaurant in Davidson County for immediate family members. At this luncheon Mr. Barker was presented with a \$100 bill from his close family group. His remark was, "I have made more money today than I have in a long time."

Following the birthday luncheon, open house was held at Mr. Barker's home from 2 o'clock until five. Many other family members and friends came to pay their respects.

Except for being hard of hearing and his eyesight not too good, Mr. Barker is in excellent condition considering that he is one hundred years old. He looks much younger than his age.

He attributes his long life to "good living, clean living, no drinking and no smoking."

He still takes care of his business and walks from his home across the highway to the Archdale bank and to the postoffice. He also attends to business in High Point. He told this reporter: "I do my own banking, my own thinking and my own spending." However, he added "I take care not to spend much."

He also said, "When you get to be a hundred years old, you will have different thoughts than what you have now."

Five years ago, at the age of 95, he and his wife took a train ride to visit her people in California and while there he toured Disneyland and other tourist attractions.

Asked what he thought of the state of the world, he said "don't ask me, I wouldn't want to say." Getting more specific, he said when President Johnson became President, "I thought in my mind he was going to make a good President. But I have changed," he said.

Speaking further of the President, he said "he's changeable" and evidently thinking of the next election, he speculated that "he may be in and he may not be."

Jerome Barker, perhaps the oldest person in Randolph County, is an agreeable person, very pleasant and has retained his sense of humor despite the long years which he has spent on this earth. After posing with his son for a birthday picture, he said "if that thing is broke, I didn't break it."

Came To County 35 Years Ago, Remained For 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Layne, who came to Randolph County thirty-five years ago last Dec., were honored Sunday, July 31, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Natives of Surry County, their four children held open house in their honor at their home at 209 Lineberry St., Ramseur. Their friends called from 2 p.m. until five o'clock.

Their children are Mrs. John (Lorene) Brooks, Ramseur; Leo and Dennis Layne, Asheboro; and Mrs. Harold (Virginia) Anderson, Morristown, Tenn.

Among the relatives who were present for the golden wedding observance was Mrs. Layne's twin sister, Hattie, and her husband Carl Chappel, of Elkin.

It was Mr. Chappel who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Layne when they left their homes near Elkin fifty years ago and

traveled by buggy to the county seat at Dobson for their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Layne were born about six miles apart but each in the vicinity of Elkin. Both were reared on tobacco farms. Mr. Layne, now 79 years of age, was born May 12, 1887. Mrs. Layne, the former Sallie Caroline Greenwood, is 68 years of age, having been born Apr. 13, 1898.

Known for his dry wit, Mr. Layne said, in reference to the difference in their ages, "I had to wait until she grew up."

While he was waiting for her to grow up, Mr. Layne spent some time in Winston-Salem and the states of Washington and Virginia. But he had come back to Elkin and was engaged in farming at the time of their marriage.

When they came to Randolph County in Dec., 1930, Mrs. Layne said, "we thought we would stay a year." They came, like so many other people from Surry and Stokes Counties, looking for better land on which to grow tobacco.

They came to a farm in the Parks Cross Roads community where they lived until moving to their present residence in Ramseur in 1959. Mr. Layne quit farming two years after moving to Ramseur.

But since he has kept reasonable good health he still helps his friends and former neighbors with their tobacco crops because, as he said, "I like it." Mrs. Layne is also a very active person, cooking, canning and keeping busy with other household duties.

The year which they planed to stay in Randolph County when they first came has now extended past their thirty-fifth year and more than half way into their thirty-sixth year. But there is no more thought of going back to where they originated.

Because this is where their home is now, they are happy here and among the many friends which they have accumulated in the years since they have been here. This is particularly true among the members of the congregation at the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church where they hold their membership, their former neighbors in that community and their present neighbors in the place where they now live.

Besides their four children, members of their immediate family include six grandchildren. Larry Anderson, Morristown, Tenn., Mrs. Glenn Townsend, Alamogordo, New Mexico, Janna and Marion Lee Layne, Asheboro, Mrs. Sammy Brooks, Ramseur, and Sandy Brooks, Ramseur and Plymouth.

Mrs. Ted Burgess, their friend and neighbor of many years, greeted the guests Sunday afternoon as they came to pay their respects to Mr. and Mrs. Layne and to congratulate them upon the observance of their golden wedding anniversary.

Standing with Mr. Mrs. Layne in the receiving line were their two sons and two daughters while a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dennis Layne, registered those who came.

The table, covered by an off-white lace cloth, was centered by an arrangement of yellow chrysanthemums and snapdragons with greenery, flanked by gold tapers. The three-tiered anniversary cake, decorated with yellow rosebuds and gold leaves was topped by an ornament of golden wedding bells and a large "50"

Mrs. Bob Brooks of Ramseur cut the cake and presiding over the punch bowl were Miss Jean Chappel of Greensboro, niece of Mrs. Layne, and Mrs. Sammy Brooks, granddaughter. Assisting with serving and entertaining

were Mrs. Leo Layne, daughter - in - law, and Mrs. Alton Cox of Ramseur.

For the occasion, Mrs. Layne wore a brown and white cotton sheath dress and pinned a gold chrysanthemum corsage at her shoulder.

Decorations throughout the home carried out the golden theme with an arrangement of bronze chrysanthemums and greenery used in the living room and a permanent floral arrangement depicting the interlocking wedding bands accented by a "50" was on the coffee table. White chrysanthemums decorated the gift room.

In Their Spare Moments, They Hunt Rattlesnakes

Aug. 4, 1966 – They hunt them on horses, they hunt them in jeeps and the preachers kill them on their way to church.

Rattlesnakes is what we're talking about and they say that this has been a "good" year for them. In this correspondent's opinion, "bad" would be a better word for it.

A few Sundays ago, I was called to the home of Harold Moon, of the Spero section, to record the killing of a 43-inch long rattlesnake with nine rattles and a button. The snake was killed by Moon, Tommy Davis and Woodburn Yow as they left Caraway Race Track on their horses.

Last Sunday I went to the home of Rev. J. E. Shaw, 232 Uwharrie St., to talk with the 88 year-old minister about his retirement from the active ministry following 54 years in pastorates.

A crowd had gathered and a 54-inch rattlesnake with eleven rattles and a button, measuring eight and one half inches around, lay dead in the driveway.

The snake was killed by Mr. Shaw and the Rev. Melvin Howard, successor to Mr. Shaw in the pastorage of Callicutt's Chapel Mission Church as they went to show Mr. Howard the location of his new pastorate, about a mile across the Randolph County line in Montgomery County.

The huge snake, which was killed by both preachers, was killed just inside Randolph County.

Writing about dead snakes is bad enough but this reporter, upon arriving at home from the Shaw residence, was astonished to find two live rattlesnakes awaiting him.

They were also big ones and as they were taken out of their box to have their pictures made, they writhed, they hissed and their rattlers sang a sinister tune.

A new twist belongs to this snake story. These two angry reptiles were not caught accidentally nor did someone just happen upon them.

Their proud owner, Warren Wood, Route 2, Randleman, an employee of United Brass Works, had been hunting them for a week.

He set out early Sunday morning, captured one of them quit for lunch and then set out again Sunday afternoon when he caught the other one. For the latter catch he was assisted by Charles Bulla, of the Spero section.

Wood, whose purpose is to catch them alive, turns over logs, looks under rocks and penetrates other places where he thinks the rattlesnakes might be. He tantalizes the snakes with a narrow strip of lumber, gets them mad and in a coil, then he is able scoop them up and dump them into the box. A noose attached to the strip is used to take the snakes out of the box to have their pictures made and for other purposes.

He found the two snakes at the foot of Back Creek Mountain and used a jeep in his search for them.

Questioned as to his motive in hunting rattlesnakes, Wood said it was his hobby, as he derives the same satisfaction from this pursuit that others get from playing golf and fishing.

But these encounters with snakes, two dead ones and two live ones, are enough for this reporter.

Girls Auxiliary Court Installed

Aug. 4, 1966 – A coronation service for members of the Girls Auxiliary at the Lake Park Baptist Church in Hillsville was held Sunday evening, beginning at 8 p. m.

The service featured the presentation of maidens Brenna Armentrout, Debbie Henson and Kathi Auman; the lady – in – waiting, Emma Jean Stone; and the queen, Diane Campbell.

Held against a background of green with large white letters proclaiming the theme of the program, "Arise, Shine; Thy Light Is Come," the coronation service was largely attended.

The pastor, Rev. Harry Ward, extended words of welcome and appreciation was extended to the Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Edna Beard, president, and Mrs. Hilda Ward, Mrs. Donna Overcash, Mrs. Colleen Ward and Mrs. Jeanette Beard. For guiding the girls who participated in the program and assisting in the coronation service.

A solo, "The Light of the World", by Jeanette Beard opened the service, with the candles being lighted by Mike Overcash and Mark Kennedy. The scripture lesson was rendered by Karen Arnold and Sandra Coltrane, with the opening comments by Hilda Ward.

Questioning of the G. A.'s was by Colleen Ward while presentation of the emblems and charges was by Hilda Ward.

The crowning of the queen was by Mrs. Hazel Campbell with the charge to her by Colleen Ward. Flower girl was Gwen McCall and crown bearer was Theron Armentrout.

A reception followed the coronation event. The Lake park church is a thriving young church which holds its services in a large remodeled dairy barn in the Hillsville community. A lake is located on the church property, near to the building in which the services are held.

For the First Time In 54 Years, This 88—Year—Old Lacked Church

Aug. 4, 1966 – When the annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church adjourned at Colfax last week, the 88 year-old Rev. J. E. Shaw, 232 Uwharrie St., Asheboro, was without an active church pastorate for the first time in fifty – four years.

When he came home on the fourth Sunday in July, after delivering his last sermon as pastor at his last assignment, he told his wife, "It's the first time in 54 years that I've been out of a job."

Officials at the Wesleyan Methodist conference at Colfax, where he was placed on the superannuated roll nineteen years after he became eligible, commended him for his faithfulness and the wonderful job which he had done.

Although his active pastorate covered a fifty – four year period, his ministry goes back sixty – two years when he received the definite call to preach. Two years later he became assistant pastor of the Mt. Olive Pilgrim Holiness Church near Sophia.

But his continuous and full time pastorate began fifty-four years ago in Kernersville, at which time he became the pastor of three Pilgrim Holiness churches. However, at many of his first pastorates, he worked at public employment in order to support his family.

For instance, he received a total of \$135 from the three churches during the first year of his full time pastorate. To supplement his income, he also worked at one of the plants nine hours a day.

One of the three churches was located in the town in which he lived, another one he walked a distance of eight miles to and from on the Sundays he preached there, and the third church on the charge was reached by train.

Many other hardships followed during the ensuing pastorates but Mr. Shaw, strong both in physical endurance and conviction, has held out longer perhaps than any other minister and only last week gave up his official pastorate.

His pastorates have included about sixteen Pilgrim Holiness Churches, including the assistant pastorate at Mt. Olive, and about eleven Wesleyan Methodist Churches since his transfer to that denomination over thirty years ago.

He built three churches during his ministry and helped to relieve the indebtedness on many of the other churches which he pastored.

The last church he built and also the pastorate which he left upon his retirement from the active ministry was Callicutt's Chapel Mission Church, located in Montgomery County a short distance from the Randolph County line.

He was born a short distance from Callicutt's Chapel and his mother is buried in the cemetery which has existed on that spot for a great many years. His first services there were in a brush arbor at memorial occasions. He preached there on his 70th birthday.

But around eighteen years ago he organized the church, erected the building and has served as the pastor there in the closing years of his ministry.

He thought he was out of a job when he got home from Callicutt's Chapel on the fourth Sunday in July but before the day was over, he got a call to preach at the Pilgrim Holiness Church at Franklinville, one of the churches which he built., he will fill the pulpit there next Sunday.

On the Sunday morning following his return from conference, he was not at home. Someone had come by and taken him to services at the Crestview Wesleyan Methodist Church. He has quit driving a car now except for very short distances from his home.

But he will still go whenever somebody comes by and picks him up. He told his successor at Callicutt's Chapel to come by some Sunday and take him back to the church where he ended his official pastorate.

Living with him at their 232 Uwharrie residence is his 83 year-old wife, to whom he was married sixty-seven years ago last Mar. Seven of their eleven children are still living.

Devotion to duty best describes the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Shaw. Despite hardships, privation, meager pay and hard work, they maintained their faith and remained at their post. They have endured as good soldiers and have never turned backward.

Home Demonstration Club Honors Senior Citizens At Holly Spring

Aug. 22, 1966 – A varied program was offered Saturday evening when the Holly Spring – Pleasant Ridge Home

Demonstration Club honored the senior citizens of the two communities at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Williamson, Route 1, Franklinville.

After the welcome speech by Mrs. V. C. Cox, club president, Mrs. Colbert Allen, one of the club members, gave a brief but impressive devotional message to the club members, the senior citizen group and other visitors. Prayer was offered by Otis Allen, one of the senior citizen group.

The remainder of the program was three fold, consisting of a musical presentation from a string band, a refreshment and fellowship period, and the showing of colored slides which were made in Florida and Nassau in the Bahama Islands.

Making up the string band were Walter Richardson, master of ceremonies and playing the guitar, and his son, Mike, playing the mandolin; Tony Williamson, playing the mandolin, and Gary Williamson, playing the banjo, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Williamson; and Dwight Reece, playing the violin.

The musical program was started off by the playing of "When You and I Were Young, Maggie", followed by "Over the Waves" and many other tunes of a similar nature.

Mr. Richardson and his son sang as a duet on some of the numbers, including a tricky tune entitled "There is a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea". The entire group joined them in singing "When the Saints Go Marching In".

Misses Emma and Velma Allen, of the Pleasant Ridge Community, showed the slides of their trip to Florida and Nassau last year, with Miss Emma Allen doing the narrating. Miss Emma Allen has just returned from a trip to Mexico but the slides on that trip were not quite ready for presentation to the group last Saturday night.

During the fellowship period, cake, punch and peanuts were served to everyone present by members of the home demonstration club. A committee, composed of Mrs. Bernice Cox, Mrs. P. V. Cox and Mrs. Oscar Hall, assisted the club president in the conduct of the meeting and the honoring of the senior citizens.

Those honored were Mrs. H. V. Cox, Sr., Mrs. Gertie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pell, Mrs. Mary Young, Mrs. Lucy Brown, Mrs. Ethel Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Long, Mrs. Norda Brown, Mrs. Rosa Welborn, Mrs. Florence Leonard, Miss Arleta Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Scott, Mrs. Ona Cox, Mr. and Mrs. John Jester, Mrs. Mollie Davis, Miss Sonia Forkner, and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen.

Mrs. Gertie Williams, at the age of 84, received a prize for being the oldest woman in attendance while John Jester, 72 years of age, got the prize for being the oldest man present.

In addition to the senior citizen group, there were 42 other people present for the occasion, including club members, their families, guest performers and other guests. The gathering which embodied the genuinely existing spirit of the two communities, was held in a commodious work shop and recreational building at the Williamson residence.

Cemetery Re-Dedication Slated Near Back Creek

Aug. 11, 1966 – A re-dedication of the old Bulla cemetery in Back Creek Township will be held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, at 5 O'Clock.

A brief program will feature Dr. Charles D. White, pastor of First Methodist Church in Asheboro, as the speaker.

The re-dedication of the cemetery follows restoration of the old graveyard, which has included the erection of a chain link fence, the landscaping of the grounds and the cleaning and repair of the old tombstones.

Solicitation of funds and supervision of the work involved came through a committee composed of Misses Edith and Mary Welborn, of Greensboro, and Ralph L. Bulla. Landscaping of the grounds was done by Calvin Henley and his two sons, James and Joel. Calvin Henley, who lives near the cemetery, is a great-grandson and namesake of Calvin Bulla, who is buried in the old graveyard.

Alfred Bulla, brother of Calvin Bulla, grandfather of the Misses Welborns and great-grandfather of Ralph Bulla, is also buried in the Bulla graveyard.

First known person to be buried in the old cemetery was Thomas Bulla who died in 1809. Thomas Bulla, who was born in Chester County, PA. in 1745, was the originator of the Bulla family in Randolph County.

He and his wife, Esther, were the parents of ten children, most of whom went to Indiana to live, either before or after his death. Esther Bulla also left Randolph County and went to Indiana about eleven years after her husband's death.

But two sons, Daniel and John Bulla, remained in Randolph County to rear their families and thus became the ancestors of all members of the Bulla family in this area of the country.

A more detailed history of the Bulla family will be given at the service of re-dedication next Sunday afternoon.

Following the program at the re-dedication event a picnic supper will be held for those who desire to participate.

All members of the Bulla family and friends of the family are invited to attend the commemoration at the old Bulla cemetery on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, at 5 o'clock. In the event of rain, the program will be held at the same time on the following Sunday afternoon.

Loyalty, Dedication Leads To Burning Of Mortgage

Aug. 18, 1966 – Dedication, loyalty and also sacrifice went into the burning of the mortgage Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

It was an unusual burning of the note since the magnificent new church structure, only occupied two and one-half years ago, is not paid for yet.

But in order to relieve the church of paying so much additional money in interest, thirty people lent the church \$500 apiece and three people lent \$1,000 apiece to pay off the mortgage and clear the church of its indebtedness at the bank.

Those persons who lent the money, all of whom are members of the church except one, made their contribution interest free and without a note, mortgage or any other obligatory document on the part of the church.

Thus the church was able to pay off its mortgage and on last Sunday morning directly following the morning worship service, the note was burned on the front steps in view of the morning congregation.

On the Saturday morning preceding the mortgage burning, Mrs. Sylvia Brown, treasurer of the finance committee, and her husband, Frank, and the Sunday School Superintendent, John T. Brown, and his wife, Frances, went to the First National Bank in Siler City and paid the bank officials \$18,405.37 to clear the \$30,000 indebtedness

which had been borrowed upon the completion of the church in the early part of the year 1964.

After they had completed this \$18,405.37 transaction at the Siler City bank, they went to Asheboro for cancellation of the mortgage at the office of the Register of Deeds of Randolph County. Only the burning of the note remained for the conclusion of Sunday morning's service.

Interest on the money which had already reached the approximate amount of \$4,000. But the remaining indebtedness, now held by thirty – three persons without note or mortgage, will be paid back interest free.

Illustrating the true sense of dedication and sacrifice on the part of the Pleasant Grove people, it is said that some of those letting the church have the money first borrowed it themselves and will pay interest on it for a specified period.

The money will be paid back to the leaders in the order that it was received by the church.

However, the first person on the list, who was a \$1,000 lender, received half of his amount back even before the note was burned on Sunday Morning. This came about when Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allred donated the amount of \$500 to the church's building fund between the time of the paying off of the mortgage on Saturday and the burning of the note on Sunday morning. Mrs. Allred, the former Ella Brown, is a native of the Pleasant Grove Community. She attended the Pleasant Grove church in her childhood and young womanhood and retains a strong loyalty to the church which is still home for her.

Lending the church \$500 were Robbie Hutchins, Russell Gilliland, Reid Simmons, Harvey Brady, Frank Brown, Grady Oates, Howard Moran, Gene Brewer, Sammy Leonard, John T. Brown, Denson Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown, Ernest Brown, Clyde Brown, Wade Bray, Howard Hammer, Millard Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Bray, Mrs. Nannie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown, Harvey Brown, James Caviness, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Duard Thomas, Rev. Hayes Ritter, Joe Brady, Talmadge Hicks, Carl Brady, and Marvin Jones. Those who lent the church \$1,000 were Betrice Cox, Roy Cox, and Carson Leonard.

This generous move on the part of the above named persons is only a further indication of the cooperative spirit, the industriousness and the ingenuity with which the Pleasant Grove people have tackled their building program since its beginning.

When the building program first started, the finance committee bought a tract of timber, cut it and sawed the framing for the building, selling what was left over and applying the proceeds to the building fund. The men of the church cut the timber and hauled the logs without charge. The sawing of the logs was done for cost.

Many other similar projects resulted in the erection of a building, exclusive of pews and furnishings, at the cost of \$56,702.09. However, the estimated value of the church building is \$100,000 or more.

The present pastor of the church, the Rev. Hayes Ritter, came to the church as its pastor in May, 1965. Operating under a spirit of humility and filled with a desire to be of help to the people of the church and the community the church has moved steadily forward under his leadership. His ministry is becoming widespread and his influence is reaching the hearts and lives of the people unto whom he ministers.

It was a fruitful and a full service that Hayes Ritter presided over at Pleasant Grove last Sunday morning. A week of revival services had preceded the Sunday morning worship hour and with the visiting evangelist gone, it fell to Mr. Ritter to preach the final message of the revival week.

Many responded to the closing appeal for both commitment and re-dedication, with twelve persons uniting with the church at the end of the service. Also, with the new members still standing before the chancel railing, two young babies were brought forth for the rites of baptism.

Assisting the pastor in the note burning ceremony on the church steps were Frank Brown, chairman of the board of trustees, and Leland Jones, chairman of the building committee. Surrounding them were Clayton Brown, of High Point, a former resident of the community who served as contractor for the church building; Eddie Brady, a church trustee; and deacons James Caviness, Duard Thomas, Harvey Brady, Colon (Tim) Hussey, and Garland Brown.

Standing on their right were some of the members of the finance committee which consisted of Wade Bray, chairman, 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, Recil Leonard, Franklin Brady, Eddie Brady, John T. Brown, Sammy Leonard, Marvin Jones, Harvey Brady, Norman Brown, Kermit Brady and Herman Brown.

Members of the building committee, in addition to its chairman, Leland Jones, had consisted of James Caviness, J. H. Brown, John Madison Brown, Rev. Carl Brady and Mrs. John T. Brown

His Business Is 'Wormy' - But There's A Reason

Aug. 22, 1966 - To the ordinary person without a specialized knowledge of the matter, an orchard of Catalpa trees and the sale of fishing worms would not be related.

But Garrett Dawson, Route 3, Asheboro farmer and fisherman, would tell you there is considerable connection between the two subjects, especially the relation of the later to the former.

About ten years ago someone gave Dawson seven worms which were hatched and nourished on a Catalpa tree. Without even knowing how to use them, he tried them out at a nearby pond and realized a nice catch of brim.

Being an avid fisherman, he was so enthusiastic over the success of the Catalpa worm that he set out immediately to find him some Catalpa trees. He set out about a dozen just to have his own fishing bait.

But it didn't stop at that. He now has about one half of an acre of trees, probably several hundred in all. In his main orchard, which he keeps cultivated and the trees pruned back, he has 156 trees about five to six feet tall.

He keeps the trees pruned back in order that the worms may be gathered for sale.

Because after providing himself with the worms which he needed for his own fishing excursions, Garrett Dawson began providing other people with the worm which he has found to be more effective than any other kind of bait which he has used.

He has developed quite a business in the sale of the Catalpa worm and besides the people who call for them at

his residence he sold 440 dozens last year to a bait dealer in Archdale.

He had done considerable research and quite a bit of studying on the hatching and the growth of the worm. Much experimenting was done before he learned the many intricacies involve in the hatching and the growing of the worm.

First learned was the process of refrigeration and incubation for the cocoon which came from the adult worm.

He learned through experimentation that dry refrigeration brought the worm into existence with enough strength to eat and that the moisture content would have to be increased.

He learned also the retardation of the incubation in order not to have all of the eggs hatching at one time. By regulating the incubation and hatching he has been able to grow the worms for a full season from about May 25 until the frost kills the leaves on the catalpa trees.

He saves his cocoons in the fall for the next year's crop. When the season starts he is able to hatch out flies every week. The cocoons are refrigerated and incubated in a building between Dawson's house and the orchard of Catalpa trees. He leaves the container in which they are kept open and when the flies are hatched they are free to go.

They find their way to the Catalpa orchard by the scent of the trees and this is especially pronounced in damp weather. Dawson said that according to nature the flies hatch out in the dark of night.

The flies, after finding their way to the Catalpa trees, lay the eggs on the leaves where they hatch from three to five days. The worms will absolutely not eat from anything except the Catalpa tree. Twenty one days after hatching the worms are full grown, with the biggest portion of growth coming in the last three days of this period.

But the hatching and growing period of the worm is not unmolested, as Garrett Dawson has discovered other factors entering into the picture. These factors he classifies as "enemies." These are the bugs which eat the worms, the snakes, he has shot five of them out of the trees, the wasps and the birds. The raincrow bird, which only feeds on worms, is a special enemy.

Sometimes Dawson transplants the leaves with the eggs on them from one tree to another one, in order to hide the eggs from the birds and other prey which would eat them. The Catalpa worms are also consumed by another worm, the glow worm.

Also, this past spring when the freeze set in, Dawson lost approximately 20,000 worms and eggs.

The black and yellow worms are recommended by all sports magazines as good bait for fishing. They are tough, durable and stay on the hook better than most bait.

In case you might think it was another fish story or should I say worm story. I won't tell you how many fish Dawson said he caught with one worm before he got tired and quit fishing, with the worm still on the hook.

Whether plentiful or scarce, he sells his worms for fifty cents a dozen. He'll also throw in bamboo plants for a fishing pole and be glad to get rid of them.

Despite A Dry Season His Melon Patch Filled

Aug. 25, 1966 – Despite the driest season in many years, a Route 1, Climax farmer's watermelon patch was seemingly unaffected by the drought.

George Whitaker, Sr., a tobacco farmer for all of his life until six or seven years ago, has produced some of his best watermelons this season.

His melons, luscious and sweet, range in weight from fifty to sixty pounds. He estimated that he will pull from 400 to 500 before the season ends.

He is selling them from the back lawn of his scenic country residence. In the twelve years or so that he has been growing watermelons for sale the word has got around and he doesn't have to advertise that he has them.

He grew more than common this year and figures that his patch amounted to two acres.

Asked as to his formula for successful watermelon growing, he laughed and said "I plowed them with that old mule." For the dressing of the ground he used tobacco fertilizer. He hoed them three times.

His brand of melons consisted of two different kinds, one of which is the Georgia Cannon Ball. He plans to pull melons from his patch for at least two more weeks.

A native of Surry County, Mr. Whitaker said that he had been "working in tobacco ever since I could crawl". He stated that his father before him was a "big tobacco man".

Although he has quit the active growing of tobacco, he still helps his son, George Whitaker, Jr., who is now farming his tobacco allotment.

Mr. Whitaker's family moved from Surry County to Moore County back in 1919. Upon his marriage in that county he moved back to the county from whence he came.

A few years later he decided to go back to the Sandhill section but stopped off in Randolph County and has been here ever since. He and his wife live near the Bethel Methodist Church. Their only child is George Whitaker, Jr., who is now farming their tobacco allotment, in addition to the forestry tree planting service in which he is engaged.

Mr. Whitaker said that he planned to continue raising watermelons "as long as I am able"

They Treaded On Hallowed Grounds As Bulla Cemetery Is Re-dedicated.

Aug. 25, 1966 – Impressive words of commemoration and a prayer for re-dedication marked the ceremonies at the old Bulla cemetery in Back Creek Township Sunday afternoon, Aug. 21, at five o'clock.

The speaker was the minister at the First Methodist Church in Asheboro, Dr. Charles D. White, and the occasion marked the restoration of the old cemetery, situated in peaceful surroundings to the east of the old Bulla homestead.

First recorded burial in the old Bulla cemetery was Thomas Bulla, the progenitor of the family in Randolph County. He came here from Chester County, Pa. and his death occurred Jan. 26, 1809.

For two weeks prior to the service of re-dedication, many members of the Bulla family from this area, High Point, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Burlington, Newport News, Va. and Nashville, Tenn. visited the old family burial grounds which have been enclosed by an iron link fence and other noted improvements.

They came to tread on the hallowed grounds, inspect the inscriptions on the old tombstones and to learn of the history of the Bulla family.

They learned the names of Thomas' ten children, William, James, Thomas, Joseph, Uriah, Isaac, John, Sally, Betsey, and Daniel, and they found out that some of them left Randolph County to make their homes in Indiana before their father's death, with some of the others leaving after he died.

They learned also that Thomas Bulla's widow, Esther Weddis Bulla, accompanied two of the sons to Indiana about the year 1820 and never came back, dying in that state in 1851 at the age of 93 years.

They heard also the last will and testament of Thomas Bulla read, with its numerous bequests, including the disposal of three slaves, "Amy", "Bat", and Mourning, and the distribution of his stills and casks.

These properties were inconsistent with the Quaker background which they heard in the earlier portion of the family history but might be reconciled with the fact that the Bulla family originated from Ireland, beginning with George Bulla in 1630 and continuing there with two previous Thomas Bullas before the second one came to Chester County, Pa. about the year 1739.

According to historian Juanita Jackson Kesler, granddaughter of the late Dr. Alf M. Bulla, at least two of Thomas Bulla's sons remained in Randolph County.

These were Daniel and John and it was from these two brothers that the remainder of the Bulla family in Randolph County and North Carolina are descended.

Daniel Bulla was married to Sally Cunningham, who was one-eighth Indian and said to be a very beautiful woman. Their children, Clairryss, Calvin, Adelia, Archie, Daniel, Xantippe, Alexander, Alfred, Chesterfield, James and Sarah formed the ancestry of most of the Bullas living in Randolph County and North Carolina today.

John Bulla was married twice, to sisters Polly and Nancy Briles. Although this branch of the family was not as large as the Daniel Bulla branch, its members have been more prominent politically, religiously and otherwise. Two sons of John Bulla, Boliver Benson and James Ruffin, rendered outstanding service in Randolph County in the earlier years while other members of the John Bulla branch have been outstanding in other areas since that time.

Only recently Judge J. Braxton Craven, Jr., of Morganton, a descendant of John Bulla, was appointed to the Court of appeals by the President, after rendering distinguished service as a Superior Court Judge and as a Federal Judge.

But all of them, the great and the small, the significant and the insignificant, had their beginning at the old homestead across the waters of Back Creek and to the west of the old burial grounds.

Interest in the restoration and the preservation of the old cemetery developed with Misses Edith and Mary Welborn, of Greensboro, granddaughters of Alfred Bulla and Elliott Lyndon Bulla, who are buried in the old cemetery, and others.

The Misses Wellborn and their cousin, Ralph L. Bulla, formed a committee to raise the funds and to make the improvements at the old site.

Bullas from many areas responded to the appeal and the service of commemoration and re-dedication marked the completion of the united effort of members of the family.

Especially interested in the restoration of the old cemetery were members of the Rom Bulla family who were reared across the creek and near the old homestead. Reba Bulla Mabe and her husband, Terry, from Newport News, Va.,

came while from Winston – Salem Ruth Bulla Kiger and her husband, Odell, were present, with Joe Fishel, also from Winston –Salem, representing his wife Beatrice (Beet) Bulla Fishel.

Herb Bulla, also a member of this family, came with some of his own family from Greensboro, while locally Harvey and Brad Bulla and their wives visited once more the cemetery which was a scene of their early childhood.

Mecheaux Bulla from Burlington, a member of the Benjamin F. Bulla family from farther up the creek, was there, along with members of his family, also from Burlington. From Nashville, Tenn. Zeb Bulla, whose father grew up on the ancestral lands, came with his son Tom, who carries on one of the historical family names.

It was truly a re-dedication, not only of the old burial grounds but for the lives of the members of the Bulla family who live and remain today. All members of the family, who stood with bowed heads at the hallowed place of their ancestry, must have purposed in their hearts to perpetuate with all sincerity and godliness the lives which had gone on before them.

Spinks Descendant, Church – Founder, Present For Home Coming Services

Aug. 25, 1966 – A great-grandson of Rev. Enoch Spinks, founder of the Mount Olivet Methodist Church, Route 1, Seagrove, was present for the annual homecoming service at the church Sunday, Aug. 21.

The descendant was Joseph Milton Spinks, of Atlanta, Ga., who is the nearest living descendant of Rev. Enoch Spinks.

A 73-year-old prominent scale manufacturer, the Atlanta, Ga. descendant of the founder of the Mount Olivet church was accompanied to the annual homecoming service by other members of his family.

Also in attendance at the homecoming service were a man and his wife from Thomaston, Ga., two ladies from Texas and a mother and her two children from Mount Airy, all of whom have discovered in recent years their identity with Spinks ancestry in Randolph County.

Rev. Enoch Spinks, who founded the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church in 1813 and his wife, Elizabeth Needham Spinks, were the parents of nine children, the youngest of whom was Rolley Spinks, grandfather of Joseph M. Spinks.

This makes Joseph M. Spinks, the Atlanta, Ga. manufacturer, the closest descendant of Rev. Enoch Spinks since local descendants of the church founder include great grandchildren and descendants removed by further generations.

The first Spinks to come to this area was the father of Rev. Enoch Spinks, also named Enoch, who came with his wife, Amy Pearce Spinks from Virginia between 1741 and 1746. They came to an area which later formed the counties of Guilford, Rowan, Orange and Granville.

Enoch Spinks, Sr. died in Guilford County, his will was dated Mar. 20, 1772 and land on an adjoining plantation at Fork Creek, running north and east and crossing at an old mill, was given to his son, Rev. Enoch Spinks, Jr.

A local preacher, Rev. Enoch Spinks, Jr. gave forty acres of land for the establishment of the Mount Olivet Methodist Church in the year 1813. The church founder and his wife, Elizabeth Spinks, are buried in the cemetery at the old church site.

The location of the church was changed in 1874 when the church was moved to its present site. Although a cemetery was later established at the new church site, over 200 people were buried in the old Mount Olivet cemetery before and after the re-locating of the church itself.

It was to the old Mount Olivet cemetery that Joseph M. Spinks, his family, the other people from Georgia, the two ladies from Texas and the Mount Airy people came for a brief visit last Sunday morning before going on to the homecoming service at the re-located site of the Mount Olivet church.

Rolley Spinks, grandfather of Joseph M. Spinks and son of Rev. Enoch Spinks and Elizabeth Needham Spinks, left Randolph County in 1819 and moved to Bibb County, Alabama.

In June of the year he left Randolph County, Rolley Spinks married Elizabeth Cassady, evidently of the same area in which he lived. They became the parents of fourteen children. Elizabeth Cassady Spinks died in 1846 and in the same year Rolley Spinks married Margaret Lawrence, who was also a native of Randolph County.

It is said that Margaret Lawrence and her family were a part of a wagon train going to western states and that she helped to care for the children of Rolley Spinks following the death of his first wife.

This resulted in the marriage of Rolley Spinks and Margaret Lawrence, supposedly soon after the death of his first wife, who died in Sept. of the year he was married to Margaret Lawrence.

Twelve children were born to Rolley Spinks and Margaret Lawrence Spinks, making Rolley Spinks the father of twenty-six children in all. One of his sons by his last wife was Marion Lee Spinks who became the father of Joseph M. Spinks, of Atlanta, Ga.

Rolley Spinks before his death became a local preacher like his father, Rev. Enoch Spinks, before him. But Rolley Spinks was ordained to the Baptist faith whereas his father before him was a Methodist.

A statement in memoriam of Rolley Spinks from his denominatin at the time of his death in 1884 was brought to Joesph M. Spinks' attention a few years ago. In this memorial tribute to Rolley Spinks, it was stated that he was born in Randolph County.

Joseph M. Spinks, with his business firmly established and his financial future secure, could now turn his interest to tracing his family lineage.

He came to Asheboro and looked up the records at the court house. On a second visit he came in contact with Mrs. Ott Gray, a member of the Spinks family, and he went with her to the family burial grounds at the site of the old Mount Olivet church.

He planned a return visit for the homecoming service, bringing with him his wife, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dean F. Laird, and their five children, Jenny, Joe, David Spinks, Becky and Mary.

In the meantime, before he came with his family for the homecoming service, he had been in contact with some cousins, Mrs. E. W. Conley, San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs. Frederick M. Lange, Dallas, Texas. His acquaintance with them and his knowledge that they were also of Spinks ancestry came through a genealogical society with which Mrs. Conley is identified.

Mrs. Conley and Mrs. Lange, cousins themselves and descendants of John Spinks, a brother of the founder of the

Mount Olivet Church, decided to fly in and join their newly discovered cousin, Joseph M. Spinks, and his family for the visit to the homecoming service. Their ancestor, John Spinks, was also a Methodist minister and was a resident of Wilson County, Tenn. at the time of his death.

Another Spinks descendant, Jack Morgan, and his wife from Thomaston, Ga. had been discovered by Joseph M. Spinks and they, too, came in for the homecoming.

Also coming from a shorter distance was Mrs. Wallace Johnson, a niece of Joseph M. Spinks from Mount Airy, and her two children, Libby and Allen.

Joseph M. Spinks, "the scale" man, former president of the National Scale Men's Association and winner of its "Man of the Year" award, is deeply interested in his Randolph County heritage. This has been evidenced by his three visits to the county and his various communications and other efforts in learning about his forebears who lived here.

He is an impressive person and the various people of the Spinks descent in the Mount Olivet community and in this area have been delighted by their contact with him.

Their Recreational Spa Popular

Aug. 29, 1966 – A cabin, built last Nov. on Big Brush Creek in Pleasant Grove Township, is being widely used for recreational groups and other type gatherings in that area.

Situated on the southeastern edge of Randolph County, near the Chatham and Moore county lines, groups from the two adjoining counties are making use of the recreational site, in addition to the local groups.

Land for the approximately one and one half acres was purchased by John T. Brown, superintendent of the Sunday School at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church and his wife. Additional land for playground space has been provided by Roby Hutchins, from whom the one and one half acres was purchased.

Mr. Brown received assistance in the erection of the cabin from the Pleasant Grove pastor, Rev. Hayes Ritter, and a few other people from the church and the community. Hard boards, placed vertically and stripped, comprise the construction of the building.

Painted green, the cabin was built in the bend of Big Brush Creek. A wide sandy terrain or sand bar lies along side of the water as it makes its way around the bend in the creek, providing a nice beach for the youngsters of the church and community as they come to swim and to play.

The creek bed is sandy also, except for two or three big rocks which project up from the water depth to further facilitate the enjoyment of those who swim and play in the bend of Big Brush Creek.

Purchased, designed and built for the interest and enjoyment of the youth at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, the recreational area has already gone far beyond its original purpose.

Besides the youth groups of the Pleasant Grove Church, there have been community groups; a boy scout group from Chatham County; a youth group from Smyrna Methodist Church in Moore County; a group from the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Robbins, and family reunions.

Also, the Laymen's organization at the Pleasant Grove Church holds its regular monthly meeting at the cabin and observers feel that the added fellowship derived from these meetings has meant much to the spiritual as well as the financial progress at the church.

Many improvements, resulting from the added impetus of the Laymen's group, have been noted. Formerly a very small group, the Laymen's organization now has in attendance from 25 to 30 and at one meeting had 35 in attendance.

The cabin itself is equipped with cooking facilities and benches on which to sit. However, there is no electricity yet and light is provided by gas lanterns.

It is planned to install electricity if the power lines can be brought in from the road over a half of a mile away, although some feel that the more primitive method will prove to be more enhancing to the groups who make use of the cabin. It is hoped also to add another room to the cabin.

Fresh water is being piped from a spring on Graham Chilton's land from across the creek, with the water coming across the distance propelled by its own force.

A wide area has been bulldozed from around the cabin for the outdoor cookouts and for parking space.

It is an ideal spot for the purpose of which it was originated. It is meaning a lot to the recreational activities of the youth of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, the community and the surrounding counties of Chatham and Moore. It is also proving beneficial to the adult people of the church and the community.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown are to be commended for initiating and providing, with the help of others, these recreational facilities which will help to build and upgrade the youth of the rural community in which they live

Hunts Celebrate 50th Anniversary—They Raised Twelve Children

Aug. 29, 1966 – Mr. and Mrs. William Everett Hunt, Sr., of Seagrove, who raised a family of twelve children, were honored Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Their marriage occurred on Aug. 27, 1916, in High Point where Mrs Hunt was living, although both Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are natives of Randolph County.

Open house from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock at the home of a son, W. E. Hunt, Jr., two doors down from where his parents live, honored this couple who have spent the latter years of their marriage in the area just west of Seagrove.

Their other living children are Guy Hunt, Route 3, Asheboro; Reid Hunt, Seagrove; Arnold Hunt, High Point; Mrs. Lewis (Emma) Thomas, Route 4 Asheboro; Coy Hunt, Asheboro; Robert Hunt, Seagrove; Raymond Hunt, Seagrove; Harlen Hunt, Asheboro; Mrs. Lee (Mary Ann) Green, Route 5, Asheboro; and Jerry Hunt, Asheboro.

Their fourth son, John Hunt, of Denton, was killed in a bulldozer accident near Seagrove last Apr. 12. Their thirteenth child, Nellie Jane, died at the age of one month and eleven days.

Their grandchildren number 30, included three adopted grand-children, and they have two great – grandchildren.

This large family gathered in the spacious carport of the W. E. Hunt, Jr. residence for the reception of their friends and relatives who called to congratulate the honored couple on the reaching of their golden year of marriage.

A granddaughter, Miss Linda Thomas, and her friend Frank Phillips, of Candor, greeted the guests upon their arrival, after which those who came paid their respects to Mr. and Mrs Hunt and their children and were registered in the guest book by Mrs. John Hunt of Denton.

They were then invited into the dining area where the table, covered with a white linen cloth, featured the beautiful three - tiered white anniversary cake, decorated with yellow rosebuds and gold leaves, with the top tier of the cake separated by a swan divider. Gold satin netting covered the top area of the cake where the gold wedding rings were attached to a couple of white doves. At the extreme top was the inscription of "50" in gold numerals, over which was pinned a gold satin bow.

Also predominant on the table was an arrangement of yellow snapdragons, mums, baby breath and fernery, flanked by silver candelabra holding golden tapers.

Daughters-in-law and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt served decorated cake squares, yellow and white mints and nuts and also took care of the gifts which were brought to commemorate the golden wedding anniversary observance.

William Everett Hunt, Sr. was born 74 years ago in the extreme western part of Randolph County, west of Jackson Creek and the Piney Grove church and in the locality of the old Loflin's Gold Mine. His parents were Richmond Reid (Bud) Hunt and Sarah Jane Nance Hunt.

He attended school at Gibson's Academy, a one-room plank up and down school building, and he remembers cutting cordwood for the gold mine in his early boyhood.

Mrs. Hunt, the former Claudia Tero Trotter, was born 67 years ago in the same locality, but not quite as far west as her husband. She was born just west of Parker's Mill the daughter of William Thomas Trotter and Nellie Lou Griffen Trotter, who lived at the old Harris Kearns place.

She attended the school at Farmer before moving with her family to High Point at the age of 11 years.

But she continued to come back to the community in which she was born and her courtship with Mr. Hunt developed despite the distance between them. One means of transportation was the little railroad which ran through Cid to High Point. Mr. Hunt would walk the five miles from his home to make connection with the train at Cid.

He said the train was so slow upgrade that you "could almost get off and pick blackberries".

Their marriage at the Reformed church in High Point, directly following the Sunday morning worship service, brought out the friendly wit of Mr. Hunt which is still evident after fifty years of marriage. He asked the preacher after the ceremony how much he owed him. The preacher replied, "five, ten or twenty five dollars", Mr. Hunt said, "I believe I'd prefer five."

The first of their thirteen children arrived one day before they had been married for a year and the other twelve came regularly after that. During the ensuing years efforts to maintain a livelihood, kept us all hustling, according to the father of this large family.

Farming, working at public work on the side, raising most of what they ate, canning, storing away for the winter months, selling a little wheat and corn, and always looking for "something to make a dollar" kept the family going and resulted in the rearing of ten husky sons and two fine daughters.

They lived at various places, sold out their place or their equipment whenever Mr. Hunt could realize a profit and add to the earnings of the family, but with the children all gone now they have remained for several years at their present residence.

Gone now are the hard times, the hustling and the looking around for the extra dollar for the maintenance of the household. Only the remembrance of the time when there were fourteen pairs of feet under the table three times a day remains.

Their lives were saddened last Apr. 12 when their fourth son was killed in the tragic accident. But their fortitude had developed through the hard years and they realized that time and events must go on despite the heartbreaks which come.

They knew also that John had looked forward to their reaching the golden anniversary year and they felt that he would have wanted them to have their observance when the time came.

So, they came together with their remaining nine sons, two daughters, grandchildren and other friends and relatives. They came as a family united by the struggles of their earlier years. They came as family with love and respect for each other, particularly for the couple who were united in marriage in High Point fifty years ago

Cornerstone Marks Beginning For New Rural Church.

Sep. 1, 1966 - The laying of the cornerstone took place at the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, in a service beginning at 3 o'clock.

After the service had been completed, open house for the viewing of the new church structure was held.

Occupancy of the building, located on highway 220 four miles south of Asheboro, occurred on Sunday, Aug. 7. Prior to that time the congregation had worshipped in the old school building at Ulah.

The purpose of the service Sunday afternoon was stated by the Rev. David F. Blue, Jr., supply pastor for the congregation and pastor of the Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church, sponsor of the Whispering Pines church.

Greetings were extended by R. L. McKenzie, an elder in the sponsoring church; William Owen Cooke, Greensboro, chairman of the church extension committee of the Orange presbytery; and Rev. Charles Fitzpatrick, Minister of Bethel Presbyterian church McLeansville, and Moderator of Orange Presbytery.

"Personal pride" was manifested by the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick who as pastor of the sponsoring church had preached the first sermon to the mission group at Ulah in May, 1961.

Fitzpatrick, who had left the pastorate of the Dogwood Acres church before the time of its organization.

Preaching the sermon at the laying of the cornerstone was the new minister at the First Presbyterian church in Asheboro, the Rev. Wilkes D. Macaulay. His sermon subject was "The church - Its Foundation, Its Function, Its Future."

Recognition was made of the building committee, Edgar Mabe, chairman, Jerry Dickinson and George Clark; the church extension committee, J. M. Ramsey, Jr.; history committee, Mrs. Floyd Parks, Mrs. R. H. Freeman, and Mrs. James Neely; architects, Tom Osteen and J. J. Croft Co.; and the contractor, Clifford Bowers.

The first of three planned units for the Whispering Pines church, the building which has now been occupied by the congregation consists of four class rooms, a small

auditorium, kitchen and two baths. It's exterior is a brick construction with an interior of exposed blocks.

At the time of the ground breaking last Mar., it was announced that the estimated costs of the first unit would be \$30,000. Announcement was made Sunday at the corner stone laying that \$3,750 was needed to clear the balance on the building and furnishings. It is hoped to clear this indebtedness by Dec. 18.

The supply pastor invited the congregation at the cornerstone laying, composed of the Whispering Pines people, members of the sponsoring Dogwood acres church, members of the First Presbyterian Church in Asheboro and other friends, to come back five years from now for the cornerstone laying of the proposed sanctuary building which was depicted on the front of the programs at the service last Sunday afternoon.

The valuable tract of land which the church units are being built was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe, along with the bronze plaque bearing the names of charter members and the wrought iron rails at each entrance.

Other special gifts include the pulpit Bible by Mrs. Charles S. Fox; the pew Bibles by the Junior Department of the First Presbyterian Church in High Point; the communion table by Mrs. Teresa Davis Cranford; the piano by Mrs. Clyde Barksdale; the corner stone and marble slabs for the windows by the Siler City Monument Company; the building blueprints by Tom Osteen and J. J. Croft Co.; the outside bulletin board by Edgar Mabe, Jerry Dickinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Rich; and the wall clock by Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Rich.

The windows were given as follows; In memory of Walter and Julia Dickinson by Jerry and Diana Dickinson; presented by Alfred and Elizabeth Lemonds; In memory of Enoch and Ellen Whatley by Nina Dickinson; In memory of Ralph E. Whatley by his family; In memory of George A. Parks by Ella Floyd, and Ramona Parks; In memory of Mamie L. Hughes by her family; In memory of Nina L. Shaw by Joe and Viola Loffin; in memory of Clyde N. Thomas by Fairy Thomas; In memory of Ira Louis Craven by Louis and Thelma Whatley; and In honor of Mamie and Fincher Loffin by their family.

A special thanks went to the Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church and the Church Extension Committee of the Orange Presbytery for sponsoring Whispering Pines; and to all members and the many friends who have contributed to the building fund, the purchase of chair, windows, and other equipment.

A small but gallant congregation, the people at the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church are moving forward towards the goal which they set for themselves over five years ago when they began holding services in the old school house at Ulah.

Their organization as a church came four years later and the groundbreaking for the first unit of their building program a year after that. Now that they are established in their own building, the ultimate realization of their goal becomes a reality more than ever before.

Even With Full Employment, Some Suffer

Sept. 5, 1966 – The word is getting out and kind hearts are beginning to respond to a destitute family who are living in an old dilapidated house on Highway 220 north of Asheboro.

It is a little hard to believe, with full employment and a poverty program spreading across the nation, that such conditions exist. But you can see for yourself, it's only about a mile from the city limits.

In the four-room house, its windows closed with pasteboard, planks or what have you, its screen doors torn and half open, its kitchen flu emerging from the side of the house, there lives a young mother and her six children.

Another child is on the way. The father has been gone for three weeks or a month. He has been confined by the authorities.

The circumstances of Mrs. Louise Vuncannon and her six children, ranging in ages from three to thirteen, was called to this reporter's attention by Bill McNeill, a man of compassion and a member of the Rushwood Park Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Another church, the Asheboro Church of Christ, had already been alerted to the situation and is rendering aid.

The Randolph County Welfare Department has been notified and they are looking into the various needs of the family, However, as of last Wednesday the family was not on the welfare roll and had only receive two grocery orders.

After the welfare people visited the house, the health department followed with a condemnation of the place in which the family lives. They have ten days in which to move. That is a matter of first importance.

There are no lights, water or bath facilities in the house. Soon after this reporter and Mr. McNeill arrived at the house, the oldest girl and a younger sister came across the field carrying water from another house.

The oldest boy was spiting planks from a disbanded house next door with a small hatchet which was borrowed. There is a stove, combination wood and electric, with the wood part now being used.

Other furniture consists of an unused refrigerator which wouldn't work even if there was electricity, two kitchen chairs, one stool, a couch in the living room, one full bed and one single one, two quilts and two bedspreads.

There is one electric lamp, which can not be used now, and one oil lamp.

When this reporter arrived on the scene, Mrs. Vuncannon said; "I would offer you a chair but I don't have one."

Mrs. Vuncannon, a native of South Carolina, is only 31 years of age but says "I feel old." The children are Rachel 13, Jackie 12, Rebecca 10, Rodney 9, Joyce 5, and Dale 3.

The children are bright, alert and seemingly very intelligent. Four of them are in school. All of them are blonde, blue eyes and freckled face except for Becky whose looks are a darker coloring than her brothers and sisters. The four girls have naturally curly hair.

The Welfare department will in all probability step in and render whatever help that is available within the regulations of that department. But the need of this family goes beyond the help of the welfare department.

There will have to be another house immediately. Because the one they are living in has been condemned. They need a house with heat, proper screening, light and ventilation. They need one that can be kept clean and decent.

After that, they need furniture very badly. They need something to keep their food in. In fact, they need just about everything in the way of household furniture.

Upon leaving, with the screen doors still half open and the flies still hovering around the cakes of corn bread on the

stove and the table, the young mother was still sitting forlornly on the back steps.

Her children, alert but yet unaware of life's injustices were still surrounding her seemingly looking to her for both sustenance and guidance. But Louise Vuncannon, burdened with the coming child and grown old before her time will have to receive aid from some other source than her own.

Hopefully the people of Asheboro and Randolph County will lend their assistance in addition to the help of the official agencies. Bill McNeill, whose telephone is 625-2800, will be glad to cooperate with anyone desiring to render assistance. He lives at 234 Gluyas Road.

Long Time Church member Honored For Service

Sep 8, 1966 – Mrs. Brad Bulla, a member of Charlotte Methodist Church for more than sixty years, was awarded a "certificate of appreciation" during the morning worship service at the church Sunday morning, Sept. 4.

Many accomplishments at the Charlotte Church can be attributed to Mrs. Bulla, dating back at least until 1911 when as a young woman she raised money to buy the first musical instrument for the church, an organ which cost \$25.

She has continued to help in money raising projects through out the years and her latest and perhaps her biggest accomplishment was helping to raise the money for the fellowship hall which was erected in 1960.

She personally raised over \$400 towards this project and was instrumental through the Randolph Methodist Mission and other sources in helping to obtain several more hundreds of dollars for the erection of this building.

At about the same time or shortly thereafter Mrs. Bulla, as a long time historian for the church, collaborated with Mrs. Ruby K. Marsh, local feature writer and news correspondent, in publishing a history of the church, which served also for the purpose of recognition and appreciation of those people who had rendered service since its beginning.

The publication, printed in booklet form, gives a detailed account of the church's happenings since its organization in 1870 and its beginning in a brush arbor several years prior to that time.

Mrs. Bulla assumed the responsibility for the publishing of the booklet and stood good for the financial end of it.

Although she has served in all of the other areas of the church organization, teaching, secretary of the Sunday School, women's society and other aspects, she has particularly excelled in the sometimes difficult assignment of raising money. She has never hesitated to approach anyone on the matter of giving money to Charlotte Methodist Church.

Born Oct. 4, 1893, she will be 73 years of age on her next birthday. The former Jessie Redding, she was one of the ten children born to J. H. (Harris) Redding and Mary Ellen York Redding. The family lived a short distance east of the church.

She has attended the church all of her life but joined at the age of twelve or shortly afterwards. She recalls the time her folks left her at the church as a child, forgetting and going home without her. She recalls the hard times at the church and she remembers with fond affection the two old Confederate soldiers, T. Winborn Andrews and Walter

Scott Crowson, who were active in the affairs of Charlotte Methodist Church.

Her citation last Sunday morning read "Charlotte Methodist Church takes pleasure in presenting this certificate of appreciation to Jessie Redding Bulla in recognition of conscientious and dedicated service, Sept. 4, 1966." Signed by the pastor, Rev. H. Samuel Carter, and the chairman of the official board, Winfred Bruton.

Also presented a similar certificate was Elmer Walker, long time superintendent of the Sunday School.

Others who have received the certificate of appreciation have been Miss Sally McCain, Fred McCain, Brad Bulla and Vernon Gordon.

Craven Family Reunion Features Pumpkin Big Ones, Too

Sep. 12, 1966 – The family of Isaac Franklin Craven and Rocity Garner Craven held its annual reunion Sunday, Sept. 4, at the old home place on Route 1, Seagrove, southwest of Erect.

A place of rustic beauty, with the old unpainted residence situated amidst well kept surroundings of flowers, shrubs and various kinds of trees, the old homeplace is now owned and occupied by L. B. (Bascom) Craven, son of Isaac Franklin and Rocity Garner Craven.

L. B. Craven is a well known botanist and is perhaps the champion pumpkin grower for the entire state of North Carolina.

His biggest pumpkin was a 260 pounder in 1962 and last year eight of his pumpkins weighed a total of 1,530 pounds, with the largest one weighing 240 pounds.

But this was the worst year he has had. His largest pumpkin only weighed around 103 pounds.

These pumpkins were disappointing but for the members of his family who came to attend the annual reunion he had several other items of interest to show them.

He had a new kind of gourd to show them, a hard ornamental gourd which is large and with upraised places which are similar to knots.

Then there were the new Golden Nugget squash and the China Long cucumbers which measure twenty-two inches long.

There was also the usual supply of Bohemian Squash, and ornamental squash similar to a pumpkin and which is used by many ladies for artificial arrangements and as displays for their coffee tables.

Incidentally, there was quite a raid on Mr. Craven's supply of Bohemian Squash by the ladies of the reunion gathering.

A prize winner in the pumpkin field for many years at State Fair and the Winston-Salem Fair, Mr. Craven is planning to enter competition again this year but doesn't know how he will come out with a slightly over 100 pound entry.

But he is planning to be in there fighting again next year and hopes that he will never come up again with a pumpkin which doesn't weight much over a hundred pounds.

Two brothers, Boyd Craven, of Bishopville, S. C., and Banks Craven, of near Candor, and one sister, Mrs. Eula Craven Purvis, of near Bennett, joined their brother, Bascom, for the reunion of their family.

Another brother, Walter Craven, of Ellerbe, was unable to be present. Three other members of this family who grew to maturity, Mrs. Minnie Craven Moffitt, Ernest Craven, and Mrs. Bessie Craven Moffitt, are now deceased. Another brother, Jason, died at the age of 10.

All of the nine children, except the first three, were born at the place where the reunion has been held for the past twenty years or so.

The first session of the family gathering was held soon after the death of Isaac Franklin Craven. Rocity Garner Craven died a short while before the death of her husband.

Attendants at the reunion, in addition to the children of Isaac Franklin and Rocity Garner Craven, were many of their grandchildren, coming from the homes of the five who are living and also from the homes of the three who are dead, and other members of their families.

Many of them remained until late in the afternoon, enjoying the family fellowship but also exploring the old farm site and looking at the pumpkins, the squash, the gourds, the cucumbers and the various other plants and shrubs which abound thereon.

Former Pastor Delivers Sermon For Ramseur Church Homecoming

Sep. 12, 1966 – Rev. Roy Bellomy, a former pastor at the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church and now a full time evangelist, preached the homecoming sermon at the church Sunday, Sept. 4.

It was also the final day of a week-end series of revival services at the church at which the Rev. Mr. Bellomy, a resident of Prichard, West Virginia was the guest speaker.

A big time evangelist in the Pilgrim Holiness denomination, speaking in camp meetings across the nation. Mr. Bellomy's homecoming sermon was full of eloquence, fitted to the occasion and one of fervor and zeal.

His subject was "The Christian – A sojourner", a man that is moving on and people who are not staying in one place. The sermon consisted of three parts: the facts of a sojourner; the fears of a sojourner; and the faith of a sojourner.

He held his congregation at rapt attention and many eyes were misted as they sang together at the close "Until God Calls Me Home: and God Be With You Until We Meet Again".

Mr. Bellomy served the Ramseur churches pastor for the church year 1951-52. He recalled to mind the deaths of 21 people in the congregation since his service there.

Other former pastors in attendance at the homecoming observance were Rev. W. A. Way of Greensboro, age 80, who left the church pastorate in 1911; Rev. J. E. Shaw of Asheboro, age 88, who served the church around 1921; and Rev. Ray J. Smith of Kernersville, age 72, who left the church in 1948 after a pastorate of eight years.

In attendance also was a local minister, Rev. J. M. Newell, who is a member of the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church. Pastor of the Ramseur church is the Rev. R. J. Hobbs, who was in charge of the homecoming events.

Flowers for the homecoming service were placed in the church in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scott by their children. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have been married for forty-three years.

A picnic luncheon and period of fellowship on the parsonage lawn followed the homecoming service in the church.

Guests at the service were registered by Miss Joyce Cox, church secretary.

Sep. 15, 1966 – A reunion of two sisters and a brother, all of whom are in their eighties, took place last week at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Nance at 1251 Winslow Avenue.

The family get-together included Mrs. Nance's mother, Mrs. Celia Greene, 86, who has lived here with her daughter for the past twenty years or more, and Mrs. Greene's sister, Mrs. Ennice Lyon, Charleston, West Va. 82, and their brother, Will Chappell, Dublin, Md., who is 88 years of age.

The surviving members of a family of nine, the two sisters and their brother had held their last reunion two years ago.

All three of them are natives of Alleghany County, near Sparta, Mrs. Greene left that area and came to Asheboro to live with her daughter upon the death of her husband twenty years or more ago; Mr. Chappell left about three years ago upon the death of his wife to live with children elsewhere; but Mrs. Lyon had left many years ago, at the age of 15, to live in West Virginia where she was later married.

Mrs. Lyon and Mr. Chappell still go back to Alleghany County for visits, particularly Mr. Chappell who said that he had to "go up there and get them straightened out." But Mrs. Greene, due to her health, has not been back there for several years.

Mr. Chappell left last Saturday for another visit to his native county. He had arrived in Asheboro on the preceding Monday. Mrs. Lyon, who will stay another week with her sister, came over five weeks ago.

It was a happy reunion for the three octogenarians. Considering their health and age factors they are never quite sure when the three of them will have the opportunity of being together again.

Eighth Year For Successful Coleridge Fall Festival And Horse Show Event

Sep. 15, 1966 – The eighth annual fall festival and horse show at the Coleridge School Saturday, Sept. 10, was a resounding success, according to a report from its overall chairman, James E. Cox.

Sponsored by the Coleridge P. T. A., Mr. Cox stated that he was "exceptionally well pleased" by the results of the annual event.

Financial figures are still tentative but it is expected that around \$2,500 will be cleared from the various events which were held during the day.

Over \$400 was realized from a registered Guernsey heifer which was given away through the courtesy of M. M. Green and Worth O. Cox, owners of the nearby Greenacres Farm on Route 1, Ramseur. There was no expense to this project except for the printing of the conation tickets, as Messrs. Green and Cox had taken care of all other expense, even to the money for the transfer of certificate.

Winner of this registered Guernsey heifer was Mrs. Rebecca Cox, Route 1, and Asheboro.

Other events for the fall festival included a parade, the annual horse show, concession stand, supper in the cafeteria, exhibits in the gymnasium, baby contest, the crowning of the fall festival queen, and a movie for the children to conclude the day's events.

Ray and James Stout, well known Randolph County horsemen and patrons of the Coldridge school, were in charge of the horse show, with Ray serving as master of ceremonies and James as Ringmaster. There were entries for 24 of the scheduled classes.

A Reunion For Once Big Family

Winner of the baby contest was Belinda Lee Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Byrd, Route 1, Asheboro. Second place went to Mark Turner, son of Rev. and Mrs. James Turner, Route 1, Ramseur.

The freshman class entry, Miss Cathy Ferree, was the winner of the festival queen contest and was crowned by last year's queen, Miss Sandra Cagle, in ceremonies in the school auditorium. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ferree, Route 4, Siler City, her escort was Eddie Lineberry.

Other contestants in the queen contest were Miss Sue Highsmith, sophomore class, Miss Elizabeth Jones, junior class, and Miss Phyllis Strider, senior class.

President of the sponsoring Parent-Teacher Association is Fred J. Smith, Principal of the school is Clyde Stutts.

Winners in the Coleridge horse show are herewith listed in the order of their class, name of the entry and the rider or owner.

Work Horse, 1st place, Molly, Robert Ritter, Route 1, Ramseur; 2nd place, Bill and Kate, Graham Hussey, Route 1, Seagrove.

Open Pony Pleasure Rider, 1st place, Dan, Jimmy Glenn, Route 1, Sophia; 2nd place, Prince, David Johnson, Route 1, Sophia.

Model Horse Shown at Halter, 2 years and older, 58 inches and over, 1st place, Lady Dawn, Jack Phillips, Siler City; 2nd place, Rip Tide, Thomas McDowell, Asheboro.

Open Pony Pleasure, 1st place, Apache Rebel, Johnny Glenn, Sophia; 2nd place, Miss Spot, Ricky Johnson, Route 1, Sophia.

Men's Western Pleasure Horse, 58 inches and over, 1st place, Lady Dawn, Jack Phillips, Siler City; 2nd place, Miss Lady, Joey Hackett, Pleasant Garden.

Pony Cart, 2-wheel rig, 48 inches and wider, 1st place, Sugar Plum, Ernest Teague, Erect; 2nd place, Hot Rod, Thurman Teague, Ramseur.

Ladies Western Pleasure, 1st place, Dakota Lil, Doris Cox, Route 1, Ramseur; 2nd place, Ginger Brown, Connie Everhart, Siler City.

English Three-Gaited Horses, 1st place, Rip Tide, Pat Yates, Asheboro; 2nd place, Midnight Star, C. E. Teague, Erect.

Model Horse Colts shown at Halter, 2 years and under, 1st place, Diamond Lady, Joel Hackett, Route 1, Pleasant Garden; 2nd place, Sunshine tm, Billy Ludlum, Asheboro

Egg and Spoon Race, 1st place, Tony, David White, Rt. 7, Asheboro; 2nd place, Bobshire, Tony Brewer, Rt. 1, Robbins.

Model Pony shown at halter, any age, 1st place, Apache Rebel, Johnny Glenn, Route 1, Sophia; 2nd place, Dapples, Keith Hall, Route 1, Ramseur.

English Pleasure Horse, 1st place, Midnight Star, C. E. Teague, Erect; 2nd place, Sept. Song, Nancy Dunn, Asheboro.

Children's horsemanship, equitation, 14 years and under, 1st place, Mossy, Mike Stout, Route 1, Ramseur; 2nd place Miss lady, Joey Hackett, Route 1, Pleasant Gaden.

Open Ladies Pleasure Horses, 1st place, Ginger Brown, Pat Glenn, Johnny Glenn, Route 1, Sophia; 2nd place, Melody, Pat Yates, Asheboro.

Natural Tail Walking Horses, last place and only entry, Stormy, Virgil Hill, Asheboro.

Western Three -gaited Horses, 1st place, midnight, Charles Teague, Erect; 2nd place, Yukon Red, Lloyd Cox, Route 1, Ramseur.

Relay and Pick-up Race, 1st place, clipper, Ronnie Smith, Route 3, Carthage; 2nd place Cheyenne, Glenn King, Route 1, Asheboro.

Potato Race, 1st place, Dusty, Tommy Brown, Route 1, Carthage; 2nd place, Smoky, Leonard Cox, Route 1, Asheboro.

Western Spotted Horses and Ponies, 1st place, Sugar Frost, Johnny Glenn, Route 1, Sophia; 2nd place, Ricky Johnson, Route 1, Sophia.

Barrel Races (Horses), 1st place Dusty, Tommy Brown, Route 1, Carthage; 2nd place, Ringo, Wayland Brown, Route 1, Robbins.

Pony Express, 1st place, Clipper, Ronnie Smith, Carthage; 2nd place, Dusty, Tommy Brown, Route 1, Robbins.

Go As You Please, 1st place, Ginger, Johnny Glenn, Route 1, Sophia; 2nd place, Miss lady, Joey Hackett, Route 1, Pleasant Garden.

Walk and Trot, 8 years and under, 1st place, Miss Lady, Joey Hackett, Route 1, Sophia.

Entries for the Coleridge fall festival exhibits, the exhibitors and the ribbon award are listed as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Ellis, 1872 pictures, red; Picture, red; 1860 pictures, red; glass jug, red; small bottle, red; egg scale, blue; spoon in a tree, blue; old mill scraps, blue; hole in a rock, red; Indian tomahawk, red; Indian arrow, blue; stone marble, blue; dross, blue; Quartz rock, blue; back scratcher, red; 3 hat pins, blue; 3 piece cream pitcher and sugar bowl set, blue; wild hog jowl, red; large flower vase, red; ornamental fruit dish, red; vase of flowers, blue; hand made soap, blue; clay pipe, blue; gravy bowl, blue; automobile lock, red; 2 hand made cups, blue; flower vase, blue; fancy sea shell, blue; shaving cup, blue; rock collection from Great Divide, blue; toll dish, red; antique pitcher and bowl, blue; and lap robe, blue

Mrs. E. C. Craven, 2 sofa pillows, blue; pumpkin tray, blue; pine cone tray, blue; morning glory tray, set of 3 fruit plaques and flower plaque, blue; and flower tray blue.

Mrs. A. J. Lineberry butternut squash, blue; flower arrangement, blue; scrap book, blue; old scrap book, blue; and arrangement of vegetables, blue. Algie Long, blue bird box, blue. Mrs. Avery Powers, tree quilt top, blue.

Miss Frances Powers, Dutch girl pillow cases, blue; Dutch girl pillow cases, blue fancy pillow cases, blue and fancy pillow cases, blue.

Mrs. Romie Marley, pot of ornamental pepper, blue; and pot of ornamental pepper, blue.

Mrs. Emma Ritter, Gloxinia plant, blue; and Philodendron vine, blue.

Grier Stout, overland stage for Bluebirds, blue.

Mrs. Carl Handy, boy's sweater knitted, blue; and crocheted afghan, blue.

The following entries were made in the children's division; Phyllis Murray, doll set, blue; and nut ring, blue.

Eddie Edmondson, homemade candles, blue.

Phyllis Smith, pot - bellied stove, blue; picture, blue; and pillow, blue.

Sandra Smith, snake, blue; horse picture, blue; and picture, blue.

Charles Byrd, model car, blue; billfold, blue; picture, and footstool, blue.

Nancy Byrd, footstool, blue.

Mary Paul Lineberry, two bracelets, blue.

Warren Coble, seed picture, (corn), blue; bean and corn seed picture, blue; coin purse, blue; and briar cutter.

Sidney Coble, model car, 1910 ford, blue.
 Monroe Brady, potatoes, blue; fox horn, blue; and ship in a bottle, blue.
 Michael Trogdon, plant in fancy container, blue.
 Dawn Trogdon, dahlia, blue.
 Mike Stout, model Dodge truck, blue; and model motorcycle, blue.
 Jimmie Cox, foot stool, blue.
 Phillip Cox, memo stand, blue; letter opener, blue.
 Nancy Lou Cox, bedroom shoes, blue and wall plaque, blue.
 Karen Smith, strawberry popcorn, blue; and cone arrangement, blue.
 Brenda Smith, two horse paintings, blue; sketches of three girls, blue; drawing of a horse, blue; and drawing of a boy, blue.
 Chris Frazier, lamp, blue; foot stool, blue Wright Brothers model plane, blue; Pontiac model car, blue; and Thunderbird model car, blue.
 Cathy Ferree, bread basket pressed wood, blue; and two pictures, blue.
 Jerry Ferree, antique jug blue; and two kitten pictures, blue.
 Deanna Lawson, arrangement of gourds and pumpkins, blue.
 Lawrence Handy, model tank, blue; and two ash trays, blue.
 Alan Handy, bat man model, blue.
 Kathy Handy, embroidered wall plaque, blue.
 Tim Bray, model airplane.
 Jackie Brady, rag doll.

Randolph's Union Grove Christian Church Observing Its Centennial Sunday.

Sept. 15, 1966 – The centennial observance of the Union Grove Christian Church, located nine miles southwest of Asheboro, will be held Sunday, Sept. 18, beginning at 11 a.m.

For the first phase of the centennial observance, Dr. W. T. Scott, of Elon College, former Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, will be the speaker.

Dr. Scott's forebearers were among the organizers of the Union Grove Church and the old place of his grandfather was located about a mile away.

After the morning service featuring the address of Dr. Scott, a picnic luncheon will be served on the church grounds.

In the afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, former pastors have been invited to come back for brief remarks and a history of the church will be read.

The first record of the Union Grove Christian Church is found in the old minute book which along with its successors are kept in the church safe.

The first minutes, which were recorded on Sept. 22, 1866, told of the organizing of the Union Grove Church and the taking into its organization thirty one charter members.

These were Collin Scott, Tommy G. Craven, B. S. Scott, William W. Lawrence, R. F. Brown, Adam Brown, Eli C. Brown, William Brown, S. H. Way, Alfred B. Brown, John S. Lawrence, Daniel C. Brown, Ira C. Brown, S. L. Craven, F. M. Wiggins, J. M. Luck, Stephen Lowdermilk, Betsey Scott, Mrs. T. G. Craven, Cynthia Scott, Mrs. Adam Brown, Rebecca Brown, Polly Brown, Sally Way, Lydia Brown,

Lutittia Brown, Lovinia Brown, Mrs. F. M. Wiggins, Nancy Luck, A. J. Craven, and John Scott.

The name Union Grove came from the unity and love of the people and from the beautiful grove in which the church was located.

First officers for the church were John S. Lawrence, presiding elder; T. G. Craven, chairman; W. W. Lawrence, secretary; and Adam Brown and S. H. Way, deacons.

Definite records concerning the first church building are not available. However, information has been passed down that it was a two-story building, with the second floor being used as a Masonic Lodge.

The first building was destroyed by fire, supposedly by a lodge member who became in disrepute because of having disobeyed the regulations of the order.

An arbor of wooden construction replaced the first church building and was used evidently until the year 1893. According to the old records of the church, authorization to sell the arbor as given to the deacons on Sept. 30, 1893 and that the actual sale occurred on Saturday before the first Sunday in Dec., 1893.

The second church building and the one in which the congregation worships today was believed to have been completed about the time of the authorization to sell the old arbor. This building was thirty two feet wide, forty eight feet long and sixteen feet high.

But it bore little resemblance to the church building as it appears today, Because in 1938 four Sunday School rooms were added and other repairs effected.

Then in 1948 the interior of the church was remodeled, including the installation of new pews and a carpet. These improvements were followed in 1951 and 1952 by the brick veneering of the entire church building; the addition of a vestibule; the renovation and painting of the exterior and the installation of stained glass memorial windows.

A fellowship hall was completed in 1956 and at the present time a church parsonage is under construction.

According to records found at the Randolph County Court House a deed for the property on which the Union Grove Christian Church stands was made on Feb. 8, 1868 between John Kemp and wife, Ruth Kemp, of the first part and G. G. Craven, Ira C. Brown, W. F. Dorsett, Benjamin S. Scott, Eli Brown, Samuel H. Way and Daniel C. Brown, stockholders and parties interested and their sccessors and assigns of the second part.

In reviewing the minutes found in the old record books, it was indicated that some meetings of the church were held in the Mount Pleasant church, believed to be Methodist which was located nearby. This evidently happened after the first building at Union Grove burned down.

John S. Lawrence, named as the presiding elder in the first officer list, is also listed as the first pastor of the church. Oher pastors named in order were J. R. Holt, W. R. Brown, P. P. Humble, S. H. Way, John S. Scott, J. W. Patton, P. T. Way, M. E. Hammer, C. C. Peel, J. R. Comer, R. L. Williamson, T. E. White, T. J. Greene, L. W. Fogleman, John Allred, H. V. Cox, Glenn Craven, Carl Brady, John Q. Pugh, Clyde Fields, Winfred Bray, Bill Joyner, Billy Joe Willett and Avery Brown.

The church is presently without a pastor.

Deacons who have served through the past one hundred years, comparatively few considering the length of time which is involved, have been Adam Brown, S. H. Way, J. A. Scott, E. C. Phillips, H. F. Way, S. S. Cox, E. F. Cagle,

William Hobson, O. P. Brown, Oscar Brown, D. C. Brown, D. E. Beane, C. A. Byrd, W. E. Brown, A. M. Newell, W. W. Brown, J. A. Wright, J. H. Ferree, Everett Cagle, Wade Brown, Paul Tedder, Paul Johnson, Arlen Cobel, Van Brown, J. L. Lawson, and Edward Cagle.

The present deacon board is composed of Paul Wilson, Arlen Coble, Harvey Allen, Fred Hill and Billy Morrison.

The history of the Union Christian Church has been enriched by the entries which have been made in the old journal books which have been kept since the beginning of the church organization.

Those who have recorded the one hundred years history of the church have been J. A. Scott, Eli Brown, S. H. Way, H. F. Way, E. F. Cagle, N. N. Cagle, S. S. Cox, Orlando Way, E. L. Brown, B. B. Phillips, D. W. Brown, Oscar Brown, W. R. Brown, who served in this capacity for many years, Harvey S. Allen, Wade Brown, Arlen Coble and Harold James.

The above named served in the capacity of both secretary and treasurer. The position has now been split, with Mrs. Clinton Brown now serving as secretary and Harvey S. Allen as treasurer.

Many regulations pertaining to the conduct of the members of the church were prescribed, according to the old minutes, and were seemingly more strict than those pertaining to the average church members of today.

For instance, if attendance at the church services was not consistent at the Union Grove Church in its earlier days, a ruling of the church stated that "it shall be considered a fault after three months and would be dealt with."

Also, persons within the church borrowing money from each other did so under the supervision of the church and gave the church body permission to sell certain articles if the debt was not paid back within a certain period of time.

Then, if members of the church transgressed they were visited by a committee from the church who reported back to the church business meeting. If those persons who had sinned did not repent their names were dropped from the roll.

One entry in one of the old church journals tells of a visit by the church deacons to a member who had transgressed the rules of the church. This entry read as follows: "It having been publicly stated that Brother - - - had been drinking and using profane language. Whereupon said deacons of this church visited him in Mar., 1896 in regard to the public record and he admitted that he had drunk a dram when he felt like it and he said that he expected he had used some profane language. He said that he expected that the church just as well drop his name. He did not express any regret for his conduct and seemed not to respect the church."

Another entry in the journal told of the appointment of a committee of one, Eli Brown, "to investigate the money market of 1866." This action took place at a business meeting of the church and since it was during the year of organization it probably dealt with plans for the erection of a building in which to worship.

It was nearly twenty three years after the organization of the union Grove church before a Sunday School was organized on Mar. 16, 1889. E. C. Phillips was named superintendent at the time of its organization. In addition to the old church journal which dates back to 1907.

The first person to be buried in the church cemetery was Dora Brown, daughter of Eli C. Brown and Rebecca Brown. She was buried there on Dec. 2, 1868. The last person to

be buried in the cemetery was Mary Wright who was interred there on Aug. 28, 1966.

The cemetery is neat, well kept and reflects the care which is being extended to many rural cemeteries in Randolph County today.

Members of a committee making arrangements for the centennial observance for Union Grove Christian church are Mrs. Paul Tedder, Mrs. Harvey Allen, Mrs. Rassie Cagle, Mrs. Howard Byrd and Wade Brown.

For the observance some of the ladies of the church will be attired in long dresses and bonnets, similar to those worn by the ladies who comprised the church of one hundred years ago.

The committee invites all persons who have had association with the church, directly or indirectly, throughout its existence to attend the centennial observance. Other visitors will also be welcomed to the service. The church is located on old highway 13, near the Kemp's Mill section

The Community Gave Generously - Family In Newly Furnished House.

Sept. 19, 1966 - The people of Asheboro and other places have really opened their hearts and their pocketbooks to a young destitute mother and her six children who were recently discovered living in an old abandoned house in North Asheboro about a mile from the city limits.

When the word came to them about the circumstances of Louise Vuncannon and her children, through a story and picture in the Sept. 5 issue of the Courier-Tribune, the response was immediate and it was tremendous.

The telephone of Bill McNeill, whose number had been listed in the news story, started ringing about 4:30 that afternoon and rang continuously until eleven o'clock that night and for days afterwards.

McNeill, a Union Carbide employee and a humanitarian, had brought the plight of the family to the public's attention and had accompanied this reporter to the dilapidated house for the initial interview and the making of their picture.

One of the more interesting responses which has come to Mr. McNeill was a letter from Mrs. Vuncannon's husband who is now serving time with the North Carolina Prison Department at Mt. Pleasant.

In this letter the father of these six children expressed his appreciation for what Mr. McNeill was doing for his family and stated his desire to "come home, work hard, go to church with my family and live for God".

When the circumstances of Mrs. Vuncannon and her children, Rachel, 13, Jackie 12, Rebecca, 10, Rodney, 9, Joyce, 5, and Dale, 3, were first brought to the attention of the public, they were living in almost unbelievable conditions.

The house, as mentioned earlier, was one which had been unoccupied and was most unsuitable for sanitary living conditions. There was no electricity, water or bath facilities.

The furnishings of the house consisted in the main of a stove, two kitchen cabinets, a table, a stool, a couch, one full bed, an oil lamp and a few bed clothes. There were absolutely no chairs at all in the house.

On Thursday, after the news story on Monday, the family moved into a house at 425 White Oak St., close to the school where the children attend and near medical and hospital facilities. The latter two facilities are especially important now, since Mrs. Vuncannon is expecting her seventh child the latter part of next month.

This house, although not pretentious, has electricity, hot and cold water, bath facilities and is insulated. But more important, through the kindness of the people of Asheboro, Randleman, Ramseur, the Farmer area and other places, it has been furnished throughout.

Three double beds and two smaller ones have been equipped and there is linoleum on the floors and curtains at the windows. Also, an oil circulator, refrigerator, sewing machine, washing machine, living room furniture, chair and even a television set has been provided.

Clothes galore have been donated to the family, even more than they could use. After getting in all that they needed, Mr. McNeill took the remainder to a family of eight children whose father has been sick and a ninth child is expected.

One item of furniture, which could not be used, was also taken with the owner's permission and sold, with the funds being added to the other money which has been received. A considerable amount of money has been received, which Mr. McNeill is applying scrupulously to the needs of the family which cannot be met otherwise.

Soon after the story appeared in the newspaper, a patient at The Randolph Hospital from Roanoke, Va., called to make a donation of \$25. There were similar donations and amounts of a smaller denomination.

The welfare department, brought into the picture at the time of the public disclosure, has investigated the family and has placed them on the subsistence roll. They will begin receiving welfare payments next month. But there was an immediate need and also a need for establishing a household for the family to reside.

Many people have not only sent food, clothing and household furnishings but have manifested a personal interest to the extent of visits, helping to look for a house and assisting in other ways.

On the afternoon the family moved, there were four pickup trucks and two men to each truck standing by to assist. Those assisting with the moving operation consisted mainly of Mr. McNeill's fellow employees at Union Carbide.

There have been so many people expressing concern and offering to help. For the first few days after the story came out, Mr. McNeill's wife remained by the telephone, receiving the offers of assistance and helping with the arrangements.

Many people cried when they read the story, some became angry upon learning that such conditions existed in our community but most manifested concern and wanted to help.

Bill McNeill, the benefactor of this family, is grateful and has said "If it had not been for the people, we would not have been able to do anything." In turn, 10-year-old Rebecca said of Mr. McNeill, when this reporter went back for the follow-up story, "he is a good man." Five year-old Joyce had earlier asked "did Mr. McNeill come with you?"

The family is grateful, including both the father and mother of the six children. The mother said, "I didn't know they would do things like this. I appreciate everything that has been done for me."

Becks Celebrate Anniversary; Also time For Family Reunion

Sep. 22, 1966 - Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Walter Beck celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 18 at their home on Route 1, Seagrove.

The reunion of Mr. Beck's family, an annual event for several years, was also held simultaneously with the observance of the wedding anniversary.

This reunion, consisting of the descendants of William Beck, has been held for the past several years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Beck. William Beck was married twice, first to Alice Williams and next to Francena Craven.

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Beck on the occasion of their 58th wedding anniversary were their six children all of whom were present for the anniversary celebration.

They are Mrs. Howard I. (Myla Alice) Setzer, High Point; Mrs. Noel B. (Virginia Mae) Jones, Burlington; Walter Leonidas Beck, Route 1, Seagrove; Mrs. Cecil C. (Maggie Louise) Trotter, Asheboro; Philip Beck, Asheboro; and Junior Beck, Route 1, Seagrove.

Another child, Lucy Rebecca Beck, died at the age of 13. There are 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Beck was born on the place at which he and Mrs. Beck are now residing. However the original residence of the Becks consisted of a log house situated south of the present house.

This house, with its wide boarded ceiling and logs daubed with clay, was constructed with wooden pegs and was the home of members of the Beck family for several generations. A road formerly ran by the house, forded the creek and connected with the next community. But for many years now the Rufus Beck residence has been the end of the road.

Rufus Beck worked on his father's farm and attended the free school at Mt. Olivet, which was a part of the old Mt. Olivet Academy.

He was a child of William Beck's first marriage to Alice Williams. Other children born to this union were Eli, Ben, Eddie, Jesse, Minnie, Robert and Earl. Eddie and Jesse died while infants and the other deceased members of this family are Eli, Ben, and Minnie Beck Sugg.

Three children, Ada, Charlie and Ernest, were born to the union of William Beck and Francena Craven, all of whom are living.

For the Beck reunion Sunday, Sept. 18, only Rufus Beck; Earl Beck, Bear creek, Mrs. Ada Morgan, Asheboro; and Ernest Beck, Siler City, were in attendance. However, a great many of the succeeding generations were in attendance.

Mrs. Rufus Beck, the former Barbara Anner Cockman, was born in Moore County, between Robbins and Carthage. She was the daughter of Charlie Cockman and Myla Jane Cagle Cockman.

She was living at her father's residence when Mr. Beck, on his way back home from a selling trip farther south, stopped off in her community to visit with a brother. He saw her one Sunday when she was walking home from church and he said in his mind, "I'll see you before many nights."

He did and they were married shortly there after. Their marriage occurred on Sunday morning, Sept. 18, 1908 at about 10 o'clock. Although they were to remain in Moore County for the next twenty-five years, they still left after the marriage ceremony for a horse and buggy trip to Mr. Beck's home in Brower Township where they were to visit for two weeks. It was about a 22-mile trip and they arrived at their destination at nightfall.

The selling trip which led to their acquaintance and marriage soon after was made for the disposition of stone ware from Ruff Cole's pottery, now operated by his son,

Charlie Cole. Mr. Beck remembers making many such trips, even back to his young boyhood when he went with his father and sold clay pipes for fifty cents a hundred.

Upon coming back to his father's place and the place where he was reared. Mr. Beck raised corn, wheat, tobacco and chickens. He quit tending the 100 acre farm three years ago, with one neighbor now tending his tobacco land and another his corn land.

All of the children are now away from the home at the end of the road, although two of them live in the community which is commonly known as "Beck Town". Several members of the family of Mr. Beck's brother Ben also live in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck are members and regular attendants of the Union Grove Baptist Church. Their minister, Rev. Clarence Jenkins, was present for their anniversary celebration. Before offering an impressive prayer for the occasion, he spoke briefly in praise of the honored couple. He said "We are grateful for them. They have helped me more than I have helped them."

Mrs. Beck wore a black dress for the anniversary observance and her corsage consisted of red carnations. Mr. Beck also had a red carnation for his boutonniere.

A picnic luncheon was served to those attending the Beck reunion but for the wedding anniversary there was a tiered white and green cake, decorated with yellow rosebuds and with a miniature bride and groom at its top.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Beck, living in the sunset years of their lives, are enjoying the companionship of each other, finding comfort in the lives of their children and grandchildren and receiving sustenance from the church where they hold their membership.

Mr. Beck has a philosophy which is not complicated. He expressed it by simply saying, "I am trying to live right." He is aware of what is ahead and says "when a man gets eighty, his time is short." His wife is two years younger.

They live alone and off of the main road. but the full years which are behind them and the assurance of what is ahead keeps loneliness from them and they are content.

Many Gather For Church Centennial

Sept. 22, 1966 – Union Grove Christian Church observed the one hundredth anniversary of its founding, Sunday, Sept. 18, with morning and afternoon programs and a picnic luncheon during the noon hour.

Much preparation had gone into the planning for the centennial event and the church cemetery was meticulously clean for the occasion.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Sr., of Elon College, whose grandparents Collin Scott and Betsey Caviness Scott were charter members at Union Grove, was the speaker for the morning program.

Dr. Scott's father, Benjamin S. Scott, was also a charter member of the church and at one time operated Kemp's Mill which is located in the vicinity.

Dr. Scott, a Rameur native and former Superintendent of the Southern convention of Congregational Christian Churches, is now serving as Director of Church Relations for Elon College, following his tenure of service as convention official and pastor in North Carolina, Ohio, and Virginia.

He spoke at the centennial observance on "Keeping faith with the past and the future." Taking his scripture from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

He praised the founders of the Union Grove Church for their simplicity, their loyalty to duty and their intimate relationship to God. He said that they knew but one law, the law of righteousness.

"You and I want too many things," he said, further stating that "our forefathers could teach us something about that." He also said that "we make life complicated for ourselves and others."

He said "there is a thin line between those in the church and those outside of the church but that wasn't true back then," referring to the people who organized the church at Union Grove. According to a review of the earlier records at the church, the latter statement by Dr. Scott was especially applicable. Some members at Union Grove had their names dropped from the church roll when they became involved with the things of the world.

Rev. Lacy Presnell, distinguished minister of the denomination and serving as supply at the church in the absence of a regular pastor, opened the centennial service by saying "as others met 100 years ago so we meet today in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit."

The congregation sang "Faith of Our Fathers" and the words of welcome were said by Paul G. Wilson, chairman of the board of deacons.

An added flavor to the centennial observance was the attire of several ladies of the congregation who wore the old fashioned bonnets and the long full dresses similar to those worn by the women in the Union Grove Church of one hundred years ago.

During the afternoon program Mrs. Harvey Allen gave the church history, with Mrs. Paul Tedder recognizing deacons who had served the church and reading letters in which greetings were received from four former pastors, Dr. Clyde Fields, Elon College, Rev. Winfred Bray, Burlington, Rev. Billy Joe Willett, Pittsboro, and Rev. Avery Brown, Reidsville.

A special feature of the afternoon program was the presence of Carson Brown, 98 year-old former resident of the community and a son of Adam Brown, one of the charter members of the church.

Added to the list of pastors who have served the church over the past one hundred years is the name of the late Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk who was pastor during 1948-49.

Union Grove Christian Church, organized Sept. 22, 1866, begins today its second century of existence. It is begun with a remembrance of the past one hundred years and with a holding on to their faith for the future years.

Ninth Reunion For Big Hughes Family

Sept. 22, 1966 – The ninth reunion of the Hughes family, said by many to be the biggest and the best, was held Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Westfield Baptist Church.

Comprising the reunion group are descendants of Winburn Hughes and Sarah Hall Hughes and members of other Hughes families.

Officers who have served the reunion organization for several years now are president, Judge L. Roy Hughes; first vice president, Hal Hughes; second vice president, Guy Hughes; historian, Mrs. Josie Daniels; publicity chairman, Roscoe Myers; and secretary and treasurer Mrs. Richard Hughes.

The program committee consists of Glenn Hughes, chairman, Mrs. Oscar Parrish, Mrs. Cletus Myers, Mrs. Golda Green, Dolan Loflin, and Wade Hughes.

Secured by the committee as speaker for the morning program was Bob Lowman, manager of a clothing store in Liberty, a well known promoter of gospel singings and a talented singer himself.

The singing for the morning program, was furnished by Bob Lowman and the Redeemed Trio from Thomasville.

They also sang for the afternoon program, along with the Harris Brown Family of Asheboro.

The historian, Mrs. Josie Daniels, also had a part on the afternoon program and among the greetings she read from members of the Hughes family not present were those from Governor Howell Hughes of Iowa, Governor Richard Hughes of New Jersey, and U. S. District Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Texas.

Prizes were awarded to C. T. Hughes, 88, oldest man in attendance; Mrs. Ella Hughes Loflin, 78, oldest woman in attendance; and to Kim Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hughes, youngest child in attendance, Mrs. Loflin was also given a prize for having the most members of her family in attendance.

A brief memorial service was held for Ray V. Myers, Wilmont Jester, Lula Summey Jester and Paul Bouldin, Jr., members of the family who had died during the past year.

During the intermission period, between the morning and afternoon programs, a bountiful meal was spread picnic style on the tables underneath the picnic shelter on the spacious church grounds.

Words Of Praise Given Lions Club White Cane Drive Marks Devotion

Sept. 26, 1966 - Blind persons and those partially blind in Randolph County seem to be unanimous in their praise of the Lions Clubs in this county for their efforts in behalf of the blind.

Words of appreciation have come freely from these afflicted people as the annual White Cane drive which is held for the benefit of the blind approaches its end.

These sentiments have been expressed equally by 99 year-old Mrs. Deborah Barnes, 92 year-old Emmanuel Strider, 42 year-old William Andrews and 12 year-old Eddie McRae.

The White Cane drive, a state-wide effort, began on Sept. 13 and will conclude on Sept. 30.

Chairman for the committee conducting the drive in the Asheboro Lions Club is Lewis Wright. For the length of the drive the club was divided into two sections, with Vernon Felton leading one division and J. C. Delk the other one.

A roadblock in downtown Asheboro was held Saturday Sept. 17, for the White Cane drive.

Three organizations in North Carolina, the local Lions Clubs, the North Carolina Association for the Blind, and the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind, work for and with the Blind.

The second organization, the North Carolina Association for the Blind, was formed in Sept., 1934 by a small group civic minded Lions.

This association began working immediately after its organization towards the creation of a state agency which would be empowered by law to render a multiple service program to the Blind of North Carolina.

The legislature in Mar., 1935 created such an agency and on July 1 of that year the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind began to function.

Manifold services are rendered to the blind and visually handicapped by the Lions Clubs, the association for the blind and the state agency.

These services are too numerous to even begin listing, as they include eye examinations, treatment, equipment, hospitalization, medical care, eye wills, material needs, rehabilitation, sponsorship of the sale of articles manufactured by the Blind, and various other services.

Through the facilities of the three organizations who have accepted the responsibility for the blind and visually handicapped, an all-inclusive care for them has been provided.

Among the services which were provided last year by the Asheboro Lions Club was the purchase of 70 pairs of glasses, one glass eye and the assumption of financial responsibility of an operation at a Winston-Salem hospital for a girl who got a fish hook caught in her eye.

The most enjoyable service provided by the Lions clubs of Randolph County is the party which is given twice each year, at Christmas during the summer months. This is a combined effort of all the Lions Clubs in the county and affords a great deal of pleasure to these people who normally do not have the opportunity of enjoying such events.

Mrs. Deborah Barnes, Route 2, Asheboro, now 99 years of age, attended last year and is going to the next one, if she feels as well as she does now.

"Debbie," as she is affectionately known to a host of friends and relatives, is a native of the vicinity in which she resides and is an outstanding personality to all who know her. She recites poetry, tells stories and has strong opinions on religion and other matters of public interest. Her eyesight is practically gone.

Emmanuel Strider is a 92 year-old native of the southwestern section of Randolph County, near the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, but has lived in Franklinville since 1924.

He went to Franklinville to work in the cotton mill, first receiving one dollar a day for twelve hours of work.

His eyesight left him about five years ago and he can only see enough light to get around by himself. His wife died nearly six years ago and a daughter, Mrs. Matilda Hilliard, lives with him. Another daughter, Mrs. J. W. McDaniel, lives nearby and helps to care for him.

Asked if he enjoyed the Lions parties, he said emphatically "I sure do" and told how kind members of the Franklinville Lions Club had been to him. He said that when they accompanied him to the parties "they ain't never away from me."

He also had high praise for Mrs. Kathryn Dickens, long time case worker for the blind in Randolph County who has recently been assigned to other duties.

Others with whom we talked also praised the abilities of this dedicated worker.

Eddie McRae is a talented 12 year-old Negro youth who lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McRae, and younger sister, Lettice, age 8, on Route 4, Asheboro.

He was completely blind but after undergoing two operations at the age of two his eyesight has been partially restored. Both eyes were operated on, four weeks apart.

Eddie has been playing the piano since the age of three. His parents recall that even as a baby lying on his bed he would wave his hands as if keeping time or picking up the tune.

He received a toy piano at a very early age and a large piano came into the home later. Last Christmas his gift was an electric organ which he enjoys playing very much. He plays by ear, as he has never taken music lessons.

He enjoys the Lions club parties and his mother says "they can't come quick enough for him." When trying to identify this reporter, he asked "are you the party man?"

The fourth and last recipient of kindness from local Lions Clubs visited by this correspondent was William Andrews, at 316 Stowe Street. His father, William Graham Andrews, died three years ago last Apr.

William Andrews, a kindly and most pleasant person, became afflicted when he was only six months old. At that time he underwent operations for cataracts on both eyes. His eyesight has been reduced to twenty percent visibility since that time.

An operation on his leg at a later time proved to be another handicap to this young man.

But despite the troubles which he has encountered, his attitude is good and there is seemingly no bitterness or resentment because of the difficulties which he has had.

One of the things which has helped him bear the afflictions which have come upon him has been the visits from the case workers for the Blind and the Lion' parties which he has attended for the past ten years.

His mother, who usually accompanies him to these functions, says "he gets a big kick out of it."

William attended the Blind School in Raleigh for one year but because of the paralysis which had developed he could not adapt himself to the Braille system.

He spends much of this time listening to the programs on TV and the radio and especially enjoys the church services on Sunday mornings. He recognizes voices easily and after hearing someone speak he usually knows the identity after first. Learn who the voice belongs' to.

It was a rewarding experience to visit with these four afflicted people who are on the lists which have been accommodated by the Lions Clubs of Randolph County.

But afflicted is not the proper word to describe these four courageous people whose attitude, outlook and disposition discount the fact that anything might be wrong with them.

It was rewarding to talk with them and to observe their contentment but it was also reassuring to know that back of them stood a Lions club which is dedicated to their care and welfare.

It would be impossible to realize how much the Lions Clubs of Randolph County mean to these visually handicapped people unless you could see the expression on their faces and hear from their own lips just how much this service means to them.

Old Church Scene For Nance Family Reunion

Sept. 29, 1966 – In the old Mount Tabor Methodist Church building at Jackson Creek, now inactive except for reunions, memorial services and fifth Sunday preaching services, the Nance family held their fifth reunion Sunday, Sept. 25.

They gathered for lunch at 12:30 and then convened for the reunion session in the afternoon. They met in the quaint old church auditorium, modernized by sheetrock and celetex but still retaining the squarely built pews, the black upholstered chair in the pulpit and the small stands on either side for flowers.

A new church sign greeted the members of the Nance family as they gathered at the old church, erected through the courtesy of Tom Nance, of Asheboro, one of the trustees of the old church.

The Methodist denomination still retains control of the church and has appointed three trustees, Tom Nance, John Briles and Woodrow Ridge, to be responsible for the upkeep of the building and the cemetery. Honorary trustee for the church is Oscar Pierce.

Max Bell, president of the Nance reunion organization, opened the reunion meeting and extended a welcome to the family members who filled the church building.

Ernest Snider led the congregational singing while the devotionals were conducted by Rev. Bill Poole, pastor of the Methodist charge at Farmer.

Assisting Max Bell in the conducting of the meeting was Hillard Nance, president for the past two years and now historian for the family.

He was in charge of a brief memorial service which commemorated the lives of Mrs. Ollie Workman, Buren Prevost, Garbie Free Nance, Henry Vernon Nance, and Mrs. J. Frank Delk who had died during the past year.

Hilliard Nance also gave a few historical points concerning the family, telling about the coming of the first members of the family, Daniel and Sarah Nance, to Randolph County, presumably about the year 1784. They came from Mecklenburg County, Va.

Four children of Daniel and Sarah Nance were listed as being Thomas, Robert, Daniel and Nancy. The Randolph County Nances are descendants of the son Thomas, who was himself the father of three sons, Hudson, Marshall, and Thomas, and five daughters not herein listed.

Efforts are being made to locate the graves of Hudson, Marshall and Thomas Nance. Assisting Hilliard Nance in this endeavor are the other two historians of the Nance family. Carl G. Nance and Mrs. Flora Nance Prevost.

A discussion was held concerning the establishment of an endowment fund from which the income would be used towards the upkeep of the Mount Tabor cemetery, in which many members of the Nance family are interred.

It was agreed to establish such a fund which would be used through the authority of the church trustees. The fund was tentatively started Sunday after noon, with trustee Tom Nance asked to receive any money which would be paid in at the reunion site.

Speaker for the reunion session was Benny Clodfelter, 19 year-old son of Mrs. Ruth Nance Clodfelter, of Thomasville, and a ministerial student at Pfeiffer College. He spoke on the subject: "Man's Greatest Need – Jesus Christ."

Young Clodfelter, a former football player with the Thomasville Bulldogs, was accompanied to the reunion by Bill Everett, of Belma, N. J. Also a ministerial student at Pfeiffer.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Alice Kearns, 90, for being the oldest woman in attendance; to Carl G. Nance, 82, for being the oldest man; to two – months old Lynette Staley, daughter of Leo and Nancy Nance Staley, for being the youngest person in attendance; and to Shelley Nance and Jean Nance, of Indian Trail, for traveling the farthest distance to the reunion.

Perhaps the oldest member of the Nance family in attendance at the reunion Sunday was Mrs. Flora Nance Prevost, one of the reunion historians, who is 84 years of age, Mrs. Prevost tops her nephew, Carl G. Nance, by two

years. Mrs. Kearns, winner of the prize at Sundays reunion, is not a member of the Nance family but a long time friend and former attendant at the Mount Tabor church.

Special singing was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Snider and by Charles Miller, soloist, who is the husband of Joyce Nance Miller.

A New Look At Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church

Oct. 6, 1966 – Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church, situated southwest of the mountain from which it got its name, has taken on a lofty look with the installation of a beautiful new steeple.

The steeple, a gift of the G. R. Kindley Family, was lifted to its place last Saturday morning during the rain which covered the area.

But when Sunday morning came and the sunshine had erased the raindrops and the dew, the new steeple shone in the brightness of the beautiful Sabbath morning.

The steeple was built by Gurney Ray Kindley, a long time member of the Mt. Shepherd Church. He had worked on its construction for slightly over one year, spending all or at least most of his spare time on it.

Employed with the Associated Builders, Inc. in Rockinghm, headed by his son, Gurney Ray Kindley, he built the steeple in the back yard of his residence in Rockingham where he spends his week days.

On last Friday afternoon, with the steeple finally completed, it was loaded on an Associated Builders truck and brought to Mr. Kindley's home near the Mt. Shepherd Church.

Mr. Kindley had worked too long on the steeple to leave it lying around, So, when Saturday morning came the steeple was lifted into its place regardless of the rain.

A crane from Newton Welding and Engineering Co. brought it to the desired position, operated by Eric Newton, son of J. L. Newton owner of the welding and engineering firm. The steeple had been loaded on the Associated Builders truck in Rockingham through the courtesy of Arnold Welding Co. of that place.

That base of the steeple is square, weatherboarded and painted white. The next tier is octogen shaped and consists of four molded panels built uprightly and four louvered panels, also painted white. The spire part of the steeple is of copper construction as well as the seven and one half feet cross which surmounts the entire construction.

Overall height of the new church steeple is twenty-six and one half feet. It was proportionately designed by Mr. Kindley to blend with the construction of the Mt. Shepherd Church which sets on a knoll just a short distance southwest of the Mt. Shepherd Mountain range.

Along with the completion of the church steeple, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sessoms, Rockingham neighbors of the Kindley family, presented to the church a beautiful bronze and walnut plaque inscribed as follows: "Steeple donated by the G. R. Kindley Family, Oct. 1966.

The Junior and Senior Methodist youth Fellowships at the church and the Woman's Missionary Society paid for the roof of the steeple and the church furnished the paint which was required in its painting. Other than these items, the entire project was provided by Gurney Kindley and members of his family.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Kindley their family consists of two daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. H.

Bunting and Mr. and Mrs. David Dunn, and their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Ray Kindley. Their grandchildren are Scott and Steve Bunting, Celia Elizabeth and Carolyn Denise Dunn, and Ken and Joe Kindley.

All are active in the affairs of the Mt. Shepherd Church except the Gurney Ray Kindley family who have transferred their membership to a church in Rockingham.

Graves in the Mt. Shepherd cemetery date back to 1700 but land for the erection of the first building, a log construction, was deeded in 1848.

A frame building which was built in 1882 was completely remodeled in 1942. New pews, a new floor and other improvements were made a few years later.

These previous improvements have seemingly reached a culmination in the placing of the new steeple on the Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church. Already beautiful and worshipful on the inside, the church building now lends to the surrounding countryside an appearance which benefits the mission for which it was established so many years ago.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrated By Styers Couple; Here Since '26

Oct. 13, 1966 – Mr. and Mrs. Waler A. Styers, natives of upper Forsyth County, were honored Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9, in observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The couple came to Randolph County about 1923 and lived in Asheboro since 1926.

Honoring them at a reception and open house to commemorate their golden wedding anniversary were their two daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert (Helen) Ragsdale, 1615 Raleigh Rd., Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard (Elmira) Cooper, Silver Sprigs, Md., and their son, W. A. (Buddy) Styers, Jr., of Washington, D. C.

Staunch members of St. John's Lutheran Church since its organization in Asheboro, their pastor, Rev. Donald Wooley, and a former pastor, Rev. Walter Yount, were in attendance. Another former pastor, Rev. Roscoe B. Fisher, wired his congratulations and regretted his inability to attend.

Friends, neighbors, former neighbors, church people and out-of-town guests were greeted at the front door by Mr. and Mrs. Hank Klepacki and Mrs. W. M. Geering as they came to extend their congratulations to the honored couple.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Styers were their daughters, their son and their sons-in-law, Mrs. Styers wore an olive green ensemble and her corsage consisted of yellow roses, Mr. Styers wore a yellow rosebud as a boutonniere.

In the dining area the table was covered over with a yellow taffeta cloth, covered over with white net edged with lace. The table cloth was made by Mrs. Styers.

In the center of the table was an arrangement of yellow mums and roses in a five – Branched candelabra. The anniversary cake was four – tiered, separated by a divider and with an inscription of "50" at its top.

Yellow mums also decorated the mantle in the living room.

Pouring punch were Miss Virginia Lowe and Mrs. C. B. Faries, Mrs. Gordon Ragsdale granddaughter-in-law of the honored couple, served the cake. Assisting in the serving was Mrs. Earl Vestle.

Mrs. C. C. Winningham received in the den and Mrs. Eleanor Stover and Mrs. Mattie Elliott presided over the guest register.

Approximately 150 guests were in attendance. Out-of-town people came from Raleigh, Kernersville, Greensboro, Gastonia, Rural Hall, Concord, Winston-Salem, High Point, Hickory, Trinity, Charlotte and Chapel Hill.

Residents of 320 Stowe St., Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Styers were both born in Forsyth County, in the vicinity of Rural Hall.

Mr. Styers, age 74, engaged in various activities before coming to Randolph County. He had worked at sawmilling operations in Anson County, had been employed with the Western Division of Southern Railway from Wilkesboro to Charlotte and Mount Airy to Sanford, carried the mail on a Star Route from Rural Hall to a place in Stokes County, and was also engaged in farming.

He had known his wife all of her life, as they only lived about a mile and one-half from each other, Mrs. Styers, the former Lena Griffin, is 66 years of age. She was living at her home at the time of her marriage on Oct. 9, 1916.

Their marriage was a quiet one, attended only by his sister, her brother, a cousin and some friends. It occurred on a Monday and with the harvesting of the crops, there was no time for a honeymoon. They went to live in a four room house which Mr. Styers had built near his parents.

They came to Randolph County, as many others from that part of the state had come, to find better tobacco land. They settled on a farm off the Cox Road but only lived there around three years before coming to Asheboro.

Since that time until three years ago, Mr. Styers was employed with the Acme Hosiery Mill and the Asheboro Hosiery Mill, working at the former place for twenty-three years. After a year of retirement, with time hanging heavy on his hands, Mr. Styers became associated with a car wash where he has been for the past two years.

There he finds time to pursue his hobby as a whittler. He is an expert at carving figures and various objects out of wood with his pocketknife. Many unusual objects have come out of his handiwork, one of the most outstanding being a link chain which he whittled out of a piece of wood with no break occurring in the links.

But Walter Styers' principal contribution, outside of being a good citizen of the community, a fine husband and father, has been his service to the church of which he is a charter member.

He served on the building committee for the erection of the church building; he served as treasurer of the church for ten years; he served as secretary of the Sunday School; he served as a member of the church council and in other capacities. At one time both he and his son received perfect attendance awards covering a period of thirteen years.

Mrs. Styers, a youthful looking woman with quiet composure and dignity, came into the membership of St. John's Lutheran church shortly after its organization but before the erection of the church building. Both she and her husband, accompanied by their three children, attended worship service as usual on the Sunday of their anniversary celebration.

In addition to their three children, members of Mr. and Mrs. Styers' immediate family include six grandchildren, Gordon and Philip Ragsdale, Deborah, Donna, Lorie and Brian Cooper

Birthday – Anniversary Observed For Retired Mail Carrier Here

Oct. 13, 1966 – A heart warming gesture, taking the form of a buffet supper was extended to an 85 year old retired mail carrier Saturday evening. Oct. 8, at the Tabernacle School.

James Jarvis Miller, lifelong resident of Route 2, Asheboro, was honored not only on his 85th birthday, which occurred Oct. 11, but also for the 10th anniversary of his third marriage.

His present wife is the former Lalia Allred Vancannon, to whom he was married Sept. 5, 1956.

His two previous wives, both of whom are deceased, were Carrie Kindley, who died in 1930, and Janie Rush Walker, to whom he was married following the death of his first wife. His second wife died in 1950.

His four children, all born of his first marriage, are Paul Miller, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Jones (Leona) Peacock, Route 2, Asheboro, Mrs. Winburn (Betty) West, who lives between Asheboro and Franklinville, and Hal Miller, Route 2, Asheboro.

Joining in the occasion which honored Mr. Miller on his birthday and also his wedding anniversary were the congregation of the Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church, relatives and friends.

The occasion was a complete surprise to both Mr. and Mrs. Miller as they were led to believe that the affair would only be a fellowship supper for the Mt. Shepherd congregation following revival services which had closed at the church on the previous night.

As the couple entered the school cafeteria the group greeted them by singing "Happy Birthday," with gifts being presented to them for both the birthday and anniversary occasion. In addition to the sumptuous meal there was a large decorated cake to commemorate both occasions.

Present to lead the group in the invocation was the Mt. Shepherd pastor, Rev. H. Samuel Carter.

For thirty four years Jarvis Miller was a rural mail carrier. He assumed the position first in 1908 in his home section, Route 1, Carraway. Before that he had served for a short time as a substitute carrier for the same route. When the route became open he took the examination and secured the position.

The route came out of the Caraway Postoffice, located about two miles from where he lived, and first consisted of twenty four miles which was the standard route at that time.

He traveled the route with horse and buggy except in real bad weather when he went on horseback. There were no bridges on the route and he had to travel on horseback when there was high water.

He remembers the water sometimes coming up in the bed of his buggy and then sometimes the water would be so high he would have to retrace his route and come in from another direction.

His first route took him to Hoover Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Ridge Mountain and down the Jericho Road. The Jericho section derived its name from an old Negro man by the name of Jerry Butler who lived in that area. The name was later extended to the entire length of the road which ran through that section and Mr. Miller's place, on which he has lived for the entire period of his life, is located on the east end of the Jericho Road.

After ten years Mr. Miller's horse and buggy gave way to a 1916 Model T. Copper Head Ford and after that Route 1, Carraway was consolidated with Route 2, Asheboro. Mr.

Miller was transferred to Route 3, Asheboro, from Asheboro to Farmer, where he carried the mail for five years.

When a vacancy occurred he came back to Route 2, Asheboro where he continued to carry the mail until Dec. 1942.

At the time Mr. Miller began carrying the mail out of Caraway in 1908 it was a thriving rural community, with a general store, the postoffice, a grist mill, a telephone exchange and the Mountain view School, where Mr. Miller received his education, was located nearby.

Now the community consists of only a few houses and the Mountain View Methodist Church.

John Jarell was Postmaster at Caraway when Mr. Miller began carrying the mail and later Mrs. Ora Walker, mother of Asheboro's Postmaster Mrs. Bess Finch, served in that position.

When Mr. Miller first began carrying the mail out of the Asheboro office. Frank Wright was Postmaster and when he quit J. O. Redding was the Postmaster.

James Jarvis Miller was born on Oct. 11, 1881 as the youngest child of James and Elizabeth Sawyer Miller. His birth occurred in a log house just a short distance from the house which he built fifty five years ago and which he still lives. For many years he has been the only surviving member of this immediate family.

His father died when he was 13 years of age but his mother lived until 1904. He remained at home and farmed the 220 acre homestead until he began carrying the mail in 1909.

His parents were Quakers and attended the Back Creek Friends Meeting where both of them are buried, along with other members of his family.

But Mr. Miller's first and second wives attended the Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church and are both buried in the cemetery there. His third wife, although a member of Hopewell Friends Meetings, also attends the Mt. Shepherd church and teaches in the Sunday School.

Mr. Miller himself is not a member at Mt. Shepherd but has through the years attended the services there with the three women to whom he has been married. This relationship, in addition to his residence in the community and his service as the mail carrier for so many years, has brought about close ties between him and the Mt. Shepherd people.

He is a sturdy man, both physically and in strength of character, despite the reaching of his eighty fifth year. He plowed a fairly large field on the day of his birthday celebration and maintains a large garden project each year.

Jarvis Miller has spent his entire life at the place where he was born, near the end of the Jericho Road which he has traveled so many times. During that time he has been a pillar of strength for all of the community. It was appropriate and very fitting that his family, his friends and neighbors and the Mt. Shepherd church people would come together in his honor.

Despite Crippling Affliction She leads A Productive Life

Oct. 13, 1966 – A Route 1, Sophia woman, who has been unable to walk for the past twenty years, has learned that whatever state she's in to be content.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth James sits in an improvised wheel chair and spends her time crocheting sweaters, stoles afghans, bedspreads and other items.

Instead of letting her disability get her down, she has turned it into an asset and stays as she said, "just as busy as I can be."

She celebrated her 80th birthday on Monday, Oct. 10, and planned to work that day either on a third afghan that she is making or on a sweater.

A family celebration was held on Sunday, the day before her birthday, with her sister, Mrs. Cora Dillon, of Jamestown, and her sister's family in attendance.

Present also were Mrs. James' own immediate family, including her husband, John Wesley James, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pearce, and her granddaughter, Linda Sue Pearce, all of whom live in the house with Mrs. James.

The James family moved to Route 1, Sophia three years ago from the Five points section of High Point.

Mrs. James has a regular wheel chair but prefers the homemade chair which consists of an old rocker which has been mounted on a platform with rollers. Her last hospitalization occurred a year ago at a Chapel Hill hospital.

Raised to work, Mrs. James said "I ain't going to give up as long as I can still crochet." Before her daughter quit public work, she assisted with the cooking and other household duties.

But recently her entire time has been spent in making the beautiful crocheted items, many of which are on display in her home.

She has an especially pretty afghan which has many colors in octogen-shaped squares. A pretty blue stole and many attractive sweaters are on display, Mrs. James will crochet these items and others on order.

Asked if she enjoyed television, she said "I look at TV at night, I don't have time in the day."

Busy, cheerful and resourceful, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth James has seemingly overcome the affliction which beset her twenty years ago and is making a life of her own despite her handicap. Despite the fact she has been unable to walk for twenty years, she has reached her eightieth year in good spirits and a wonderful outlook.

She is too busy making the attractive garments in which she is so proficient to worry about her conditions. More fortunate people physically in Randolph county could well take her as an example.

Many Brides Walked Down The Aisle Wearing Gown Fashioned By Her

Oct. 20, 1966 – Mrs. C. C. Macon, well known Randolph County seamstress, celebrated her 70th birthday on Sept. 30 but she's not thinking about quitting her work, even though she has passed by five years the age when most people retire.

Last year she made nine wedding dresses in addition to various other garments. This year she has already completed eight wedding dresses, fifteen evening dresses and has on hand an order for four evening gowns to make for attendants at another wedding.

Until this year she had four successive years made the formal presentation dress for Miss Randolph County at the state beauty pageant. This year if she had been asked to make the dress it would have been difficult because during the time of the state pageant she was in the process of making four wedding dresses.

A seamstress for the greater part of her life. Mrs. Macon has for the past few years confined her sewing mainly to wedding dresses, evening gowns, cocktail dresses, suits, coats and similar attire.

She lives alone in the house which she and her husband, Carmie Clinton Macon, built about a year after their marriage on Sept. 9, 1917. Her home is located on Highway 42 between Asheboro and Coleridge, about six miles from Asheboro. Her husband died nine years ago last July.

Worth (Rebecca) Hudson and Mrs. Paul (Hilda) Smith, live on either side of her. Her other children are Mrs. Lemuel (Arletta) Nash, Danville, Va., Clinton Macon, employed with J. A. Jones Construction Co. in Viet Nam, fifteen miles from Saigon, and Wayne Macon, who lives above Randleman at new Salem.

She has thirteen grandchildren, eleven of whom are boys and two girls. She does not sew for her granddaughters, as Mrs. Macon's daughters themselves sew real well.

The former Jelyar Cox, she was the daughter of Will and Angie Presnell Cox. She was born and reared near the New Hope Methodist Church in Union Township. She attended the Mountain School, a log building, in that community, and finished her education at the boarding school in Seagrove.

Upon finishing school at Seagrove she took the examination and received a certificate for teaching. But she only used it for substitute teaching at the Bethel School which was located in the community in which she lives.

Mrs. Macon made dresses for herself, her mother and others even while living at her home near the New Hope Church. Since her mother did not sew, she regards her ability as a seamstress as "a natural gift which the good Lord gave her." She has always liked to use a needle and she has "always liked to create something."

This latter ability has been evident in many of the more elaborate dresses which she has made. She seldom uses a pattern and did not use one for any of the four beauty pageant dresses which she has made. She never used a pattern on the dresses which she made for her daughters during the time when she made their clothes.

A recent wedding dress was made from only an outline which was drawn for her by the bride-to-be.

Mrs. Macon's own wedding dress was made by a sister. The first wedding dress she made was for Eunice Barnes who married Ben McPherson, now a Baptist minister in Randolph County. This first wedding dress was made about 1921 when Mrs. Macon and her husband were living in Asheboro.

While living in Asheboro for a twelve-year period Mrs. Macon worked with Mrs. C. C. Rollins, formerly a well known Asheboro seamstress. She attributes much of her sewing technique to Mrs. Rollins, learning many stitches from her that a seamstress needed to know.

Some of the wedding dresses which she makes are of the full design, including the cathedral train, the chapel train and the mantilla arrangement.

Mrs. Macon regards the wedding garment as a special dress. She says there is sentiment in the wedding dress that is not found in another dress. She mentioned also the love and kind thoughts which go into a wedding dress.

Asked how long it took her to make a full type wedding dress, she said, "I could do it in a week if I could sew straight through." Some of the girls for whom she was

making wedding dresses have come and lived in her home while the dress was being made.

But in one instance a girl living in Florida sent her measurements to Mrs. Macon who made the dress which did not have to be changed a stitch upon being fitted.

It usually takes three days for her to make formal evening dresses but she spent two weeks on one of the presentation dresses for the state beauty pageant.

The past six years have been the busiest that Mrs. Macon has known as a seamstress. She has especially been involved in additional sewing since her children left home, She has many calls that she is not able to fill.

Sewing is not burdensome for her because, as she said, "it is something I like to do." She said, "it steadies me. When I am real worried, I can sit down to my sewing machine and my worries are over."

Incidentally she has bought four new sewing machines and one used one. She nows uses a semi-automatic Singer machine with an electric motor.

But sewing, although a vital part of her life, has not completely absorbed her life or her activities. She has been active in home demonstration club work on a local, county and district level.

Outside of her prominence with her local club, the Bethel Home Demonstration Club, she has served as secretary and president of the County Council and as the district secretary and chairman. She attended two national conventions of home demonstration club members, one in Raleigh and one in San Antonio, Texas. Besides these two trips she has also traveled extensively in recent years. Four years ago she accompanied a cousin of her husband to the World's Fair in Seattle, Wash., visiting also on that trip in Kansas, Wyoming and in the province of British Columbia in Canada. They traveled 8,000 miles and were gone for five weeks. Two years ago they took a tour of Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas and were gone for two weeks.

She is also active in the woman's missionary society of her church, the Union Grove Christian church, and she has served as chaplain of the Weatherly Chapter of the Eastern Star in Ramseur, of which she is a member.

Mrs. Macon's customers always regard her as a friend. When making a wedding dress she is often invited to the bridal parties, sometimes directs the wedding and many of the brides and their parents keep in touch with her after the wedding occurs.

She attended all four of the state beauty pageants when she made the dresses for the Randolph County participants. Since making those dresses, she has fashioned the wedding gown for one of the county winners and is now in the process of planning the wedding dress for another one of them.

Her home reflects the same taste and beauty which is seen in the beautiful dresses which she has designed and made. The house is filled with family heirlooms, souvenirs, and antique pieces from her family circle and friends.

The practical side of her life is evident from the large freezer filled to overflowing with the items from her garden and the fruits which she has frozen. She relaxes from her sewing by "taking a hoe and digging awhile." Her home has a place for flowers on the inside and there are also many flowers growing on the premises.

She takes a particular pride in her work and says that "I don't want my work going out without it is satisfactory."

"I don't want to be ashamed that I did it," she said. She praises the people for whom she has sewed and said that "all the people I always worked for have been so nice. I have never had any trouble at all.

Through her sewing and other activities, Mrs. C. C. Macon has touched the lives of many people. She is truly one of Randolph County's most outstanding women. She is a gallant figure, living alone, independent, self-supporting and fashioning the beautiful dresses which predominate the special occasions in the lives of our young womanhood.

Although she has now lived out the years which were allotted her, she is continuing to render the useful service which has characterized her life.

Richland Church Honors Its Seniors

Oct. 24, 1966 – The 3rd annual senior citizen observance at the Richland Baptist Church was held Sunday evening, Oct. 16.

For the third successive year Rev. J. E. Shaw, 88 year-old Asheboro minister, was the guest speaker. Pastor of the church is Rev. Ben McPherson.

A special feature of the service was the singing by the choir which was composed of persons sixty five years and older, leader of the choir was T. L. Kizer, age 74.

Many of the old songs of the church were sung, with 83 year old John Wesley Dixon singing a solo, Mr. Kizer and Dr. Dixon also sang as a duet.

Mention was made of Stevie Stout and Mrs. Mary Wright who had died since the observance last year. Flowers were placed in the church in memory of Mrs. Sefina Vuncannon who was a resident of the Richland church community.

The Rev. Mr. Shaw was older than John Wesley Dixon by three months but Mr. Shaw asked that the prize to the oldest man be given to Mr. Dixon since he had won twice before. However, a love offering was received for Mr. Shaw who just recently retired from the active ministry.

In presenting the prize to the oldest woman present, it was learned that three women, Mrs. J. E. Shaw, Mrs. Martha Odom and Mrs. Flora N. Prevost were all 84 years of age. But when brought down to a finer point, Mrs. Prevost was adjudged the winner and was presented with the prize.

Handsome Plaque Describes His Service As Methodist Church Usher Of The Year

Oct. 27, 1966 – A bronze plaque designating the "Usher of the Year Award" for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church was presented to Frank M. White Sunday, Oct. 23, at the morning worship service at Central Methodist Church.

The award, covering a nine-state area, was won by Mr. White at the Fifth Annual Nine State Southeastern Church Ushers Conference at the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly June 17-19.

But the plaque, beautifully inscribed, arrived only recently for presentation to Mr. White at his home church Sunday morning, Oct. 23.

The inscription read as follows: "The 1966 Southeastern Jurisdictional Star of the Year Award is presented to Frank M. White as a tribute for his dedicated service to his church, to his community and to the church ushers conference at the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly."

For the brief presentation ceremony the church pastor, Rev. W. Calvin Leonard, read a letter from Barry L. Rogers

program director of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc. The presentation of the plaque itself came from E. Wayne Hughes, chairman of the board of ushers at the Central Church.

The letter from the program director of the Lake Junaluska Assembly cited the award recipient as having "distinguished himself by serving faithfully his church and his community."

This was the first presentation of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Usher of the Year Award. However, the nine-state church ushers conference was organized and held its first meeting at Lake Junaluska in June, 1962.

It was appropriate that the first recipient of the usher award come from the Central Methodist Church in Asheboro, Because E. Wayne Hughes, chairman of the board of ushers at the Central church, was among the organizers of the jurisdictional ushers conference and served as its president for 1963-64

Then too, a film entitled "ushering in the Methodist Church" was made some three years ago at the Central Methodist Church and is being used extensively throughout the Methodist churches of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and in other denominations as well.

The film, which was directed by the chairman of the board of ushers at the local church, was made during a morning worship service and shows the correct manner of ushering during a church service. It is now being used as a training film for churches desiring to improve their ushering service.

The Central Methodist Church has pioneered in training its church ushers to assist in the Holy Communion service, to help make the marriage ceremony more meaningful and to perform more efficiently at the funeral service.

The chairman of the board of ushers at the Central Church, E. Wayne Hughes, and the usher award recipient, Frank M. White, have participated actively in the establishment of the fine and efficient ushering service which now exists at the church.

When it was announced that an usher in the nine-state area would be honored, the name of the local contender was submitted to the ushers conference by the then pastor of Central Methodist Church, the Rev. Carson Williams.

Selection was made by secret balloting from a five-man board, after finalists in the competition had been interviewed individually by the selection group. Announcement of the winner was made at a banquet session during the conference.

Frank White is a captain of ushers at Central Methodist Church. The board of ushers at the local church is comprised on nine groups, each one being headed by a group captain. Forty-five ushers and four officers, E. Wayne Hughes, chairman, James K. Lowdermilk, vice chairman, Vann Dixon, secretary, and Cecil O. Bulla, treasurer, comprise the entire group of forty-nine.

Working under the direction of the board of ushers is a welcoming committee consisting of twenty – two men and women, four of whom are on duty at each service.

A native of Chatham County, Frank White has been a member of Central Methodist Church since 1941. In addition to serving on the board of ushers, he has served on the official board at the church and as a member of the commission on membership and evangelism.

A resident of 1301 Sunset Drive, his wife is the former Marjorie Dobbins and they are the parents of a daughter, Francia, who is a student at Wake Forest College.

Central Methodist Church has distinguished itself and gained universal recognition for the exemplary ushering service which has been established there. This service is now being extended to churches of other areas.

While Wayne Hughes was president of the Southeastern Church Ushers Conference, the program of the conference was expanded and the attendance increased. At the fifth session in June, the Central Methodist Church film was shown to the ushers who were present from the nine-state area.

Now Frank White, with his receiving of the bronze plaque designating him the Southeastern Jurisdictional Usher of the Year, has brought further recognition to a church which has excelled in the field of ushering.

War Veteran Needs Help: A Device To Aid Breathing

Nov. 7, 1966 – An Asheboro World War II veteran is in desperate need of a respirator to assist with his breathing.

Walter E. Lloyd, 239 West Wainman Ave., afflicted with a severe lung disease for the past fifteen years, sometimes chokes up so badly that he is unable to breathe with the natural facilities of his body.

The only alternate at the present time is to rush him to the hospital where the facilities are adequate for his respiratory needs. It is felt that an electrically powered breathing unit would serve to keep his congestion cleared and eliminate the need for a great deal of his hospitalization.

For the past fourteen or fifteen years he has been admitted to veteran's hospitals at Durham and Oteen for at least forty-five times, this not counting the times he has received emergency relief at The Randolph Hospital.

Only last Thursday night, slightly more than four hours after this reporter visited with him, he awakened with his one remaining lung filled up with congestion and would have choked to death had he not been rushed by ambulance to the local hospital.

After getting temporary relief here, negotiations began for his admittance to the veteran's hospital in Durham. But since there were no accommodations available at the present time at Durham; he was taken instead to the veteran's hospital at Fayetteville.

During the period of his illness he has undergone twenty two major operations, the last of which was three years ago, he was discharged from service on Nov. 26, 1945.

He resumed his employment at the local chair plant where he remained until the time of his illness.

Neither he nor his wife are able to work now and their income from veteran's pension and Social Security during that period he has also developed pneumonia sixteen or seventeen times.

His right lung has been taken out during the course of the operations and seven of his ribs have also been removed. An ugly scar extends the length of his back underneath his right collar bone.

It all started about 1952 when he swallowed a peanut while working at his place of employment. His condition deteriorated and he was treated for various ailments before it was discovered six months later that a peanut was lodged in his right lung.

Although the peanut was removed an abscess had formed and the damage to his lung had already taken place. This led to the removal of his right lung and the seven ribs in a

series of operations which were to take place during the ensuing years.

Even though the last operation took place three years ago, drainage still exists in the afflicted area. A bronchial ailment has also added to his difficulties during the time of his illness.

Much of his time since 1952 has been spent in and out of the veteran's hospital to keep from being choked to death. The incident the other night, after he had talked with this reporter, was only routine to him. It has happened so many times in the past fifteen years.

Walter E. Lloyd, a native of Darlington, S. C. came to Asheboro thirty years or so ago to work at Clyde Lucas' National Chair Company.

He married the former Ella Harper in 1942 and later was inducted into the Army, serving with the 337th Infantry during World War II. He saw two years of overseas duty on the war front in Italy. After three and one-half years of service this amounts to \$170 monthly. This is not enough for their essential needs, let alone the funds to purchase the breathing unit which he needs so badly.

The social service department at the hospital in Durham has been collaborating with the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross in stressing the need for securing the breathing unit for Mr. Lloyd.

His condition becomes worse at night and it is feared that the time might come when he would not reach the hospital and the needed equipment in time to save his life.

Mr. Lloyd and his wife cannot rest easy at the present time, not knowing when he may choke to death before he secures the assistance which is necessary to keep him alive.

This 55-year-old veteran risked his life on the European war front for two years in order that all Americans could remain free. He needs our help now to help buy a life giving machine to help him through his breathing difficulties.

An adequate piece of equipment can be purchased for \$300 plus tax. Any club, organization, church or individual desiring to contribute is asked to contact the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

They Have A "Demonstration House"— With Help Of Extension Service

Nov. 14, 1966 – Open house was held Sunday, Nov. 6, at a demonstration house which was constructed in Ramseur by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Graves in cooperation with the County extension office.

Mrs. Sarah W. Durante, home economic extension agent, worked closely with Mr. and Mrs. Graves who built the house on Elam St., adjoining the home of Mrs. Graves parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cheek, and in the Klopman Mills area.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Graves and persons interested in the demonstration house from Ramseur and elsewhere called during the open house period from 2 to 5 o'clock and even beyond the scheduled hour.

The demonstration house, featuring adequate storage, was built from extension plan No. 76, with the extension office giving assistance with color schemes, floor coverings and with its other features.

Contractor for the house, which was financed through the Federal Housing Administration, was J. W. Plummer, local builder, Estimated cost of the house was \$5,800.

The house, a concrete masonry plan with 1,888 square feet, is sheetrocked on the inside and has vinyl floor coverings. The bath room is covered with plastic wall tile.

Designed for a family from six to eight members, the plan consists of three bedrooms, living room, combination kitchen and family room, hall and bathroom.

The hall provides the location for the oil furnace which is thermostatically controlled and furnishes central heat to every room.

The kitchen is divided into work areas in order to reduce steps. There is plenty of storage space on either side of the kitchen sink in addition to the utility closet which is also located in the kitchen and family room.

Each bedroom is also provided with storage closets and a linen closet is located in the vicinity of the bathroom.

The purpose of the open house event Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6, was to encourage families who have small incomes and a desire to own a house that is possible for their housing dollar.

Mrs. Durante, the home economics extension agent, says that any rural family may obtain the same sort of service which was received by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Graves in the construction of their home. She pointed out that it was available to all people.

Occupying the house with Mr. and Mrs. Graves is their ten year old daughter, Pamela Denise, who is a fifth grade student at the Ramseur Elementary School.

Mrs. Graves is the former Doris Cheek. Mr. Graves is the son of Mrs. Hattie Graves. The mothers of both Mr. and Mrs. Graves were present at the open house observance.

Laniers Celebrate Anniversary, They Moved To Randolph In 1920

Nov. 17, 1966 – Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lanier celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 13, at their home on Route 4, Asheboro, about two miles north of Seagrove.

Their celebration took the form of a buffet luncheon at the noon hour, with most members of their immediate family in attendance.

Vigorous and active even though they have been married for three score years. Mr. Lanier was 84 years of age on Oct., and Mrs. Lanier will reach that age on Nov. 25.

Mr. Lanier was born east of Denton, near the Randolph County line. Endowed with a sense of humor, he said "if I done any meanness, I'd run over into Randolph County."

At the time of his birth he was given three names, William Henry Nathaniel, but he uses the initials W.N. on his correspondence and is addressed as "Nate" by his wife and his friends. He attended the free school in the vicinity of where he was born and reared.

Mrs. Lanier, the former Lou Buie, was born on the other side of Denton. She attended the free school in her home community and the more advanced school at Denton. Speaking of education, she said "you don't ever get too much." They were married Nov. 11, 1906 and lived for three years in the community where Mr. Lanier was reared. They move to High Point and remained there for ten years before coming to Randolph County, at their present residence, in 1920.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lanier were raised on farms and Mr. Lanier said they came to rural Randolph County from High Point because he got "town sick." He wanted to get back to the country and the farming which he had known in his earlier days.

When they moved to their present residence it was only a short distance west of the old plank road. Some of the planks were still laying in the old road bed. The main road from Seagrove to Asheboro was a graveled road a mile or so to the east. However, the hard surfaced road was built about five years after the Laniers moved to the vicinity, it followed the route near their home that the old plank road had taken.

They farmed the land which they bought when they came and they also farmed the land on a farm belonging to Aster King.

Mr. Lanier said he quit his "big farming" around sixteen years ago when he was hospitalized twice due to a serious illness.

But he still hasn't quit farming, he sowed his oats last week and was helping his tenant tie tobacco on the day before his anniversary celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier, also got sixty chicks this summer, raised every one of them, kept the hens for layers and froze the roosters for table consumption. They sell the eggs they get, mostly to their children.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lanier are talkative, resourceful, keenly interested in what goes on about them and seem to enjoy life to its fullest. In recent years they have accompanied a son and daughter-in-law on trips to the mountains and to Washington, DC.

Their philosophy is good and they face the future with preparation, without fear and unselfishly. For example they have already erected at their burial site at Tom's Creek church near Denton the monument and markers which will identify their graves.

They did this without the knowledge of their children and said their reason was to "take as much off of the children as we could." Both are humorous and often dispense with some homespun philosophy. Mr. Lanier advised three things beneficial for good living: "go to bed with the chickens, get up at 4 a.m. and eat a hearty dinner". Mrs. Lanier discussed the three things she liked to do, "talk, eat and sleep."

Mr. Lanier is a person of contentment and said "if I am living and getting along as well as the other fellow, I am satisfied."

Although they have reached old age they neither look it or act like it. Their faces are unlined and there is no feebleness about them.

Nine children were born to their marriage, seven of whom grew to maturity and are still living. They are Clifford Lanier, Asheboro; Jack Lanier, Route 7, Asheboro; Mrs. Leon (Elma) Tucker, Route 4, Asheboro; Mrs. Richard (Ruth) Bebow, Route 7, Asheboro; Newman Lanier, Ramseur; Henry Lanier, Asheboro; and Mrs. Marvin (Wanda Lee) Snider, High Point.

All of their children were in attendance at the family celebration which commemorated their sixtieth wedding anniversary except Jack and Newman. Also present were many of their thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Randolph Gets Recognition At District Scout Banquet

Nov. 17, 1966 – Seventy one adult leaders, parents and some scouts from Randolph County attended the annual pot luck supper of the Weatherly District of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts of America at the Charles

Moore Gymnasium at A & T College in Greensboro Thursday evening, Nov. 10.

A full program, which included the installation of district officers, followed the meal which was served pot luck style.

This event is held each year in honor and recognition of the adult leaders and parents of the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts of the Weatherby District.

Recognition was made during the banquet of the table displays of the Ramsey Troop No. 413 and Liberty Troop No. 411.

Other recognition coming to Randolph County during the banquet included silver club awards to C. F. Curry of the Randleman Troop No. 414 and R. C. Marley of the Ramsey Troop: training awards to Mrs. Leola Marley of the Ramsey unit and Lealon J. (Jack) Garrison of Asheboro Troop No. 412; community finance recognition to C. E. Curry; and chairlady recognition to Mrs. Alice Mathews of the Liberty unit.

Those present from Liberty included Mrs. Alice Mathews, J. P. Godfrey, Charles Headen, Mrs. Alberta Brooks, Mrs. Helen Headen, Mrs. Shirley Headen, Jesse Headen, Mrs. Clemantine Farrar, Paul Headen, Mrs. Linda Mason, Mrs. Doris Headen, Mrs. Ethel Jenkins, Mrs. Annie Lee Clapp, Mrs. Vivian Headen, Mrs. Orlando Carter, Mrs. Consula Mae Gamble, Mrs. Roas McGee, Anthony Godfrey, Reuben E. Brooks, Michael McMasters, Michael Farrar, Ernest Graves and Mrs. Edna Graves.

Those present from Ramsey included Melvin Parks, Sadie Parks, Andrew Gales, Linda Gales, Hattie Graves, R. Clayton Marley, Leola Marley, Hazel Caviness and Pattye Harris.

Those present from Asheboro included Lealon J. (Jack) Garrison, Mrs. Fannie Baldwin, Jo Deween Garrison and Artis Garrison.

Those present from Randleman include Vicky Coble, Elizabeth Fox, Diane Evans, Colon Lowdermilk, Willie Smith, James Goss, Jr., James Coble, Ernestine Coble, Howard Spencer, James Spencer, Wanda McCain, James McDaniel, Mattie Laughlin, Louise McCain, Dennis McCain, Alexander Hayes, Queen McCain, Ruth Laughlin, Albert Gant, Genel Womble, Mary Evans, Monroe Spencer, Mozell Laughlin, Clyde Curry, Rev. Joseph Evans, Annie Smith, Elnora Ferree, Myrtle Fox, Joseph Ferree, Georgiana Fox, George W. Fox, Gregory Fox, and Jesse Fox.

New School Library Dedicated

Nov. 17, 1966 – The antiquated auditorium at the Seagrove School, unattractive with its slanted floor and its passage way on the west side, has been transferred into a beautiful modern library facility.

Dedication of the new library occurred Monday evening, Nov. 14, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Parent-Teacher Student Association.

Mrs. V. C. Powers, first full time librarian at the Seagrove school, cut the ribbon at the library entrance following the reading of the service of dedication, after which the patrons of the school inspected the new facility and enjoyed a reception.

Before the service of dedication at the library site, the PTSA group had convened in the gymnasium for a brief program commemorating the official opening of the new building.

This meeting had been opened by Gene Bumgarner, president of the Parent-Teacher Student Association, who extended a welcome to the assembled parents and students.

The prayer of dedication was by Rev. David Baxter, pastor of the South Randolph Charge of the Methodist Church, and the recognition of guests was the Seagrove school principal, Gerald Braswell.

Mrs. Walter S. Auman, vice president of the P. T. S. A., was in charge of the program.

Remarks were made by Lacy M. Presnell, Jr., Superintendent of the Randolph County School System, and the address for the occasion was delivered by Mrs. Cecil Yow, Supervisor of Randolph County Libraries and Visual Aids.

Mr. Presnell said "This is a grand occasion, a real development in the education life of this school." Recalling his own student days at Seagrove High School with the eighth, ninth and tenth grade classes and the lack of library space at that time, he said "I can remember well the high school library that spanned the two entrance ways."

Mrs. Yow recited the progress which has been evidenced in Randolph County libraries and said the establishment of the new Seagrove library culminates seven years of hard work."

She said that every child in Randolph County is scheduled for thirty minutes of instruction in library use each week; that there are ten books per child on the county level; and that each school in Randolph County has a full time librarian.

She told how library standards had been raised through allocation of local, state and federal funds and said that "North Carolina ranks among the top in the United States in library standards."

Librarians must have a love for children and books," she said, and "tonight we are looking at the library which is the center of learning. It provides the material on every area of achievement. The library is the initiator, the spark plug and the fuse."

Before the recessional from the gymnasium to the library, Darrell Needham, president of the library Club, introduced the Seagrove Librarian, Mrs. V. C. Powers, as "a librarian who is devoted to her profession" and then as a further tribute he pinned on her corsage.

Wade Harris, a member of the Randolph County Board of Education from Seagrove and its vice chairman, led the service of dedication. The people responded in unison, with an additional response in song by Tony Farlow, a student at the Seagrove School.

The librarian, as she cut the ribbon for the official opening, made this declaration: "we dedicate our lives, our talents and our hopes for this library."

Physical facilities for the new library bear no resemblance to the old auditorium which has occupied that space in the Seagrove School for 33 years, since the present building replaced the one which had burned down.

The new library space is roomy, adequate and contains many feet of shelving for books, display racks, news editions, visual aids, index cabinets and work tables.

The old auditorium space was completely transformed by the laying of a level oak floor, the erection of sheet rocked walls and the placing of an acoustical ceiling. The lighting is fluorescent and sufficient for the needs of those who read and study therein.

Adjacent to the main library space, behind a glassed area, is a work room, a conference room and a storage room. On the north end there is a janitorial supply room and a teachers lounge.

Architect for the new library facility was J. J. Croft, Jr., general contractor was J. E. Allred and electrical contractor was Vick Brothers.

Authorization for the library project came from the county school board last spring and work in the project began during the summer months. Completion came in time for the opening of school this fall. Cost of the entire project was approximately \$36,000.

The students, faculty and patrons of the Seagrove school can be doubly proud of their beautiful new facility due to the difficulties which had been encountered previously.

When the present school building was erected, after the old one had burned, a room for a library was built behind the auditorium.

From that time on there was no permanent place for the library. It was shuttled back and forth from one place to another until it was eventually dismantled altogether and the books distributed to the various class rooms in the school.

But in 1963, when Mrs. V C. Powers came to Seagrove as the first full time librarian, the library began to take shape again, Mrs. Powers began immediately to sort books and papers, she set up a filing system and stored materials which were made available for use by request as the room in which the library was reinstated was too small for display purposes.

In all of this processing in the re-establishment of the Seagrove Library, Mrs. Powers worked closely with Mrs. Cecil Yow, Supervisor of Randolph County Libraries and Visual Aids.

From this new beginning, with the cooperation of the county school board, the Seagrove School Library officially blossomed forth last Monday evening, Nov. 14, as the pride and joy of the school librarian, the students, faculty and parents of the Seagrove school.

As one school patron pointed out, one of the most important effects of the modern new facility has been the "lifting up of the moral of the entire student body and which in turn has effected the pride of the community".

An expressive quotation from George MacDonald, printed on the front of the dedication programs, explains in some degree the feeling around Seagrove concerning the new library facility. He said: "I would like to help you grow as beautiful as God meant you to be when He thought of you first."

Carbide Employees Aid Stricken Man

Nov. 17, 1966 - The employees of Union Carbide Corp. in Asheboro came to the rescue of Walter E. Lloyd, an Asheboro World War II veteran who is afflicted with a severe lung disease, and provided him Saturday afternoon with a brand new pressure breath therapy unit to help him with his breathing.

Through the Monday, Nov. 7, issue of this newspaper an appeal went out for assistance in getting a pressure breathing device for Mr. Lloyd who has been afflicted for fifteen years and has undergone numerous major operations which included the removal of his right lung.

Sick with emphysema and bronchitis as the result of twenty-two major operations, Mr. Lloyd would sometimes choke up so badly that his only relief was to be rushed to the hospital where the equipment was adequate for his relief.

A respirator or pressure breathing unit was recommended as a means of alleviating his condition and thus the appeal went out with the cooperation of the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Last Friday afternoon some employees at Union Carbide began discussing the need of Mr. Lloyd for the pressure unit. They called the Red Cross and found that the response for procuring the breathing device was not too good.

They immediately went into action, called this reporter who had visited Mr. Lloyd at his 239 West Wainman Avenue home in Asheboro and then got in touch with the company in Greensboro which sells the pressure units.

They discovered that the unit cost \$75 more than the originally quoted \$300 purchase price but this did not deter them. An order was placed for the unit and on Saturday afternoon, twenty - hours after the discussion began at Union Carbide, the pressure unit came into Asheboro by bus and was delivered to the Lloyd residence.

It wasn't just dumped off there either. Gray Cashett and Gilbert Overman, two of the Union Carbide employees who spearheaded the drive for funds, delivered the unit and brought along with them Robert Patterson, one of the electricians at the Union Carbide plant, for the installation of the pressure breathing unit.

They didn't stop at that either. They also brought along with them Mrs. Gilbert Overman, a nurse at the Randolph Hospital, who instructed Mr. Lloyd in the use of the new breathing unit.

The pressure unit will remain with Mr. Lloyd as long as he has any need for it. Whenever he is through with the unit, it will revert back to Union Carbide employees who will then make it available for another person who has a need for it.

It was a noble gesture on the part of the Union Carbide employees in making this much needed equipment available for this man who desperately needed its facilities. Because so many times he has had to be carried to the hospital in the middle of the night and at other times in order that equipment of this type could help him regain the faculties of breathing.

When his need came to the attention of the fine group of employees at Union Carbide they acted promptly and with considerable dispatch. They wasted no time in taking care of the situation.

It was a wholesome experience to observe the manner in which this humanitarian group responded to the need which was presented. For their efforts they have the sincere thanks of the afflicted man and his wife.

Hunts Celebrate Silver Anniversary

Dec. 8, 1966 - Mr. and Mrs. Carroll D. Hunt, Route 2, Asheboro, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hunt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Walker, Sr., at 314 Peachtree Street, Asheboro.

Also present for the occasion which took the form of a family dinner, were the couple's seven children, Mrs. Brenda Harris, Sammy, Clifford, Ruth, Davis, Gail and Lucy; their son-in-law, Jerry Harris; their granddaughter:

Angela Dawn; and Mrs. Hunt's brothers, H. L. Walker, Sr. and Bobby Walker.

Also present were Mrs. Bobby Walker and son, Kenneth, Mrs. Pauline Harris, mother of Jerry Harris, and Miss Janet Barnes. Unable to be present was Mr. Hunt's mother, Mrs. Zula Hunt.

Hostesses for the anniversary observance were their daughter, Mrs. Harris, and Mrs. Hunt's mother, Mrs. Walker. The occasion also celebrated the 17th birthday of Sammy Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were married Dec. 6, 1941 in Chesterfield; S. C. Mrs. Hunt is the former Frances Louise Walker. Also married on the same day twenty five years ago were Mr. Hunt's brother and sister-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Hunt.

One Friday before this silver wedding anniversary observance. Carroll Hunt killed a five point deer on the Uwharrie Reservation. This was the ninth deer he had killed during his hunting career, one of which was an eight-point one.

Hawkins Couple Paid Honor Here For Golden Anniversary

Dec. 8, 1966 — Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hawkins, 1924 McDermott St., Asheboro, were honored Sunday at a family gathering which commemorated their golden wedding anniversary.

Both natives of Stokes County, they were married Dec. 3, 1916. They came to Randolph County about thirty-six years ago. Mr. Hawkins served as a prison guard in Randolph, Moore and Chatham counties for twelve years.

Their children are Mrs. Homer (Rilla) Brown, Route, 5 Asheboro; Homer Hawkins, Lake City, S. C.; Mrs. Fred (Idell) Isom, at whose 2207 Liberty Route 1. Home in North Asheboro the family gathering was held; Edward Hawkins, Asheboro; and Mrs. Charles T. (Inez) Baker, Jr., Middlesex.

Another son, Norman David Hawkins, was a casualty of World War II.

Other members of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins' immediate family included 11 grandchildren and three great-grand children.

Sixty eight years of age, Mr. Hawkins was given three names Andy William David, at the time of his birth. His names were derived from his father, a grandfather and an uncle.

Mrs. Hawkins, age 70, is the former Ollie Nary Knight. Both she and her husband were born and reared in the vicinity of Sandy Ridge in Stokes County.

Their marriage occurred on a Sunday morning at Mrs. Hawkins' home, after which they attended services at the Buffalo Primitive Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter Mabe, a primitive Baptist minister but not the one who preached to them following their marriage vows.

Mrs. Hawkins was dressed for her wedding fifty years ago in a dress of white eyelet. As the couple left for the preaching service old shoes were thrown at them in a characteristic gesture of that day and time. The weather was pleasant and they traveled on their wedding day in an open top (Buggy) drawn by two black horses.

A wedding supper that evening was held at the home of Mrs. Hawkins elder sister, Mrs. Henry Hawkins, who was married to Mr. Hawkins' Uncle.

This same sister was present for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins last Sunday. Also present was Mrs. Hawkins mother, Mrs. Sallie Knight, Route 1, Lawsonville, and two of Mrs. Hawkins brothers, Roy and Wheeler Knight.

Mr. Hawkins came from a family of twelve, eleven of whom are still living.

None of Mr. Hawkins' Stokes County relatives were able to come to the golden wedding anniversary observance but his oldest sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Hall, and their son, Lessell Hall, visited the Hawkins on Saturday, the actual date of their anniversary.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins first came to Randolph County, they lived about four years in the vicinity northeast of Seagrove, between the Union Grove Baptist church and Erect. Tobacco farmers in Stokes County they came to Randolph County, according to Mr. Hawkins, "to try do it better."

Upon coming to Asheboro Mr. Hawkins served as a prison guard for eight years in Randolph County, two years in Moore County and two years in Chatham County. He worked in Newport News, Va. For four years during world War II.

He retired four or five years ago but after one year of idleness he offered his services caring for invalids and has been engaged in a similar capacity since that time.

Mr. Hawkins is a vigorous person, has a lively nature, a ready wit and it is said that when enters the sick room it is just as good as medicine. There is never a dull moment in his presence and he said himself "there is just one Andy Hawkins and I'm both of them.

Mrs. Hawkins is a quieter more subdued person than the husband with whom she has lived for fifty years. For the anniversary occasion she wore a black wool dress with a yellow chrysanthemum corsage.

Andy Hawkins has not only enjoyed living himself but he has also brightened the lives of others. He is still making his contribution in the sick room where he has made his services available.

Friends join in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins upon the reaching of their fiftieth year of marriage. Their wishes are for extended years of happiness together.

Farmer Rural—Urban Gathering Features Address On Agriculture Economy

Dec. 8, 1966 — The rural-urban supper, sponsored annually by the Farmer Grange, was held Monday evening in the grange hall.

One of the most enjoyable events to be held throughout Randolph County during the Christmas season, many guests from the urban areas joined with grange members and other farmer residents for the festive occasion.

Speaker for the annual supper was Earl Price from the Agriculture Education Division of the Vocational Education Department in the state school system at Raleigh.

He was introduced by R. C. Adams, worthy lecturer for the Farmer Grange, who was in charge of the program.

Arrangements for the supper, the decorations and the compilation of the guest list were handled by the home economics committee headed by Mrs. G. C. Castelloe, Jr. Other committee members were Mrs. Allen McDaniel, Mrs. H. P. Kearns, and Mrs. Alton Wall. Assisting were R. C. Adams and his agriculture students at Farmer High School.

Allen McDaniel, oversee and former grange master, presided over the meeting in the absence of Alton Wall, current master of the Farmer Grange, who was called away to an R. E. A. meeting.

G.C. Castelloe, Jr., grange member and Farmer school principal, welcomes the supper attendants and introduced the guests of the grange.

They were Miss Rose Badgett, home economics agent; B. P. Jenkins, Jr., farm agent; Mrs. B. P. Jenkins, Jr., county nursing supervisor; Dr. H. C. Whims, also of the Randolph County Health Department; Mrs. Lloyd Brown, representing her husband, Sheriff Lloyd Brown; M. H. Branson, president of the Randolph Technical Institute, and Mrs. Branson; State Representative C. Roby Garner and Mrs. Garner; Commissioner Chairman Ira L. McDowell and Mrs. McDowell; Asheboro merchant F. O. Yates and Mrs. Yates, county school superintendent Lacy M. Presnell, Jr. and Mrs. Presnell; assistant superintendent W. K. Cromartie and Mrs. Cromartie; W. Lee Meredith, county grange master; Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Graham, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hinshaw, new residents of the community and prospective grange members; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wallace from the Davidson County Record at Denton; and Ralph L. Bulla.

In addition to these guests, several other people were present as guest of individual grange members.

The Grange hall was decorated for the occasion with pine boughs, and running cedar outlined the windows and doors.

On either side of the stage were ceiling – high lighted Christmas trees. In the center of the stage a table held a blue and white arrangement of carnations and a cluster of grapes with an open Bible.

Centering the room hung a wheel holding greenery and lighted Christmas bulbs. The piano had an arrangement of greens and a large red candle.

At the entrance ole Santa smiled from his position over a compote of holly and red poinsettias.

However elaborate the decorations were, perhaps the guests enjoyed even more the home cooked food which was piled high on the buffet table. The guests filed by slowly making their selections, returned for second helpings and then went again to choose from the varied assortment of desserts. The coffee was kept hot and cold drinks were also provided.

Before the speaking part of the program. Mrs. R. C. Adams, accompanied by her daughter Lynn, sang a couple of Christmas songs.

The speaker, a former vocational agriculture teacher at Dallas in Gaston County, said a technological revolution was going on, as he cited a few of the problems paramount to rural – urban people. He spoke of the race between the economy and manpower but yet could not reconcile the need for a poverty program considering the "great demand for people to work".

Saying that agriculture has been affected, he cited figures which now show one out of every twenty-eight people providing food and fiber whereas the ratio was formerly eight out of every ten persons. He discussed the decreasing surpluses and said "today there is no wheat surplus." He expressed alarm at what would happen in the event of a bad year in the growth of wheat.

He discussed the population explosion of an 8,000 net increase in the world's population each day. He stated that if the population continued this increase for the next 200

years there would be one person for each square yard. He remarked jokingly, or maybe he was serious, that this was one reason why we needed to go to the moon.

He was disturbed over the increase of age among farmers, saying that today few young people were becoming farmers. He described this as "a real crisis".

Touching on civil rights briefly, he asked where had anybody tried to do more for civil rights than in our own southland. He said that Dr. Carroll, N. C. Superintendent of Public Instruction, and administrative assistants were meeting presently to try to conform to guidelines which have been established. He spoke of the willingness of school officials to conform but sometimes not knowing how due to the complexity of procedures which have been outlined.

The delightful affair came to an end but before the group adjourned to a more informal period of fellowship and the singing of Christmas carols, Lacy M. Presnell, Jr. spoke for the guests and said the occasion had been "real productive".

An Annual Event For Ladies: Christmas Celebration Held

Dec. 15, 1966 – The Dec. meeting and annual Christmas party of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Cox's Chapel and Shady Grove Methodist Churches was held Sunday, Dec. 11, at the spacious country residence of Mrs. Esther A. Marley and her daughter, Miss Inez Marley.

Thirteen of the fifteen society members were present, along with twenty-five invited guests.

Due to the smallness of the Cox's Chapel and Shady Grove churches, a combined Woman's Society of Christian Service functions for both churches.

Principal officers of the society are Mossie Craven, president; Edna Robinson, vice president; Daisy Craven, secretary; Sadie Staley, treasurer; Esther Marley, devotional leader; and Clarice Spinks, program chairman.

Other members are Lois Cheek, Donnie Spinks, Katherine Craven, Charity Cassidy, Dorothy Spinks, Inez Marley, Vallie Spinks, Virtle Caviness, and Merrill Cheek, all of whom were present for the Christmas party except the latter two named.

Hostesses for the annual party Sunday afternoon were Mossie Craven, Edna Robinson, Inez Marley and Esther Marley.

Visitors represented Pleasant Hill, Stout's Chapel, Oakland Baptist Church, McCrary's Chapel, Ramseur, Asheboro and Coleridge.

Coming from these places were Minnie Staley, Beatrice Spinks, Jeannette Cheek, Mae Waddell, Louise Staley, Mattie Waddell, Lucille Mitchell, Essie Isley, Ethel Goldston, Ettie Goldston, Margaret Johnson, Linda Marley, Bessie Gales, Ada Reaves, Etta Reaves, Clara Bell Isley, Ada Caviness, Pair Lea Marley, Eugenia Marley, Leona Cheek, Flora Mae Walker, Betty Lockhart, Lorene Spinks, Martha Siler and Dora Cassidy.

A brief devotional and business session preceded the singing of Christmas carols and two recitations by Ada Reaves and Beatrice Spinks at the Christmas meeting of the ladies from the two churches and their invited guests, Jeannette Cheek accompanied the group at the piano.

Secret pals within the society were revealed and exchanged gifts. Each guest was also presented with a gift.

A fellowship dinner was then enjoyed by the entire group. Among the items on the menu were chicken, ham, cranberry salad, green beans, corn, candied yams, pickles, coconut cake and Russian tea.

Christmas decorations predominated throughout the Marley residence and provided a delightful background for the annual Christmas party.

The women from the two churches have been meeting jointly for approximately eight years and for each of those years the Christmas party has been held.

Grays Chapel Seniors Paid Honor By Church Group As "Golden Agers"

Dec. 15, 1966 – Senior citizens of the Grays Chapel Methodist church and community were honored Sunday, Dec. 22, at a golden age party which was held in the fellowship building at the church.

Sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the observance featured a luncheon. Twenty-five members of the senior group were in attendance.

These included Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Routh, Sr., Mrs. Talmadge Jones, Mrs. Tyson Nixon, Mrs. T. E. Routh, Miss Verla Lineberry, Mr. and Mrs. Dove Coble, Sr., Mrs. O. M. Routh, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Routh, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hall, Mrs. O. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Redmon, Mrs. Mack Coble, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coble, Lester Redding, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ward, and Mrs. Will Kirkman.

The fellowship building was beautifully decorated for the occasion. On the mantle there were gold candles on pine, with a green and gold floral arrangement. On the piano there was a Madonna against a green and gold background.

The tables, decorated with green and gold Topiary trees and banked with pine and gold balls, presented an unusually attractive appearance and caused a great deal of comment from those in attendance.

Rev. M. W. Hedkard, church pastor, spoke the grace before the serving of the delicious meal of chicken and dumplings and green beans, finished off with pound cake and ice cream. Earlier, Mrs. Jack Pugh, president of the Woman's Society, had extended a welcome to the golden age party observants.

A brief program followed the luncheon period. Mrs. Howard Kern conducted the devotionals, reading from the 71st Psalm and a commentary from The Upper Room entitled: "The Best Things in Life Are Free".

Mrs. Bruce Pugh conducted a memorial service for Edgar L. Pugh, Arthur M. Allred, Edgar A. Walker, Bessie L. Redding, Herbert Redding, Daniel Kivett and Beulah Routh Redding. A poem, written earlier in memory of Beulah Routh Redding, was made a part of the memorial service.

Prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac E. Routh, who have been married for over fifty – two years; to Mrs. Will Kirkman, 81 years of age, for being the oldest woman among the honored group; and to Isaac E. Routh, who was the oldest man in attendance, as well as having been married the longest.

Colored slides of similar observances in the past and other church scenes were shown by Mrs. Sylvan Routh. The remainder of the time was spent in a period of fellowship and friendly visitation.

Mrs. Dwight Hall was in charge of the arrangements for the golden age event. Mrs. M. W. Heckard and Miss Mary Jones arranged the decorations.

Members of the woman's society of Christian Service helping to prepared and serve the meal were Mrs. Ed. Thompson, Mrs. Bruce Pugh, Mrs. Sylvan Routh, Mrs. Hobart Lineberry, Mrs. Elbert Lineberry, Mrs. Jack Lewis, Mrs. Cliff Thomas, Mrs. Rom Millikan, Mrs. Curtis Coble, Mrs. Dove Coble, Jr., Mrs. Dwight Hall, Mrs. Herbert Pugh, Mrs. Tom Hunt and Mrs. Bynum Coble.

Mrs. D. H. Hall, speaking for the senior citizens, expressed appreciation for the occasion and said "our lives should speak strongly each day of the grace, hope, love and merry which has been bestowed upon us."

Mrs. Leonard Honored On Retiring

Dec. 19, 1966 – Fellow employees of Mrs. Ora Leonard, Route 2, Ramseur, honored her upon her retirement from the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Mills Friday, Dec. 26.

An appreciation party with flowers, food and gifts were held for her on the night preceding her departure from the mill plant on the next day.

She knew that her fellow workers in the carding department would come to her home that night and that there would be refreshments.

But she didn't know there would be a corsage, consisting of a large white chrysanthemum with red ribbons, a bouquet of white mums and pink carnations, a record player, four albums, large cake inscribed "to a sweet person on her retirement" and other gifts.

The beloved woman, known as "Grandma" to her fellow workers, was overcome at the expression from her friends within the department. She could only say "I can't tell you how much I appreciate it, I don't deserve it."

The people with whom she has worked, however, thought differently and in addition to expressing their feelings in some tangible gifts, they also said "we will really miss her."

Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Shaw, of Asheboro, Mrs. Leonard will reach the age of 62 on Jan. 13, the same date as her 44th wedding anniversary.

She is married to Tate Leonard and they reside just outside of Ramseur. Their children are Mrs. Ray White, Siler City, Mrs. Joe Palmer, Route 2 Ramseur, and Jesse Leonard, Asheboro. They also have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Leonard first went to work at Klopman Mills in Ramseur in 1951.

Bulla Family Congregates In North Asheboro

Dec. 22, 1966 – The children of the late Emery Bulla and Mattie S. Bulla held a family gathering Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Bulla residence at 1719 Liberty Road, now occupied by Ralph and Don Bulla.

All of the members of the family were present except a son and his family who live in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Invited guests for a buffet luncheon included the pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church and his family, a few friends and close neighbors.

Before family members congregated at the home for the luncheon, many of them went to the Neighbors Grove church for the dedication of an altar set which was given to the church in memory of the late Mrs. Bulla.

She was a member of the church before her death, which occurred exactly nine months prior to the family gathering last Sunday. The date for the family meeting was chosen because it fell closest to the date of her birth which was Dec. 15. Had she lived she would have been 73 years of age on that date.

Another family member, Mrs. J. C. Pearce, who became 75 years of age on Dec. 12, was a guest at the Bulla gathering on Sunday, Mrs. Pearce, sister of the late Emery Bulla and a well known North Asheboro resident, was honored last Monday on the occasion of her birthday by members of the Balfour Home Demonstration club.

Nine of the ten children of the late Emery and Mattie S. Bulla attended the gathering of their family last Sunday. These included Otis Bulla, Mrs. Dexter McPherson, Mrs. Glenn Dawson, and Kenneth Bulla, Route 6, Asheboro; Mrs. R. S. McGill, Route 2, Randleman; Mrs. David Lewallen, Route 3, Asheboro; and Ralph and Don Bulla, of the home, and R. Frank Bulla, 1721 N. Fayetteville Street.

Only Alfred Lyndon (Bud) Bulla, who lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida with his wife and four children, was unable to be present.

Others in attendance were Mrs. Otis Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McPherson and daughter, Angela, Route 2, Trinity, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hines and sons, Douglas and Gregg, High Point, Glenn Dawson, Tyson Dawson, Glenn Alton Dawson, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Kenneth Bulla, Anita, Dinah and Sonny Bulla, R. S. McGill, Martha McGill, Randy McGill, David Lewallen, April and Davy Lewallen, Mrs. R. Frank Bulla, Bobby Bulla, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barker, Elon College.

J. C. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cranford, Mrs. A. C. Bulla, Rev. and Mrs. R. Sam Parker and daughter, Pam, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Moore and daughter, Rebecca, Mrs. Frances Nixon, Mrs. Fuller Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Flynt, Miss Rhonda Hunt, Route 2, Denton, Jerry Williams, David Cox, Miss Helen Hackett, Route 1, Climax, Mrs. Fannie Butler, and Mrs. Mossie Craven, Route 4, Siler City.

The late Emery bulla died Apr. 30, 1940. His wife, Mattie S. Bulla, lived nearly twenty six years thereafter. At the time of her husband's death, many of the their ten children had not yet grown to maturity.

Married at an early age, Mrs. Bulla's life was spent in the care and service of her large family. After her husband's death, she saw all six of her sons enter military service and depart from the home and the community in which they were reared.

But despite the death of her husband, the absence of her sons and the other hardships which she encountered, she continued to maintain the household and carry on the responsibilities which were involved therein.

She retained her household responsibilities and the care of her family until illness overtook her two and one half years ago. Then, members of her family assumed the responsibility for her care and welfare until she died on Mar. 18, 1966.

Memories of her life and service pervaded on Friday, the date of her birth; on Saturday as her grave and the grave of her husband who preceded her in death were attended to; on Sunday morning as the bronze altar set was dedicated in tribute to her life; and during the fellowship among her family, her neighbors and friends which followed.

Their First Day A Snowy One - Weather Better For Golden year

Dec. 26, 1966 - Married in a blinding snowstorm in Hillsville, Va. Fifty years ago, Dec. 16, 1916; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Dezern, Route 1, Asheboro, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday Oct. 18, at the home of their youngest son, Ray Dezern.

Natives and residents of Surry County at the time of their marriage, they rode in a buggy from Mount Airy over the mountain to the site of their wedding. It was snowing hard all the way.

The buggy, drawn by two horses, was rented from a livery stable in Mount Airy and the 18-mile trip took all day and part of the night.

When they returned the horses and buggy to the livery stable late that night, the attendant reminded them that he told them they would not get over the mountain when they left earlier that morning. He thought, due to the severeness of the weather, that they had failed to make the trip.

But they were duly married and seemed to have weathered that storm as well as the other storms of the past fifty years. They seem to be in fine shape for the celebration of thie fiftieth anniversary.

This was especially true in the case of Mr. Dezern. He was interviewed on last Thursday, the day before the actual anniversary date, and he said that he had cut wood with a power saw that day. Asked if he would saw wood also on the next day, he said "no, I am going to split."

He was born seventy four years ago last Feb. about seven miles below Dobson. At the time of his birth he was given the names of Steve Eligah Montgomery, However, he uses the first two names for his initials but is called by the third name.

He came from a large family, seven boys and four girls, and was reared on a tobacco farm. He attended a one-teacher log school.

Mrs. Dezern, the former Lillie Belle Kirkman, was born near Mount Airy but moved with her family to the vicinity of Mr. Dezern's home about three years before their marriage. She is 67 years of age.

Mr. Dezern became attracted to his wife when he attended the church where she was the organist. He also thought "she could sing better than anybody I ever heard."

The came to Randolph County about 1922 after a bad crop year in Surry County. Also, Mrs. Dezern's people had come to Randolph County earlier.

Upon first coming they settled on the Dan Henley place southeast of Asheboro but before coming to their present site fifteen years ago, they lived for seventeen years below Ramseur.

Mr. Dezern quit raising tobacco ten years ago but still grows grain, keeps two cows and cuts his wood. Both he and his wife raise peanuts, their yield last year being thirty five bushels

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Dezern include four sons, R. W. Dezern, Newport News, Va.; J. H. Dezern, Hampton, Va.; J. C. Dezern, Morehead City; and Ray Dezern, Route 1, Asheboro; one daughter, Mrs. William Ray Moser, Greensboro; fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Their golden wedding anniversary celebration Sunday at the home of their son consisted of an informal reception, at

which family members, neighbors and friends were in attendance.

A beautiful, three tiered anniversary cake, designed and baked by Mrs. Norman Kinney, was on prominent display at the reception in their honor. The cake was decorated with yellow flowers and gold leaves, with the top tier divided by a separator and a gold inscription of "50" at the top.

Several gifts were presented to these Surry County natives who observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage many miles away from the state of their marriage and under less strenuous weather conditions than the blizzard which beset them fifty years ago.

The event commemorating the golden wedding anniversary of these sturdy citizens was an appropriate tribute from their children and also a recognition of the contribution which they have made to this area to which they came four years, ago.

March of Dimes Workers Begin Efforts At Kick-Off Meet

Dec. 22, 1966 – A kick-off supper for the 1967 Mar. of Dimes drive in Randolph County was held Saturday evening, Dec. 17, at the Dixie Restaurant in Asheboro.

Announcement of the drive personnel was made at the meeting, the campaign film "this Land is Your Land" was shown, a report of activities for the past year was given, and Rev. John W. Woody, 1966 drive director discussed fund raising tactics

I. Hillard Nance, 1967 drive director, presided over the meeting, David Sellers, of Raleigh, state representative of the National Foundation – March of Dimes, spoke briefly.

Joe W. Church, treasurer for the Randolph County Chapter of the National Foundation – March of Dimes, gave a report on financial operations of the chapter for the past year.

Thirteen patients were aided through hospitalization and equipment, with expenditures for this care totaling \$2,945.

Also, a scholarship amounting to \$250 was given to a student now enrolled in a nursing school and a donation of \$250 was made to the North Carolina Special Treatment Center at Chapel Hill.

From total receipts of \$9,205 last year, a net total of \$8,640 was realized. Twenty five percent of this amount, \$2,160, went to medical scientific research dealing with the cause of birth defects, the remainder; \$6,480 was split equally between the local chapter and national headquarters of The National Foundation – March of Dimes.

Drive personnel thus far named include I. Hillard Nance, director, Millard Gibson, mailers; Wayne Hughes and Frank White, in charge of the campaign film; and Joe W. Church, treasurer.

Community chairman are Q. G. McKeel, Asheboro; Mrs. James A. Moody, North Asheboro; Archdale, Farrell Slack; Bethel-Grantville, Mrs. Lester Byrd; Brower, Arnold Comer, Cedar Falls, Mrs. Frank Redding; Central Falls, Reuben Allred; Coleridge-Pleasant Grove, Elvin Murray and John T. Brown; Farmer-Cedar Grove-New Hope, Dan Kruger; Franklinville, Rev. W. M. Dingus; Grays Chapel, Odell Routh; Level Cross, Mrs. Blease Toomes; and Liberty, Rev. Clegg Avett.

Also Piney Ridge, Mrs. James Brady and Mrs. Rufus Cheek; Pleasant Ridge-Holly Springs Mr. C. V. Cox; Ramseur, Elvin Cox; Randleman under the sponsorship of

the Junior Chamber of Commerce, with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Steed and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Byrd serving as co-chairman; Seagrove-Union Grove, Bobby Maness; Sophia-New Market –Cedar Square-Glenola. Theodore Bunn Pugh, chairman, Elmer, co-chairman; Staley, Mrs. Ray Thompson; Tabernacle, Rev. Grayson Hobson; Trinity, Mrs. Howard Younts; Ulah-Flag Springs, H. Clendon Richardson; Union-Pisgah, Mrs. Eli Callicutt; and Worthville, Ed Clark.