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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.

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Parents Of 17 Children Observe 50th Anniversary; No Regrets

Jan. 5, 1967 - Mr. and Mrs. William Oscar Smith, Route 1, Asheboro, to whom seventeen children have been born, were honored Sunday, Jan. 1, at a golden wedding anniversary celebration which was held at the Grantville Community Building

Fourteen of their seventeen children lived and are residing at various places in Randolph County today. It was these children who honored their parents at the occasion to commemorate the fiftieth year of their marriage.

Two of their children died in infancy and the other deceased one died at the age of eight months.

The serving table for the festivity at the community building, a beautiful sight to behold, was covered with a white lace cloth over yellow, with yellow bows, bells and ferns at each corner of the table.

In the center of the table was a four-branched candelabra, with an epergne filled with yellow roses and snapdragons. A huge three-tiered cake of overall pale yellow with bronze roses, green leaves and string work was at one end of the table while the punch bowl in a setting of ivy and yellow flowers was at the other end.

Each section of the cake, which was topped with three bells and Roman numerals denoting the year of marriage, was divided by crystal separators.

Fruit punch, cake squares, mints and nuts were served by family members at the informal reception which was held from two to five o'clock. Caterer for the event was Mrs. Betty Short.

Mrs. Smith, the honoree, was dressed for the occasion in a blue knit dress, mingled with green, and wore a corsage of yellow rosebuds. Mr. Smith wore a yellow rosebud as a boutonniere. The Smith daughters wore corsages of large yellow chrysanthemum and the sons had yellow rosebuds similar to the one of their father.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are natives of Stokes County and came to Randolph County at the beginning of the year 1920. Mr. Smith was born near Germanton while Mrs. Smith, the former Primmie Adelaide Browder, was born near Rural Hall.

Mr. Smith attended both a free school and a subscription school in Stokes County but Mrs. Smith received her education from a private teacher which her father and his neighbors hired for their children. The reason for this was due to their having to walk three miles to school and cross a creek on a foot log.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith first met when he was fourteen and she was twelve but their courting only became serious when he bought her box at a box supper three years later. It was still another three years before their marriage occurred on Dec. 24, 1916.

They were married on a Sunday morning at her home, attended preaching service following the wedding ceremony and went the next day to establish their home in a tenant house on his father's farm.

Mr. Smith recalls that their entire household furnishings cost them \$60. This included two beds, a bureau, stove, chairs and other essentials. A neighbor let them have a table.

When they moved to Randolph County Mr. Smith's Parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smith, and other members of the family came also to reside in this county. Mr. Smith's mother is still living at the age of ninety at the Burrow Rest Home in Asheboro.

Only one of their fourteen living children was born at the time Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to Randolph County. This was Mrs. Henry (Opal) Kirkman, now living at route 1, Franklinville.

Other children, in the order of their ages, are Mrs. Vernon (Mabel) Burrow, Asheboro; Mrs. Ralph (Myrtle) Craven, Asheboro; Raymond Smith, Route 5, Asheboro; Paul Smith, Route 1, Asheboro; Harold Smith, Asheboro; Roger Smith, Route 1, Asheboro; Mrs. Merritt (Virginia) Cox, Ramseur; J. W. Smith, Route 1, Asheboro; Mrs. Jack (Elizabeth) Gearren, Route 2, Asheboro; Mrs. J. V. (Doris) Henson, Jr., Route 1, Asheboro; Mrs. J. W. (Betty) Parks, Asheboro; Mrs. Clay (Barbara) Davis, Route 1, Seagrove; and Mrs. Ralph (Faye) York, Asheboro.

There are fifty-three grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith, now 68 years of age, did not go to the hospital for the births of any of her seventeen children. In fact, most of them were delivered by a mid - wife.

It would be foolish to say that life was easy in the Smith home during the rearing of the fourteen children. It was especially hard, as Mrs. Smith pointed out, when her husband was only making a dollar a day.

But they lived through it, with all of the children looking hale and hearty and well established in the communities in which they live. Their concern now is for their parents whose health has not been good in the latter years.

However, Mr. Smith still calls himself a farmer, raises corn, mixed grain, hogs and keeps a few chickens.

Many things could be said about this large family, their hardships when they were growing up, their perseverance, their integrity and the fact that none of them drink, curse or use tobacco.

But their principal characteristic and the thing which stands out most is the respect which the five sons and nine daughters hold for the parents who nourished and reared them to maturity. Mr. Smith put it rather bluntly but none the less forcibly when he said, "I raised fourteen and never one of them ever sass'd me"

Speaking also of their obedience and their willingness to do their tasks without being told. Mr. Smith said, "They knowed their job and I didn't have to gouge them."

Strict discipline prevailed in the Smith home but none of the fourteen children seemed to have resented it, as evidenced by the love, respect, devotion and concern which they feel for the parents whom they honored last Sunday afternoon on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

All of the children have now left the old home and Mr. and Mrs. Smith live alone in the house at the end of the road, across from the Mount Tabor Church. It is a quiet place, no

traffic passing by, with its solitude only broken by the telephone calls from the children and their weekly visits out of concern for the health and welfare of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Oscar Smith, looking back over the fifty years of their marriage, the births of their seventeen children, nevertheless expressed satisfaction and have no regrets.

Baseball — Loving Randy Lednum, Confined To Bed, Has Birthday

Jan. 5, 1967 — A little league ball player, seriously ill with a tumorous growth in his stomach, celebrated his 11th birthday Sunday, Jan. 1, at his Route 1, Franklinville home.

Randy Lednum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lednum, became ill last June, after he had played in the practice games of the Franklinville Little League team one or two of the regular season games.

He was the left fielder of the team and a strong competitive player. In fact, he was interested in all kinds of sports.

Randy's illness was almost sudden. He complained of feeling tired last Father's Day and a knot developed in his side. But he still played with the little league team in Franklinville that afternoon.

He was taken to an Asheboro physician and then admitted to Randolph Hospital, where he remained for four days.

After a week-end at home, he was transferred to Duke Hospital where he stayed for twelve days. For three weeks straight, after his discharge he was taken back to Duke every day for radium treatments.

Just before Christmas he went back to Randolph Hospital for the removal of fluid from his stomach.

On Dec. 6, Randy and his mother attended an Oral Roberts crusade in West Hampstead, Long Island, New York. This trip was made through the courtesy of employees of Burlington Balfour Mills where Mrs. Lednum was employed before taking a leave of absence due to the illness of her son.

Mrs. Lednum and her son attended the crusade seeking divine guidance for the stricken boy and for the bolstering of their faith in the days ahead.

Earlier, an event of tremendous significance took place when the Ramseur Junior chamber of Commerce, of which Billy Joe Allred is president, sponsored two benefit suppers for the Lednum family and another family in the area.

These suppers were held in cooperation with the Franklinville Fire Protective Association, the churches of Ramseur, Franklinville, and surrounding areas, and with the assistance of the late Jim Cates.

Held simultaneously at the Ramseur city hall and the Franklinville Fire Station, the suppers provided more than \$1,100 for each of the two families.

Another act of generosity, which surely meant much to the baseball-minded lad, was a free trip to Atlanta, Georgia to see three big league games in which the Atlanta Braves participated. This trip, which was initiated by the Ramseur Jaycee president, was made through the courtesy of the Atlanta Braves organization.

This is not an additional appeal for funds for the Lednum family, although their expenses have been terrific and will probably be more as time goes on. The boy's father is employed at Hancock's Old Fashioned Country Ham Inc. Besides the parents and the sick youth, another member of

the family is Randy's sister, Sandra, who will be five years of age in Feb.

But the main idea of this story is to let Randy's friends and the friends of his family know about his condition and to encourage the mailing of cards, get-well wishes or any other token of concern for his condition.

Randy appreciates getting mail and hearing from his friends and others who are concerned. Someone called attention of his plight to the White House in Washington and on Dec. 23 he received a written expression from Whitney Shoemaker, staff assistant to the President, accompanied by a picture of President Johnson with two of his dogs, Blanco and Him, on the White House lawn.

The note from Mr. Whitney read as follows: "Dear Randy, The President was terribly sorry to learn that you are ill especially at this time of the year. He wants you to know how deeply he admires your courage and how much he hopes you will get well soon. He wishes you a very Merry Christmas and has asked me to send you the enclosed picture and card as his remembrance to you in this Holy Season."

Other gestures locally have been made to the Lednum family in addition to the supper which was held for their benefit. Randy's birthday cake last Sunday was a gift from Mrs. Norman Kinney, who is skilled in the art of cake baking.

Last year Randy completed the fourth grade at the Franklinville school and was one of the top students in his grade. He had not missed a day in school for three years. He attended school about three weeks this year before his condition became so serious that he had to drop out.

The Lednums live in a small block house on Highway 64, about a mile and one half west of Ramseur. The sickness of young Randy has generated a great deal of sympathy among their friends, neighbors and the people in Ramseur, Franklinville and other places.

The once strong young athlete, now pale, emaciated and showing the expanding signs of the tumorous growth within his stomach, is meeting his illness with the same fortitude which he displayed on the little league field and he rarely complains about his condition.

But still, any further gesture of friendliness and concern besides that heretofore manifested will be appreciated by both young Randy and his parents.

Trinity Barber Named March of Dimes Chief

Jan. 5, 1967 – A young Trinity barber has been named chairman of the 1967 March of Dimes drive for the Archdale area.

Farrell B. Slack, 25, owner and manger of the Trindale Barber Shop, is planning an extensive drive in the area.

A native of the Pisgah section in lower Randolph County, young Slack has lived in Archdale for the past five years.

Formerly employed with B. B. Walker Shoe Company in Asheboro, he attended Winston-Salem Barber School Inc. after he quit his employment with the shoe plant. He is a graduate of Seagrove High School.

He was first employed as a barber with the Archdale Barber Shop but purchased his present business two years ago.

Incoming president of the Associated Master Barbers of High Point, his shop is one of the most modern in the area in which he operates.

Married to the former Betty Luther, also a native of the Pisgah area, he, his wife and their two children, Betty and Laura, attend the Randolph Hills Methodist Church in Archdale. They formerly attended the Pisgah Methodist Church where he served as superintendent of the Sunday School.

An active member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in the Archdale-Trinity area, he is presently serving as a member of the board of directors.

In the Trinity area, a well known woman, Mrs. Howard Younts, has been chosen to head the March of Dimes drive.

The former Allene Varner, Mrs. Younts husband is a prominent farmer in the Trinity section and is associated with tobacco warehouses in Lumberton and also in Tennessee. He is also a former member and chairman of the school board for the Trinity District.

Mr. and Mrs. Younts, parents of four daughters, three of whom are married, are active members of the Trinity Methodist Church.

Mrs. Younts, also, is planning an extensive March of Dimes drive in the area which she has been assigned, including a Mothers March.

Working Missionaries Looking Forward To Visit

Jan. 9, 1967 – Reports of the activities of Bonnie Pearce Davenport, serving with her husband as missionaries in Argentina, came to her native North Asheboro during the Christmas season which has just passed.

Greetings from the Davenports and their five children, one of whom was born since arriving on foreign soil, came to their friends and affiliated church organizations in the homeland just prior to the observance of Christmas Day.

They wrote as follows: "Though far from home and loved ones as Christmas time draws nigh, we consider it a joy, not sacrifice, to serve our God in this foreign land. There are many souls in this land for whom Christ died. Each day we become more aware of the many needs as we seek to teach them in this land just why the Christ-child came."

These words came from Bonnie, her husband, Rev. Steve Davenport, their children, Kathy, 13, Shelia, 8, John, 7, Shirley, 3, and Patricia, who was born six months ago at their mission station at Parana, Entre Rios, Argentina.

The Davenports left their families and their homeland on Dec. 29, 1964 for a year of language study in San Jose, Costa Rica but came back for a visit to loved ones before leaving for their mission station on Jan. 31, 1965.

It has been almost two years since they have been home but their families are rejoicing that furlough schedules have been changed and they are expected to come home next Nov.

But the time has passed quickly for those missionaries to Argentina, as their time has been busily spent in the program of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention who commissioned them as missionaries to Argentina on Oct. 10, 1964.

Steve is the pastor of a mission, in addition to making many trips into the province and assisting the churches that ask for his assistance. Last Oct. attendance in Sunday School at Steve's church reached 75 on one Sunday while on another day when a special program was held there were 89 present.

Besides reaching the Argentine people through the activities of the mission, the gospel is spread through evangelistic messages, religious films, Bible study and prayer, and open air services. This year it is hoped to construct a larger building, as the present kindergarten and Good Will Center is not large enough for the activities which are underway.

Bonnie works with the Woman's Missionary Union, attends the knitting and sewing classes at the Good Will Center, teaches English to a group of Argentine children, in addition to many household duties.

The three older children, Kathy, Shelia and John, attend the national schools in Argentina. Hearing their courses in Spanish, their mother keeps fairly busy teaching them their English courses, so that they do not forget the language of their homeland.

With an Argentine maid assisting in the household duties, three-year-old Shirley speaks more Spanish than she does English.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearce, well known North Asheboro residents, Bonnie is a honor graduate of Asheboro High School, Mars Hill College and Mercer University in Macon, Ga. She is a product of the Balfour Baptist Church in North Asheboro.

Steve, her husband, is a native of Columbus, Ga. He attended Georgia Southwestern College and is a graduate of Mercer University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Their address, in case any of their friends wish to communicate with them, is Casilla 70, parana, E. R., Argentina.

Three Women Share Dimes' Duty

Jan. 12, 1967 - Three young women form the Franklinville - Ramseur areas have accepted Mother's March chairmanships in the current March of Dimes drive.

In Franklinville Mrs. Jerry Padgett will conduct the traditional Mar. and has scheduled it for Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15, beginning at a 2 o'clock.

Franklinville's Marching mothers will first gather at the fire station before spreading out over town for the door to door solicitation.

In Ramseur Mrs. Bill Allred, wife of the Ramseur Jaycee president, will be in charge of the March

Assisting her will be Mrs. Alfred B. Smith, who conducted a successful Mothers' March in Ramseur last year.

Over \$350 was raised last year in the first Mothers' March to be staged in Ramseur in recent years.

Mrs. Smith will continue to conduct the Mar. this year in the areas outside of the city limits.

Mrs. Padgett, the former Shirley Craven, and her husband are the parents of three children, Keith, Tim and Kelly. They attend the Franklinville Methodist Church.

Mrs. Allred, the former Nancy Burgess, and her husband are the parents of one son, Ken. They attend Faith Baptist Church.

Mrs. Smith, the former Irma Burgess, and her husband are the parents of two children, Christie and Ken. They attend Ramseur Christian Church.

In Franklinville the overall chairman for the March of Dimes drive is Rev. Bill Dingus while in Ramseur the general chairman is Postmaster Elvin Cox.

Ramseur Masonic Lodge Installs Its New Officers

Jan. 12, 1967 - Ramseur's Marietta Lodge No. 444, soon to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding, held an open lodge meeting Saturday evening, Jan. 7, for the installation of officers for the ensuing year.

Impressive in its solemnity and its meaningful ritual, the service of installation was held in the lodge hall which has been completely renovated over the past year or so.

Officers assuming position within the lodge organization at the called meeting were as follows: James Russell Macon, master; Thomas P. Coward, senior warden; Joseph M. Needham, junior warden; Clarence E. York, treasurer; David M. Webb, secretary; Marion D. Burke, senior deacon; June W. Cox, junior deacon; Troy E. Caviness, senior steward; Robert D. Hutchinson, junior steward; James N. Brady, chaplain; and Williams R. Maner Tyler.

Floyd Caviness, master of the lodge during the past year, presented the charter to his successor.

Installing officers for the occasion was Gordan Brady, past master of Marietta Lodge and a certified lecturer.

Serving as the marshal for the installation was Edsel Needham, also a past master of the lodge. It was a significant occasion when he presented his younger brother, Joseph M. Needham, with the jewel and the apron of his office.

Following the ceremonies, the newly installed master presented certificates of appreciation for service rendered to all past masters of the lodge who are still living and on the current membership roll.

Those present to receive these certificates were Wade Montgomery, W. E. Marley, Harry Stewart, Floyd Caviness, Edsel Needham, Robert I. Kerns, Reece Hodgins, Gordan Brady and Charles Teague.

Others receiving the certificates but not present for the presentation were Dr. C. A. Graham, Sr., V. C. Marley, William R. Maner, Kermit G. Pell, Charles C. Dorsett, Joe Mack Stout, William F. Cox, John W. Staley, Alexander P. Hill and William C. Kiser.

At the conclusion of the open meeting lodge members, relatives and other visitors adjourned to the social room for refreshments and fellowship.

Marietta Ldge No. 444 A. F. and A. M. was organized Jan. 19, 1892. Charter officers were Thomas L. Chishlom, master; J. Murphy Whitehead, senior warden; M. Newton Whitehead, junior warden; Hampton B. Carter, treasurer; and Aaron W. E. Capel, secretary.

In 1921 the lodge purchased a half interest in the site at which they are presently meeting and erected a second story to be used as a Masonic Hall.

The original building on the site was the first structure of the Ramseur Methodist Church, after the church moved to its present site; the building was purchased by the Columbia Manufacturing Co., and used as a dwelling house.

Three years ago Marietta Lodge purchased the entire site indebtedness of the structure and dwelling. Upon clearing their indebtedness of the structure, they began a program of complete renovation.

They changed from a side entrance to a doorway in the front of the towering structure, painted the outside and bricked up the front.

They'd laid tile in the hallway and the upper assembly room, and sheetrocked and painted the hallway, the stairway enclosure and the assembly room.

The black and white tile in the meeting room on the second floor, with the blazing star emblem in the center, provides a firm base for the high ceiling room, its four newly painted chandeliers and lovely blue interior.

Heating and air conditioning for the building was provided principally by the Weatherly Chapter No. 271 of the Order of the Eastern Star, the auxiliary group to the local Masonic Lodge.

The only area of the building not worked over is the back room on the lower floor and future plans call for the building of a kitchen and dining area in that section.

Marietta Lodge No. 444 A. F. and A. M. meets on the second Friday in the month. Eighty six persons are recorded on its membership roll.

Scene Of Birthday Celebration Was Familiar To Ferree Brothers

Jan. 16, 1967 – Ernest Lloyd Ferree and Gurney Boyd Ferree, 79 year-old twin brothers, went back to Brower's Chapel Methodist Church Sunday, Jan. 8, for the celebration of their birthdays.

They sat together in the worship service in the new building which has replaced the one at which they attended Sunday School in the long ago years of the past.

In the cemetery across from the church were the graves of their parents, Jim Ferree and Civil Harrelson Ferree.

Three brothers are also dead. Eugene as a young man. Stanton and Marvin in the later years.

Another brother, also named Jim, went to Spokane, Washington and remained for forty six years before returning for a visit in 1955 and two more visits later.

Two sisters, Mrs. Hugh T. (Maud) Brown, Sr., of the Coleridge Road, and Mrs. Cliff (Mabel) Hinshaw, of New Salem are still living and joined their twin brothers for the joint birthday celebration which took place Sunday in the fellowship hall, after the worship service had ended.

There were twin birthday cakes and a bountiful supply all other kinds of food for the enjoyment of the twin brothers, their two sisters, the families of all of them and a few friends.

The young Brower's Chapel preacher, Bill Bass, was there to express thanks not only for the sumptuous amount of food but also for the lives of the two brothers and their families.

The minister had also taken note of the presence of the twin brothers at his worship service earlier.

Ernest and Gurney, as they are known to the large group of relatives and friends, were born at the old homeplace on the Coleridge Road, now occupied by their sister Maud.

They attended the schools at Brower and Gold Hill before going to the Asheboro Academy, then a three-room building located at the present site of the Fayetteville Street School.

Among their teachers at Brower were Nannie Burrow and Russell Ashworth while at the Asheboro Academy they remember Professor Crowell and Bertie Ross.

After their school days, they worked in the shops and plants in Asheboro. Gurney worked for nine years at the Asheboro chair Company and for six years in the cabinet shop at The Home Building, Inc.

But as the years went by, Ernest turned to farming and Gurney became a Methodist Protestant preacher.

Ernest married Bertha Lambert and lived with his wife and children a short distance up the road from his birthplace for many years. Later, the family moved to Route 2, Randleman, west of Spero, where he still resides. His wife died in 1964.

Gurney married Ida Henley and after entering the ministry they served churches in Liberty Hill, S. C., Mocksville, Forsyth County, Randolph Charge, Seagrove, Grays Chapel, Bethany, and Randleman in Randolph County, and in Albemarle.

It was in Albermarle, over ten years ago, that Gurney was forced into retirement because of his wife's health. They came back to their South Cox Street Extension home where she died in 1960.

Upon coming back to Asheboro, he took up gardening and a little farming, along with some preaching and, as he expressed it, "marrying the living and burying the dead."

Gurney re-married four years ago last Oct., taking as his second wife Mrs. Melvina Skeen.

Eight children were born to Ernest Ferree and his wife. They are Boyd Ferree and Mrs. Dave (Margaret) Stoer, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Pearlman (Mildred) Pickett, Asheboro; Mrs. Ed (Anna Lloyd) Grant, Route 1, Asheboro; Joe Ferree, Asheboro; Mrs. Marvin (Mary Louise) Sayland, Ayden; Mrs. Duncan (Carolyn) Curton, Ft. Worth, Texas; and Mrs. Donald (Sylvia) Cox, who is living with her father while her husband is serving with the Air Force in Thailand.

Six children were born to Gurney Ferree and his wife. A daughter, Edith, died at the age of nine. The other children are Rev. Sulon Gurney Ferree, a Methodist minister who is associated with the publication of "The Upper Room at the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Gurney (Agnes) Smith, Virginia Beach, Va.; Ralph J. Ferree, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force, now retired and living in Asheboro; Mrs. Nathan (Lynette) Albright, Route 1, Ramseur; and Ogburn Ferree, of Charlotte.

Ernest Ferree has twenty grandchildren while his brother, Gurney, has eighteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

It was a grand occasion last Sunday when the twin brothers came together for worship at the old meeting site and to be with their families, their sisters, their nieces and their nephews.

They reminisced, they joked with each other, they hurled friendly insults and they had an all round good time.

Members of a pioneering and well established family in the Asheboro area, each of them has made his contributions to the community and to his fellow man.

Gurney has been around more and perhaps his life has revolved to a certain extent around the twenty five years he spent in the ministry.

Ernest, on the other hand, has remained close by to offer his service as a neighbor, a friend and a substantial citizen of the community.

To both of them, we offer our congratulations upon the attainment of their 79th year and wish for them the best of everything in the years that remain.

March of Dimes Assisted: Her Survival Was Assured

Jan. 16, 1967 – Devona Annette Stockwell is a healthy happy baby despite having been born with severe birthdefects.

When she was born fourteen months ago, on Sept. 12, 1965, she was afflicted with hydrocephalus, water on the brain, and also spina bifida or more commonly known as the open spine.

Little chance was given for her survival but two major operations, for which March of Dimes rendered financial assistance, have enabled pretty Devona Annette to enjoy a happy normal babyhood.

The matter of walking is still in question but Devona Annette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stockwell, of Randleman, are pleased that she has come along as well as she has.

They are grateful that she has come from the brink of death to the gurgling strong baby that she is.

The little brown-haired girl, with the hazel eyes, was born at City Memorial Hospital in Thomasville the parents were living at their present home on railroad Avenue in Randleman behind the United Brass Works.

The day following her birth she was taken by her father and maternal grandmother to the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill. They were told to take her back home, make her as comfortable as possible and that she would probably live from three days to three weeks.

Hydrocephalus, one of her two major ailments at the time of her birth is defined as "a brain, filled with water" while the other one, spina bifida, is described as "a spinal malformation in which some of the vertebrae failed to fuse, so that a sac containing the covers of the spinal cord, the fluid, and even the spinal cord itself may protrude between the split vertebrae and appear under the skin."

The latter disease is also described as "a lesion." The lesion or baglike formation on little Devona Annette's back at the time of her birth was a monstrous thing until it was successfully removed by surgery about five months later.

But first her head was operated on a short while after her birth at Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, with Dr. Richard Ames Neuro-surgeon, performing the operation.

But before this surgery was performed at least two other doctors had told the young parents there was no hope and it was only a matter of days.

The first surgery consisted of a "shunt-tube operation," which was the insertion of a tube to release the fluid from the brain. The little girl was returned to her home after a week and a half to await the second and perhaps more complicated surgical operation.

This second operation, performed also by Dr. Ames, was a complete success the same as the first operation and both surgical performances justified the faith the young parents had held, despite being told by several doctors there was no hope.

After the first surgery the little girl began to thrive and to grow and after the second operation her development increased. She now weighs thirty pounds or more, is beginning to talk and is an unusually pleasant and happy child. She is alert, perceptive and has completely repudiated the idea that damage to her brain might have occurred at the time of her birth.

Soon she will be taken to the Birth Defects Special Treatment Center at Chapel Hill, financed by the March of Dimes, for possible therapy and diagnosis of the paralysis which has supposedly settled in her legs.

The possibility of Devona Annette being unable to walk is disturbing but her parents, who were told repeatedly that

she could not live, will worry about that factor when they come to it.

The faith, hope, prayers and courage which brought them through even darker days will surely remain with them for the events of the future. For the present they are happy and content to have their little brown-haired daughter with them, to enjoy her delightful babyhood and to rejoice in the blessings which have been afforded them.

More than 250,000 American babies are born each with mental and physical defects. Contribute to the March of Dimes and join the fight against birth defects.

A Quiet Anniversary Observed By Hoovers

Jan. 19, 1967 – Another wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hoover, their 65th, was passed off quietly on Jan. 11 at their home Route 3, Asheboro.

Their condition doesn't permit them to get around much any more, as Mr. Hoover recently spent some time in a Greensboro hospital and Mrs. Hoover's arthritis has become worse.

However, Mr. Hoover, a veteran watermelon grower, still had a few last season. Although he figures those will be the last ones he will grow.

Eighty-four years of age last Oct., he still cultivates a garden and keeps a few chickens. Mrs. Hoover, 83 years of age last June, does very little work due to her arthritic condition.

Their six children, Mrs. Wincie Belle Rich, Mrs. Annie Vada Richardson, Lonnie Hoover and Harold Lloyd Hoover, of Route 3, Asheboro, Moody Hoover, Route 2, Asheboro, and Mrs. Thelma Whatley, Route 4, Asheboro, keep close watch over their parents, with at least one of them staying in the old home at night and also during most of the day.

Mr. Hoover hasn't even seen a favorite cousin, "Little Joe" Poole, Route 2, Asheboro resident, in a good while even though the two men converse over the telephone. Mr. Poole also has not been well.

It was "Little Joe" Poole and his wife, along with Mrs. Hoover's cousin, Cora Bunting, and Rony Hoover who attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hoover on a rainy Sunday morning sixty – five years ago last Jan. 11.

"Little Joe" Poole was driving the open top buggy which carried Mr. and Mrs. Hoover to a wedding supper on that day sixty-five years ago. Friends blocked the road on which they were traveling and "Little Joe" drove the buggy off the road, through an orchard and back on the road to out – maneuver the pranksters and enable him to carry the newlyweds on to their supper site.

Bill Rich, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, visited them on their 65th anniversary date and Mr. Hoover told him that he "ought to have brought a horse and buggy with him so that we could take a buggy ride like we did sixty – five years ago."

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hoover on the Sunday following their wedding anniversary was Mrs. Daisy Varner, also of Route 3, Asheboro, a schoolmate of Mrs. Hoover and a long time friend of the couple. Mrs. Varner is 84 years of age.

A Good Day For Holiness Church: Rally Gathers To Burn A Mortgage

A Mortgage burning service occurred Sunday morning, Jan. 15, at the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Indebtedness on the church was cleared last Nov. 21, following a special rally on Sunday, Nov. 20.

An unusual aspect is the beginning of a new building fund which developed between the time of the liquidation of the church debt last Nov. and the mortgage burning service of Sunday, Jan. 15.

With 215 in Sunday School on the Sunday of the mortgage burning, both the pastor, Rev. R. J. Hobbs, and the Sunday School Superintendent, Howard Moody, sounded the call for additional educational facilities for the church.

Conducting the mortgage burning service was the Rev. R. S. Shelton, of Kernersville, District Superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Assisting in the actual burning of the note was the pastor who by virtue of his position serves as chairman of the official board. Members of the board sat as a group for the special service.

They are, in addition to the pastor, Elmer Fesmire, Howard Moody, Charles Kinney, Fred Burgess, Rev. James Newell, Taft Kivett, Mrs. Selma Kivett, Mrs. Thrya Marley and Miss Joyce Cox.

Miss Cox, also church secretary, read a prepared history of the church, which had its beginning in a tent revival which was held in May, 1903.

The district superintendent used as his text: "Not by might nor by power but by My spirit, saith the Lord. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Hudson, sang "To God Be the Glory" and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fesmire sang "Wonderful Savior."

The speaker said "this is one of the happiest days in your life" and he proclaimed Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church as being "one of the finest churches not only of the North Carolina Conference but of the entire Pilgrim Holiness denomination".

Following the special service, a fellowship dinner was held at the Ramseur Town Hall.

The Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church had its beginning in the tent revival which was held a short distance from the present site of the church which is located in the Brooklyn area of Ramseur.

The meeting which lasted for seventeen days, was conducted by Rev. Charles Johnson and Rev. Clark Frazier. At the close of the meeting, those who were later to make up the congregation of the church began to hold midweek prayer services and Sunday evening services in the homes of the community.

Later the services were moved to an old blacksmith shop and then to the Knights of Labor Hall which stood near where the Ramseur Christian Church now stands.

Before organization as the Ramseur Apostolic Holiness Church on Nov. 23, 1903, the congregation had moved to the home of N. B. Gunter which stood near the site of the original services at the tent revival.

Fifteen or sixteen members comprised the charter membership of the church, with only one, Mrs. Mamie Stout, age 82, still living. Mrs. Stout an invalid, is unable to attend the services at the church.

Directly following the organization of the church, John W. Kivett donated some land just south of the present building. On this tract of land a one - story building, measuring 28 by 46 feet, was erected by Mr. Kivett, Charles Stout, John M. York and others.

The first sermon in the new building was delivered Feb. 21, 1904 by the Rev. R. F. Porter who had been called to serve as the first pastor of the church.

Later additions to the building were made, including four Sunday School rooms in 1930 and three more in 1940 in addition to the sanctuary being lengthened at the same time by ten feet.

But as the years went by, the need of additional facilities was felt and a building fund was started. A committee was appointed by the official board on Oct. 7, 1952 to make tentative plans for a new building.

Approval of the plans was voted by the church membership on Sunday, Jan. 1, 1953 and the church pastor, Rev. W. L. Cockman, and the building committee went to work.

Members of the building committee were Elmer Fesmire, Otis Allen, Ed Scott and Charles Kinney. Later, the Rev. James Newell was appointed as treasurer and co-chairman of the building program, with the specific assignment also of supervising the construction of the new building.

Ground was broken in the fall of 1954 and the construction begun on the north side of the original church building.

By Feb., 1955 the treasurer had paid out the sum of \$12,352.77 and had a balance on hand of \$2,932.50. At that time the church decided to borrow up to \$20,000 to complete the construction of the building.

The amount of \$5,000 was borrowed against the parsonage property and a later amount for \$15,000 was borrowed with seventeen people signing the note for this indebtedness.

These persons were Elmer Fesmire, Fred J. Kivett, J. M. Newell, Charles Kinney, Leslie Lineberry, Howard F. Moody, Walter Allen, Taft Kivett, Eli M. Scott, Fred Burgess, Nora S. Burgess, Penn L. Stout, V. J. Caviness, Earl Cox, Charles Kinney, Leslie Lineberry, Howard F. Moody, Walter Allen, Taft Kivett, Eli M. Scott, Ed Scott, Fred Burgess, Nora S. Burgess, Penn L. Stout, V. J. Caviness, Earl Cox, W. J. Macon and Dwight Reece.

Appropriate mention was made of the note signers at the mortgage burning service, one of whom, Earl Cox, is now deceased.

The new brick edifice was completed in the late summer of 1955 and on Sept. 4 of that year the opening services were held in the new building.

The loan for \$5,000 was paid off on Feb. 27, 1959 and the \$15,000 loan, which had been increased by \$2,000 in May, 1963 to enable the church to purchase additional land, was liquidated on November 21, 1966, the day after the special rally which had been held on the third Sunday in the month, the regular building fund day.

However, during the indebtedness on the building, the church had purchased and paid for a new piano and a new organ.

The Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church, strong throughout the years of its existence, has steadily continued its progress under the leadership of the Rev. R. J. Hobbs who came to the church six years ago.

Occupying a top place among the churches of Ramseur and in the state and national circles of its denomination, the continued progress of the church could possibly be attributed to the church slogan which occupies a prominent place in its pulpit and reads as follows: "It's easier when we all work together."

Seven Years Of His Pastorate Ends When Rev. Jenkins Leaves Pulpit

Feb. 2, 1967 – Seven years of fruitful service will be entered in the record books when on Sunday, Feb. 12, the Rev. Clarence Jenkins closes out his pastorate at the Union Grove Baptist Church.

But, as the Rev. Mr. Jenkins pointed out last Sunday, "if you will love your new pastor like you have loved me, God has great things in store for you."

Many accomplishments some large some small but all with meaning and significance, have taken place during the seven year pastorate of Rev. Clarence Jenkins at the Union Grove Church, located next to the Moore County line and one of the largest rural churches in Randolph County.

A budget outlay of \$140,000 has been expended during the seven-year period, with sharp increases in the foreign mission allotment and other phases of the cooperative giving.

A beautiful fellowship building, one of the finest in this area, has been erected at the cost of \$18,000 which was at least half of the approximate worth of the building.

After the record expenditures of the past seven years, there are still funds amounting to \$12,000 remaining in the church treasury, representing a tentative building fund and money for current operating expenses.

Some of the improvements at the church and parsonage, although perhaps minor, have still contributed to the enjoyment of the Union Grove people and has provided a more conducive place for them to worship.

Outside lights were placed at the church and parsonage areas and concrete walks have been laid in front of the church, the educational building and the fellowship building. The shrubbery around the church was improved and the parsonage was cleared and sowed in grass. Trees in the area were also topped and trimmed. A concrete table was erected in the picnic area.

Graves in the cemetery were leveled off and the entire area sowed in grass. Legal technicalities in the deed to the cemetery property were cleared and the property was made over entirely to the church group.

The sanctuary in the church building was first air conditioned and then the Sunday School department in the educational building. A conditioner was also placed in the parsonage, along with remodeling painting, carpeting, the installation of a heating system and the addition of a carpet.

Earlier in the ministry of Mr. Jenkins at Union Grove a Training Union was organized and has proved to be a definite factor in the life and activities at the church.

Over a hundred additions to the church through baptism have been made during Mr. Jenkins' tenure of service at the Union Grove Church.

The departing pastor, in speaking of the accomplishments of his ministry at the Union Grove Church, said, "the people did it because they love God." At the conclusion of his remarks he told his congregation that "God will bless you when you work together"

He had high praise for the members of the deacon board, Alton Garner, chairman, Bill Hussey, who is also superintendent of the Sunday School and other board members Charlie Jordan, Talton Cagle and Lacy Beane.

In a voice choked with emotion, he also spoke of the services of past board chairmen Colon McNeill, who is now

serving as the treasurer of the church, and Junior Beck, including also "that great minister of music, Bobby Maness", the assistant superintendent of Sunday school. Troy Summers, and Delbert Garner who became Training Union director upon the organization of that unit.

He did not stop with the words of commendations for these church leaders but brought in the entire church body by saying "there is not a finer church in North Carolina".

Clarence Jenkins is a native of Davie County but was living in Coolee and working at Ervin Cotton Mills when he was called to the ministry.

This was about the year 1940 and after entering the ministry he first served as an evangelist and attended Wingate College to better prepare himself for the new field in which he had entered.

His first pastorate was the Flipping Memorial Baptist Church in Mount Airy, where he remained for two years, and then he came to the Oak Hill Baptist Church in Thomasville where he remained for ten years. He came to the Union Grove Baptist Church on the third Sunday in Feb., 1960. His wife is the former Margaret Lakey, a native of Forsyth County but who was also living in Davie County at the time of her marriage to Mr. Jenkins. Mrs. Jenkins' birthday occurred Jan. 27 and she was honored by the Union Grove congregation at a buffet luncheon in the fellowship building.

For the past twenty-one years Mr. Jenkins has conducted a radio ministry and during his stay at Union Grove he has acquired a large following through his services at the Asheboro Radio Station WGWR.

One of the many courtesies extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins since their coming to the Union Grove Church has been the bearing of their expenses, by the church group, to the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, one of which was held as far away as San Francisco, Calif.

On the third Sunday in Feb., one week after his departure from the Union Grove Church, the Rev. Clarence Jenkins will assume the pulpit of the Southside Baptist Church in Salisbury.

The church, the community, the entire lower section of Randolph County and his denomination throughout the county will feel the effect of this pastor's leaving.

The impact of his ministry has been felt in many circles. We wish him well as he leaves to begin another phase of the work to which he was called many years ago.

Sisters Were Competitors For School Beauty Honor

Feb. 6, 1967 – Three sisters, Linda, Wanda and Pat Garner, participated in a beauty pageant Friday evening to determine Seagrove High School's representative in the selection of a queen for the Randolph County Conference basketball tournament

The eldest of the three, Linda Garner, 18, was chosen to compete with the representatives from other high schools in the tournament which will begin at Chatham Central High School in Bear Creek on Feb. 21.

Linda Garner and her two sisters, along with fourteen other candidates, were selected prior to Friday evening's beauty pageant to represent Seagrove's high school classes and the various clubs in the contest.

The winner, Linda Garner, was the representative of the Monogram Club, the Student Council and the 12th grade. Wanda Garner, 17, represented the 11th grade while the

youngest of the three Pat Garner, 15, represented the Library Club.

Linda, a senior, is chief cheer leader and a bus driver, Wanda, a junior, is co – chief cheer leader and pianist for the F. H. A. Pat, a member of the sophomore class, is a guard on the varsity basketball team and recreational leader for the F. H. A.

Active also in other school programs, the girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Garner, Route 4, Asheboro. They have an older sister, Janice, a 1965 graduate of Seagrove High School, and now a student at Asheboro Commercial College. The other member of the family is Michael, age 2.

Other candidates in the beauty pageant were Shirly Asbill, Elsie Chriscoe, Romona Auman, Diane Auman, Debbie Page, Judy Bowman, Sandra Graves, Carol Hayes, Ellen Bone, Barbara Harrelson, Anne Gatlin, Faye Tedder, Vickie Needham and Patsy Deaton, However, Ellen Bone was unable to participate on the night of the pageant due to illness.

Judges were Mrs. Harold Powell, chairman: Mrs. E. N. Knott, Mrs. Walter L. Ward, Ralph Bulla and Bill Jordan.

Judging of the pageant was based on beauty, poise and personality.

Hospital No Real Barrier—He's Still Baptized

Feb. 6, 1967 – Baptismal rites were administered to seventy three year-old Robert Logan Moffitt in a special baptismal service Tuesday morning, Jan. 31, at The Randolph Hospital.

The baptizing by immersion for the life-long resident of Route 1, Seagrove took place in the whirl pool in the hospital's physical therapy department.

Rev. Kenneth Ferree, pastor of the Seagrove, Pleasant Cross and Pleasant Union Christian Churches, conducted the service and performed the rites of baptism upon the request of Mr. Moffitt.

Mr. Ferree until recently was pastor of the Antioch Christian Church located in the community in which Mr. Moffitt has lived for his entire life.

Witnessing the baptismal ceremony were a small group of relatives, friends and neighbors, including Mr. and Mrs. Russell Macon, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Macon, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burgess, Mrs. Graham Moffitt, Mrs. Stacy Asbill and Mrs. Roy Macon.

Russell Macon and Mrs. Burgess are a nephew and niece of Mr. Moffitt while Bobby Macon and Mrs. Moffitt are his great-nephew and great-niece.

Robert Logan Moffitt had read the Bible through forty one times and was in his forty second reading at the time he entered The Randolph Hospital on Jan. 18.

Although not a regular attendant at church services, he had prayed for many years for the knowledge that he was saved from his sins. He received the assurance of his salvation and had testified of his knowledge to the minister and others.

But upon entering the hospital he expressed the regret that he had not been baptized. It was then that the Rev. Mr. Ferree, Mr. Moffitt's doctor, hospital officials and relatives negotiated on the plans to carry out the request for baptism.

Mr. Moffitt has lived alone since the death of his mother in 1948. He read the Bible, some ever day in the latter years,

listened to religious broadcasts on the radio, contributed to them and also to the nearby church.

His life has been an exemplary one and his religion has been founded on a basic honesty that has been refreshing in a time of hypocrisy and sham.

His philosophy of baptism, as he once expressed it to a minister who came to his farm to hunt rabbits, was "if you put a dry devil in the water, you'll pull a wet one out."

Robert Logan Moffitt was born May 3, 1893 in a house about one hundred yards where he has lived since he was seven years old. His parents, Elican and Louisa Moffitt, lived on the place before him, as did his grandfather, Logan Moffitt, for whom he was named.

His father died in 1910, with his mother living thirty eight years thereafter. He has an only sister, Della Moffitt Macon, who is now deceased.

He has lived throughout his life on a dead-end road, a half of a mile off of the main throughfare and three tenths of a mile from the river to which his land has adjoined.

In the quietness and solitude of his habitation, he has read, he has studied and he has prayed. He has through persistent intercession gained the knowledge of his salvation and eternal life.

Only one thing more was needed, following the example of Christ in baptism. It was a solemn occasion and a significant one, with those who knew him best gathered around.

The silence of the physical therapy room was broken only by the words of the minister as he intoned the familiar words: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. I baptize thee, my brother in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen."

Fellowship Supper Acquaints Local Ministers

Feb. 9, 1967 – Thirty four ministers and their wives from the Wesleyan Methodist and Pilgrim Holiness Churches of the Asheboro area and surrounding vicinities held a fellowship supper at the Seafood Lodge in Asheboro Monday evening.

This informal, get-acquainted meeting of the ministers and their wives of the two denominations followed closely a declaration of the merger of the Wesleyan Methodist and Pilgrim Holiness denominations by their general superintendents in a joint release.

Although a general conference for the consummation of the merger will not be held until June, 1968, ratification of the proposed merger has already been approved by more than the two-thirds majority vote which was required.

In view of this ratification vote, ministers of the two denominations in the Asheboro area decided to get together in a get-acquainted meeting prior to the merger of the two church groups locally.

Rev. Paul L. Whiteside, pastor of the Crestview Wesleyan Methodist Church and chairman of Wesleyan ministers in this area, presided over the meeting and welcomed the ministers and their wives.

Sitting with Rev. and Mrs. Whiteside at the head table were Rev. R. S. Shelton, of Kernersville, district superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness denomination, and Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Denny of Randleman.

Rev. Mr. Denny is pastor of the Randleman Pilgrim Holiness Church and is the assistant to the district superintendent of the North Carolina conference.

Other ministers and their wives included Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Gentry, First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Asheboro; Rev. and Mrs. C. C. McMasters, Liberty Pilgrim Holiness Church; Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Stout, First Pilgrim Holiness Church, Asheboro; Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Freeman, Foster Street Pilgrim Holiness Church, Asheboro; Rev. R. Sam Parker, Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church; and Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, Brower's Pilgrim Holiness Church, Route 5, Asheboro.

Also, Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Conner, Franklinville Pilgrim Holiness Church; Rev. James R. Perryman, Rushwood Park Wesleyan Methodist Church; Bob Loman, of Liberty, Minister of Music, Siler City Pilgrim Holiness Church; Rev. Ronald Thompson, pastor of Siler City Pilgrim Holiness Church; Rev. Jim Sheets, pastor of Troy Pilgrim Holiness Church; Rev. and Mrs. Homer Smith, Sawyersville Pilgrim Holiness Church; Rev. and Mrs. George D. Simmons, High Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church; Rev. and Mrs. Carroll M. Upton, Robbins Pilgrim Holiness Church; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Teague, Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church; Rev. and Mrs. Boyd Kistler, Midway Wesleyan Methodist Church, Randleman; and Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Cooper, of Asheboro, Mt. Zion and High Falls Pilgrim Holiness Churches.

After partaking of a delicious meal and introductions all around, the Rev. Mr. Shelton spoke briefly to the assembled group.

His counterpart in the Wesleyan denomination, the Rev. Dewey O. Millier of High Point, president of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, was unable to be present.

Grateful To Our Hospital Cary Woman Shows Feelings

Feb. 9, 1967 - A Cary woman, who spent five months at the local hospital two years ago, took an unusual method last Christmas of expressing her appreciation for favors extended her since being injured in an automobile accident on Highway 64 east of Asheboro on Oct. 2, 1964.

Mrs. H. J. Waff, Jr. is still undergoing therapy for the injuries which came close to taking her life. She sustained crushed ribs, a broken right hip and a broken and mangled left leg. For three weeks after being admitted to the Randolph Hospital she was on the critical list.

For the many kindnesses which she received while in the hospital here and for the many courtesies and the assistance she has received since returning to Cary, she expressed herself in a unique manner during the Christmas season.

At her 106 Dry Ave. home in Cary, she displayed as a front door arrangement a discarded orthopedic boot, crutches and walker and wrote on a placard above those items as follows: "Thank You. Your prayers and encouragement have enabled me to do this. Happy Holidays."

Mrs. Waff's first steps after her accident were in Feb., 1965 with the aid of an orthopedic brace, boot and walker. She still wears a built up shoe and reports for therapy twice a week.

Asheboro and Randolph County people opened their hearts to Mrs. Waff during the long months she spent here at The Randolph Hospital. These kindnesses were described in a feature article on Mrs. Waff in this paper on Jan. 14, 1965.

She returned here to the hospital in July 1965 to have a plate removed from her right hip and remained for ten days. In Nov. of the same year she returned again to the hospital for three weeks for treatment of an irritation to her injured hip, brought on by worry and stress upon the death of her husband.

After leaving the Asheboro hospital, where she felt the generosity of the local people, Mrs. Waff was taken on as a project by her home folks, spearheaded by the Ecith Chapter O.E.S. No. 160. But soon the people of the entire community, civic and religious organizations, neighbors and friends throughout Wake County joined in the project of helping Mrs. Waff through her difficulties.

This assistance was especially needed after the death of her husband and since her only child, a son, was in school at Campbell College.

Mrs. Waff was grateful to the Cary and Wake County people, just the same as she was grateful to the Asheboro and Randolph County people. To express her sincere thanks, she arranged the display of the discarded implements which she had used and gave the people credit for the fact she no longer needed them.

Friends here may write her at P. O. Box 85, Cary N. C. 27511.

He'll Study Abroad Now, Thanks To A Scholarship

Feb. 13, 1967 - A scholarship for graduate study and travel in France this summer has been awarded to a young North Asheboro native, now teaching school in Davidson county.

Charles Norman Bennett, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman O. Bennett, 720 Parkview Street, Asheboro, was awarded the scholarship by Alliance Francaise, an organization of researchers in the Golden Triangle area of North Carolina interested in French language and culture.

The award came at a Mardi Gras ball in Chapel Hill, which is held each year to raise a minimum of \$1,000 to provide the scholarship enabling some public school French teacher in North Carolina to spend from eight to ten weeks in France for study and travel.

Now chairman of the foreign language department at Central Davidson High School, teaching both French and English, Charles did practice teaching at Central high before becoming a full member of the faculty.

He attended the elementary school at Balfour, near to the home in which he was reared, graduated from Asheboro High School in 1961 and attended Lees McRae Junior College at Banner Elk before enrolling at Appalachian State Teachers College where he graduated in 1965 with a B. S. degree. He had previously received an associate of arts degree at Lees McRae.

Last summer he attended the French Language Institute at Appalachian for the beginning of his graduate work. This summer he will enroll in some college in France for the continuation of his graduate studies. His weekends will be spent in travel throughout that area.

Elated over receiving the coveted scholarship, young Bennett said "I will do my best to show my appreciation to Alliance Francaise by studying hard when I am in France this summer."

His principal at Central Davidson High, Hoyle Young, said Bennett was a "dedicated teacher and a bright young man who should go far in his chosen profession." The principal also stated the pleasure of the faculty and the student body

in the selection of Bennett from a large number of applicants for the scholarship.

Active in other school affairs, in addition to his chosen field, Charles coaches freshman football, girls junior varsity basketball and is assistant varsity track coach at Central High.

A member of the First Baptist Church in Lexington, he has taught in the church school. While a student at college, he did summer mission work in Midwestern states for the Southern Baptist Convention.

On the civic level, he is a member of the Lexington Junior Chamber of Commerce, won the local Jaycee Speak - Up contest this year and was regional winner last year.

North Asheboro residents, where he spent his boyhood days, and Asheboro people generally will be pleased to hear of this honor and privilege which has come to Charles Bennett.

Another Big Increase By Randleman Couple

Feb. 13, 1967 - Youthful vigor and enthusiasm have accounted for another tremendous increase in March of Dimes receipts in Randleman for the second consecutive year.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Steed and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Byrd, serving as co-chairmen under the sponsorship of the Jaycee club, raised during the drive just ended a total of \$1,271.

Last year the same two young couples raised \$845.13 which was by far the largest amount up to that time in the recent history of the March of Dimes drive in Randleman.

Activities this year included a Mothers' March, a road block, a bake sale, concession stand at the race track, solicitation by Mrs. Theoia Chestnut and her 4-H Club, coin collectors and donations from J. P. Stevens, Commonwealth Hosiery Mill, Laughlin Hosiery Mill, and the Cee Gee Curb Market.

Jaycettes and other ladies assisting in the Mothers' March were Ruth Ann Wood, Geraldine Dennis, Sue Conner, Kay Simpson, Mary Ann Brown, Sharon Solmon, Dee Byrd, Grace Steed, Jessie Presnell, Helen Ford, Peggy Morris, Nancy Pugh and Dot Jenkins.

A Helping Hand In Time Of Need; Churches Combine For Benefit

Feb. 16, 1967 - The Coleridge Lions Club, eleven churches of the area and the people in general will combine their efforts Saturday, Feb. 18, to help a citizen of the Coleridge community and his family in their time of need.

They will hold a benefit supper for the Charlie Craven family at the Coleridge school cafeteria, beginning at 4 p. m. and continuing until everyone has been served.

An additional place for the serving of the meal will also be located at Florence Hall, next to the Concord Methodist Church, in order that the anticipated large number of people are served as expeditiously as possible.

It will be a ham supper and the adult plates will be sold for \$1.25 each. Children's plates will be sold for seventy five cents. Take home plates will be available.

Initiated by the Coleridge Lions Club, of which Nathan Cox is the president, churches cooperating in the supper project include Concord Methodist, Deep River Baptist, Maple Springs Methodist, Pleasant Ridge Christian, Parks Cross

Roads Christian, Faith Baptist, Shiloh Christian, Antioch Christian, Holly Springs Friends, Bethel Friends, and the Union Grove Christian Church.

A committee of community people handling the arrangements for the supper consists of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. (Junie) Smith, Mrs. Lloyd Cox, Worth Cox, James Cox, Mrs. Dewey Wright, Alton Gray and Elvin Murray.

Charlie Revere Craven was living at his Route 1, Ramseur farm, located at the end of a dead-end one half of a mile off of the Coleridge-Siler City road, when a severe stroke hit him on the day before Thanksgiving last year.

Living with him were his wife, the former Mellie Hall, a native of Wheelright, Ky., and their 15 year-old son, Ronnie. Another son is serving with the military forces while five other children are married and away from home.

Mr. Craven was removed to the Chatham County Hospital at Siler City on Nov. 26, three days after his stroke, where he remained until Dec. 1. On that day he was taken to the Cone Hospital in Greensboro where he suffered another severe stroke upon being admitted to that hospital.

He remained in the intensive care unit for several days and was brought back to his Route 1, Ramseur home on Jan. 14. He is still in a serious condition and requires constant care both day and night.

For two years prior to the severe stroke which he suffered the day before Thanksgiving, Mr. Craven had been in ill health and is said to have sustained several light strokes during this period of illness. During this time he had not been able to perform the amount of work which he had been accustomed to doing.

Known throughout the community as an unusually hard worker, he farmed his land and engaged himself as a carpenter and as a brickmason. He built the house in which he lives with his family, nearly seven years ago. The old house in which they formerly lived is nearby. Mr. Craven is 60 years of age.

Another misfortune suffered by the Craven family occurred last Apr. when the youngest son, Ronnie, was kicked by a horse. His ribs were broken, one of his lungs collapsed and he spent nine days at the hospital in Siler City.

Because of these unfortunate circumstances which have come to the Charlie Craven family, their friends and neighbors felt that the benefit supper for them should be held. It is a completely voluntary gesture on the part of the people of the Coleridge community.

Just A Rural Community But They Gave Generously

Feb. 16, 1967 - A March of Dimes report from the small rural community of Flag Springs will perhaps bring in the largest amount of money raised in the 1967 drive just ended except for the town of Asheboro.

H. Clendon Richardson, drive chairman for that area for the past four years, has turned over \$1,645 to March of Dimes treasurer, Joe Church, to show for his efforts this year.

Last year he raised \$1,170 and the year before that around a thousand dollars. His first year as active chairman for his community, he raised something over \$300.

His receipts took an upward turn three years ago when he began sponsoring a March of Dimes Jamboree, including a chicken stew supper and auction sale.

The money he raised this year came from the following sources: gospel singing, \$133.28; special donations, \$123.82; chicken stew supper, \$223.30; drawing at sale, \$57.50; and auction sale, \$1,107.10.

Richardson, severely afflicted himself with polio since the age of 14, begins early each year working on the March of Dimes drive and continues with great persistence until the total receipts are turned in.

He wishes to express his appreciation to the merchants and other business places in Asheboro and vicinity for their cooperation in contributing items for the auction sale and food for the chicken stew supper.

Conducting the auction sale for him each of the three years it has been held was J. D. King, well known auctioneer, and helping with the chicken stew supper has been Carl Steed and members of his crew.

Assisting with the overall arrangements have been Clendon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richardson, his sister-in-law Mrs. C. Leonard Richardson, and his niece, Karen Richardson.

A Busy First Year Passes For Randleman's Jaycees

Feb. 23, 1967 - The Randleman Junior Chamber of Commerce has achieved much and established itself firmly in the city it serves since its organization in Nov., 1965.

Even though the end of the fiscal year is still two months away, club members are busily preparing their "R and R" reports, recode and recognition, for the competition at the state Jaycee convention in May.

Many volumes will need to be recorded, for it has been a busy year for the Randleman Jaycee Club.

Other events are still to come before the year ends, particularly the Distinguished Service Award banquet and Bosses Night observance at the Randleman High School cafeteria Friday evening, Mar. 3.

This will be the first presentation of the Distinguished Service Award banquet and Bosses Night observance at the Randleman High School cafeteria Friday evening, Mar. 3.

This will be the first presentation of the Distinguished Service Award by the Randleman Jaycee Club and it is expected to be one of the highlights in the brief but momentous history of the club.

The purpose of the Jaycees, working for community betterment, has been carried to its fullest extent by the members of the Randleman club.

One of its projects during this Jaycee year has been the establishment of the Jaycee Recreational Park, located on city owned property at Polecat Dam.

The Jaycees cleaned the area, built a road and parking area and located a picnic table and trash cans in the setting up of a place for picnicking. Future plans call for the established in cooperation with city officials, the State Recreational Director and the State Board of Health.

The March of Dimes drive, just concluded, was sponsored by the Jaycee club in the town of Randleman, with total receipts amounting to \$1,271. Club members also sponsored the drive last year, raising \$845.13 in their initial efforts. Jaycee members will also assist in the Heart Fund drive now in progress by the sponsorship of a Heart Fund dance on Feb. 25. Heading the Heart Fund drive in Randleman will be two members of the Jaycettes club, Mrs. Donald Soloman and Mrs. Darrell Dennis.

During State Jaycee Week the Randleman club observed Jaycee Community Week and cleaned up both sides of Highway 220, going a mile out of town each way.

During the Labor Day week-end, covering a period of three days, the members of the Jaycee club set up a Safety Rest Area at Gant's Service Station on Highway 220 at the intersection of Highway 311.

With signs up and down the highways heralding the area, the club members cleaned windshields and headlights, gauged tires, served cold drinks and handed out safety pamphlets.

They also manned a concession stand at all of the Randleman football games and held a fall festival, giving all of their receipts to the football stadium fund for the erection of a new bath house and the building of additional bleachers.

One of their most outstanding achievements was the initiation and planning of a Christmas parade, with the cooperation and financial assistance of Randleman merchants. Thirty five units were entered in the parade, which was the first to be held in Randleman in recent years with the exception of a small parade by the churches three years ago.

Other projects have included the sponsorship of the Red Cross Bloodmobile, with the acquiring of 120 pints of blood during a one day visit; the selling of industrial bonds for the development of new industry in Randleman; the holding of a donkey basketball game; the selling of cushions. Halloween candy and Christmas trees; the giving away of a Honda motor cycle; the projection of a color movie in sound of the Christmas parade; and the purchase of a camera for the photographing of their various projects.

Officers of the Randleman Junior Chamber of Commerce are Neal Connor, president; Darrell Dennis, internal vice president; Ronald Davis, external vice president; Robert Ledbetter, secretary; Larry Allred, treasurer; Alton Byrd, state director; and Donald Allred, club director.

Other members are D. B. Hilliard, Guy Steed, Johnny Rumbley, Jimmy Jenkins, Dwight Pennell, Clay Routh, Bobby Allred, Darrell Griffin, Harold Richardson, J. C. King, Tommy Julian, George Lucas, Ralph Groce, Newbern Douglas, John Whitt, Donald Soloman, Jimmy Lineberry, Charles Cox, Ray Williams, Lyndon Beane, Lawrence Watson, Danny Lovell, Tommy McDonald, Otis Brammer, and Roy Kirkman.

Three members of the club, Jerry Brown, Colvin Craven and R. P. Routh, are away in military service.

Despite the multitude of projects already behind them for this fiscal year, the club continued to make plans to the regular business session, a supper event, at the Circle Inn last Thursday evening.

They voted to give the amount of \$25 to the Randleman Historical Society, they planned a social gathering and dance for Saturday evening and they talked about the forthcoming DSA banquet and Bosses Night.

They also had as their guest Miss Eugenia Abad, an exchange student from Ecuador, South America who attends Trinity High School, they saw the color movie of the Christmas parade and they recognized Ralph Bulla, chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation-March of Dimes, for the presentation of certificates of appreciation for those who conducted the March of Dimes drive in Randleman.

Additional guests at the meeting were Robert Staley, a prospective member, and a delegation from the Pleasant Garden Junior Chamber of Commerce, consisting of Frank A. Plunkett, president; Jim Loggins, secretary; R. Zeb Thrower, past president and Bob Butler.

But just as significantly as these happenings at last Thursday's meeting was the preparation for the carrying on of their organization next year by the nomination of two of their outstanding members, Darrell Dennis and Ray Williams, for the club presidency in the election to be held Mar. 9.

By the nomination of these two young men for president of the Randleman Junior Chamber of Commerce, they guaranteed the retention of capable leadership for the club and they brought assurance of continued community betterment to the people of Randleman.

A Hometown Visit For Pastor, Now Officer Of Crozer Seminary

Mar. 2, 1967 – The Vice-President of Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., a Moore County native living next to the Randolph and Chatham County lines, visited recently with home folks while on a tour of North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina to talk with prospective students.

Rev. W. Clinton Powers, who was born on a Route 2, Bennett farm which reached into the three counties, visited with students at Duke University, the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest College, Guilford College and other schools while in this vicinity.

Among the relatives he visited while here was a sister, Mrs. Richard Davis, and her family on Route 1, Randleman.

Other members of his family include his father, Herbert Powers, Route 2, Bennett; a brother, Wilton Powers, member of the faculty at North Moore High School and also a resident of Route 2, Bennett and another sister, Mrs. Alton Phillips, of Siler City.

His mother, the former Sarah Purvis, died a year ago last month.

Clinton Powers grew up on his father's farm, graduated from Bennett High School in 1934 and enrolled that fall at Campbell College.

He was ordained to the ministry while a student at Campbell College, his ordination coming from the Beulah Baptist Church, located in Randolph County next to the Moore and Chatham County lines.

The Beulah church, situated in the community in which he grew to young manhood, is the church which he attended throughout his earlier years and where members of his family have attended since its organization in 1902.

After his graduation from Campbell College in 1936, he enrolled at Wake Forest College where he graduated in 1938. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary in 1941 and his Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1942.

Before becoming Vice-President of Crozer Theological Seminary in 1963, he served as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Redbank, N. J.; Assistant to President for Church Relations, Denison University, Granville, Ohio and Director of Christian Higher Education, Ohio Baptist Convention.

The Crozer Seminary, which he represented on the recent other southern areas, is part of a complex of five institutions, cooperating in a ministry to the total person.

These institutions include the Crozer Seminary, the Crozer Chester Medical Center, the College of Nursing, the Upland Institute, and the Mental Health Center.

The Crozer Seminary, international and interracial from its beginning, was founded in 1867 and will observe its 100th anniversary on Apr. 4, 1967.

Chairman of the centennial committee for the observance of the one hundredth year of the founding of the seminary is the Moore County native who attended church in Randolph County, the Rev. W. Clinton Powers.

This near native of Randolph County is married to the former Frances McNutt, of Chester, Pa., and they are the parents of two daughters, Cynthia Carol Powers Miller and Lynne Frances Powers.

Family members, former neighbors and friends, and Beulah Baptist church people are proud of the record of service which has been compiled by Clinton Powers since he left the community of his birth. They regard him as one of their own and they rejoice in the attainments which are his.

It Was Randleman's First Winner In Jaycee DSA Awards Program

Mar. 6, 1967 – Randleman Jaycees held their first Distinguished Service Award banquet at the high school cafeteria Friday evening and the recipient was Donnie Yates, a young man involved in many phases of activity in the Randleman community.

Bosses' Night was also observed at the dinner event, at which Fred Swartzberg, of High Point, past president of the North Carolina Jaycees, was the principal speaker.

Presentation of the award was made by Randleman Police Chief J. C. Dawkins. The recipient was selected by a panel of judges prior to the holding of the event.

Judging was based on contributions to the welfare and betterment of Randleman, Randolph County and the state; participation in all-round community activities and civic enterprises; evidence of lasting contribution to community welfare; evidence of business and personal progress; evidence of leadership ability; and cooperation with individuals and civic clubs.

The 33-year-old recipient, Donnie Yates, is manager of the Food Line Super Market in Randleman.

Active in the First Baptist Church, he has served as a Sunday School teacher for six years and is serving his second term as a deacon.

He is also active in the Rotary Club where he is chairman of the projects committee; the Randleman Merchants' Association where he is a past president; the Randleman Chamber of Commerce; and the Randleman PTA where he has seen active duty on a number of committees.

Another award, for special service rendered to the Randleman Jaycee Club, was presented to Bob Allred at the dinner meeting Friday evening. In his absence, the award was received by Mayor Paul Bell. Making the presentation was Otis Brammer, a member of the DSA committee.

Chairman of the committee was Guy Steed, who introduced the speaker. His co-chairman was Ray Williams, Neal Conner, Jaycee president, presided at the meeting.

Old Piney Ridge Church Fades Away But Congregation Not Relocated Yet

Mar. 6, 1967 – Despite the extremely cold weather Sunday, Feb. 26, churches throughout the southeastern section of Randolph County were holding their services as usual, with reasonable large attendances.

This was probably true in other sections of the county as well.

But one church, the Piney Ridge Methodist church, located on Route 1, Seagrove, had to keep its doors closed last Sunday morning because its facilities were not adequate for the weather which existed.

The Piney Ridge church building is old, it was erected in 1892, it is weather – beaten and there is too much exposure whenever an extremely cold spell sets in. Its only heat comes from a wood stove.

The older people of the church could have probably withstood the cold last Sunday morning but it was too cold for the children. And a greater part of the people who attend the Sunday School, approximately sixty in all, are children.

So, last Sunday morning, instead of the church bell ringing as usual, a handwritten sign on the dilapidated front door stated that there would be no services on that day. Instead of children's voices usually heard there on Sunday morning, the only sound was a rustling in the belfry and the whistling of the wind through the windows which had been covered with plastic.

But it is not always going to be that way with the piney Ridge Methodist Church and the approximately forty Negro families who inhabit the Piney Ridge community.

For several years they had planned for a new church building and had started a fund for that purpose. Last Nov., with around \$8,000 on hand, the construction began. But the new building, which is being built alongside of the old one, was not ready for occupancy last Sunday.

The Piney Ridge church people are working hard to complete their new building and hope to occupy it in the near future. But their number is small and they need all of the outside help which they can get.

However, they have taken the initiative and have set aside the second and fourth Sundays as building fund days. Then also about thirty couples within their own group have pledged two dollars on each of the building fund days.

This is a small amount, comparatively speaking, but through their own persistence they hope to complete the building which has been started and have a place in which to worship, regardless of rain, cold, sleet or snow.

Their efforts to help themselves and provide a decent place in which to worship has already attracted some outside help and donations, both large and small, have come in to them. But there is still more needed before the congregation worships in a new home.

A Family Left Destitute By Fire: But Generosity Should Fill A Gap

Mar. 9, 1967 A man, his wife and their four young children have been left destitute by a fire early Sunday afternoon which just about completely wiped out all of their belongings.

Only a sofa, one end table, the baby's picture and the family Bible were brought from the burning building.

These items, along with a stove and an old sewing machine which were located in an out building, comprised the family's furnishings after the fire had burned down.

All of their clothes were destroyed except what they had on their backs at the time of the fire. There was no insurance at all to cover their loss.

The five-room, two story garage apartment in which Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Lineberry and their four children, Rebecca 12, Lester, 10, Larry 9, and C. H. 7, were living on Highway 13, between Huldah Baptist Church and Union Grove Christian Church, was owned by Albert Freeman.

Mr. Lineberry, a cutter of saw mill timber, was not at home when the fire was discovered. Mrs. Lineberry and two of the children were in the house, the other two were on the outside.

The fire was discovered in the upstairs area, after Mrs. Lineberry had detected the odor of a burning substance.

No one else lived in the immediate vicinity and Mrs. Lineberry, after hailing a passing motorist, jumped in a pickup truck and went for her husband who was visiting six miles away at the home of a sister in Seagrove. She took her children with her.

Upon the return of Mr. and Mrs. Lineberry to the burning building, he was able by crawling in the house to bring out the items mentioned earlier. The Seagrove fire truck arrived earlier but the walls of the building had already crumbled.

Mr. and Mrs. Lineberry and their four children, all of whom are students at the Seagrove school, are planning to move to the place on which Mr. Lineberry was reared, on which a four – room house is situated.

This house is located in the same general area where they lived at the time of the fire but on the road which runs in a southeasterly direction off the Flag Springs Methodist Church road. Located next to the Irvin Cox residence, it is a house in which the family formerly lived.

The fire was a tragic one for the Claudie Lineberry family. It is tragic in that Claudie and Doris Lineberry, after several years of marriage and the parents of four children, are going to have to start again from scratch.

At the ages of 34 and 30, they have been left without money, clothes and household furnishings. They have also had the horrible experience of standing by and seeing all of their worldly possessions go up in smoke.

But Randolph County people are generous and have always responded in time of critical need.

Their friends and neighbors in the southeastern section are also kind and benevolent. No one doubts but that the people will come together and help get this family back on their feet.

They need everything because they lost just about everything in the fire, Rev. W. K. Metters, pastor of the Huldah Baptist Church, and Lewis Thomas, one of the church deacons, have agreed to coordinate the donations which may come to this family.

Mr. Metters' telephone number is 873-2671 and Mr. Thomas' telephone number is Asheboro 629-1260. Any money, food, clothing or household furnishings which you can give to the Claudie Lineberry family will be gratefully received. If you need help in making these contributions, please call either Mr. Metters or Mr. Thomas.

New Holiness Church Dedication

Mar. 20, 1967 – The new contemporary structure of the Randleman Pilgrim Holiness Church was formally dedicated Sunday afternoon, Mar. 29, in a service beginning at 2:30.

Situated at the old church site, on a knoll in the southwest area of Randleman, the sanctuary and Sunday School plant, joined together by a foyer, overlooks the postoffice and other business sited in that part of town.

The Sunday School plant was built in 1961. After clearing the indebtedness on that structure, the sanctuary was begun in Mar., 1965 and occupied in Apr. of last year.

Planning for both structures came at the first meeting of the official board and the Sunday School staff after the coming of the present pastor, the Rev. James L. Denny, in the fall of 1960.

It was at this joint meeting that the new pastor outlined his program for the church to which he had been called. A building fund of \$4,000 existed at the time. However, part of that was used to buy an additional two and one half acres of land.

For the dedicatory service the Rev. R. S. Shelton, of Kernersville, district superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, brought the message.

Greetings were extended by Rev. Harry Long, president of the Randleman Ministerial Association, and also invited to participate in the service were former pastors C. C. McMasters, O. L. Ruth, W. R. Phillips, W. L. Cockman and W. A. Way.

Special music was furnished by the choir of the Southern Pilgrim College in Kernersville, under the direction of Professor Gordon Miller.

The brick sanctuary, 42 feet wide and 96 feet long, has a frame-plastered interior which is one of the loveliest in this area. It includes the main sanctuary, two overflow areas and a balcony. The choir loft is situated behind the pulpit and there are two rooms off of this area, one of which is used for a choir room.

The interior has exposed laminated arches, cove lighting as well as regular church lanterns, and 38 stained glass memorial windows. There is a large cross on the wall at the rear of the pulpit area.

The neutral finish of the overhead arches, the contemporary designed pews and the pulpit furniture blend together for a striking effect throughout the beautifully formed auditorium. The pews are cushioned with foam rubber and the sanctuary is covered from wall to wall in olive green carpeting.

A seven by seven foot tower is located at the juncture of the sanctuary and the foyer which join the two buildings and contains the bell which came out of the old church belfry. The foyer itself is 18 by 24 feet, with an entrance at the front and the rear.

The Sunday school plant, a two-storied building, is 36 by 64 feet and contains 13 class rooms, two offices, a furnace room and rest rooms.

Enhancing the beauty of the outside structure is the fiber glass steeple which measures 24 feet above the main church building.

The entire church plant is valued at \$150,000. However, due to volunteer labor, careful buying of material and supplies and other economies, the actual cost of the two buildings and the furnishings has been priced at \$84,000.

Purchasing was done by the pastor who had general supervision of the construction of the two buildings. But a building supervisor was hired to look after the details of actual construction.

Financing thus far has come from within the church, with no outside canvass of funds from the business places and industries in Randleman or elsewhere. A memorial fund for Cindy Wilkerson, who was a youthful member of the church, provided the pulpit furniture for the new structure.

A new piano and organ was purchased prior to the construction of the sanctuary. The entire church indebtedness is estimated at \$50,000.

Randleman Pilgrim Holiness Church had its beginning at the site of the Country Holiness Church and cemetery between Randleman and Worthville. There a child, Nettie Trogdon, was buried May 8, 1887.

A revival meeting was held at the same place the following year in a brush arbor. Sunday School and worship services continued after the holding of the revival meeting.

A church organization, consisting of nineteen charter members, was formed in 1901 in a prayer meeting which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vuncannon. The new church was named Apostolic Holiness Church and became a unit of the Apostolic Holiness Union, an international church and missionary organization.

The new church group used the brush arbor for two years before purchasing the old Naomi Methodist Church building, which they tore down and used the lumber to erect a building at the site of the Country Holiness Church on the Worthville Road.

A few years later the Apostolic Holiness Church purchased the old Bloomfield School property and moved to the city of Randleman. The school building was converted into a church and parsonage. The church continued to worship in this building until the completion of the new sanctuary last year.

In the year 1922 the international Apostolic Holiness Union changed its name to the Pilgrim Holiness Church and the local church in Randleman became known by the same name.

In 1916 a tabernacle was built beside of the church. For forty five years annual camp meetings were held in this building. The tabernacle was torn down in 1961 to make way for the construction of the new church buildings.

A new 8-room brick parsonage replaced the old parsonage in 1950.

Membership at the Randleman Pilgrim Holiness Church is comparatively small, only 96, but its Sunday School averaged 199.3 last year. This year the average has exceeded 200.

The capable pastor whose accomplishments have been many since his coming over six years ago, was no stranger to this area when he accepted the call to the Randleman church.

He had served the Mt. Olive Pilgrim Holiness Church for four years, building the first unit of the church plant at the latter place.

He had also taught school at New Market, Randleman, Archdale and Trinity.

A native of Indiana and a graduate of Marion College in that state, he pastored the Pilgrim Holiness Church at Swayzee, Ind., before coming to North Carolina.

His wife, the former Nina Saunders, is a native of Burlington. They are the parents of two sons.

The Randleman Pilgrim Holiness Church group, for many years a factor in the spiritual growth of the town and vicinity, now worships in a building which is in sharp contrast to the

building which was erected from a wing of the old Bloomfield School.

An Old Skill Is Revived—Her Wheel Spins Anew

Mar. 27, 1967 – Mrs. Missouri Gilliland, long time member of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church in lower Randolph County, is busily engaged these days twisting thread and knitting socks at her home near Bennett, just across the Randolph County line.

A misfortune, the amputation of a leg, brought about this re-occurrence of the activities Mrs. Gilliland knew in the earlier years of her life.

After she had recuperated from the loss of her leg, Mrs. Gilliland said, "I could not sit around and do nothing". So, out of the grainary loft came the old spinning wheel and her knitting process, she said, "I've been at it off and on since I was in my teens."

She can remember when her mother spun the thread and wove the cloth for the dresses she wore. She can remember also her mother weaving the cloth for a suit of clothes her father wore.

The spinning wheel which came out of the grainary loft about three weeks ago was purchased by Mrs. Gilliland's mother at Aunt Julie Welch's sale between fifty and sixty years ago.

Now figured to be over one hundred years old, it was given to Mrs. Gilliland by her mother, before the death of the latter, around forty years ago.

Although Mrs. Gilliland said she took up knitting again to occupy her time, she still does her cooking, washing and ironing despite the loss of her leg. She gets about with the use of a walker and a wheel chair.

This 76 year-old woman also crochets various pieces, including bedspreads; pieces quilts and makes aprons. Since bringing out the old spinning wheel she has knitted a pair of socks for her pastor, the Rev. Hayes Ritter. She has been a member of the Pleasant Grove Church since before her marriage, which occurred nearly 52 years ago.

Daughter of Atlas and Sarah Lowdermilk Brown, she is married to Rufus King Gilliland. Their seven surviving children now live away from home. Mrs. Gilliland was born about a quarter of a mile from the Randolph County line and the family have lived since 1927 in the house at the end of the road, about a mile from the county line.

Liberian Student Shows 'Em'

Mar. 27, 1967 – A Liberian student who visited in Asheboro last week was billed as the table tennis champion of his country. He spent considerable time while here playing at the Acme-McCrary recreational building.

But after talking with this student from the West African country, it was learned that he possessed many other talents besides the art of playng table tennis.

Jim Davis is 21 years old and came from Monrovia, Liberia. He is studying this school year at Knox College, a privately managed liberal arts college in Galesburg, Ill.

He came to Asheboro as the guest of Miss Madge Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. (Ezell) Leach, 306 Harrison St. Mr. Leach is an employee at Acme-McCrary Corp. and this relation brought about the use of the facilities of the recreational building for his daughter and her guest.

Miss Leach, a graduate of Central High School locally and North Carolina College at Durham, is also studying this school year at Knox College.

Both young people are attending Knox College on post baccalaureate fellowships, Davis is on a scholarship from Ford Foundation and Miss Leach on a scholarship from Rockefeller Foundation.

At the close of the current school year at Knox College, both Miss Leach and Mr. Davis will go to Paris for study this summer at the Alliance Francaise University. Davis will undertake this study in Paris also on a Ford scholarship and at the invitation of the French government.

Another scholarship was awarded to Jim Davis in the earlier years of his life when he was privileged to leave his country after grade school and attend high school in the African country of Ghana.

In Ghana he received the British aspect in education and government whereas his own country of Liberia is regarded as the most Americanized state in Africa. Besides attending grade school in Liberia, he is also a graduate of Cuttington College of that country.

First a participant in the game of soccer, he took up table tennis after breaking is leg. But when the leg healed he participated then in both games.

He was the 1965 champion of Liberia and has not been beaten since coming to the United States. He recently overcame the table tennis representative of Southern Illinois University and successfully defended his skill last week against the noontime players at Acme-McCrary.

The two young students, here for the spring holidays, were cordially received by their fellow players as well as the other people with whom they came in contact. Expressing his appreciation for the manner in which he was welcomed here, Mr. Davis said "I like Asheboro very, very much."

Miss Leach, a physiology major, and Dr. Davis, a language major, have now gone back to their studies at Knox College. They will leave soon for further studies in Paris.

After talking with them, it was felt that this young couple, adequately prepares themselves for the responsibilities ahead will some day in the not distant future, take their places among the world's finest and make their contribution in what ever country they happen to be.

Dozen White Children Pay Honor As Parents Observe Anniversary

Apr. 3, 1967 – Children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. (Rob) White, Jr., of Route 3, High Point, an even dozen of them, honored their parents Sunday, Mar. 26, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

A reception was held at the Archdale – Trinity Lions Den from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Rob White, a former Randolph County deputy sheriff and one of Glenola's best known citizens, and his wife, the former Minnie Emma Furr, were married Mar. 25, 1917 at the home of T. S. Bouldin, a Trinity Magistrate.

Mr. White's parents were Robert L. White, Sr. and Martitia White. His father was also a well known Glenola resident, serving as a justice of the peace, a revenue officer and a deputy sheriff for sixteen years during the administrations of Randolph County Sheriffs Tom Finch, Steve Hayworth, and J. W. Burkhead.

Mrs. White's parents, John M. Furr and Cora Lowder Furr, came from Stanly County, of which place she was a native,

and left the Glenola area after the marriage of their daughter to Rob White, going first to Virginia and then settling in Guilford County.

Mr. and Mrs. White have been living at his old homeplace, near the site of the old brickyard, since the latter part of 1941. Formerly the homes of his maternal grandparents, the grounds contain an old Spanish oak tree, covered with ivy and approximately thirty-five feet in diameter, a large Magnolia tree and several large boxwoods.

All of their children were present to participate in the observance of their parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary. All of them except two live in Randolph County, most of them in the vicinity of their parents' residence.

Their children are, in the order of their births, Worth, John Cameron (J. C.), Keith, Ray, Mrs. Charles (Mary Lee) Morgan, James Vance (J. V.), Bobby G., Charles, Mrs. Laman (Doris) Cruthis, Mrs. Frank (Carol) Hicks, Mrs. Wayne (Rachel) Hunsucker, and Mrs. Bobby (Sarah Ann) Earnhardt.

All of the above twelve children live on Route 3, High Point, the same address as their parents, except J. C. and Charles, who have a High Point address, Keith, who lives in Hardeeville, S. C., and Bobby G., who lives on Route 1, Sophia.

Five of Mr. and Mrs. White's sons served in World War II, three of them at the same time.

At the age of 77, Rob White is now one of Glenola's senior citizens. His wife is ten years younger. Married at the age of seventeen and one-half, she jocularly said, "I was too young to know what I was doing."

But it seems to have worked out. For after fifty years of marriage and the birth of twelve children, she is still youthful looking and contented.

Mrs. White has been a member of the Glenola Baptist church since its organization. Mr. White joined the same church later, although members of his family were and still are a part of the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. White teach classes in the Sunday School at the Glenola Baptist Church.

Rob White, a kindly man with an humble sprit, is a landmark in Glenola, just the same as the old two-story house in which he lives. It is the place where he has spent his life and it is where the people have accepted him as well as the other members of his family.

Rob White was a part of Glenola in the days of the one room Glencoe school; he was there during the operation of the old brickyard, and he is still a part of the community with its new store buildings and the housing developments which are surrounding his old homeplace.

He and his wife have reared their twelve children in the community, most of whom have remained there since their own marriages. It is a place which they know and a place which they love.

A love and appreciation also exist in the hearts of these twelve children for the parents who brought them to the years of their maturity. This was in evidence at the golden wedding anniversary observance on Sunday afternoon, Mar. 26.

Despite the hardships and privations which most large families encounter, the twelve children of Rob and Minnie White have a genuine appreciation for the father and mother who nurtured and cared for them through their childhood and also the later years.

It was an impressive family group, twelve children and their parents who came together to honor the latter on the reaching of their fiftieth year of marriage.

It's Been A Busy Twelve Months At Maple Springs Baptist Church

Apr. 13, 1967 – Many changes have been brought during the past year at the Maple Springs Baptist Church, located on a dead-end road southwest of Seagrove.

These changes have occurred during the pastorate of the young dedicated minister who was called by the church the latter part of Jan., 1966.

Now only 23 years of age, Rev. Jessie Ray Dennis was called to the ministry in Apr., 1964 and was licensed to preach on May 24, 1964.

His ordination at his home church, the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Troy, occurred on Feb. 6, 1966, shortly after being called to the pastorate of the Maple Springs church.

However, he had come to the church as a supply pastor the latter part of Nov. in the preceding year.

A first improvement to the physical plant of the church was the brick-veneering of the building, the installation of a new roof and the addition of a vestibule.

Then, the auditorium was painted, new stained glass windows were installed, carpeting was laid in the choir and pulpit areas and inlaid linoleum in the remainder of the auditorium.

Total improvements to the church have cost \$11,300. An indebtedness of something over \$800 remains. Before beginning the improvements, a considerable amount existed in a building fund.

Earlier, the cemetery had been graded down and sown in grass.

Organized in 1888, names familiar to the church history are found on the beautiful windows which were placed in appreciation and remembrance of earlier contributors to the progress of the Maple Springs Church.

Windows are dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Cole, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred King, Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Farlow, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Garner, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. King, and Mr. and Mrs. James G. Auman while other windows were placed in memory of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cole, Rev. and Mrs. William H. Harper, Glenn J. King, Mr. and Mrs. Jonah D. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Auman and James Deaton.

Chairman of the board of deacons at Maple Springs is Thurman Davis. Sunday school superintendent is Fred Garner. A past superintendent is John S. Ashworth who served for 30 years.

Sunday school enrollment is 103. Attendance for two consecutive Sundays recently reached 85. Members of the church, both active and inactive, are approximately 125.

As the church has improved its facilities during the past year, so has the young pastor sought to better qualify himself for the ministry to which he has been called.

A school drop-out at the age of 15, he enrolled for classes at the Randolph Technical Institute a year ago and has recently completed courses qualifying him for a high school diploma.

He hopes this fall to enroll at Wingate College where he would attend classes two days a week. For the time being he is cultivating his mind and acquiring as much knowledge as possible from the reference books in the library of his parsonage residence.

Married to the former Diane Inman, they are the parents of two daughters, Dianna Jane, 3, and Judy Ann, two months old. Mrs. Dennis' father is the Rev. Cabot Inman, pastor of the Russell's Grove Baptist Church.

The members of the congregation at the Maple Springs Baptist Church are proud of their church and are making every effort to improve its facilities and beautify its appearance. Their greatest need now is a paved road to their place of worship.

The personable young pastor, with a compassion for souls, is making every effort not only to enlarge the boundaries of his own church but also to increase the kingdom of heaven.

Although situated in a remote area of the county, the Maple Springs Baptist Church through the devotion of its congregation and the dedication of its young pastor is taking its place among the more progressive churches in Randolph County.

Five Generations Gather At Observance

Apr. 17, 1967 – Five generations came together for the 81st birthday celebration of Mrs. Mossie Phillips Cox, Route 1, Bennett, on Sunday, Apr. 9.

Other members of the five generation group were Mrs. Cox's daughter, Mrs. Albert Brown; Mrs. Brown's daughter, Mrs. Nuby Welch; Mrs. Welch's son, Harold Welch; and Harold's fifteen months old daughter, Angela.

In addition to Mrs. Brown, other children of Mrs. Cox include another daughter, Mrs. Howard Hammer, and a son, Carl Cox, all of whom live in the close proximity of their mother.

The family observance of Mrs. Cox's birthday was held at the new brick home, at which Mrs. Cox lives with a granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hardister. She reached her 81st year on Tuesday, Apr. 11.

The new brick house is located at the site of the old home to which Mrs. Cox came with her husband, W. R. (Bob) Cox, about a year after their marriage in 1906. Mr. Cox died Jan. 21, 1962.

The old house burned down a year ago last Jan. and Mrs. Cox lost all of her belongings. Although she is living in a new modern home, Mrs. Cox still remembers the tragic loss of her home and its furnishings and sadly remarked "I ain't over it yet."

A native of the Fall Creek section in Chatham County, Mrs. Cox attended the one teacher school of that area and was a member of the Fall Creek Baptist Church.

But after her marriage to Mr. Cox and her coming to the Bennett section of Randolph County, she transferred her church affiliation to the Pleasant Grove Christian Church where she still retains her membership.

Her pastor, Rev. Hayes Ritter, was present for her birthday celebration, as well as her son, two daughters, other members of her family and a few neighbors. Her immediate family includes 23 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and the one great-great-grandchild.

The minister praised the life of this long time resident of lower Randolph County. But perhaps the most sincere tribute to this aged lady came from her son's wife who said "there couldn't have been a finer mother-in-law.

Open House an Eventful Day for Needham's Grove People

Apr. 17, 1967 – Open house for the new parsonage of the Needham's Grove Congregational Christian Church Sunday, Apr. 10, proved to be an eventful day in the more than half century existence of the church.

The church is located on Route 2, Seagrove, near the Randolph – Moore county line and serves people from both of the county areas. The new parsonage, although adjacent to the church building, is located on Route 2, Robbins.

A brick – veneered building, consisting of a living room, den or study, kitchen, dining room, three bedrooms, two baths, a carport and a nearly full basement, it is the first parsonage building to be erected by the Needham's Grove Church.

Interior walls of the house are sheetrocked except for paneling in the den and dining area and wainscoting in the hallway. The floors in the living room, the front hallway and the master bedroom are carpeted, with inlaid linoleum in the other parts of the house.

Many other facilities of the house, too numerous to mention, add to its comfort, convenience and beauty.

The grounds have already been landscaped, except for shrubbery, and the walks and driveway have been paved.

Lighting fixtures have been installed and drapes have been hung at all of the windows.

The young adult Sunday School class, taught by Mrs. Betty Caviness, has donated a refrigerator to the new house; the young people's Sunday School class, taught by Roland Monroe, has donated a bedroom suite; and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ritter have donated a bedspread.

General contractor for the building was Wayne Wright, of Seagrove. The blue print, which was free of charge, came from Tom Burgess, of Ramseur. Cost of the parsonage has been placed at \$18,700.

Land on which the building was erected was donated by Mrs. Walter Ritter and children.

Approximately \$7,000 was on hand at the beginning of construction. During the time of building and since the completion that much and more has come in. A deficit of only about \$3,200 remains to be paid. Building committee for the project were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Upton and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Garner.

As the people came on Sunday afternoon, Apr. 10, to see the new facilities, many of them from other churches in the area, they were greeted by the church trustees, Coy I. Comer, W. H. (Bill) Comer, Graham Hussey, Grady Culler and their wives.

Other members of the church congregation conducted them on a tour of the house and served them refreshments.

Occupancy of the Needham's Grove parsonage awaits the selection of a new pastor to succeed the Rev. Kenneth Ferree who is now serving the Seagrove and Pleasant Cross Christian Churches.

The Needham's Grove people can justifiably be proud of their new parsonage structure. It is a completely adequate building and reflects credit not only to the two young couples who served on the building committee but to the entire congregation and the community as well.

Its successful completion and its financing represents an achievement for the small congregation, especially since there have been no money raising projects to pay for the building. The money instead has come from the sacrificial and consistent giving of the Needham's Grove people. They are to be commended for the progress which they have made.

Ebenezer Methodist Church Honors Its Senior Citizens

Apr. 20, 1967 – Ebenezer Methodist Church, situated on Route 3, High Point, near the Guilford County line, honored its senior citizens at a tea Sunday afternoon, Apr. 16, in the fellowship hall.

Thirty one elderly people from the church, the community and some who formerly lived in the community were included in the honored group.

Sponsoring the event, the second one of its kind to be held by the church, was the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Rev. W. C. Anderson, church pastor, conducted a devotional period, after which movies which were made at last year's tea were shown to the assembled group.

These movies were shown by Martin Overton, a member of the church, who also made various movies of the tea this year for viewing next year.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Walter Davis, age 83, for being the oldest person in attendance; to Mr. and Mrs. Rob White, who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, for having been married the longest; and to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shelley who each received a door prize for having the lucky number.

Other senior citizens in attendance, in addition to the prize winners, were Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shelley, Mrs. Louise Dennis, Mrs. Zeb Huffman, Mrs. Maude Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. David Hudson, Mrs. A. V. Kirkman, Mrs. Althea Brown, Mrs. Pauline Beeson, Mrs. Lola Modlin, Mrs. J. A. Farabee, Mrs. Lula Davis, Mrs. Mamie Moran, Miss Alta Shelley, Mrs. T. A. English, Mrs. A. B. Robbins, Mrs. J. A. Steed, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Coggins, Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, Mrs. Lala Steed, and Mrs. Ronie Fields.

Remembrance of Hershel Hockett and Mrs. Dora Gray, who have died since the holding of the tea last year, brought a touch of sadness to the otherwise joyful event.

But overall it was an extremely pleasant occasion in the beautifully constructed fellowship building which is only about two years old. The appointments were tastefully arranged, there were flowers, the refreshments were delicious and the lady guests and their hostesses were attired in their best finery.

But most enjoyable was the fellowship, the renewal of old friendships and perhaps of greater significance the honoring of those who have come to the advanced years of their lives.

Level Cross People Band Together In Overall Community Development

Apr. 27, 1967 – The 3rd annual horse show, to be sponsored Saturday, Apr. 29, by the Level Cross community group, is a major project in the overall development of a strong community center.

In something over four years a financial investment of \$21,000 has been made by the Level Cross people, not counting the endless hours of labor in the project to which they have dedicated themselves.

Many phases of the community center are still a part of the future. When completed, it is expected that Level Cross will have one of the nicest layouts in community development in the entire state.

The horse show, now approved by the American Quarter Horse Association, will begin at 9 o'clock on the morning of Apr. 29. The show will be preceded by a parade, which will form at the Richard Davis farm at 8:30 a. m. and proceed to the community's property for flag ceremonies prior to the beginning of the horse show.

There will be ten parade classes and 72 halter and performance classes in the show. W. C. (Bill) Sanderson, of Canton, Ohio, will judge the Western and A. Q. H. A. classes and Ernest Bowers, of Norwood, will judge the English classes.

A concession stand will operate throughout the horse show.

The horse show, to be held on Apr. 29 is one of the many projects which have been held since the Level Cross people grouped themselves together over four years ago.

Until a year ago this month the group operated unofficially under the leadership of Richard Davis. But last Apr. they incorporated themselves as the Level Cross Community, Inc., with Earl Small being elected president.

Other officers are Harvey Adams, vice president; Mrs. Lee Petty, secretary; Paul Gray, treasurer; and Mrs. Richard Davis, assistant treasurer.

A board of directors consist of Richard Davis; chairman; Ronnie Davis, Mrs. L. J. Small, Mrs. Lee Petty, Noah Millikan, Junior Hunt, Clifford Tilley, Harvey Adams, and Mrs. Dean Huffman.

Charter members of the Level Cross Community Inc. are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Small, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rayle, Mr. and Mrs. George Stanton, Mrs. Winnie Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Whitesell, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rabenhorse, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Hodgkin, Ronnie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Blease Toomes, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tilley, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Small, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Highfill, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Highfill, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Presnell, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Millikan, Mrs. Elsie Toomes, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Vickory, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stalker, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lanier.

Before incorporation the Level Cross Group met periodically, talked about their plans and held their money raising projects.

Immediately after receiving their papers of incorporation, however, they went into action and purchased a valuable tract of land as the site of their future activities.

This tract of land, consisted of 9.62 acres, fronts Highway 220 by more than 600 feet and fronts the Petty Road by more than 900 feet. The site lies in the heart of Level Cross.

A representative from the State Recreation Commission came to lay out the ball field and surrounding areas. The Level cross Civitan Club, which is intermingled with the community organization, took on the project of lighting the ball field at the cost of \$6,740. The Civitan Club also provided a well for the new outfield and other grassed areas.

As spring approached this year a concession stand and two rest rooms, of solid brick construction, were erected. A dugout was built of block construction and a chain link fence was erected at a cost of \$1,944.

Tile for the floor of the concession stand and rest rooms was donated by Bascom Wood. Other donations, materially, financially and laborwise, have assisted the Level Cross people in their mammoth undertaking.

Also, it is estimated that at least a project a month is held for the purpose of raising money to provide the things which are needed.

Future plans call for the erection of a community building, the installation of additional fencing and the establishment of a volunteer fire department.

Currently a Little League ball team, sponsored by the community association, and a Pony League team, sponsored by the Level Cross Civitan Club, are using the newly developed ball field.

As this reporter arrived on the grounds of the community property, he found a beehive of activity. Additional light poles were being erected, painting was being done on the newly constructed concession stand, on the inside the tile floor was being laid, the county sanitarian was inspecting the facilities and there was considerable activity on the ball field.

This is the way it has been since the beginning. A group of people, comparatively small in number, devoting all of their energies towards the improvement of their community. A group of people banded together, working for better recreational facilities for their youth and striving to make their community a better place in which to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bray celebrate 50th Anniversary

Apr. 27, 1967 – A family observance commemorated the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lee Bray Sunday, Apr. 23 at their home Route 1, Ramseur, about a mile below Coleridge.

Immediate family members, a few neighbors and friends were among those who called at the Bray residence from two until four o'clock.

Hostesses for the Golden wedding anniversary occasion were Mrs. June (Jessie Edna) Whitehead, daughter and only child of the honored couple, and Mrs. Eddie Whitehead, wife of their grandson.

Assisting in serving was Mrs. Laughton Cheek, a niece of Mrs. Bray.

Included also in the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Bray is another grandson, Roger Whitehead.

Among those invited to the family gathering were Mr. Bray's brother, Robert Bray, of Route 5, Asheboro, and his sisters, Mrs. Emma Scott, of Siler City, and Mrs. Lala Stout, who lives next door; and Mrs. Bray's brothers, O. C. Brady, Sr. and Ernest Brady, both of the Coleridge vicinity.

Mr. Bray, son of William (Will) Bray and Louella Needham Bray, was born not far from his present residence. He attended the nearby Center School, which was a one room, two storied building with a Masonic hall upstairs. He later attended the school at Coleridge.

He worked for a brief period on a bridge construction job in Virginia before his marriage.

Mrs. Bray, the former Meribah Ethel Brady, was born in Chatham County, near High Falls, the daughter of Wesley Brady and Betsy Ann Brady. Her father was a Confederate soldier.

Her family moved to the vicinity, north of Asheboro, where she attended the Gold Hill school, and then lived in South

Carolina before coming to Coleridge where they were living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Bray.

The couple was married Apr. 22, 1917 by Rev. A. R. Scotten, a local Baptist minister, at his home which was located near the Deep River Baptist Church.

They have lived in Coleridge and vicinity since that time, except for two years when they lived in Greensboro.

Coleridge has been their home and they were glad to get back to the community after their residence in Greensboro, just as Mr. Bray was glad to get back after his employment in Virginia before his marriage.

Their roots are deep in the Coleridge vicinity, for it is there their family and their friends live and it is there they attend the Deep River Baptist Church.

Both of them were employed in the mill in Coleridge when it was in operation and Mr. Bray has also engaged in carpentry work.

About twenty years ago they purchased the land where they now live and built an attractive log house which is noticeable on the road between Coleridge and Bennett.

A community "working" raised the logs in position, with Mr. Bray building the rest of the house himself. Incidentally, the dwelling in which Mr. Bray was born was also a log house.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bray have lived quietly but have acquired a host of friends in the Coleridge vicinity. The observance of their golden wedding anniversary was in keeping with the manner in which they have lived among the people of the community.

In honor of this respected couple, flowers were placed in the Deep River Baptist Church on the Sunday morning of their anniversary celebration.

The entire community joins in an expression of good wishes on this occasion and at the same time expresses appreciation for the contribution which they have made to the Coleridge vicinity.

Nursing School Caps 22 Randolph Students

May 4, 1967 – Five of the twenty-two student nurses of the High Point Memorial Hospital School of Nursing participating in capping exercises on Apr. 28, came from Randolph County.

These capping exercises for the class of 1969 were held at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, with a large contingent of relatives and friends of the Randolph County students in attendance.

The five Randolph County student nurses who were capped during the impressive ceremonies were Miss Chloe Elaine Albright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Albright, Route 1, Ramseur; Miss Martha Grey Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Brown, Asheboro; Miss Susan Diane Ledwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ledwell, Asheboro; Miss Treva Jane Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lynch, Route 4, Asheboro; and Miss Rebecca Jane Swaim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swaim, Asheboro.

Miss Albright is a graduate of Coleridge High School; Miss Lynch is a graduate of Seagrove High School; Miss Ledwell and Miss Swaim are graduates of Asheboro High School; and Miss Brown is a graduate of a school in Carteret County.

Speaker for the capping exercises was the Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, associate pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.

A reception followed the exercises in the recreation room at the nurses' residence at the hospital.

Miss Lynch, winner of the 1966 nursing scholarship offered by the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation March of Dimes, has been selected by members of her class to attend the convention of the National Student Nurses Association in New York City this week.

Historical Society Holds Open House At Church

May 4, 1967 — A throng of people attended the open house which was held by the North Randolph Historical Society, Inc. in Randleman on Apr. 30 from three to five o'clock.

The historical society, organized in July, 1966, has as its purpose the restoration of the old St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church building and the establishment of a historical museum therein.

It was at the old church building, erected in 1879 and believed to be the first brick church building in Randolph County, that the open house event was held.

Interest in the open house occasion and the exhibits of past history in Randleman was so great that long before the three o'clock hour arrived the people began coming and continued steadily until past the hour for closing.

The exhibits were many and depicted a fairly complete history of Randleman, its schools, churches, earlier industries, homes and even the household furnishings and wearing apparel of the early residents of the town.

In addition, there was a display of Confederate weapons used in the Civil War, including an old cannon ball and signal flare and there was an arrangement of Indian relics.

Many people came perhaps to visit again the old church which was disbanded about twenty years ago when the St. Paul church merged with the Naomi Methodist Church to become the First Methodist Church of Randleman.

Several were openly nostalgic as they viewed once again the old brick building, surrounded by the graves of Randleman's earlier residents and the interior with its high ceiling and the balcony on both sides and in the rear of the old church building.

The old sanctuary is now darkened and the afternoon sun doesn't come through the boarded up windows.

The old churchbell, however, is still in the belfry and Rev. Harry Long, pastor of the First Methodist Church and a member of the board of directors for the historical society, rang the bell to signal the beginning of the open house event.

The cemetery, still in use was spruced up for the occasion, the grass was neatly mown and there were flowers on the graves.

Mrs. Ray Hudson, president of the North Randolph Historical Society, Inc., was elated over the success of the open house and said that the installation of new heating plant; recovery of old church furniture, if possible; refinishing floors; and opening the museum.

Exhibits which were used in the open house were procured through the efforts of a committee composed of Mrs. Ray Cashatt and Miss Elizabeth Swaim and were loaned (lent) by various people for the occasion. However, when a museum is established it is hoped to secure these items or similar ones for permanent use in the building.

Members of Girl Scout Troop response went "beyond our expectations."

Three hundred and fifty people signed the guest register but it was estimated that more than four hundred attended the open house event.

Besides Mrs. Hudson, other officers are Mrs. Paul Bell, vice President; Mrs. Alton Culver, secretary; and E. W. Freeze, Jr., treasure.

Members of a board of directors for the society are Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Culver, Mr. Freeze, Addison A. Wall, Miss Evelyn Story, and Rev. Harry Long.

Projected steps in the restoration of the old St. Paul's church include the painting of the bell tower; painting of all outside trim; rewiring of entire building; restoring the stained glass windows; restoring decorative painting on interior walls, if possible; refinishing natural woodwork; repainting interior throughout building; restoring other windows.

Mrs. Harry Long, leader, served as guide for the open house occasion, gave out literature, registered guests and helped with the clean up.

For these services, as well as for the services of many other people too numerous to mention, Mrs. Hudson and the other members of the North Randolph Historical Society, Inc. expressed their heartfelt thanks.

The historical society is open to membership, individual, junior, contributing or sustaining ones. Dues are five dollars for individual membership; two dollars for junior membership; twenty five dollars for contributing membership; and fifty dollars for sustaining membership. They may be sent to Mrs. W. W. Freeze, Jr., treasurer, P. O. Box 545, Randleman, N. C. 27317.

Reception Given Couple On 50th Wedding Anniversary

May 8, 1967 — Mr. and Mrs. Levi Harrelson, Route 1, Franklinville residents for forty-five years, were honored at a reception Apr. 23, in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Their seven children entertained from two until five o'clock in their honor at the Lions Den at Central Falls.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Harrelson are natives of Randolph County. Mr. Harrelson, 72 was born in a house at the foot of Shepherd Mountain, the son of Sherman Harrelson and Mary Jane Luther Harrelson.

His father was a grist mill operator and the family lived at various places up and down the Uwharrie river. However, at the time of Levi Harrelson's birth, his father was working at the Hoover Hill Gold Mine.

Mrs. Harrelson, 68, is the former Ollie Elizabeth Millikan, daughter of Russell Millikan and Rebecca Hughes Millikan. She was born in the Spero section of Back Creek Township.

Her mother died when she was three years of age and she lived with her maternal grandmother until after her father's remarriage.

The couple became acquainted early in life when Mr. Harrelson's family moved to the Spero section, near where Mrs. Harrelson's family lived, but their courtship did not begin until many years later.

Before their marriage, Mrs. Harrelson's family had moved north of Cedar Falls and then to Worthville where she became employed in the mill at the age of eleven, for which employment she worked ten hours a day, six days a week and received wages of \$2.40 per week.

But she said the work wasn't hard: "you didn't have to do so much", and that she and the other children in the mill

had a good time. She compared working conditions of that period with present employment and, strangely enough, said "now you have a hard time". She bases her claim on the fact that more work is put on the employee now than in the earlier years.

Mr. Harrelson's family was living in Thomasville at the time of their marriage but Mr. Harrelson, in his own words, "had been rambling around".

He had been working at a hosiery mill in Pennsylvania for two or three years before their marriage, coming home only about a month before the wedding occurred. Most of their courtship had been done by mail.

Mr. Harrelson's brother, Charlie, and Mrs. Harrelson's sister, Florence, had been married a little over two years before their own marriage. It was from their home in Asheboro that the couple motored to Franklinville for their own wedding on Apr. 21, 1917.

They were transported to their wedding site in an open car which was operated by Otis Rich as a rental service shortly after the coming of automobiles to Asheboro.

They were married by Magistrate Wes Jones at his place of business near the old covered bridge in Franklinville, with the driver of the automobile which carried them to Franklinville serving as one of their witnesses.

The same magistrate who performed their ceremony had earlier married two of Mrs. Harrelson's sisters, Carmen and Nora.

Although they were married at the business site of the officiating magistrate, Mrs. Harrelson was dressed very becomingly for the ceremony. She wore a blue taffeta dress, trimmed in white silk, and she also wore black patent slippers and a white lace hat.

They came back to Asheboro where they found Mrs. Harrelson's other sister coming down with the measles. Mrs. Harrelson took the measles three weeks later and this delayed the couple's moving to Thomasville where they stayed for awhile after their marriage.

They also lived in High Point for a short while before coming to the home beyond Central Falls where they have spent most of their married life.

Mrs. Harrelson returned to mill work in 1938 and worked at various intervals in Franklinville and Worthville until her retirement in 1960. Mr. Harrelson stayed in hosiery mill work for several years but was also working in the mill at Worthville when he retired at the age of 67.

Their seven children, who stood with them as they received the congratulations and best wishes of their friends and relatives at their golden wedding anniversary reception, are Mrs. Edna Loflin, West Hollywood, Fla.; Mrs. Rebecca Raymond, Route 1, Franklinville; Charles Harrelson, Route 5, Asheboro; Mrs. Charlotte Earl, High Point; Rev. Gurney Harrelson, Route 1, Franklinville; Billy Harrelson, Route 1, Randleman; and Bobby Harrelson, Central Falls.

Included in their family also are twenty-four grandchildren, evenly divided between boys and girls, and six great-grandchildren, three of whom are boys and three girls. Mrs. Harrelson was a great-grandmother at the age of sixty.

Despite the hardships in the early years of their lives and the usual trials and problems which may have beset them in the fifty years of their marriage, Levi and Ollie Harrelson feel that "the Lord has been good to them."

It was on this note that they joined with their seven children, their grandchildren and other relatives and friends in the celebration of their fiftieth year of marriage.

One of their daughters brought as her anniversary token, a miniature golden tree, with each branch of the family represented by a limb.

Ash-Rand Rescue Squad Inc. Elects L. M. Byrd President

May 8, 1967 – New officials for the AshRand Rescue, Inc. took their oaths of office Thursday evening, heard reports of progress for the past year, words of praise from their state commander and presented a "Man of the Year" award to a veteran rescue member.

In a swearing-in ceremony conducted by Clerk of Court John Skeen, new officers were installed as follows: president, L. M. Byrd; 1st vice president, Carl Steed; 2nd vice president, Griffin Craven; secretary, Oliver Shirley; treasurer, Howard Skeen; rescue chief, Vernon Freeman; and assistant rescue chief, Fred Tonkins.

Rescue Squad State Commander A. B. Parker of Vass was joined in his praise of the local squad by Randleman Mayor Paul Bell; County Commissioner J. W. Plummer; Asheboro Jaycee president, Phil Evans; Robert Nelms, of the county forestry service; and representatives from the Asheboro and Randleman police departments and the Randleman and Franklinville fire departments.

Carl Steed, morale builder and oldest member of the squad at seventy one and one half years of age, was extended the honor of being named the recipient of the first "Man of the Year" award.

Upon the announcement of this award, this veteran member who served for over forty five years as a volunteer fireman with the Asheboro Fire Department, asked "Are you sure you fellows are on the level about this?"

Reports indicated that 33 emergency calls were answered by the rescue squad this past year and that they also participated in 36 standby missions.

Occupying a prominent place in the business session was the efforts of the squad to raise money for a building which they plan to erect on South Cox Street in Asheboro.

A certificate selling campaign, in which rescue members hope to receive ten dollars loans from 3,000 persons, is underway at the present time. For information on the prospective purchase of these certificates, interested persons are asked to call 625-2288.

A total of \$8,167.26 was in the building fund at the conclusion of the meeting last Thursday evening.

Articles of Incorporation for the Ash-Ran Rescue, Inc. were subscribed to on Sept. 12, 1962. Organization of the group and the beginning of its program of service began on June 6, 1963.

Family Homeless Following Fire

May 15, 1967 – A Jackson Creek family was left homeless when their six room house, located on Rt. 2, Denton, burned to the ground Friday morning.

Only the brick chimney was left standing; only a porch swing and two or three chairs were saved.

None of the occupants of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bray and their two children, Wanda, 18, and Bobby, 14, were home at the time of the fire.

Mrs. Bray was at work in Thomasville, Wanda and Bobby were at school in Farmer, but Mr. Bray returned home while the fire was in progress.

Origin of the fire is not known. However, it began during a thunder storm and it is thought that lightning might have started the blaze.

Through the twenty years or so of their residence at the place, Mr. and Mrs. Bray had gradually made improvements to their dwelling. They had underpinned the house with blocks, they had built cabinets in the kitchen, they had installed a bathroom and they had made other improvements.

They had purchased a new stove, refrigerator, washing machine and other appliances, all of which were destroyed in the fire.

A tragic loss also to 18 year old Wanda, a senior at Farmer High School, was the burning of her commencement invitations, her formal gown and the other things which go along with a young girl's graduation from high school.

A small amount of insurance was carried on the place, but not enough to cover either the house or its furnishings. No clothes except what the occupants were wearing at the time of the fire were saved.

Friends, neighbors and the woman's society at the Pleasant Union Christian church have already begun to help the destitute family. The family, except for Wanda, are staying temporarily with Mrs. Bray's brother, Glenn Parrish, Rt. 2, Asheboro, and her sister, Mrs. Archie Briles, Rt. 1, Trinity, Wanda is staying with Mrs. R. S. Ferree, an adjoining neighbor.

Those desiring to help may contact the parish home, phone 625-7301; the L. Wayne Thomas home, Rt. 4, Asheboro, phone 629-1055, after 4 p. m.; or any of the ladies of the woman's society at the Pleasant Union Christian Church, with particular reference to Mrs. Richard Fields, Rt. 2, Denton, phone 857-2144, vice president of the group.

Personal items, keepsakes, family records and other items which have been accumulated through the years, cannot be replaced, and Mrs. Bray thinks each day of treasured belongings which are lost forever, but there are many more items of a material nature which can be replaced.

For the replacement of these items, friends, neighbors and the church people are asked to help this western Randolph County family.

Homecoming Is Highlighted By Note-Burning Ceremony

May 18, 1967 - A note burning ceremony featured the annual homecoming service at the Central Falls Baptist Church Sunday, May 7.

Exactly 14 months prior to the day of homecoming, the Central Falls pastor, Rev. J. C. Mangum, and his family had moved into a new parsonage residence which had been built at an estimated value of \$20,000.

The final payment, an amount coming to \$1,298.12, was paid on May 1. The first payment had been made on Feb. 10, 1966. When the building was started there was \$3,000 on hand.

During the 14 months it took to clear the indebtedness on the parsonage structure, payments of \$1,000 or more were made seven times.

Speaker for the homecoming service and the note-burning occasion was the Rev. Ted Williams, secretary of statistics and survey for the Baptist State Convention and former associational missionary for the Liberty Baptist Associational missionary for the Liberty Baptist Association.

Rev. Mr. Mangum, a former pastor in the Liberty Baptist Association, was so sure that the Central Falls congregation would clear the indebtedness on the parsonage by homecoming that he engaged his former associate several months in advance.

The Central Falls pastor praised the members of his congregation for having "done such a wonderful job". Elated over the quickness with which they cleared the indebtedness, he said "every one has cooperated".

No special drive was made for paying off the debt, only the surplus amounts in excess of \$1,000 in the church treasury were used.

The achievement was made all the more remarkable since the church increased its contribution to the cooperative program of the denomination by more than ten per cent in 1966 over that which was given in 1965.

Also, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 1966 amounted to \$625.25, more than had ever been received before, and contributions to other programs of the church were at least doubled.

With the indebtedness on the parsonage paid, the Central Falls Baptist Church is now thinking of a steeple and a new roof for the church building and the painting of the interior of the church sanctuary.

Participating in the note burning ceremony were the church trustees, Joe Brantley, Cleveland Kennedy and Claude Poole.

After the homecoming message and the note - burning ceremony, the congregation assembled before the carpport of the parsonage structure for a dedicational prayer, led by Zeb Davis, a member of the building committee.

Other members of the building committee were Elwood Hughes, chairman, and C. R. Ingold. The building was erected by Joe Brantley, a local contractor and now is member of the church's board of trustees.

A fellowship luncheon at the adjoining Central Falls Lions Den completed the activities of homecoming and the note burning occasion for the Central Falls Baptist Church.

North Asheboro Honors Its Senior Citizens

May 15, 1967 - Thirty - three senior citizens in North Asheboro and surrounding areas were honored Monday, May 8 at a luncheon extended them by members of the Balfour Home Demonstration Club.

The luncheon was held at the youth building of the Neighbors Grove Church. A similar event, except that it was held in the evening, was held last year in the fellowship hall at the Balfour Baptist Church.

Mrs. Wayne Thompson, club president, welcomed the honored guests. Miss Rose Badgett, home economics agent, was also a guest. A committee, composed of Mrs. Howard Swing, Mrs. Cecil Sewell, and Mrs. Mildred Williams, planned the luncheon.

Senior citizens present included Mrs. C. N. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hinshaw, Mrs. Allen Jordan, Mrs. A. A. McConkey, Mrs. J. W. Prevost, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Harrelson, Mrs. Nora Tippett, Mrs. Dunning, Mrs. Ida Cole, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearce, Harrison Davis, Calvin Frazier,

Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Hulin, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Scott McGill, Mrs. Fannie Thompson, Mrs. C. C. Harrelson, Mrs. May Daniels, Mrs. Willa Davis, Mrs. Lee Moffitt, Mrs. Annie York, Mrs. Ethel Yow, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hicks, Wiley Hicks, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bulla.

Mrs. Thompson, age 84, and Mr. Hulin, age 82, were presented prizes for being the oldest woman and man in attendance.

Speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Sam Parker, pastor of the Neighbors Grove church.

Annual FHA Banquet Held To Honor Mother-Daughter

May 18, 1967 - The annual mother-daughter banquet of the Seagrove chapter of Future Homemakers of America was held appropriately enough this year on Friday evening preceding the observance of Mother's Day.

But although this was the annual occasion for the honoring of the mothers, it was also a night for reviewing the outstanding achievements of the F.H.A. chapter at Seagrove High School.

Many members participated in the fine program which was prepared under the leadership of the talented F.H.A. president, Miss Vickie Needham, and the capable faculty advisor, Mrs. Wade Harris.

Miss Needham also retained the tradition of previous years by being crowned the FHA'er of the year.

This ceremony was performed by Miss Sandra Auman, who received the honor last year and also served as the F.H.A. president.

Assisting with this ceremony was Frankie Macon, president of the Seagrove chapter of the future Farmers of America, who had extended greetings to the sister chapter earlier in the program.

The program for the evening was based on the era of music in America from 1900 to 1957. Portrayal was made of the 1900's, the 1920's, the 1930's, the 1940's, the 1950's, and the 1960's.

Accompanist for the entire program was the F.H.A. president, Miss Vickie Needham.

The banquet meal, prepared by the cafeteria workers, was served by the ninth and tenth grade members of the F.F.A.

An honored guest was Mrs. C. H. Hamond, a cafeteria employee for fourteen years who this year sat with the mothers and daughters and enjoyed the festivities instead of working in the kitchen as in past years.

Other guests were Miss Faye Collins, girls' athletic director at the school, and Ralph L. Bulla, reporter-photographer for the annual occasion.

Miss Marie Beck extended the welcome, with the response coming from Mrs. Dempsey Gatlin. Remarks were also made by the school principal, Gerald E. Braswell.

Introduction of the F. F. A. president came from Miss Patsy Eaton; introduction of the principal was by Miss Dianne Deaton; presentation of the former president was by Miss Joyce Ritter; and the introduction of the other guests was by Miss Diane Bullins.

Chapter mothers, Mrs. Hubert Auman, Mrs. James Bone, Mrs. Ferman Cole, Mrs. Edna Council, Mrs. Cecil Deaton, Mrs. Edward Frye, Mrs. Birchel Hancock, Mrs. John D. Kiser, and Mrs. Raymond Tedder, were recognized by Miss Linda Garner.

Awards were made by Miss Ann Gatlin while Miss Faye Tedder conducted the proceedings for the crowning of the FHA'er of the year.

Miss Vickie Needham led the impressive installation ceremony which was held by candlelight.

Officers for the 1967 - 68 school year are president, Miss Janice Frye; vice president, Miss Mary Bone; secretary, Miss Rebecca Gray; treasurer, Miss Pat Garner; reporter, Miss Linda Mabe; historian, Miss Paula Johnson; parliamentarian, Miss Carol Hayes; song leader, Miss Karen Auman; pianist, Miss Audrey Hiatt; chaplin, Miss Jeannie Yow; recreational leader, Miss Dianne Auman; and advisor, Mrs. Wade Harris.

Closing ceremony was by the new president, Miss Janice Frye, who said "we face the future with warm courage and high hopes."

Another eventful year in the history of the Seagrove chapter of the Future Homemakers of America had come to a close.

Buggy Ride Is Remembered On Wedding Anniversary

May 18, 1967 - Mr. and Mrs. John Robert (Rob) Poole, who were married at a crossroads wedding site while sitting in a buggy, reached the sixtieth year of their marriage on May 5.

A quite family gathering commemorated the event on Sunday, May 7 at their lovely farm home at Rt. 1, Ramseur, south of Coleridge on Highway 22.

Lifelong residents of the Coleridge area, the couple were married on Sunday, May 5, 1907 following their attendance at the annual memorial service at the Pleasant Grove Christian church.

Little did their friends at the Pleasant Grove memorial service sixty years ago realize that their marriage had been planned. Their friends did not know that Justice of the Peace Pink Caviness would meet the couple at the crossroads, a short distance from the church, and perform the ceremony while they were seated in the buggy which had carried them away from the church.

The Pleasant Grove church was holding their annual memorial service again this year. The date was May 7, just two days off of that date sixty years ago. Although Mr. and Mrs. Poole were not there this year, they were not far away, celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage which came out of that memorial service on May 5, 1907.

Mr. Poole, 80, was born in Pleasant Grove Township, the son of John Tyler Poole and Sallie Johnson Poole. He attended the one-teacher school at Pleasant Grove before his family moved to Coleridge where he was living at the time of his marriage.

Mrs. Poole, 79 is the former Ada Caviness, daughter of William (Uncle Billy) Caviness and Mary Needham Caviness. She was born in Coleridge Township, a short distance from the home in which she and Mr. Poole have lived since a year and one half after their marriage. She attended the one teacher school at Maple Springs.

Three children, Mrs. Albert (Adelle) Jones, William Ray Poole, and Mrs. Coy (Elsa) Cain, were born to their marriage. There are also eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Their son, one of the more successful tobacco farmers in Randolph County, and his family live with Mr. and Mrs. Poole while their two daughters live on adjoining farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Poole are members of the Deep River Baptist Church in Coleridge where her father was a deacon for forty years. Mrs. Poole has been a member at Deep River since she was twelve years old but Mr. Poole joined the church a few years after their marriage. He formerly belonged to the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

A brush arbor structure at the time of its beginning, Mrs. Poole can remember when the first frame building at the Deep River Baptist Church was erected.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Poole are still active, despite their ages. Mr. Poole said "I work some yet," Mrs. Poole, stylish and youthful appearing, rode the tobacco setter a day or so before her family gathered for their sixtieth wedding anniversary. She said "there's nothing I can't do on a farm."

Mrs. Poole likes to travel and has been on visits to Florida and Texas in recent years but Mr. Poole had rather stay at home and look after things on the farm.

With their allotted years already behind them, this couple is still going strong and seemingly enjoying life to the fullest. They have no fear of what the future holds for them. Because their faith is grounded, "their tombstones are already up," and they look with assurance at what is ahead.

Wounded Three Times In Vietnam, Youth Returns Home To Randleman

May 29, 1967 – "The people of the United States should support the war more than they do," said a young Randleman soldier who has returned from the Vietnam war front after being shot three times by enemy gunfire.

Private First Class Miles Eugene Moore, twenty years of age and a Courier-Tribune carrier boy for two years, also said: "I feel like now that we are over there, there is no pulling out."

"I'd like to say that I never once heard the boys say that they didn't want to be there," further stated the slightly built youth who was only nineteen years old when he was wounded.

He said talk to the contrary was "coming from the ones who don't know what it is like."

PFC Moore was wounded on Mar. 17 while serving as the "point man" for his company on a hunt for North Vietnam regulars. He was moving ahead of the rest of the company by about fifty meters, chartering the course for the rest of the men.

He was shot from ambush, the first shot hitting him in the left arm, the second and third hitting him in the shoulder and side. After the first shot he jumped behind a tree and threw his pack in front of him.

A medic who came to his aid was also hit and fell across the young Randleman soldier. This scared the youth, who thought the medic was dead.

While lying on the ground, before his buddies rolled him in a poncho for removal by a helicopter, PFC Moore directed members of his company in the bearing of their shots towards the enemy group who had attacked them.

Drafted in the Army on July 28, 1966, Moore received his basic training at Ft. Bragg; his advanced infantry training at Ft. Jackson, S. C.; and additional training at Ft. Hood, Texas.

But on Feb. 8, 1967 a little over six months after he was drafted, he reached the scene of the conflict in a cargo plane bringing replacements from an air base in Oakland, Calif.

He was assigned to an infantry division which was operating on the Cambodian border. Their purpose in the area, a mountainous region, was a search and destroy mission. On the night before PFC Moore was shot, enemy mortar fire had hit their encampment and injured several men.

After being injured PFC Moore was carried to a surgical hospital at the replacement center to which he came upon first arriving in South Vietnam. There he underwent surgery, was awarded the Purple Heart and received a field promotion to Specialist, Fourth Class, the latter two distinctions being bestowed upon him by a two-star general.

He was transferred to another hospital in South Vietnam, then was taken to a hospital in Tokyo, Japan, stopping enroute at a hospital in the Phillipine Islands. From the hospital in Japan he was brought to the Womack Army hospital at Ft. Bragg. After checking in at the later place, he was allowed to come home for a thirty day leave.

Home to Moore (His promotion has not been processed through yet) is a small residence at 204 Stout St. in Randleman where he lived with his mother, Mrs. Ollie Moore, and a brother, Bruce Moore, before entering the military service.

His father, Hobart M. Moore, a veteran of World War II, was killed in a truck accident three years after being discharged from the military service and when PFC Moore was nine months old, his younger brother was yet unborn.

The mother now nearing her 54th birthday, "did a great job" rearing her two sons, according to the oldest one. Both boys are appreciative of her services to them throughout the formative years of their lives.

One gesture of their appreciation is engraved in the concrete walk which has been poured in front of the humble dwelling. The inscription reads: "Aug. 10, 1965. A birthday present to Mother."

Although his left arm is still partially paralyzed and he does not know what the final outcome will be, PFC Moore has a good attitude and outlook.

Asked if he held any resentment towards being sent to Vietnam and receiving the wounds in battle, he spoke quickly and emphatically when he answered "none whatsoever." He added, "I was no better than anyone else to go and am proud that I was able to go".

The demonstrations and the uproar over the Vietnam conflict in this country disturb him. He made a comparison of these expressions to the attitude he found among the men who are serving in Vietnam, saying "they have good morale over there, extra good."

He was reluctant to express an opinion on the strategy of the war but when pressed he said "we should go on and get it over with, regardless of what it takes." He also thought that more bombing should be done in North Vietnam, since that is where the supplies are located.

His future plans include getting out of the Army when his term of service ends on July 28, 1968, unless he receives a medical discharge before then. He wants to get married and settle down. However, he hopes to receive his high school diploma before leaving the Army. He dropped out of Randleman High School in the 11th grade and was a brickmason learner before being drafted in the Army.

Doubts, fears, resentment and discontent over the war in Vietnam disappear in the presence of this cheerful,

optimistic youth who gained his knowledge of the far off conflict the hard way.

His slight stature becomes more erect and his deep brown eyes, nearly black, become more animated as he discusses his experiences in Vietnam and his impressions of why we need to remain there until the job is done.

The intergrity of his views cannot be questioned, the arm dangling by his left side attests to the authenticity of his belief. Although he has not yet reached the age of his majority, he is a great American and has already rendered a great service to his country.

Communities Honoring Many Senior Citizens

June 1, 1967 – The honoring of Randolph County's senior citizens continued recently with events scheduled at Cedar Grove, Farmer and the Randolph County Rest Home.

The Cedar Grove affair, under the joint sponsorship of the Home Demonstration Club and the community organization, has been an annual event for the past five years.

Held at the New Union Methodist Church for the first two years, it has been held since that time at the new community center.

Eagerly looked forward to each year, not only by the older citizens of the community but the younger ones as well, this year's senior citizen party was no exception.

Beautiful arrangements of roses and other spring flowers decorated the community center, with punch, cookies and mints being served. Approximately 75 people were in attendance.

A large group of elderly people were in attendance. A large group of elderly people, as well as other people of the community, were also in attendance at the Farmer event, which was held at the grange hall.

With the home demonstration club hosting the observance, a program of gospel singing was rendered by the Good Will quartet from the New Hope Methodist Church. Speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Bill E. Poole, pastor for the Farmer Charge; Mrs. Ovie Henson also rendered special singing, accompanying herself on the accordion.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. E. W. Elliott, 76, oldest woman present; R. P. Copple, 86, oldest man present; and to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davis, the couple who had been married in 1909.

The grange hall was beautifully decorated, refreshments were served and group singing was also enjoyed by those in attendance.

The senior citizen observance at the Randolph Rest Home was perhaps more informal but none the less enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Burrow, proprietors of the home, served the patients with a nice buffet luncheon during the noon hour, after which group singing and a worship service was held. Later in the evening many of the older patients had their pictures made.

Three of the patients, Mrs. Nettie Jane Bean, Mrs. Nellie Harris and Lewis Henry Curtis, were 84 years of age.

Woman Comes Home, Another Leaves County

June 1, 1967 – One outstanding Randolph County woman came home last week to her final rest; another equally

outstanding woman from this county sold her furnishings and went to live elsewhere.

Coincidentally, both of them were concerned with children.

Miss Mary A. Ferree, last surviving member of a pioneer Randleman family, was interred in the family plot at the cemetery of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

Eighty-three years of age, she was laid to rest in the burial plot where her parents, John H. Ferree and Alice Randleman Ferree, and other members of her family are also interred. Her father, John H. Ferree, and her maternal grandfather, John Banner Randleman, were outstanding in the establishment of Randleman, the town receiving its name from the latter.

Miss Mary Ferree, termed by her fellow townsman, John Woolen, as "one of the finest women that ever lived in North Carolina," died at the Methodist Home in Durham.

She had been living at the home since her retirement as a teacher, house mother, and kindergarten teacher at the Methodist orphanage in Raleigh for over forty years.

Miss Ferree came often to visit with her friends, John Woolen and his sister, Miss Rosabel Woolen, in Randleman and to renew the contacts of her childhood.

Mrs. Kate Gearren has been making children's clothes for the American Friends Service Committee for many years, all on a volunteer basis.

She spent most of her days and part of her nights making the tiny garments at the home at the end of the road, at which she and her husband Bob lived on Rt. 3, Asheboro. The former Kate Allred, she was a native of the area in which she lived.

During a recent year, she made 165 new garments, mended 1,012 pounds of old clothing and pieced 27 quilts.

Her husband died and Kate could not live alone in the house at the end of the road. She left Randolph County to live with her children elsewhere. Last Saturday she came back to sell her furnishings and sever her connection with the community in which she had spent her life.

Among the furnishings which were sold at the auction was the sewing machine which she had owned for fifty one years and on which she had sewed the clothes which went to the needy children overseas. It was estimated that 2,000 dresses had been made on the machine for distribution in the countries throughout out the world.

Ash-Rand Rescue Squad Picks "Man Of The Year"

June 12, 1967 – A diminutive, white-haired man, long a familiar person on the Asheboro scene, was most deservedly named to receive the first "Man of the Year" award from The Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc.

Carl Steed, nearing his 72nd birthday, has been prominent in the activities of the rescue organization since its formation in June, 1963 and was one of the persons participating in the events which led to the chartering of the group.

He was signer of the Articles of Incorporation and since it's organization has served as a principal officer in the organization.

Although he hasn't taken up the place of a rescuer, he has headed the list of sustaining members which has provided the needed support for the men who participate in the rescue missions.

The unofficial cook for the organization, he keeps a truck rigged with the equipment for outdoor cooking and he never

fails to show up with food and coffee whenever it is needed to revive those who are engaged in the sometimes wearisome hours of rescue.

But Carl Steed's public service did not start with the initiation of the rescue squad nor has it been confined to the activities of that group.

A retired volunteer fireman with the Asheboro Fire Department; he first became identified with that department about 1916. However, he answered the fire calls even before that time.

He recalls that he answered the first call which the local fire department received after city water was turned on in 1911. It was to a house fire on Worth St., near the present Dr. R. P. Sykes residence, and the city's fire fighting equipment consisted of a two-wheel push cart with around 250 feet of hose.

Although now retired from the Asheboro Fire Department, he is still interested in the activities of the department and is often seen around the fire station. He expressed it this way: "officially I'm out of it but my heart is still in it."

He names four other Asheboro residents, Will Coffin, Duke Smith, Bunyan Lambert and Joe Betts, as having been associated with the local fire department at the time he became a volunteer fireman.

Carl's culinary skill did not come into existence only with the need for feeding the members of the rescue squad. For years he has been assisting in the preparation of meals for church benefits, civic groups, firemen's suppers, political groups, March of Dimes benefits and other worthy causes.

He helped the Franklinville Fire Protective Association get started off in the public suppers which have been most beneficial to that group for the past several years and loaned them the use of his equipment.

For all of his life Carl Steed has been an integral part of the town of Asheboro. He was born on Fayetteville St. in Asheboro, near the W. J. Armfield residence, in a house which formerly housed the old Asheboro school.

His father was Duncan Steed, a long time Asheboro policeman, and his mother was Alice Lamb Steed.

He worked at the Asheboro Hosiery Mill for twenty one years and at Stedmen Manufacturing Company for sixteen years, serving in a supervisory capacity at both places.

When he has found time to work since his retirement in Oct., 1961, between his errands of public service, he has operated a repair shop at his home on Meadowbrook Road, formerly East Priitchard St. Extension.

There he lives with his wife, the former Jessie Spencer. Their five children are Clarence C. (Bobby) Steed, Mrs. S. E. Trogdon, Jr., and Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, of Asheboro; Mrs. Charles Beckman, St. Louis, Mo.; and Larry Steed, Raleigh. They have fourteen grandchildren.

Yes, he is a familiar figure around town, a short white-haired man taking short steps but nevertheless walking briskly and usually in a hurry.

Carl Steed has been a part of the growth and progress of Asheboro and of Randolph County. Others may have figured more than he in planning and policy making decisions but no one has exceeded him in loyalty, devotion and the hard work which has been needed to implement the decisions at the higher level.

He has been essential in the necessary things and the "Man of the Year" award, however significant, was still only a slight token of the credit and recognition which is due this useful citizen of Asheboro.

Former Students Gather For Old School Reunion

June 15, 1967 – A reunion of former Pleasant Grove School students, the first to be held since the closing of the school in 1932, was held Sunday afternoon, June 11, at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, located across the road from where the old school stood.

Seventy-nine former students were counted as being present, with eight former teachers, Mrs. Effie Myrick Flowers, Mrs. Berta Wrenn Hoover, Bennie Powers, Mrs. Bennie Powers, Mrs. Lillie Powers Purvis, Mrs. Blanche Cheek Moffitt, Ernest Jones and Rev. E. Carl Brady, being presented to the afternoon audience.

Three of the former teachers, Mrs. Moffitt, Mr. Jones and the Rev. Mr. Brady, were also students at the school.

Speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Mr. Brady who has just recently retired from the teaching profession after 42 years of teaching, 38 of which were spent with the school in Robbins.

Carl Brady was in a reminiscent mood as he gave a brief history of the Pleasant Grove School and elaborated on his experiences there both as a student and as a teacher.

He discussed the curriculum of the earlier schools at Pleasant Grove, the spelling matches and the commencements. He said he was happy to be a part of a community which had a church and school on opposite sides of the road and he said "there is no place that I know anywhere that is dearer than this place."

Deed for the land on which the first Pleasant Grove School building was erected was made on Jan. 26, 1882 from S. L. Moffitt, party of the first part, to Isaac F. Brady, James Brady and J. F. Brady, public school committee, parties of the second part.

The transaction, which involved one acre of land, was made for the amount of five dollars.

The first building was destroyed by fire about 1895 and the school moved into a two storied building which had been erected for use as an academy.

However, the academy idea was discarded when the fire occurred and in later years another room was added when Pleasant Grove became a two teacher school. The upper story of the building was used by a farmer's union and a Junior Order.

For one year, before the disbandment of the school, the original room was partitioned off and a third teacher was added, along with the eighth grade.

In 1932 the school was consolidated with Bennett and the lower Randolph County School ceased to exist.

The old building was torn down, with part of it being purchased by Billy Brown for use in the construction of a store building and the remainder was bought by J. Y. Oates and used in the construction of a dwelling house near Franklinville.

The idea of a reunion of old Pleasant Grove School students and teachers originated with Mrs. Maisie Cheek Teague. A committee, composed of Albert Jones, Kermit Brady and Nennie Powers, made plans for the event.

Albert Jones, who was later named president of a permanent school reunion organization served as temporary chairman for the meeting. Devotions were conducted by Rev. Hayes Ritter, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church. It was voted to hold the reunion again next year on the second Sunday in June.

Other officers named in the business session included Kermit Brady, vice president, and Mrs. Flossie Bray Phibbs, secretary and treasurer.

Alson Brady, 85 years of age, received a prize for being the oldest student in attendance; Mrs. Myrtle Moore Reece, 41, received a prize for being the youngest student in attendance, and former teacher Mrs. Effie Myrick Flowers, of Miami, Fla., received a prize for having traveled the farthest distance to attend the old school reunion.

Other places represented at the reunion were Greensboro, Robbins, Bennett, Goldston, Durham, Asheboro, Burlington, Randleman, Siler City, Biscoe, Liberty, Bare Creek, Franklinville, Ramseur and Winston-Salem, and South Carolina.

A picnic dinner preceded the holding of the school reunion in the church sanctuary.

March of Dimes Drive For Funds Tops Goal

June 22, 1967 – The 1967 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County raised the largest amount in the recent history of the local drive.

Receipts this year amounted to \$13,162.40, a considerable amount more than has been raised in recent years.

Expenses for the drive amounted to \$474.79, leaving net receipts of \$12,687.61.

Distributions of the net receipts have been made as follows: \$3,171.90, to Medical Scientific Research Fund; \$4,757.86 to national headquarters of The National Foundation-March of Dimes; and \$4,757.85 to the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

I. Hilliard Nance, local recreational director and former well known athlete, served as director for the 1967 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County.

He was assisted by community chairmen. Their names, their communities and the amounts they raised are as follows: Asheboro, Q. G. McKeel, \$3,044.05; Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Steed and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Byrd, \$1,271.30; Ulah, H. Clendon Richardson, \$1,645.00; Ramseur, Elvin Cox, \$1,159.06; Liberty, Rev. Clegg W. Avett, \$1,247.80; Seagrove-Union Grove, Bobby Maness, \$400.46; Pleasant Ridge-Holly Spring, Mrs. V. C. Cox, \$87.31; Bethel-Grantville, Mrs. Lester Byrd, \$66.58; Worthville, Ed Clark, \$42.42; Cedar Falls, Mrs. Frank Redding, \$95.06; North Asheboro, Mrs. Jimmy Moody, \$637.46; and Brower, Arnold Comer, \$514.34

Also, Trinity, Mrs. Howard Younts, \$562.20; Franklinville, Rev. William Dingus, \$485.28; Staley, Mrs. Ray Thompson, \$162.68; Pisgah-Union, Mrs. Eli Callicutt, \$69.58; Sophia, T. B. Pugh and Elmer Beeson, \$310.00; Archdale, Farell Slack, \$222.32; Grays Chapel, Odell Routh, \$162.60; Farmer, Daniel Kruger, \$169.70; Tabernacle, Rev. Grayson Hobson, \$167.12; Piney Ridge, Mrs. Verlia Brady and Mrs. Maie Cheek, \$110.00 and Central Falls, Reuben Allred, \$168.86.

Noteburning Ceremony held By Local Church

June, 26, 1967 – Asheboro Alliance Church, which had its beginning in Asheboro in 1951, held a note-burning service

Sunday afternoon, June 18, at its property at 619 Albermarle Road.

Homecoming was also observed in the morning worship service, at which time the church's founder and first pastor, Rev. Joseph H. Beck, was the speaker.

The Rev. Mr. Beck came to Asheboro in the year 1951 and began a series of Bible studies and prayer services at his home. Other than his family, his first congregation consisted of three people.

Services were held in other homes also before the beginning of public services at the American Legion Hut. Erection of a building began in 1953 on property which was purchased next to Oaklawn Cemetery.

The church took as its name Oaklawn Gospel Tabernacle, getting its name from the adjoining cemetery, and began its existence as an independent, non-affiliated group.

Joseph H. (Joe) Beck served the group as pastor for five years and was succeeded by W. C. Ferriss.

In 1957 the local church became a part of the Christian Missionary Alliance denomination and changed its name to Asheboro Alliance Church, with Bill Payne as its first denominational pastor.

Charter members of the church included Rev. and Mrs. Bill Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wright, Mrs. Ila Rich Kivett, Miss Bernice Rich, now Mrs. John Lambert, Mrs. Bill Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Cagle, Mrs. Hazel Hoover, and Mrs. Mattie Briles.

Other pastors which followed the Rev. Mr. Payne were Rev. Donald Dragoo, Rev. Robert Richey, and the present pastor, Rev. H. C. Womack.

The present pastor, the Rev. Mr. Womack, came to the Asheboro church ten months ago. Coming here from Durham, his family consists of his wife and two sons, Daniel Stephen and David Hunter.

Mr. Womack was employed in Durham as an assistant chemist with the research laboratory of Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company. A graduate of North Carolina State University at Raleigh, he has also studied at the University of North Carolina, Duke University, and Columbia Bible College. He taught physical education at the Fayetteville Street School last school year. This is his first pastorate.

The homecoming speaker and first pastor, Joe Beck, has served pastorates in Deland, Fla. and Hialeah, Fla. since leaving Asheboro. Sunday he was on his way to a new pastorate in Des Plaines, Ill.

While living in Asheboro Joe Beck worked for four years as a sanitarian for the Randolph County Health Department.

Now that the mortgage on their church structure has been cleared, the congregation of Asheboro Alliance Church is looking ahead to further progress. They hope to purchase additional land, erect a new sanctuary and use the present building as an educational plant.

Between the time of the homecoming service in the morning and the note-burning in the afternoon, a fellowship luncheon was held on the church grounds.

Local Methodist Minister Heads Church Youth Camp

July 6, 1967 – A young Asheboro minister, who has served as president of the North Carolina Wesleyan Youth for the past three years, will leave Sunday July 9, to conduct the Wesleyan Youth Camp at Colfax.

Rev. James R. (Jim) Perryman, pastor of the local Rushwood Park Wesleyan Methodist Church for the past two years, will head up the youth camp personnel for the annual sessions at the Shady Grove Camp Ground.

He will take along with him a layout for a proposed youth camp to be located in the Flint Hill area between Asheboro and High Point.

Land for the proposed new camp has already been purchased by the Pilgrim Holiness denomination and upon merger of the Pilgrim Holiness and Wesleyan Methodist denominations next year the youth camp will be owned and used by the unified church group.

The Rev. Perryman serves as a member of the official planning committee which is making arrangements for the establishment of this youth camp which will be located eight miles from Asheboro, just off the Flint Hill Road.

Serving on this committee has been only one phase of youth activities which has occupied this young Asheboro minister for the past church year.

In addition to his duties as president of the North Carolina Wesleyan Youth and his conduct of the annual Wesleyan Youth Camp for the state of Georgia, he has attended and participated in district rallies, zone rallies and area council meetings, he was the speaker during youth week at the Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Methodist Church in High Point, and he served as central area subscription manager for the Wesleyan youth publication.

These additional youth activities have seemingly not hindered his pastorate at the local Rushwood Park church, as increased attendance, new members, and financial gains have reflected his ministry there.

Only recently the Rushwood Park church purchased land for additional expansion and has voted to prepare plans for the building of the new sanctuary.

A native of the McAdenville section of Gaston County, Rev. Perryman graduated from the Cramerton High School and attended the Gaston Technical Institute. It was while he was studying Radio-TV technology at the Gaston Institute that he answered a call to the ministry and transferred to Central Wesleyan College at Central, S. C. where he graduated with an A.B. degree in 1960.

His first church was the Beulah Heights Wesleyan Methodist Church at Troutman, after which he served the Ridgewood Wesleyan Methodist Church in Raleigh for four years.

He is married to the former Naomi Ruth Splawn, a native of Central, S. C., and they are the parents of a three year-old son, Ronald Maurice.

Running His General Store Is A Habit After 50 Years

July 10, 1967 — J. T. Warren, General Merchandise continues to operate in Staley after more than fifty years and its owner shows no signs of quitting, despite an illness last year and an accident this year.

Business is not as good as it used to be. "Supermarkets, good roads and automobiles," according to the venerable owner, J. T. Warren, have caused a deterioration of the general store but when you talk to him about going out of business, he says "I don't know what I would do."

It's a habit with him. He has operated continuously in the same building since 1917 and before that in a small dwelling house a short distance to the rear of his present building.

His illness last year and his accident this year prevent him from staying all day in the store. But he still comes part time to continue the operation of the business which has long been a fixture in the small town.

Helping him to keep the business going is a former competitor, L. C. Siler, who himself retired several years ago. Mr. Siler is also the father of Mr. Warren's son-in-law, Jack Siler.

Mr. Warren has a solid gold watch which was presented him in 1946 for "30" years of continuous association in the sale of Texaco Petroleum Products" and he also has plaques in recognition of his fortieth, forty-fifth and fiftieth year of association with the Texaco Company.

He entered the general mercantile business in 1914, shortly after he was named postmaster at Staley, a position he retained for nine years.

In describing his beginning in the mercantile business, he said "I bought a little stock of goods, less than \$100.00."

Strangely enough, the town of Staley had its heyday before and about the time J. T. Warren started his store in 1914. It was much bigger at that time than it is now.

There was a cotton mill, and a cotton gin, a roller mill and a number of stores both on the main street and on the highway across the railroad. That was much more than has been there since and Mr. Warren, his dry humor showing, said "I started it down hill when I went into business."

This stalwart citizen of Staley, who has lived through the expansion and the decline of his town, was born Sept. 25, 1888 on a farm about a half of a mile or so out of Staley, the son of William A. Warren and Mary Jane Barker Warren.

He was given the name of Judge Thurman Warren, which is seemingly appropriate for this foremost citizen who is distinguished for his tall, erect and commanding appearance, despite the number of years he has reached.

He attended the one-teacher school at Staley and also went for one year to the boarding school at Franklinville, taught by the renowned Professor Dave Weatherly. His roommates in Franklinville were Sam Foushee, Walter Burgess and C. A. York, the latter now serving as Postmaster at High Point.

Upon completing the year of schooling in Franklinville, he received a teacher's certificate which he has never used. Instead, he enlisted in the Army in 1908.

His enlistment was for three years and while in basic training at Ft. Slocum, N. Y. he requested and was granted an assignment to duty in the Philippine Islands. He also went to Japan during his tour of duty.

It was after his tenure of service in the Army and upon his return to Staley that he underwent the examination for the postoffice appointment.

He was married in 1917 to Allie Brower, who died in 1952. Two daughters, Miss Dorothy Warren, who is employed with an architectural firm in New York City, and Mrs. Jack Siler, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

Mrs. Siler, the former Mary Warren, her husband and their three-year-old daughter, Beverly, live with Mr. Warren in his home in Staley. Mrs. Siler was a science teacher at Liberty High School before the arrival of her daughter.

Besides his two daughters, his son-in-law and granddaughter, the only other member of his immediate family is a sister, Mrs. Florence Warren Cox, of Liberty.

J. T. Warren has consistently participated in the civic and religious activities of his town during the years of his residence and life therein.

He has served many terms on the town council, the last time only a few years ago. He is a charter member of the Staley Lions Club and for 42 years he has been a member of Siler City A. F. & A. M. Lodge No. 403.

A former superintendent of the Sunday School at the Staley Methodist Church, he also served on the building committee when the church erected its new structure. Serving as the chairman of the building committee was his youngest daughter, Mary.

12-Year-Old Hasn't Missed Sunday School In 11 Years

July 13, 1967 – Twelve year-old Johnny Hayes, Rt. 1, Sophia, has received Sunday school perfect attendance awards for eleven straight years.

This attendance record began officially in July, 1955 and has not been broken since that time. There have been no misses.

Except for two Sundays, the entire attendance record has been compiled at the Sunday School of the Marlboro Friends meeting, located not far from the home where Johnny resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Hayes, his brother, Tommy, his sister, Geneva Lou, and his grandmother, Mrs. Zorado Loffin.

While visiting out of the state, Johnny attended Sunday School one Sunday in Merchantville, N. J. and another Sunday in Orlando, Fla.

A near miss to Johnny's record came when he had his tonsils removed and developed a case of mumps immediately thereafter.

He underwent the tonsilectomy on a Monday and recovered in time to keep his attendance record intact on the next Sunday. But on that evening, after attending Sunday school in the morning, he came down with the mumps. However, he recovered again in time to go back to Sunday school on the following Sunday.

Johnny's brother and sister have also compiled perfect attendance records in Sunday School. Nine year-old Tommy has attended Sunday School for five consecutive years while six year-old Geneva Lou has attended Sunday school for four consecutive years.

Tommy's record is impressive, despite the fact it does not cover as many years as his older brother. Because during the first years of his life, he was hospitalized at various times, due to a rheumatic condition and serious injuries from a lawn mower accident.

In fairness, it must be pointed out that Sunday School attendance records in the Hayes family are not confirmed to the two brothers and their sister. When the Sunday School attendance awards were presented at Marlboro Friends Meeting recently at the end of the church year, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Hayes, were also recognized for attending Sunday School for the past two years without missing a Sunday.

'Swim And Stay Fit' Pays Dividends

July 17, 1967 – Three months following the removal of a cast which encompassed the lower part of her body, a 16-year-old Asheboro girl competed the fifty mile phase of the Red cross "Swim and Stay Fit" program.

Miss Patricia Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Thomas, 810 Worth St., underwent a major operation last Oct. for the alleviation of a bone disease, at which time the lower part of her body was placed in a cast.

It was six months later before the cast was removed. Two weeks after that, while still on crutches, she along with her mother enrolled in the local Red Cross swimming program.

Coming along with them about a month later to the Acme-McCrary Recreational Pool, where they fulfilled the requirements of the swimming program, was their friend, Miss Sally McCain, also partially crippled for most of her life.

Miss McCain, who suffered a stroke two years ago in addition to her other disabilities, was on crutches at the time she began the program, the same as Miss Thomas.

Neither did Miss McCain have the use of one arm and one leg when she began the swimming schedule.

All three ladies swam five mornings a week under the direction of N. C. Galloway, life guard at the Acme-McCrary pool, water safety chairman for the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross and monitor for the "Swim and Stay Fit" program.

Mrs. Thomas completed her fifty-mile swimming program on June 16; Miss Thomas on June 19; and Miss McCain on July 17. Mrs. Thomas and her daughter began on Mar. 9 while Miss McCain began on Apr. 4.

Upon the completion of the program a certificate and a pin is presented. The swimming program is a part of the physical fitness program established by the late President John F. Kennedy.

During the process of completing her fifty miles in swimming, Miss Thomas also qualified as A Red Cross senior life saver and was awarded a certificate for this achievement.

Her swimming abilities now include the side stroke, American crawl, elementary back stroke, breast stroke, inverted breast stroke, and the Trudgen crawl.

Mrs. Thomas learned the back crawl, side stroke and the American crawl while Miss McCain is now proficient in the back crawl and the prone crawl.

Their instructor, Mr. Galloway, who began a water safety program in Asheboro 20 years ago, has high praise for the physical therapy aspects of the "Swim and Stay Fit" program.

He said that after Miss Thomas had been in the program two weeks she discarded her crutches and that Miss McCain regained the use of her arm during the program and now walks with the aid of only one crutch.

Miss Thomas, in and out of the hospital for years suffering with osteomyelitis, an inflammation of the bone, was fit enough to leave Saturday for a camping trip in Virginia and to go from there for a visit to Canada.

Former Students Reunited At old Marlboro School

July 20, 1967 – The 8th annual session of the old Marlboro School reunion was held Sunday, July 16, in the Marlboro Friends Meeting House

Forty-four former students were in attendance. The school remained in existence for forty years, from 1895 until 1935.

Logan Nelson, one of the older of the former students, conducted the devotional, using as his scripture the 23rd Psalm.

He recalled that a form of punishment inflicted on him for whispering in the old school required that he memorize the 23rd Psalm. He said that he realizes now that was the best punishment he could have received.

A quartet, headed by 79 year-old Harris Johnson, a former teacher at the school, provided special music.

Accompanying the quartet at the piano was Mr. Johnson's 78 year old wife. Combined ages of the quartet and pianist was 386 years.

Presiding over the reunion meeting was Carl Ward, who started to the Marlboro School in 1911, the first year which Mr. Johnson taught.

Another former teacher, Mrs. Ethel Hinshaw Fields, was also present. Mrs. Fields is still teaching and has been a member of the faculty at the Pleasant Garden School for the past 25 years.

Prizes were awarded to Arthur Farlow, 85, for being the oldest former male student in attendance; to Mrs. Rosie Snider Hedrick, 76, the oldest former female student; to Jill Davis, 6 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis, youngest descendant in attendance; and to Harris Coltrane, of Miami, Fla., who came the farthest to attend the reunion.

Officers were named as follows; Emily Pugh, president; Floyd Davis, vice president; and Althea Brown, secretary and treasurer.

A memorial service, honoring Victor Coltrane, Pearl Nance Morgan, John Nance, Lena Bulla Cole, Tom Davis and Bluford Tillotson, was conducted by Emily Pugh.

Several former students reminisced about the time when they attended the old Marlboro School.

These included John Yow, who told about the time, just before Christmas, when some of the boys shut the teacher out of the school building because she would not treat the students for Christmas.

They kept her out most of the day. The school committmen, who arrived on the scene late in the afternoon, said they were going to whip the boys responsible for the act.

But the whipping never materialized and neither did the treat.

A more favorable report, given by Paul Winslow, told about the good baseball teams at Marlboro and especially recall the game in which Marlboro soundly defeated Springfield, a supposedly superior team.

She's Active And Alert On Her 100th Birthday

July 24, 1967 – Mrs. Deborah Lucinda Barnes, still active and alert, celebrated her 100th birthday Saturday, July 22 at the Rt. 2, Asheboro home where she has lived for the past seventy eight yers.

She talks a great deal about the past one hundred years, says that she can remember everything since she was four, but seems to be a little hazy about the present.

However, she did say "Im rejoicing that I am as well as I am" and later she said "I'm rejoicing that I am left here as I've been."

But it was clear that Deborah Barnes' mind dwells mostly in the years following her birth on July 22, 1867, the daughter of John Hoover and Elizabeth Hunt Hoover.

She lives with her son, Wayman Barnes, and his family in the house to which she came three years following her marriage to Thomas Wilson Barnes.

She was married at the age of nineteen. Her husband has been dead now for about thirty years. Deceased also are five of her children.

Besides the son with whom she lives, she has two other sons, Ernest Barnes and Emory Barnes, of Asheboro, and two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Smith, who lives on an adjoining place, and her youngest child, Mrs. Eunice McPherson, of Asheboro.

Her children, other relatives and friends called at her farm home on the day of her birthday and the following day. But the big celebration, which had been talked about a year ago, was not held due to her frailty.

Nearly blind now for several years, she still gets around the house by herself and still dresses herself for the most part.

This reporter had visited her on her 95th and 99th birthdays and it seems that she was not quite as vocal upon the visit at the time of her 100th birthday.

She still talked, especially about the experiences of her long lifetime, she accepted her gifts and identified her relatives with remarks which were appropriate but she passed up the opportunity of reciting some of the poems, telling some of the stories and asking some of the riddles that she had at the time of this reporter's previous visits.

It may have been due to more people being present but it could be that time is taking its toll on Deborah Lucinda Barnes and that the years are finally catching up with her.

She did say that "We all had to work in my day" and she might have been thinking of the time, seventy eight years ago, when she helped her husband clear the land for the house which they built on the place which she still resides.

At that time, already the mother of two children, she had told on a previous visit about helping her husband by punching up the logs" which he had cut.

One indication that Deborah Barnes was not quite up to par on her 100th birthday was her failure to volunteer the recitation of the ballad "Naomi Wise," as she had done on the previous visits to her home.

But when reminded, she recited it clear and strong and without leaving out any part of it. At the last Christmas party for the blind in Randolph County, sponsored by the Lions Club, she had delighted those in attendance with her recitation of "Naomi Wise."

Born as a birthright member of the Back Creek Friends meeting House, located near where she was born and has lived, Mrs. Deborah Lucinda Barnes was reared and has lived in the stern discipline of the Quaker faith.

She has lived plainly, worked hard and has clung to the strict standards of her forefathers. Her forthright manner and strong determination has stood her well throughout the hundred years of her life.

Groundbreaking Ceremony Held By Seagrove Church

Aug. 3, 1967 – Ground breaking for a new building for the First Baptist Church of Seagrove was held Sunday, July 30, directly following the morning worship service at the building where the congregation presently worships.

The new building will be placed on a new site, located on the east side of Highway 220 north of Seagrove. Construction was scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The new site, a two and one half acre tract, was purchased over a year ago with financial aid from the Baptist State Convention.

Shortly thereafter a tent revival was held at the site and at its close the church organization was formally constituted.

Prior to that time the Baptist group had operated about a year and a half as the Seagrove Baptist Mission under the watchcare of the Randolph Baptist Association and under the leadership of Rev. Bobby H. Martin, who remained to become the pastor of the newly constituted church.

Worship services have been held since the group first began as a mission organization in a block building west of Seagrove. On Saturday, Aug. 20, this building and the land on which it stands will be put up at public auction, with its assets being applied to the construction of the new church building.

Cost of the new structure has been placed at \$65,000. The contract for its erection has been given to Atom Construction Co., of Albemarle.

The overall building will include a sanctuary, 40 by 80 feet, and an educational plant, 80 by 40 feet. Brick will comprise the outside construction, with exposed beams and brick walls for the interior construction. A baptistery will be included.

The educational plant will consist of 14 Sunday School rooms, two nurseries and rest rooms both in the nurseries and for the adults.

Financing of the new structure will come from the sale of Security church bonds, of which Robert Horton, of Greensville, S. C., is the personal representative.

The bonds, which are compounded semi-annually at six per cent interest until maturity date, will be handled through the First National bank in Asheboro and will be sold in denominations of \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. Sale of the bonds will take place the week of Aug. 27 - Sept. 2.

Participating in the ground breaking service Sunday were the pastor, Rev. Bobby H. Martin, and the building committee, composed of Harley Scott, chairman, Wayne Smith, Bill Saunders, Lester Carrick and Van Saunders.

Seagrove's First Baptist Church has shown consistent progress since its beginning as a mission church. When its young pastor came to the mission group in Jan., 1965 the attendance was about twenty five. The attendance has steadily increased. There are now over 90 enrolled in the Sunday School, and the interest in all phases of the work has been maintained.

It is expected that even greater progress will be manifested when the congregation moves into the new building on Highway 220 north of the town from which the church group gets its name.

17 Quaker Delegates Attend Local Churches

Aug. 3, 1967 - Seventeen delegates to the Fourth Friends World Conference at Guilford College, representing five other nations of the world and seven states within the United States, joined with the congregations of the Marlboro and South Plainfield Friends Meetings Saturday evening for a period of fellowship at the New Market Community Building.

Delegates present came from England, New Zealand, Canada, Japan and Australia and from the states of Indiana, Florida, New York, California and Massachusetts.

All over Randolph County and the entire state, delegates to the World Conference were invited this past weekend to share the fellowship of the various Friends Meetings. The seventeen at the New Market Community Building Saturday

night were partaking of the hospitality of the members at Marlboro and South Plainfield.

In addition to the fellowship period at the community building, where each one was recognized, asked to speak briefly and later served refreshments, they attended the morning worship service at the two Meeting Houses on the following day.

Delegates present included Yikiko Baches, Akio Watanabe, Nobuko Watanabe, Japan; Roger Moore, Barbara Smith, Marian Young, and Eileen Donaldson, England; Aart Brusse, New Zealand; Fred Haslam, Canada; and Sofie Simons, Australia.

Also, Juan Sierra, of Miami, Fla., a refugee from Cuba; Levinus Painter, New York City, N. Y.; John and Doris Grover, Richmond, Ind.; Harry and Lois Bailey, California; and Anne Foster, Boston, Mass.

Former Pastor Returns To Church For Homecoming, Recalls Memories

Aug. 3, 1967 - A former pastor, Rev. W. R. Phillips, spoke at the annual homecoming service at Mt. Olive Pilgrim Holiness Church, Rt. 1, Sophia, and Sunday, July 23.

The Rev. Mr. Phillips, who came to the church in 1930 and remained for five years thereafter, recalled his first visit to the church site.

He came in from the home of Ellis and Lou Farlow but had to leave his car at the branch, because there was no bridge on which to cross. He walked the remainder of the way.

Later, he and other members of the congregation persuaded the county commissioners to build a road in to the church from another direction. He said "we got the church back on the road." However, the road on which the church is located is still a dead-end.

This veteran minister, now living at Kernersville, also served the Randleman, Ramseur, Country Holiness, Sawyersville and Brower Memorial Pilgrim Holiness Churches in this county.

The beginning of the Mt. Olive Pilgrim Holiness Church came on Dec. 8, 1906 when Isaac Farlow and wife, Martha Farlow, executed a deed for the property on which the Mt. Olive church now stands.

The building was erected early the next year and the church was organized with the following charter members, Alf and Fannie Dix, Jake and Ada Robbins, Elwood and Cornelia Ward, Lillie Dorsett, Shubal Nelson, Sara Nelson, Docia Nelson Dorsett and Lewis Nelson.

First pastor was Carl Hodgkin. Others who have followed him were Charles Lain, Ed Shaw, Walter Kirkman, John Nance, O. D. Parks, Rev. Gather, Colon Brown, Captain Talbert, W. R. Phillips, Rev. Shindell, John Covington, Walter Cockman, Terry Ragland, C. C. McMasters, Rev. Lineberry, Ager Lee Vanderburg, Maurice Holmes, George Burris, Bertha Nation, James Denny, Kermit Farlow, Reece Farlow, and the present pastor, Rev. Garland McDowell, who has served the Mt. Olive people since 1960.

The first parsonage was built in 1952-53 on land donated by Willard Farlow and wife, Mae. Another parsonage was built in 1965-66 on land donated by Mrs. Mae Farlow and her children, this following the death of Willard Farlow.

An educational building was erected in 1944.

First person to be buried in the cemetery was Ellis Farlow, son of Isaac Farlow who donated the land for the church site. There are eight other graves in the cemetery, including

the graves of Ellis Farlow's sons, Willard Farlow and Rev. Reece Farlow, and his grandson, Wray Farlow.

The church is extremely active, considering the remoteness of its location. Valuation of its buildings is placed at \$30,000. There are eighty persons enrolled in its Sunday School. On the Sunday morning of homecoming, 109 people were in attendance at Sunday School. On the Sunday before there were 77 present.

Featured at the homecoming service was Miss Dean Roundtree, of Hampton, Va., soloist, who is 39 inches high, weighs 45 pounds and is 35 years old. This was not Miss Roundtree's first visit to Mt. Olive.

Church membership at Mt. Olive includes Garland McDowell, Dorothy McDowell, Patricia McDowell, Archie Bennett, Mary Bennett, Donnie Segers, Eunice Segers, Mae Farlow, Logan Nelson, Mamie Nelson, Wayne Nelson, Lena Walker, V. Dameron, Allene Dameron, John Spencer, Oscar Spencer, Eddie Trogdon, Lou Farlow, Mozell Bartlett, Rose Wilt, Billy Hurley and Vernale Hurley.

Two Noteburnings Highlight Service

Aug. 10, 1967 –The congregation of the Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church participated in two note-burnings Sunday, Aug. 6, first on Sunday morning at their own church and then joining the congregation of the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church for another note-burning on Sunday afternoon.

The Dogwood Acres people burned the note on their manse at the conclusion of the morning worship service, then joined with the Whispering Pines folks for the note-burning on their church structure in the afternoon.

Both congregations came together for a luncheon on the picnic grounds at the Whispering Pines Church. At the time of the organization of the Whispering Pines Church at Ulah, the Dogwood Acres Church served as the sponsoring unit.

Speaker for the morning service at the Dogwood Acres Church was the Rev. Charles Fitzpatrick who was pastor at the time the manse was purchased in 1961. his subject was "Enough for Everybody."

Purchase of the manse at 839 Mountain Road followed the naming of a committee in May, 1960 to consider the growth of the Dogwood Acres Church.

Members of this committee were Joe Wham, James B. Neely, C. A. Thompson, C. Don Alexander, Mrs. Henrietta Thomas, Mrs. Carolyn Newby, Lonnie Dennis, Mrs. Nell Bennett, Mrs. Clyde Barksdale, Mrs. Kate Pickard, and Delanous Bennett.

After the purchase of the residence for the Dogwood Acres minister, an adjoining lot was a gift from the late Roy Cox, Sr.

The Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church was organized Aug. 2, 1953 with 55 charter members, 20 of whom still remain in the membership of the church.

Rev. David F. Blue came to the church in Jan., 1964. Before that the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick served for five years. Both men participated in the note-burning service Sunday morning along with Joe Wham.

Even though the church has cleared its indebtedness on the manse, it is still looking ahead to future growth.

Two projects, the purchase of a movie projector and air conditioning, are in progress at the present time and on next Sunday, August 13, a congregational meeting will be held for the naming of a new building committee.

Whispering Pines Church Dedicated At Noteburning

Aug. 10, 1967 –Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church was dedicated Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6, free of indebtedness in exactly one year after the new building was occupied on Sunday, Aug. 7, 1966.

Participating in a note-burning ceremony were the church pastor, Rev. David F. Blue; the Rev. Charles Fitzpatrick, who initiated the services which led to the organization of the new church; and the members of the building committee, Edgar Mabe, Jerry Dickinson and George Clark.

The Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick, now pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, McLeansville, preached the dedicational sermon on the subject: "Why We're Here."

It was on Sunday, May 21, 1961 that the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick then pastor of Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church in Asheboro, conducted the first service for the new group in the old Ulah School building.

Organization of the church took place on Mar. 7, 1965 while the congregation still worshipped in the old school building. Sponsoring the new church organization was the Dogwood Acres church. With the Rev. Mr. Blue serving as pastor of both churches.

Groundbreaking for the new building was held on Mar. 27, 1966 on a valuable tract of land, located north of Ulah on Highway 220, which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe.

A month following occupancy of the new building, on Aug. 28, 1966, the cornerstone was laid, at which time announcement was made of many special gifts to the church.

Since that time a Hammond organ has been presented to the new church by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe, in memory of their grandparents, Henderson and Frances Mabe, Samuel and Virginia Amos, Pleasant and Harriett Joyce, and Rev. Joseph and Sarah Joyce.

Other improvements since the occupancy of the buildings have been the furnishing of a nursery, the development of a picnic area and parking lot, and the landscaping of the entire grounds.

Extending greetings on the occasion of dedication were R. L. McKenzie, representing the sponsoring Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church; J. M. Ramsay, Jr., member of the church extension committee of the Orange Presbytery; and the Rev. Wilkes Macaulay, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheboro.

The building dedicated comprises the first of three planned units for the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church and includes within its facilities four class rooms, a small auditorium, kitchen and two baths. Estimated cost at the time of construction was \$30,000.

It is a beautiful church building, nestled among the lovely pines and with the thick green grass carpeting the area in the front, the rear and on both sides.

Prior to the service of dedication a luncheon was held in the picnic area, with the congregation of the Dogwood Acres Church joining the Whispering Pines people for this period of fellowship and for the dedication and note-burning which followed.

Neighbors Lend Aid To Needy Family

Aug. 14, 1967 – Assistance for a family of nine, living in a two-room house on Rt. 4, Asheboro, has been requested

and is being undertaken by their neighbors who live within the area.

The father in the family, Wade Isom Bean, age 49, has been ill of a brain ailment and unable to work since Apr., It is said that a defective nerve will result in paralysis.

Others in the family living at home are Mrs. Bean, the former Coleen Woodell, age 39, and seven children, Larry 14, Gary 11, Betty 10, Eric 8, Sammy 4, Debbie 3, and Lisa, one year old.

Three older daughters live away from home, two of whom are married and have families of their own.

Immediate need for the family, according to the neighbors who want to help them, is the construction of two more rooms to their house.

It is now a terribly crowded condition in the two-room dwelling, owned by Mrs. Bean and in which they have lived for twenty years. Both rooms have small dimensions.

The front room contains a fireplace, and a big bed for Mr. Bean. Also in this room is a cot, a baby bed and a chair or so.

The other room, the kitchen contains a wood cook stove, a refrigerator, two old fashioned cabinets or safes, a small table and also a cot. In this room the additional clothing is hung in one corner of the room.

Three of the children sleep on the cot in the kitchen, two of the smaller ones sleeps in the baby bed while the other children and Mrs. Bean share the big bed with Mr. Bean and sleep on the cot in the same room.

The two rooms are not in good condition, with old cloth and pasteboards covering the windows which are mostly without glass. There are no screens.

Shortly after Mr. Bean became ill, their only outside building, a smokehouse, burned, destroying their canned fruit and Mr. Bean's chain saw. Their well windlass also burned and since they derive their water from the well, this was a handicap until neighbors came and installed a new windlass.

Their subsistence at the present time comes from welfare. They have received three checks since Mr. Bean became ill. Prior to his illness, the livelihood of the family was derived from his employment as the operator of a chain saw.

The welfare checks, however small they are, are keeping the family alive. Neighbors and friends have supplemented these checks with food items, especially the ladies of the Grantville Community Club.

But the great need, as felt by the people who live in the vicinity, is for additional living space. There are no welfare provisions for this need.

One neighbor, a sawmill operator living down the road from the Bean family, has offered to furnish, cut and deliver the floor joist and framing for two additional rooms.

A contractor, living in an adjoining community, has offered to give a day's work and a brother-in-law of Mr. Bean has offered to pay for the sheetrock needed to enclose the two rooms.

If a "working" is held to construct the rooms, ladies of the Grantville Community Club have said that they would provide the food for the men who work.

C. W. (Bill) McNeill, 234 West St., Asheboro, a union Carbide employee who has assisted in similar cases, has agreed to become coordinator for the project of helping the Bean family. His telephone number is 625-2800.

McNeill feels that the first priority is the donation of additional materials and cash donations to pay for those things which are not donated.

Furnishings are also requested, with the pick-up to come after the completion of the additional rooms.

The Bean family lives just beyond the end of the pavement on the Cox Road, about a quarter of a mile off of the road. The road to their house is not suitable for travel, except perhaps for a pickup truck or a vehicle of that sort.

At the time of Mr. Bean's illness, he entered the hospital at Chapel Hill and since that time has been a patient at the local hospital.

The homes are modern down Cox Road, the lawns are well kept, the farms are luxuriant and the countryside is plentiful.

In stark contrast is the two room dwelling at the end of the road which is unkept and find therein the sick father, the burdened mother and the seven children.

Wade Isom Bean and his wife are both of Randolph County ancestry. They have always lived here.

It is hoped that the people of their community and the people of this county will respond to the appeal which is being made in their behalf.

Please get in touch with C. W. (Bill) McNeill, telephone No. 625-2800, right away.

They Celebrate Silver Anniversary

Aug. 21, 1967 – Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Nickens were honored Sunday, Aug. 13, at their home at 821 South Cox St., Asheboro, in commemoration of their twenty fifth wedding anniversary.

Host for the reception in their honor, which occurred from two o'clock until five, was their son and only child, Tommy Nickens, a rising sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickens were married Aug. 15, 1942 at Camp Forrest, Tenn., during Mr. Nicken's service in the Army during World War II.

Mrs. Nickens, the former Mabel Evelyn Hughes, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hughes, is a native of the Spero section in North Asheboro. Mr. Nickens, a native of Cameron, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Nickens.

Wayne Richardson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Richardson and nephew of Mrs. Nickens, opened the door for the guests upon their arrival at the anniversary reception, after which they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jarrell, cousins of Mrs. Nickens.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Nickens and their son was Mrs. John Hughes, aunt of Mrs. Nickens.

Mrs. Clifford Richardson, sister of Mrs. Nickens, registered the guests while her husband directed them to the dining room.

In the dining room the table was covered with a white linen cloth of cutwork design, with a center arrangement of white mums and silver candelabra with five lighted candles.

At one end of the table was the punch bowl, mounted with an arrangement of ively and white Shasta daisies, while at the other end was the three tiered white anniversary cake, with its silver trimming and it's inscription of "25" and silver bells at the top.

Cake squares, similar in design to the anniversary cake, mints and nuts were served by Mrs. Paul Staley, cousin of Mrs. Nickens, assisted by Miss Phyllis Richardson, a niece,

with Mrs. Cecil Nickens, sister-in-law of Mr. Nickens, presiding at the punch bowl.

Two more sisters-in-law, Mrs. Harold Nickens and Mrs. Ralph Nickens, both of Cameron, and two sisters of Mr. Nickens, Mrs. Bill Brown and Mrs. Donald Cox, both of Sanford, assisted in the gift room.

Two brothers of Mr. Nickens and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Nickens and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Nickens, all of Cameron, said the goodbyes.

In the living room an arrangement of 25 red rosebuds predominated, these being a gift from Mrs. Frances Trochan, of Wanaque, N. J., sister of Mrs. Nickens and only member of her immediate family not in attendance at the anniversary event.

For the observance of her silver wedding anniversary. Mrs. Nickens wore a dress of blue bonded lace with a corsage of white mums with silver ribbon.

Six brothers, Ardell of Asheboro, Cecil, of Sanford, Hubert, Ralph, Luther and Harold Nickens, of Cameron, and two sisters, Mrs. Bill Brown and Mrs. Donald Cox, Sanford, attended their brothers's silver wedding anniversary. Three sisters, Mrs. Thelma Goode and Mrs. Josephine Pulliman, Sanford, and Mrs. Alice Jones, Belhaven, were unable to be present.

Besides the local neighbors, friends and relatives, out of town guests included those from Badin, Randleman, Sanford, Cameron, Seagrove, Franklinville, Winston-Salem and from near Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nickens, active members of the Calvary Methodist Church, have lived at their present address since shortly after their marriage.

A Golden Anniversary Celebrated

Aug. 24, 1967 – Anderson Theodore (Ted) Beane, a World War I veteran and long time cotton mill employee, and his wife, Cumie Kathryn Parks Beane, were honored Sunday, Aug. 20, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Their children, Mr. John Wright and Mrs. John McLain, Columbus, Ga., Wallace Beane, Rt. 1, Asheboro, J. D. Beane, Long Beach, Miss., and Anderson T. Beane, Jr., High Point, held open house in their honor, from two o'clock until five, at their home on Rt. 1, Franklinville.

One son, J. D. Beane, and one daughter, Mrs. McLain, were unable to be present but honored their parents in absentia. But among those present was Mrs. Beane's only sister, Mrs. Betty Howard, also from Columbus, Ga.

For the anniversary event in her honor, Mrs. Beane wore a Coral lime sheath dress with a corsage of yellow mums. Mr. Beane's boutonniere was a yellow pom pom.

Son of Anderson and Adelaide Martindale Beane, Mr. Beane was born near Buffalo Bridge, between Ramseur and Coleridge. He is now 73 years of age.

At the time of his birth his father operated Beane's Mill, located on Mill Creek in the vicinity in which he was born. But at the age of seven, the family moved to Franklinville.

He went to work at the cotton mill in Franklinville at the age of eleven years, first receiving twenty cents a day in wages and then being raised to thirty cents a day.

Other mills at which he worked before his retirement at the age of sixty-five included the mills at Worthville, Randleman and Cedar Falls in Randolph County, Revolution and Proximity in Guilford County.

However, at the time of his retirement he was employed with the State Prison Department.

Mrs. Beane was born in 1894 in Chambers County, Ala., the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Ella Gardner Parks. The family also lived in Tuskegee, Ala. And Tallassee, Ala. Before settling in Coumbus, Ga. when she was about fourteen years of age.

The couple were married Aug. 19, 1917 in the town of Columbus, Ga., to which place Mr. Beane had come previously to work. However, shortly after coming to Columbus he had joined the National Guard, participated in the Mexican Uprising and then was drafted into the U. S. Army at the time of World War I.

After their marriage he brought his wife to Worthville to live with his parents before being shipped overseas for duty on the German war front.

He was wounded twice in action, for which valor he received the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

Since their marriage and Mr. Beane's discharge from the Army, Mr. and Mrs. Beane and their family have moved back to Columbus, Ga. at two different times but came back to Mr. Beane's native county the last time in 1943.

Besides the five children who honored them on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary, two other children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beane.

An infant child, born in 1928, died fourteen days after birth while their oldest son, Leslie Elmer (Bubba) Beane, was killed in a storm at St. John's Island while serving in the U. S. Navy in World War II.

Blind, Visually Handicapped Attend Annual Lions Picnic

Aug. 31, 1967 – Despite a hard rainstorm at the time of gathering, over seventy blind or visually handicapped persons from all over Randolph County came to the Lions clubs annual summer picnic Friday evening, Aug. 25, at the Grays Chapel School cafeteria.

Originally planned for the outside area, the picnic was moved inside when the rain fell in torrents.

Sponsored by the thirteen Lions clubs of Randolph County, each of the clubs were responsible for bringing their blind or visually handicapped guests to the annual occasion.

In addition to the summer picnic, a Christmas party is also held each year.

Invocation and thanks for the meal, comprised of both chicken and barbeque, was pronounced by Rev. Wilkes Macaulay, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Asheboro and member of the Asheboro Lions Club.

Asheboro Lion J. C. Delk served as master of ceremonies and arrangements for the picnic outing were handled by Q. G. McKeel, of Asheboro, Deputy District Governor for Region Six. Welcome was extended by Chester Hall, president of the local Grays Chapel club.

Lions dignitaries in attendance included J. D. (Doc) Huggins, District Governor for 31D, and Earl Parker, immediate past District Governor.

Parker remarked that this was the first occasion of this type that he had ever attended. It is said that the Randolph Lions Clubs are the only organization in the state to honor the blind and visually handicapped at a summer picnic and party at Christmas.

Entertainment was provided by Jim Hodge and the Hickory Creek Ramblers, the Christnanares quartet and by several of the guests.

Among the handicapped persons providing entertainment were four sisters, Mrs. Effie Spinks, Rt. 1, Seagrove, 75, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, 72, Mrs. Mary Spencer, 66, and Mrs. Ada Hawkins, 64, the latter three coming from Asheboro.

The four sisters, who have been attending the lions parties since their inception, sang "My Lord, What a Morning."

Natives of the Pleasant Hill section of Brower Township, the four sisters are daughters of the late Gillis and Mary Ann Goldston, who, incidentally, were the parents of fourteen children. There were eleven girls and three boys in his family, all of whom are living except for one of the boys who died many years ago. In their childhood they attended the Pleasant Hill School.

Two of the sisters, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Hawkins, live together and along with Mrs. Spencer attend the Mt. Zion Pentecostal Holiness Church. Their Route 1, Seagrove sister, Mrs. Spinks, attends the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Route 1, Asheboro.

All four of the sisters are devoted members of their churches and enjoy singing. They sing together and Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Hawkins also sing duets.

One of the sisters is totally blind while the other three, although classified as legally blind, can still see enough to get around.

These four sisters, along with the other blind and visually handicapped people of Randolph County, have high praise for the activities of the Lions Clubs in their behalf.

One of the sisters said "they are wonderful and doing a great job" while another one of them said "we can't ever forget them."

These expressions and similar sentiments reflect the gratitude of an afflicted group for a civic organization who is serving well beyond the call of duty.

Randleman Soldier Awarded Medal

Aug. 31, 1967 – An "Army commendation medal for heroism" has been awarded to Private First Class Miles E. Moore, a Young Randleman soldier who was wounded Mar. 17 while fighting in Vietnam.

Private First Class Moore was told at the presentation ceremony that his actions which prompted the awarding of the commendation medal were "in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army."

Announcement of the award was made May 11 and a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Army and the Commanding General was issued.

However, the certificate and the Army commendation medal with "V" Device were presented to private First Class Moore in an awards ceremony Aug. 22 at the Womack Army Hospital at Ft. Bragg.

Since being sent back to the states to recuperate from his injuries, the young Randleman soldier has served under the jurisdiction of the Ft. Bragg Army hospital.

The presentation of the certificate and the commendation medal was a surprise, as he had not earlier learned of their authorization.

Stationed recently in a holding medical company across from the hospital, he was ordered to report to the hospital for an awards ceremony. When he answered to his name at

the calling of the roll, one of the Army officials remarked "the main one's here."

The citation, which he had not known of earlier, lavished high praise for the heroism which he exhibited at the time of the action which brought to him the commendation medal. He had previously been awarded the Purple Heart at a hospital in South Vietnam, where he was first taken following the injuries in his left arm, his shoulder and his side.

The full text of the citation which was read at the awards ceremony is as follows: "For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. On 17 Mar. 1967, Private First Class Moore was the point man with Company C, 1st battalion, 12th Infantry on a search and destroy mission in Kontum Province. Observing enemy movement to the front of his patrol, Private First Class Moore immediately alerted the company and then, at great peril to himself, opened fire on the hostile unit.

This courageous action elicited burst of machine gun fire. The enemy fire seriously wounded Private First Class Moore, but resolutely refusing to be removed from the battle, he began directing his fellow squad members, as well as several men from another platoon, in assaulting the concealed automatic weapons positions. His relentless determination and unflagging will proved to be invaluable to Company C's ability to eliminate the enemy force with a minimum of friendly casualties. Private First Class Moore's vigilance and courage in performing the hazardous duties of point man and his remarkable pertinacity in the face of the enemy, in spite of grievous injury, are characteristic qualities of a combat soldier of the highest order. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army."

Pastor Honored By Women's Society

Aug. 31, 1967 –The Woman's Missionary Society of the Forest Park Baptist Church honored their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. John I. Kizer, Sunday afternoon, Aug. 20, on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church, with the guests invited to call from three o'clock until five.

Upon their arrival they were greeted by Mrs. Frank Davis and introduced to the receiving line composed of the Rev. and Mrs. Kizer, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kizer, another son, Don Kizer, and their daughter, Donna Frances Kizer.

The serving table, covered with a cloth of Irish linen, was centered with an arrangement of white Shasta daisies and white mums, flanked by two silver candle holders holding silver tapers.

At one end of the table was the beautiful three-tiered anniversary cake, decorated with clusters of white rosebuds and silver bells, with each tier of the cake being supported by three white swans. The top tier held a silver inscription of "25," with a miniature bride and groom standing between the first and second tiers.

Green and white cake squares with silver balls, mints and nuts were served by Mrs. Marshall Blake, Mrs. Reid Parris, and Mrs. Jimmy Ray Barbour. Presiding over the punch bowl was Mrs. Paul Bouldin.

The gift table, covered with beige cloth of lace cutwork, held an arrangement of white Shasta daisies and Snow-on-the-Mountain. Assisting at the gift table were Mrs. W. W. Snider and Mrs. Dewey McNeill.

Mrs. Kizer was attired for her anniversary reception in a two piece dress of green brocade, with a corsage of white chrysanthemums.

The Rev. and Mrs. Kizer were married Aug. 22, 1942 while both of them were students at the Baptist Theological Seminary at New Orleans, La. Mr. Kizer is a native of Midland, N. C. while Mrs. Kizer, the former Frances Verla Freeman, is a native of Troy.

Before coming to the Forest Park Baptist Church, Mr. Kizer served as pastor of the Ramseur Baptist Church and as pastor of a church in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Kizer is a member of the faculty of the Lindley Park Elementary School in Asheboro, where the couple reside at 205 S. Randolph Ave.

Their married son is employed in High Point where he attends night classes at High Point College. Their second son is a junior at Asheboro High School while their daughter is four years old.

Class Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Aug. 31, 1967 – The 25th anniversary of their graduation from Randleman High School was celebrated by the members of the 1942 graduating class Saturday evening, Aug. 19, at the New Market Community Building.

Seventeen members from the class of fifty-three were present for the anniversary event, along with members of their families.

Each year since graduation members of the class have come together for a reunion, except for 1944 when many of the boys in the class were away because of the war.

No teacher was present for this year's reunion but greetings were received from Miss Nita Garrett, their home room and English teacher, and from Miss Myrtle Cox, their Biology and French teacher. Last year they were privileged to have their former principal, H. H. Hamilton, in attendance.

A few years ago the class held their reunion in the basement of the old high school building, just prior to its being sold for commercial use.

Present for this year's reunion were Jo Ann Dean Earwood, Alene Small Hunt, Frances Loffin Rich, Eloise Whitesell Lawrence, Josephine Robbins Callicutt, Emma Farlow Hall, Decie Russell Moody, Ophelia Webster Wright, Celia Eades Kidd, Rosa Jane Cashatt Price, Howard Hall, Ormie Rich, J. D. Brookshire, Paul Richardson, Lester Bulla, Robert Thacker, and Annie Lovette Earnhardt.

Other members of the class, using their names at time of graduation, were Polly Barker, Bobby Brookshire, George Brown, Bobby Ann Caudle, Worth Coltrane, Beatrice Davis, F. M. Davis, Jr., Grover Farlow, Kermit Farlow, Lydia Lue Farlow, McDuffy Farlow, John Fox, Jr., Evelyn Frazier, Dorothy Galyon, Norma Goode, James Hall, Sam Hancock, Millard Hardin, Cleo Harrison, Ruth Hedgecock, Kathern Lee Hunt, Raymer Hurley, Billy Jo Lamb, Jewell McCaskell, Marietta Nicholson, Edna Pearce, Hal Pearce, Colleen Pugh, Osteen Roberts, Wilma Routh, Fred Short, Edith Small, Nannie Lee Spencer, Viola Varner, Hobart Wall, and Lester White.

One member of the class, Hal Pearce, was killed in World War II soon after graduation. Another member of the class, Charles Duncan, drowned while in the 9th grade.

Mrs. Josephine Robbins Callicutt was chairman for this year's reunion event, assisted by Mrs. Celia Eades Kidd. Named to serve in this capacity for next year were Robert Thacker, chairman, and Ophelia Webster Wright, assistant chairman.

A plate supper, prepared and served by Mrs. Marshall Farlow's Girl Scout troop of the New Market community, assisted by the Scout mothers, was enjoyed by the class members and their families who were in attendance.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated At Open House

Sep. 7, 1967 – With their ten children holding open house to commemorate the event, Mr and Mr. Columbus Cole celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 3, from two to five o'clock.

The event was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cole, southwest of Seagrove and near the Maple Springs Baptist Church where the couple have worshipped all of the years of their married life.

As an added gester of their love and appreciation, the eight daughters and two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Cole presented each of their parents at the close of the open house period with a gold watch and matching band.

It was a wholesome sight to see this well known couple of southern Randolph County and their ten children as they happily greeted friends and fellow church members at the event which commemorated the marriage of fifty years ago.

"A Christian home and love for each other" was the characterization of one daughter for the relationship of the Columbus Cole family and this was an evident factor at the observance of the golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Cole, 70, the former Ethel Auman, daughter of Jerome and Cora Belle Deaton Auman, wore a two-piece black dress of bonded crep for the open house event. Her corsage was of yellow rosebuds. Her eight daughters wore corsages of yellow mums.

Mr. Cole, 71, son of George and Tomessie Boone Cole, and his two sons each wore a yellow rosebud as a boutonniere. Mr. Cole was born in the community in which he still resides.

For her wedding on Sept. 2, 1917 at her father's residence in the Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church Community, Mrs. Cole wore a white dress, white high button-top shoes and a white hat.

The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cole occurred on a Sunday morning, after which they attended revival services at the Center Cross Baptist Church. They traveled on their wedding day in a one-horse buggy.

When the couple were married, Mr. Cole was employed driving a team hauling lumber and crossties to Seagrove. Along with two other men, he said that he "loaded many a boxcar with with crossties at two and one-half cents apiece." Employed now with a sawmill operation, he formerly worked at the Seagrove Lumber Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole have lived at their present residence since 1919. All of their children, except the oldest, were born in the picturesque house with its four porches amidst a setting of large oak trees and huge boxwoods.

At the Maple Springs Baptist Church, where Mrs. Cole joined before their marriage and Mr. Cole soon thereafter,

she teaches the ladies adult class and he serves as a deacon. In the choir loft there is a stained glass window presented by their children in honor of their parents.

Their ten children, all of whom were present for their parents' anniversary celebration, are Mr. Colburn (Clacie) King, Route 2, Seagrove; Reggie Cole, Route 2, Randleman; Mrs. Lester (Avis) Cox, Ramseur; Mrs. Cecil (Colene) Counts, Eminence, Mo.; Mrs. John D. (Emogene) Kiser, Route 1, Seagrove; Paul Cole, Asheboro; Mrs. Bertis (Hazel) Adams, Asheboro; Mrs. Willis (Wilma) Jones, Ramseur; Mrs. Ted (Edna) Hayes, Route 1, Asheboro; and Mrs. Cecil (Rachel) Gatlin, Route 1, Seagrove.

They have twenty-three grand-children and one great-grandchild, Christopher Brian Thayer, Nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thayer, Lafayette, La. Mrs. Thayer wired flowers and called to wish her grandparents a happy occasion for their golden wedding anniversary

Well-Known Printer Celebrates 81st Birthday

Sept. 7, 1967- L. B. (Bunyan) Lambert, who began his apprenticeship as a printer in Asheboro fifty years ago, was honored Sunday, Sept. 3, on the occasion of his 81st birthday.

Members of his immediate family gathered at his home at 431 N. Elm St. for the surprise birthday celebration. The actual anniversary of his birth came on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

His first job as a printer was in 1907 when W. C. Hammer, publisher of The Asheboro Courier, hired him to work as a printer's devil. At that time the newspaper was being published in a building on Old Main Street, near the old courthouse and jail.

However, even then the business places had begun their trek to what is now the up-town area, near the railroad.

Bunyan Lambert learned the printing business from the ground up. He peddled the job press with his feet, he ran the errands and did all of the other things which went along with his job as a printer's devil.

He must have learned well, because after two years the shop foreman at The Asheboro Courier quit and Hammer told Lambert "to take the foreman's job until he got a man." A foreman was not hired and Lambert kept the job until he left the paper in 1911. After a short time, however, he came back to the paper and stayed until 1922.

While employed at The Asheboro Courier he went to Brooklyn, N. Y. in 1912 to learn how to operate the first linotype machine which was ever brought to Asheboro.

When he left the place of his first employment as a printer he purchased, along with Corbett Scott and Irvin Burrows, The Asheboro Printing Company from L. D. (Dow) Burkhead. Lambert went over to run the business which was located back of the old Standard Drug Store building.

Incidentally, among the early apprentices to learn the printing trade from Lambert at The Asheboro Printing Company were Allen and Ellis Scott, brothers of Corbett Scott and well known in the printing business in Asheboro today.

The Asheboro Printing Company left the site behind the Standard Drug Store building during Lambert's association with the business but in the fall of 1929 he sold out his interest to Corbett Scott and went back to the old site a few months later to establish the Lambert Printing Company which he operated for twenty-five years.

He stayed with the Lambert Printing Company continuously until his retirement in 1954, except for brief intervals of employment with The Christian Advocate in Greensboro; a printing business in Concord; and the operation of The Montgomerian, a newspaper in Troy, in association with W. F. Hunsucker for a short time. Upon retirement, he sold his business to the Durham Printing Co.

His only son, H. T. (Bill) Lambert, came into the Lambert Printing Company as a small boy and remained in business with his father until a short time before Mr. Lambert's retirement. The son is now engaged in the printing trade in Raleigh.

Other members of his family include two daughters, Mrs. Eugene (Louise) Teague, Sanford, and Mrs. Raymond (Rose Marie) Rushing, Lumberton, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Lambert's first wife, the former Flora Presnell, is deceased and following her death he married Miss Elizabeth Respass, a native of Beaufort County, on Sept. 14, 1959.

The couple lived in Washington, N. C. for two years until Mrs. Lambert's retirement after thirty-five years of service with the Beaufort County Health Department, after which they came back to Asheboro to live at Mr. Lambert's home on N. Elm Street.

While in Beaufort County, Lambert broke his retirement to work for a short while with a printing company in Washington.

A native of Stanley County, the son of Thomas and Sarah Trodgon Lambert, Mr. Lambert came with his family to his mother's native Randolph County at the age of four years. he attended the Brower's school southeast of Asheboro.

One of Asheboro's oldest and more familiar citizens, especially of the earlier years, he served as a volunteer fireman with the Asheboro Fire Department from the time of its organization in 1911 until his retirement in 1958.

Not many people are living in Asheboro today who are as familiar with the town's early growth and history as Bunyan Lambert. Neither have many people lived in Asheboro and gained the respect and admiration of its citizens more than has this quite-mannered man who has spent most of his life here within our midst.

Couple Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Sept. 14, 1967 - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Small, who were married Sept. 9, 1917, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 10 at their home on Rt. 1, Randleman, with the members of their immediate family in attendance.

Also present for the family gathering, in addition to their six children, their sons-in-law and daughters-in-laws, and their grandchildren, were Mr. Small's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Small, and his aunt, Mrs. Ella Brookshire.

A buffet luncheon marked the anniversary observance, featured by the large, white three-tiered anniversary cake.

A picnic luncheon also followed their marriage vows of fifty years ago, except the guest list was more limited and included only Mr. and Mrs. Small and a couple who witnessed their wedding ceremony.

Their marriage vows were spoken at the home home of Rev. Johnny Pugh, a Randleman minister with a long beard. Present for the ceremony were Mrs. Small's cousin, Ila Coble, and Paul Coltrane.

After the ceremony both couples, each in a one-horse buggy, traveled to Providence Township for the picnic luncheon underneath some big white oak trees, later attending revival services at an old school building in the area.

For the ceremony Mrs. Small was dressed in the traditional white dress, white hat and black shoes.

Son of Jesse and Almeta (Meta) Brookshire Small, Mr. Small was born in Randleman, then lived with his family near Sophia before coming to reside in Level Cross Township, south of the Walker's Mill Road.

He attended the one-teacher school, Piney Grove, near Earl Johnson's farm, taught by Joe Coggins a subscription school taught by Mary Ragan, and the one teacher school at Level Cross, taught by Mae Ridge.

Mrs. Small, the former Claudia Frazier, was born near Deep River, about a mile and one half from where Mr. Small lived and about three quarters of a mile from their present residence in upper Randleman Township, the daughter of B. F. (Bennie) and Sarah Hayes Frazier.

She attended the one-teacher school at New Salem, walking a distance of two miles to the school which carried about one hundred students on its roster.

After five years of marriage they purchased the place at which they are now living, about a half of a mile west of highway 220, residing first in a log structure before building the house which they now occupy.

Mr. Small has farmed, raised everything except tobacco, and has also worked as a carpenter. He likes to "work in the dirt" and said that his father put him between plow handles when he was big enough to reach them.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Small, six of whom they reared to maturity. They are Mrs. H. O. (Ollie) Fruitt and Fred Lewis Small, Route 3, Randleman; Mrs. William (Ruth) O'Brien, Mrs. Roy G. (Mille) Cooper and Clyde Dewey Small, Route 1, Randleman; and Gene Franklin Small, Vienna, Va., a veteran of fourteen years with the United States Army.

Thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren complete their immediate family group.

On the day of their anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Small reviewed with quiet contemplation their marriage of the past fifty years and although they admitted to "ups and downs," Mr. Small was emphatic in his statement that "we ain't never fought, we ain't never separated."

Their marriage vows, spoken before that bearded minister a half of a century ago, have been lasting and without regret. From that ceremony came the basis for the rearing of their family, the establishment of their place in the community and most of all their love and respect for each other.

Ramseur High Graduates Hold 25th Class Reunion

Sept. 18, 1967 – The class of 1947 at Ramseur High School held their first reunion since graduation Sunday, Sept. 10 at the school.

Some members of the class, the first to complete the twelfth at Ramseur High School, had not seen each other in the twenty years which had passed since their graduation.

Two teachers of the class, Mrs. Leo Rich, Ramseur, and Mrs. Cora Whitehead, Winston-Salem, were present for the

class reunion. Mrs. Rich is still a member of the faculty at the school.

A picnic supper in the school cafeteria was a part of the class reunion. Presiding over the reunion event was Haywood Raines, president of the class at the time of graduation.

Origination of the idea of a class reunion came from Miss Joyce Welborn and Mrs. Doris Scott Roberts and these two class members handled the arrangements for the holding of the reunion.

A brief memorial service was held for Ray Hussey, a member of the class who was killed in an automobile accident after graduation. Speaking in behalf of this deceased member was the Rev. James Smith, pastor of Guilford Pilgrim Holiness Church, Dean of Men at Southern Pilgrim College at Kernersville and also a member of the 1947 class at Ramseur High School.

Only one marriage occurred between members of the class, this one being between William Grady Lawson and Helen Marie Carmac.

Class members present for the reunion were Bobby Craven, Denton; Rudolph Craven and James Smith, Kernersville; Howard Kivett and Haywood Raines, Asheboro; Maxton Hudson, Grady Lawson, Henry Stinson, Douglas Wright, Mrs. Hilda Gray Brown Kirkman, Mrs. Helen Carmac Lawson, Mrs. Doris Scott Roberts and Miss Joyce Welborn, Ramseur; Mrs. Ida Tate Foust Wall, Raleigh; Mrs. Louise Kivett Caviness, Route 1, Staley; Mrs. Lillie Mae Salmond Horne, Mrs. Jewel Shackelford Bouldin, and Mrs. Hilda Yow Maner, Greensboro.

Class members not in attendance were Mrs. Rachel Gilmore Rosine, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Marie Kinrey Allred and Mrs. Judy Johnson Paisley, Asheboro; and Mrs. Eloese Allen Cox and Mrs. Doris Jones Brady, Ramseur.

The holding of this class reunion proved to be of great significance to this group who had formed close attachments during their years together at Ramseur High school. Many lingered, even after the time for departure, and were seemingly reluctant to separate again. Needless to say, plans for another reunion were made, to be held before another lapse of twenty years.

Griffin-Yates Families Hold Annual Reunion

Sept. 18, 1967 – Descendants of Augusta (Gus) and Eliza Griffin and Noah and Tabitha Yates held their second annual reunion Sunday, Sept. 10 at Pleasant Union Christian Church in western Randolph County.

Origination of the Griffin-Yates reunion came from the marriage of three members of the Griffin family to three members of the Yates family.

Namely, Nora Griffin married Riley Yates, Preston Griffin married Julia Yates and Burrell Griffin married Alice Yates. Both families lived in the Jackson Creek – Parker's Mill area, with Gus Griffin operating the mill at one time. Both families also attended the Pleasant Union Church and were buried in the church cemetery.

At the first reunion a committee from each family was named to direct the reunion organization. From the Griffin family this committee included Grace Haynes, Roscoe Henderson, Taiton Griffin and W. E. Hunt, Jr.; from the Yates family Roscoe Yates, Hazel Brown, Henry Yates, Richard Yates and M. A. Tysinger.

Originators of the reunion idea were Randall Griffin, son of Burrell Griffin, and Hazel Brown, daughter of Riley Yates.

There is only one direct descendant still living, W. E. (Wesley) Yates, 89, of route 2, Asheboro, son of Noah Yates, and he was in attendance at the second reunion session.

People Band Together To Provide New Home

Sep. 21, 1967 - A new four-room house for a family of nine is being erected on Rt. 4, Asheboro, to replace a dilapidated two-room structure which proved far from adequate for the large family.

Construction is on a volunteer basis, with money, labor and materials coming from friends and sympathizers. It is hoped to have the building debt free at the time of completion.

The need for a new house for the Wade Isom Bean family was called to the attention of the public in the Aug. 14 issue of *The Courier-Tribune*. Since that time the response to the appeal for aid has been substantial.

The public appeal for the Bean family was made due to the serious illness of Mr. Bean, who is suffering from Parkinson's Disease and is already showing signs of paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bean and seven children, ranging in ages from one through fourteen, are living in unbelievably crowded conditions in the two small rooms.

Because of the deterioration of the existing building, sponsors of the project felt that it was advisable to start from the beginning in the securing of better housing facilities for the Bean family.

A new site was selected near the present structure which is located just beyond the pavement on Cox Road, and the foundation for the four rooms and bath has already been laid.

Coordinating the project is C. W. (Bill) McNeill, of Asheboro, who has engaged in several similar projects.

Working in a supervisory capacity, planning and making contacts are Ervin Luther; sawmill operator and neighbor of the Bean family, and Paul Staley, Rt. 4, Asheboro building contractor.

Concerning the efforts of the latter two men on the building project, coordinator McNeill said they are "behind it one hundred percent and I can't say too much in their favor."

A partial list of those helping with the project is as follows: Ervin Luther, all house framing; Paul Staley, supervision of the project and donation of labor; Everett Dula, donation of \$100 and 2,000 brick; Huldah Baptist Church, \$50; three classes at Rushwood Park Wesleyan Methodist Church, \$63; Asheboro Concrete Plant, 10 bags of mortar mix, one-and-one-half yards of sand, and promise of additional help and furnishings; Billy Sellers, road grading contractor, grading of yard and road into house which is now impassable; and Boyd Hayes contractor, offer to paint house upon completion.

Also, Richard Taylor, plumbing contractor, labor for plumbing; class at Richland Baptist Church, \$25; Griffen Electric Co. at Troy, electrical wiring; Grant and Ferree Heating and Plumbing, fixtures for bath room, including tub; Presnell Plumbing and Heating, Pump; brickmasons and labor, Troy Hughes, Malcolm Hughes, Harold Hughes, Charles Pittillo, Jack Maness and Joe Johnson; employees

at Union Carbide Corp., \$264.28, for which their fellow employee, Bill McNeill, express his thanks; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Newsome, \$25; Bill Underwood, brick contractor, use of equipment; Hardin's Furniture House, offer of furnishings; Mrs. Lester Carrick, bedroom suite and dinette suite; and David Guner, \$5 donation and hot water tank.

Also, ladies of the first Baptist Church in Seagrove are selling fruit cakes, proceeds of which will be used to buy drapes and curtains; all doors will be given by Oscar Swanson, Don Parks, and Frank Rice, Jr., employees of Union Carbide Corp.; Grady Auman, septic tank; Seagrove Lumber Co., lumber and other material at half price; Asheboro Block Plant, additional material and supplies at cost; and several gifts of food and clothing have been received from various people. In this respect, it has been pointed out that clothing and house furnishings can be used to a better advantage when the new four room house, with hot and cold water and bath is completed.

In order to raise funds to assist in the completion of the project, the neighboring Richland Baptist Church will hold a singing Saturday evening, September 23, at 7:30. Participating will be the Samaritans from Greensboro, the Friendly Four Quartet, the Harmonette Trio, the Pioneer Quartet and the Brown Family;

Also, work days will be held each Saturday until the project is completed. Ladies of the community will serve meals to those who work on the construction of the house.

Other material and furnishings besides those listed above are needed for the completion of the project. Cash donations are particularly needed for its successful completion. Anyone desiring to help are asked to contact Bill McNeill at 625-2800; Paul Staley at 625 4875; or Ervin Luther at 625-7657.

Remember, anything you give will be used to provide decent living quarters for a sick man, Wade Isom Bean, his wife, Coleen, and their seven children, Larry 14, Gary 11, Betty 10, Eric 8, Sammy 4, Debbie 3, and Lisa 1. Now they are sleeping three to a bed and three to a cot in the terribly crowded conditions of the two very small rooms.

Former Lion Spurs White Cane Drive

Sep. 21, 1967 - As the Asheboro Lions Club members solicit funds this week for the blind and visually handicapped in the annual White Cane Drive, they will be spurred on by the memory of a fellow member who gave his eyes that someone else might see.

L. B. (Bill) Herlocker, a charter member of the Asheboro Lions Club, died May 3, 1967. At the time of his death his eyes were donated to the North Carolina Eye Bank at Winston-Salem.

His wife said that Bill Herlocker "wanted to help someone even after he was gone." Therefore, she complied with the arrangements which he had made several years prior to his death for the donation of his eyes to the Eye Bank at Winston-Salem.

During the twenty-three years of his membership with the Asheboro Lions Club, he must have been impressed with the Lions work with the blind and visually handicapped to the extent that after his death he wanted to give new meaning and purpose to a person who could not see.

But that was characteristic of the life and service of Bill Herlocker. A native of Albemarle, he came with his family to Asheboro in Mar., 1942 to become an oil distributor, later establishing the Herlocker Oil Company.

During the years of his residence here, his service was continuous and was rendered most unselfishly.

His best work was perhaps with the Asheboro Lions Club where he served as Tail Twister for many years, even at the time of his death, and held other offices.

But he was also a Mason and a Shriner, serving as president of the Asheboro Shrine Club for two years and at the time of the building of the Shrine club house. He was particularly helpful at the time of the annual ball game held for the benefit of crippled children.

Member of First Methodist Church, he was also devoted to the Junior Wesley Bible Class of which he was an active member.

A quiet reserved man, he likely would not have wanted this mention made of his efforts in behalf of mankind.

But it was felt, as his fellow members begin their annual solicitation for funds in the White Cane Drive, that the donation of his eyes and other activities in behalf of the unfortunate should be called to the attention of the people of the town in which he lived and served.

Churches Form Ramseur – Union Grove Parish

Sep. 25, 1967 – The Union Grove Christian Church (United Church of Christ) and the First United Church of Christ of Ramseur have formed the Ramseur-Union Grove Parish and have called a pastor, Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, to serve both churches on a joint basis.

Establishment of the new church parish and the calling of a pastor also enabled the Union Grove People to secure occupants for the new parsonage which they erected last year and gave the finishing touches to a few weeks ago.

The pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Norred began on Sept. 18; the minister and his family, including his wife and three months-old son, Joseph Gregory (Joey), moved in the new parsonage the following day; and the first sermons as pastor were preached on Sunday, Sept. 24.

The Union Grove Church, located on Rt. 4, Asheboro, with a history dating back one hundred and one years, had been without a regular pastor since the Rev. Avery Brown left in Apr., 1966. Serving as a supply pastor during the intervening period was the Rev. L. M. Presnell.

First United Church of Christ in Ramseur, organized two and one half years ago as a mission church, had been served by supply pastors Rev. Don Leonard and Rev. Bill Everhart since its beginning. Worship services have been held in the Ramseur Town Hall. However, a tract of land has been purchased and a new church building is contemplated.

Pastorates of the Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, before coming to the Ramseur-Union Grove Parish, included the First United Church of Christ in Randleman, The Ramseur Christian Church, and the Antioch and Forest Home United Churches of Christ near Roanoke, Ala.

The latter two churches were served by Rev. Mr. Norred during his student days at La Grange College, a liberal arts college located in La Grange, Ga., of which place the minister is a native.

Mrs. Norred, the former Nora Jean Hawkins, is also a native of La Grange, Ga. and like her husband is also a graduate of La Grange College. Following her graduation, she taught school for one year in her native vicinity and upon coming to Randolph County taught for three years at the Fayetteville Street School in Asheboro.

After coming to this vicinity, Mr. Norred enrolled at the Duke University Divinity School and was graduated there with a bachelor of Divinity degree in June of this year.

The new parsonage, in which the new minister and his family are now living, was built on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tedder, members of the Union Grove church.

Brick – veneered, the new building consists of three bedrooms, two baths, living room, kitchen and den combination, utility room, pastor's study, and closed garage.

Building committee for the structure was J. Arlen Coble, chairman, Paul Tedder, Odell Cagle, and Miss Lucy Rae Tedder, secretary and treasurer.

Coordination of business matters between the two churches of the Ramseur-Union Grove Parish will be handled by a Parish Council composed of the boards of deacons of the two churches.

Membership of the two boards are as follows: Ramseur, Russell Craven, chairman, R. D. Webb, Paul Cain, Ray Kirkman, and C. W. Craven; Union Grove, William Morrison, chairman, Paul Wilson, Harvey Allen, Paul Tedder and J. Arlen Coble.

Officers of the parish council are Russell Craven, president; Paul Wilson, vice president; and Paul Tedder, secretary and treasurer.

Sunday services at the two churches will be held as follows; Ramseur, worship service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.; Union Grove, Sunday School at 10 a.m., woirship service at 11 a.m.

Under the dedicated leadership of the Rev. Jimmy J. Norred and with the occupancy of the new parsonage, the Union Grove Christian Church (United Church of Christ), hallowed with tradition and historical background, and the newly organized First United Church of Christ have each made provision to continue the ministry for which they were organized, the former over a century ago and the latter for only a short while.

But, regardless of the years which are between them, both have purposed to render service in their respective communities and unto their God.

Little Man Had Big Heart Although Tiny In Stature

Sep. 28, 1967 – One of Randolph County's most colorful characters, diminutive Elvin Amos Beane, was buried Wednesday afternoon in the cemetery at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, close to where he operated a mercantile store for thirty-two years.

Affectionately known far and wide as "Little Beane," he died Monday morning in a Pleasant Garden nursing home at the age of 87.

A native of Randolph County, he was born Sept. 23, 1880 in Level Cross Township, the son of Allison J. Beane and Hannah Hinshaw Beane. But before he was one, his family moved to the Holly Spring area where his father started Beane's Mill.

Although his parents, his brothers and sisters were normal size, "Little Beane" was only fifty inches tall. His weight at the time of his retirement from his store eight years ago was eighty pounds.

His boyhood was a normal one. He hunted and played baseball like the other boys in his neighborhood. He attended the Flint Springs and Shiloh schools in his community and also the school at Asheboro.

When he was twenty years of age, he spent a year with an uncle in Westfield, Ind., where he attended high school and a business school.

He came back to this section of the country, operated a miniature train in Winston-Salem and worked with his father in a Siler City mill before going into the mercantile business, first at a site on highway 902 and latter at the site where he remained continuously for thirty two years.

Some Asheboro residents remember when "Little Beane" as a youth worked in his uncle's grocery store on Sunset Avenue in Asheboro, near the present site of Coffin and Scarboro Shoe Store.

At his last place of business, where he bought the land and erected a combination store and dwelling house, the store counters and other furnishings were constructed to adjust to the size of the store's owner.

Just prior to the establishment of this business in which he spent the greater years of his life, he married the former Miss Ethel Shimp, of Richmond, Va. And their marriage lasted for thirty one years before her death in 1958.

Mrs. Beane was diminutive like her husband. Her height was fifty one and a half inches, an inch and one half taller than her husband. They visited frequently with her relatives in Richmond, Va. and in 1933 attended the World's Fair in Chicago with some friends.

"Little Beane" was buried Wednesday afternoon beside of his beloved wife, following funeral services in the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church at 2:30.

The officiating minister was the Rev. Kenneth Feree. Pall-bearers were Wesley Hayes, Jeremiah Cox, Gene Teague and John Craven.

Elvin A. Beane was not a big man in stature. He remained small in size throughout his long lifetime. But his knowledge, his outlook and his conduct was at a high level and compared favorable with that of any other man.

Couple Honored By Family On Fiftieth Anniversary

Sept. 28, 1967 – Mr. and Mrs. W. Brower York quietly celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 24, at their residence on Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Commemorating the occasion was a family luncheon extended to then by their sons, Glenn York, Garland York and Worth York, all of the High Point vicinity, and their three daughters-in-law.

Other family members in attendance were their only grandchild, Gary York, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland York; Mrs. York's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph York; and Mr. York's cousin, Mrs. Dorothy Fowler.

Their anniversary observance followed by one day the actual date of their marriage on Sept. 23, 1917.

However, the wedding of fifty years ago occurred on a Sunday, the same as their anniversary observance.

They were married early in the morning at the home of Mrs. York's parents, Alfred L. York and Lou Coble York, in the Melancthon Church community between Gray's Chapel and Liberty. Mrs. York is the former Mamie York.

The officiating minister, Rev. W. B. Thompson, preached at nearby Randolph Methodist Church but lived in Central Falls. He traveled back and forth to his churches with horse and buggy so in order that he is present for the early morning marriage ceremony Mr. York went after him in his Model T Ford on Saturday evening before the day of the

wedding. The minister spent the night at the home of the bride's parents.

Following the wedding the bride and groom carried the minister not only back to his home but also to another church on his charge, the West Bend Methodist Church beyond Asheboro, coming back then to the Gray's Chapel Methodist Church in time for the picnic dinner which was held on the fourth Sunday of Sept. at the beginning of protracted meeting.

They made their home for a few years after their marriage with Mr. York's mother, Mrs. Maggie Jones York, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Madison Jones. Mr. York's father, Warren Brower York, died when he was four months old.

Later, they built the house in which they still reside, located on Kidd's Mill Road and just across the road from his grandfather's place where he had lived since early infancy. He has farmed throughout his lifetime, first with his grandfather and later on his own.

Mrs. York taught school one year before her marriage and for several years thereafter. Schools at which she taught during that period included Hardin's school, Gray's Chapel, at the old location, Lineberry, Red Cross and Julian Grove.

She resumed her teaching career at the Gray's Chapel consolidated school in 1947 and taught for two and one-half years, serving after that as a substitute teacher. She taught again full time for the school year of 1965-6 and has since served as a substitute teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. York missed the preaching service at Gray's Chapel Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday in Sept. fifty years ago because the roads were bad and they did not get back in time after carrying the preacher to his morning service in their Model T.

They missed the fourth Sunday service at the church again this year, still the beginning of the protracted meeting, because of the observance of their golden wedding anniversary.

But their attendance at the Gray's Chapel Church where Mr. York has attended since childhood has been consistent throughout the years of their marriage. Actually, it was at this church where their acquaintance began at a special service which was attended by Mrs. York, who before her marriage attended the Melancthon Lutheran Church.

Although their fiftieth wedding anniversary was a quiet one and attended only by their family, their friends upon learning of the occasion will not doubt extend to them their heartiest congratulations and wish for them continued happiness in the years ahead.

Grantville Community Has Noteburning

Oct. 12, 1967 – Grantville community building, erected in 1962 by the Grantville Community Development Association, was declared clear of its indebtedness at a special meeting held in the building Saturday evening, Oct. 7.

It was a happy occasion for the members of the community development association, one for which they had worked and striven since their organization nearly eight years ago. Following a buffet supper the note burning ceremony was held.

Participating in the burning of the mortgage were Clinton Brown, current chairman of the organization and a trustee; Paul Tedder, chairman at the time of the securing of the

note; Paul Johnson, treasurer since the time of organization; and Foy Gann, trustee.

Joining with the Grantville people in celebrating the culmination of years of hard work and concentrated effort were T. Worth Coltrane, county attorney; Ben P. Jenkins, Jr., county farm agent, and his wife who is acting director of the Randolph County Health Department; Miss Rose Badgett, county home agent; and others from outside of the community.

A men's chorus from the Holly Spring Friends meeting delighted the group with several songs. Allie R. Kemp, a Friends Minister, pronounced the invocation. Also present was the newly arrived minister at the Union Grove Christian Church, the Rev. Jimmy J. Norred.

Several members and guests were the recipient of door prizes including twelve year-old Dennis Smith who was awarded a silver dollar.

The Grantville Community Development Association was organized Dec. 9, 1959. At the second meeting of interested citizens, the name "Grantville" was chosen.

Although two citizens of the community offered to donate land for the erection of the community building, another site at the corner of Highway 902 (42) and 13 was purchased at a cost of \$1,700.

The building was used for the first meeting Sept. 11, 1962. Before the completion of the building, the fellowship hall of the Union Grove Christian Church was used for the holding of the monthly business meetings.

Cost of the building amounted to \$9,729, with overall cost of the project coming to \$11,935.54. However, these amounts do not reflect the numerous donations of time and material which went into the building.

Erection and clearing of the indebtedness on the Grantville community building has come from the sacrificial labor of the people of the Grantville community. It has come about from endless hours spent on various projects and from individual donations. The ladies of the community, who have spear-headed the holding of the public suppers as well as the other fund raising projects, are to be especially commended for their tireless efforts.

In 1962 the Grantville Community Development Association won the county judging program and the money received for this achievement also went into the building program.

The mortgage burning on Oct. 7 was made possible through the efforts of a fund raising committee to pay off the indebtedness, composed of Miss Rilla Spoon, Mrs. E. C. Gann and Howard Byrd. The amount necessary to clear the indebtedness was secured through individual solicitation. Something over \$600 had been needed for this final effort.

Current officers of the Grantville Community Development Association are Clinton Brown, chairman; Paul Tedder, vice chairman; Miss Lucy Tedder, secretary; and Paul Johnson, treasurer. Officers for the coming associational year have been named as follows; Paul Smith, chairman; Howard Byrd, vice chairman; secretary, Miss Lucy Tedder; assistant secretary, Mrs. Evangeline Brown; and treasurer, Paul Johnson.

Prior to the note-burning ceremony, Miss Lucy Tedder, who has served as secretary since 1954, gave a brief history of the community development association and the construction of the community building.

Recognition was made of the earlier efforts of the late Burgess Hayes, who served as vice chairman at the time of

organization and whose initial efforts were noteworthy in the beginning of the community project. Since his death his wife, Mrs. Ossie Hayes, has rendered able assistance in the pursuance of the project.

Grantville ladies, who had prepared many fund raising suppers in the past eight years, have become very proficient in the culinary arts. The supper they cooked and served at the celebration of the clearing of the indebtedness was never exceeded by any previous supper. It was a delicious repast, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Grantville people banded together to achieve their goal. Their efforts and their accomplishments provided an example for other Randolph County communities, some of whom are well on their way to similar achievement. Members of the Grantville Community Development Association had every reason to rejoice when they paid their debt in full.

Celebration Held On 82nd Birthday

Oct. 17, 1967 – A birthday celebration at 608 S. Cox St. Sunday, Oct. 15 honored Mrs. Ella Viola Hoots who has been a resident of Asheboro since 1938.

Mrs. Hoots, whose 82nd birthday came on Oct. 17, was honored by her six daughters and other members of her immediate family.

Her daughters are Mrs. W. H. Wiley, with whom she resides, and Mrs. Raymond Freeman, of Asheboro; Mrs. W. A. Russell, Aberdeen; Mrs. A. C. Copeland, Danville, Va.; and Mrs. Mack Graham and Mrs. W. M. Chriscoe, Pinehurst.

Other family members include 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one sister and two brothers.

Most of her immediate family was present for the birthday celebration, which included a buffet luncheon, except for her sisters, Mrs. Mamie Graves, Norfolk, Va.; and her two brothers, G. C. Gentry, Jacksonville, Fla., and Charlie Gentry, Oakland, Calif.

A native of Yadkin County, Mrs. Hoots, her husband, Frank Hoots, and their six daughters moved to Moore County, near Pinehurst, where they lived until coming to Asheboro.

Mr. Hoots, a tobacco farmer before coming to Asheboro, was employed here with the Cetwick mill. He died in 1956.

Mrs. Hoots had the misfortune of breaking her hip a year ago last July while visiting with a sister in Hickory. Following that accident she spent several months at The Randolph Hospital and at the hospital in Chapel Hill. She is now able to get around with the aid of a walker.

A hard worker before her accident, she kept a garden each year and did other outside work. Now confined to the inside, she does embroidery work. She has many pretty aprons to show as a result of her handiwork.

Strongly independent and resourceful for all of her life, Mrs. Hoots has found her confinement worrisome but yet is "thankful that I am going as well as I can."

A longtime member of the Oakhurst Baptist Church, she attended the services at the church before her accident and plans on resuming her attendance whenever she is able.

It was an enjoyable family occasion when Mrs. Hoots' six daughters and the other members of her family came together to honor her as she approached her 82nd birthday.

New Pastor To Be Installed At Special Service Sunday

Oct. 18, 1967 – An installation service for the new pastor at the Asheboro United Church of Christ (Congregational – Christian) will be held Sunday evening, Oct. 22 at 7:30 at the church, located at 801 Sunset Ave.

Participating in the service which will induct the Rev. Carl F. Dunker into the pastorate of the church will be the Rev. Ed Alcorn, western area minister for the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ; Rev. I. M. Presnell, retired veteran minister of the Congregational – Christian denomination locally; and Rev. Don Leonard, pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Asheboro.

The Rev. Mr. Dunker, his wife and their three children, David, 17, Diane, 15, and Steve, 13, arrived in Asheboro the latter part of Aug., with the minister beginning his pastorate at the local church the first Sunday in Sept.

Coincidental with the arrival of the new pastor and his family was the nearing completion of a new fellowship building for the Asheboro United Church of Christ, located just west of the existing church building.

This new building, erected at a cost of \$35,000, included a fellowship hall with a seating capacity of 300, two bath rooms, an exceptionally large kitchen, two storage rooms and a utility room.

Containing 3,560 square feet of space, the structure is the second phase of the building program of the church. An educational building, which will connect the sanctuary and the new fellowship building, will be constructed at a later date.

The new minister, a native of Cairo, Ill., located in the southern part of the state at a juncture of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, brings a wealth of training and experience to the pastorate of the local United United Church of Christ and the city of Asheboro.

A minister since the age of eighteen, he is now concluding his nineteenth year of pastoral, preaching and promotional experience, eight years of which time was spent as a student pastor.

His academic training includes his graduation from the high school of his home town in 1947; the receiving of a A.B. degree from Greenville College, Greenville, Ill. In 1953; the receiving of a B. D. degree from the Christian Theological Seminary, Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind. In 1956; and his M. A. degree from Butler University in 1957.

Formerly affiliated with the Methodist Church, he served on the Television, Radio, and Film Commission of the Central Illinois Conference of The Methodist Church, 1961; and as the Luke Sub-district Youth Director which involved the supervision and promotion of youth Director which involved the supervision and promotion of youth work for sixteen different Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, Central Illinois Conference, The Methodist Church

Prior to coming to the Asheboro church, he served as pastor of the St. Peters United Church of Christ in Greensboro and before that the Wake Chapel Congregational – Christian Church at Fuquay - Varina. Asheboro people remember him as having held a revival meeting at the local church three years ago.

While in Fuquay – Varina he produced and directed Panorama of Hymns for Radio Station WFVG and in both

Fuquay – Varina and Cairo, Ill. He wrote weekly religious articles for two newspapers, entitled "Parson to Person."

Since coming to the denomination with which he now affiliates, he has served on the Board of Missions of the Southern Convention of Congregational; Christian Churches (an acting association of The United Church of Christ), 1965 and as the coordinator of the Evangelism Committee of the newly realigned Southern Conference of The United Church of Christ, 1966-67.

This Spry Gent Has Many Talents

Oct. 19, 1967 – Tillon Lafayette (T. L.) Kiser, a spry 75-year-old resident of 1312 Northside Terrace, is a man of many talents.

A singer and choir leader for 52 years and a broom manufacturer since 1913, he has added to his various abilities this year by growing a squash which measured 47 inches in length.

However, his wife, the former Blanche Johnson, needs some credit for the latter achievement, since he planted the squash seed and she worked it out.

This is the second year that this particular squash, called the "yard-long squash," has been grown by Mr. and Mrs. Kiser. The seed was secured two years ago in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Kiser is a native of Mecklenburg County, lived in the Fall Creek area of Chatham County and in Ramseur before moving to North Asheboro. It was in Ramseur that he first began making brooms in 1913 at the Ramseur Broom Works, owned at that time by M. E. Johnson and Amick Thomas.

He moved to North Asheboro in 1945 and established a broom factory at the rear of his dwelling. He has been retired for some time now but, according to his wife, he still "works six days a week."

Asked about this, Mr. Kiser said that he "still had customers talking to me."

Active throughout his life time in the Christian and Baptist churches, he helped to organize the Richland Baptist Church and served as choir director there for eleven years.

He is now assisting Rev. G. F. Settlemire at the Antioch Baptist Church, where he serves as choir director, chairman of the board of deacons and as Sunday School superintendent.

His first wife was the late Ada Wilson and they were the parents of five daughters and one son.

Mr. Kiser's pleasant countenance and his happy disposition reflects his singing ability and his longtime service in the various churches of this county and elsewhere. His looks belie his three score years and fifteen, as he appears much younger than his actual age.

When you question him as to his appearance, his ability to work, his good health and the other faculties with which he has been blessed, he will undoubtedly tell you that all of these things occur because "the Lord has been good to you."

Couple Honored By Family, 50th Wedding Anniversary

Oct. 23, 1967 – Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Cagle, Rt. 1, Asheboro, natives of the township in which they still reside, reached the half century year of their marriage on Oct. 14.

A reception on the following day, Sunday, Oct. 15, at their home from two to five o'clock honored them on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Extending them this honor were their children, Mrs. Fred (Madonna) Snow, Meredith Cagle and Shelton Cagle, Route 1, Asheboro, and Mrs. Charles (Juanita) Lewis, Asheboro.

After Mr. and Mrs. Cagle and their children had greeted the guests in the living room, where the couple were married Oct. 14, 1917, they were invited into the dining room where the table was covered with a lace cloth over gold, with the corners of the table decorated with gold bells and yellow ribbon.

In the center of the table was a five-branched candelabra holding yellow taper candles and an epergne arrangement of yellow roses, snapdragons and Shasta daisy pompons. At an end of the table was the four-tiered white anniversary cake decorated with yellow string work, yellow roses and green leaves. The cake was separated with swan dividers and topped with golden bell and the gold numerals denoting the fiftieth anniversary.

Mrs. C. C. Macon served the cake with Mrs. Meredith Cagle and Miss Bernice Hinshaw, of Siler City, presiding over the punch bowl.

Mrs. Cagle, the honoree, was dressed in blue crepe with a corsage of yellow roses. Her daughters wore corsages of yellow mums and her granddaughters wore corsages of yellow cushion pompons.

Hugh C. Cagle was born near Kemp's Mill in the lower part of Grant Township, the son of Charlie Cagle and Wincie Craven Cagle. He attended the Union Grove and the Shiloh schools, stayed on his father's farm and helped to cultivate the bottom land which extended along the creek for about two miles. At the age of 16, he began carrying the mail from the Kemp's Mill postoffice to the office at Asheboro.

Mrs. Cagle, the former Stena Humble, was born in the house in which she and Mr. Cagle still reside, located near the Bethel Friends Meeting-house. Her parents were Henry Humble and Sarah Jane Trogdon Humble. She attended the schools at Bethel, Liberty and Asheboro.

Their marriage occurred on a Sunday afternoon following their attendance at the morning worship service at the Bethel Meeting. The Minister, Tommy Andrew, had come to the home for Sunday dinner and did not know until after he had eaten that he was to perform the marriage ceremony.

They lived first on the Cagle farm near Kemp's Mill, then in North Asheboro before coming back to Mrs. Cagle's home community. When her mother needed someone to look after her, they moved in the old homeplace where they have remained since that time.

They have attended church services wherever they have lived, first the Union Grove Christian Church, then the Bailey's Grove Congregational Church in North Asheboro. Since coming back to the vicinity of the Bethel Meetinghouse, where Mrs. Cagle worshipped as a child and young woman, they have been consistent members of that religious body.

Mrs. Cagle has served as Clerk of the Monthly meeting and as the pianist while Mr. Cagle has served on the board of trustees and in other capacities. Since the erection of the new Meetinghouse in 1943, they have served as the caretakers for the building, the grounds and the cemetery.

Also, when additional cemetery space was needed, they gave a portion of their adjoining land for this purpose.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cagle are 70 years of age but still very active. Mrs. Cagle, now retired from public employment, keeps children and does her housework. Mr. Cagle farms, keeps cattle, does masonry and carpenter work, is very efficient at building cabinets and is at the present engaged in building a big chicken house.

Hugh and Stena Cagle, accepted by the people who have always known them and fixtures in the community where they have spent most of their lives, are to be congratulated on the attainment of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Their friends and associates of the former days will recall with fond memories their courtship of more than fifty years ago and the pleasant contacts they enjoyed with the people of the Bethel and Kemp's Mill communities.

High Pine Church Members Worship In New Sanctuary

Oct. 25, 1967 — The High Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church, located on Rt. 5, Asheboro, in the Pisgah area, worshipped in a new sanctuary Sunday morning, Oct. 22.

This first service in the new building was held 89 years and one week following the establishment of the High Pine Church on Oct. 15, 1878.

A wooden arbor was the first place of worship, followed by a small frame structure which was replaced by the larger frame structure which was torn down last July to make way for the new building.

Two years ago a new educational building was erected at High Pine. In Aug. of this year, one month after the beginning of construction of the new sanctuary, the indebtedness on the educational building was paid in full.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony preceded the opening of the doors of the new sanctuary for the Sunday School assembly period Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Participating in this ceremony were Mrs. Nettie N. Brown, 70, a member of the High Pine Church for the past 54 years; Rev. George Simmons, church pastor; Davis Luther, Sunday School superintendent and chairman of the building committee; and J. H. (Hoyt) Callicutt, builder of the new sanctuary.

The new brick-veneered structure, attached to the educational building and located among the sturdy trees on the High Pine Church grounds, is 36 feet wide and 70 feet long with a seating capacity of 300.

A porch on the front is six feet wide and 24 feet long and the fiber glass steeple, with its base covered with finished aluminum, extends 30 feet from the roof. At the top of the steeple is a three-foot cross.

The interior is sheetrocked with wainscoting paneled in antique elm. The ceiling is suspended and the floor is covered with vinyl asbestos tile, with red carpeting in the aisle, in front of the chancel and in the pulpit and choir areas.

Ten stained glass windows in the auditorium and the front of the sanctuary were donated as follows: in memory of Everett and Dovie Callicutt, by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Callicutt and family; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ranson Voncannon, by grandchildren; in memory of D. M. and Martha Delana Williams, by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Williams; in memory of PFC Clifford Lanier, who gave his life for his country on Mar. 11, 1945; in honor of Jay and Emma Williams, by children; in honor of Helen and Hubert Parks, by Odell Parks; in honor

of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parks, by children; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newsone and Tura, by the children; and windows were also given by Mr. and Mrs. Davis Luther and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gray and family.

Framing for the entire structure was also given by Jay Williams.

In addition to Davis Luther, other members of the building committee were Kenneth Trogdon, Jay Williams, Jesse Brown and Jerry Gray, Working closely with his committee were the builder, also a member of the church congregation, and the pastor.

The pastor, who began his sixth year at High Pine last June, also did the painting and the finish work around the wainscoting. Mrs. Hoyt Callicutt arranged for the drapes in the nursery and the other room located on either side of the vestibule.

It was a happy group of Sunday school attendants who trooped into the new sanctuary after Mrs. Nettie N. Brown had cut the ribbon to allow for their entrance. Mrs. Brown probably expressed the sentiments of everyone present when she said "I wouldn't have missed this day for anything."

A huge arrangement of large mums and carnations was placed in the sanctuary as the compliments of the builder, with a potted plant coming from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parks.

The minister's sermon subject for the morning worship service was appropriate for the occasion. His subject was "The Church Speaks." His outline was "it speaks through the past, the present and the future."

High Pine's past goes back nearly ninety years; its present consists of the erection of a commodious church plant, including both educational building and sanctuary; and its future reaches out to touch and change the lives of the people of the community and surrounding areas.

Randleman Class Of 1947 Holds First Reunion

Oct. 30, 1967 – A banquet in the high school cafeteria featured the first reunion of the graduating class of 1947 of Randleman High School on Oct. 21.

However, on the previous evening at the homecoming game in the high school stadium several members of the class gathered informally and sat together in a reserved section.

A sign "Welcome, Class of 1947," hung behind the group to signify their presence and to afford them a welcome at their alma mater. After the game several couples went to the Circle Inn Restaurant for refreshments and conversation.

Thirty-one members from the class of 56 attended the banquet Saturday evening, along with husbands, wives and three faculty members. A total of 61 persons were in attendance.

The class members extended a warm welcome to their former principal, W. A. Young, now retired and living in Lexington, and also to their commercial teacher, Mrs. Bernard Spivey, and their home economics teacher, Mrs. Neal Allred.

Class president, Connie Hardin, presided over the banquet event, assisted by the class vice president, Joe Brookshire, and the class secretary, Nancy Daniels. It was voted to hold another reunion in five years, with Ed Hinshaw being named chairman of a planning committee.

Several letters were read from classmates and teachers who were unable to attend the class reunion. But each class members present was asked to stand, introduce their husband or wife, state briefly what had happened to them in the past twenty years, tell about their children and where they now live.

It was a great reunion. Some of the class members had not seen each other in the past twenty years, and everyone left looking forward to the next reunion to be held in five years.

Class members in attendance included Mary Louise Underwood Klabbatz, Betty Lou Robbins Williamson, Ed Hinshaw, Peggy Kennedy Hinshaw, Nancy Jennings Daniels, Joe Brookshire, Connie Hardin, Waldean Kearns Lawrence, Bill Young, Clara Farlow McPherson, Helena Allred Coltrane, Dorsie Lee Hayes Walker, Ed Daniels, Edith Hinshaw Shue, Allene Presnell Fry, Hazel Bell, Evelyn Davis Hull, Emily Fields Walker, Helen Nelson Crutchfield, Wilma Farlow Cook, Clyde Bennett, Peggy Farlow Cook, Clyde Bennett, Peggy Farlow Redding, Bruce Kirkman, Marie Allred Bavendick, Harold Redding, Faye McMasters Redding, Liza Daniels McLelland, Iris Leigh Parrish Hayes, Sherrill Shaw, Jesse Ward, and Claude Hinshaw.

These Scouts Selling Greenery

Nov. 1, 1967 –For their money-raising project this year the Randleman Senior Girl Scout Troop 18 has chosen to sell Christmas greenery. The girls have begun taking orders for wreaths and roping, both to be made of fresh evergreens.

The wreaths will be made by hand in Boone by a company which will supply the troop. These will be offered in sizes from 13 inches up 59 36 inches wide in Boxwood or Balsam.

The girls in the troop are preparing bows, cones and fruit for decorating the wreaths just before they deliver them in the weeks preceding Christmas. The roping can be ordered in white pine or mountain laurel. This makes a lovely mantel decoration and also enhances a stairway or doorway.

The troop has samples for display now. For further information call 625-1167; 88-2540; 88-3015; and 88-2060. The girls will be glad to show a sample wreath and take orders. Prices for wreaths range from \$2.95 to \$10; roping is 45 and 50 cents per yard.

It is urged that orders be placed before Nov. 15, for delivery to homes and places of business for display during the Christmas season.

Mr. And Mrs. S. E. Trogdon, Sr. Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary

Nov. 7, 1967 – A well known Randolph County couple, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Trogdon, Sr., were honored at a reception commemorating their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 29, at their home at 355 Worth St. in Asheboro.

Honoring them were their three sons, S. E. Trogdon, Jr., James O. (Jim) Trogdon and William (Joe) Trogdon, Asheboro, and their two daughters, Mrs. Ben (Nina) Barone, Falls Church, Va., and Mrs. Clarence (Wanda) Ilderton, High Point.

Guests were invited from two o'clock until five o'clock.

In the dining room the table was covered with an imported handmade linen embroidered ecru cloth and was centered with a silver bowl holding an arrangement of yellow roses,

flanked by two three-branched silver candelabra holding yellow lighted tapers.

Yellow and white mums, yellow carnations and yellow gladioli were used throughout the home.

Punch, assorted sandwiches, decorated cakes, mints and nuts were served.

Approximately 350 people came during the appointed hours to honor Mr. Trogdon, an Asheboro builder, and his wife, both of whom are natives of the local area.

Samuel Erman Trogdon, son of Rev. Joel B. Trogdon and Annie Howell Trogdon, was born east of Asheboro in the section known as the Trogdon Hill area. For thirty three years, before his death in 1944, his father was a well known Methodist of this section.

Erman Trogdon first attended the school at Cedar Falls, to which he walked three or four miles across the country from his home. He later attended the Farmer high School, at a time when his father was serving some of the Methodist churches in that vicinity.

Mrs. Trogdon, the former Lena Myrtle Williams, was the daughter of Alson E. Williams and Elma Frye Williams. Her family lived on South Cox Road, at the present site of Mann's Drug Store No. 2, and she attended the Asheboro school.

Her father died nearly two years ago at the age of 94 while her mother, nearing the age of 88, died this past May. They had been married 69 and one half years at the time of Mr. Williams' death.

Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon were married Oct. 28, 1917 at the Bethany Methodist Church near Millboro. Attended by two other couples from Asheboro, they had motored over to presumably be married in a private ceremony by the Rev. J. B. O'Briant, who has assisted Mr. Trogdon's father in revival meetings and who had often visited in the Trogdon home.

But upon arriving at the church, they found that the people had gathered for the Sunday afternoon preaching service, so they were married in the full view and hearing of the entire congregation.

Before his marriage Erman Trogdon had worked briefly "off-bearing slabs" at a sawmill operation in the Farmer area.

This was rough work for a sixteen year-old boy and Mr. Trogdon, recalling the experience, said he felt at the time if that was all there was for him, "life would not be worth living."

He was working as a forty dollar a month clerk at Cox-Lewis Hardware Co. in Asheboro at the time of his marriage. But he left this job shortly afterwards to hire out as a carpenter with W. B. (Will) Lamb, a pioneer Asheboro contractor. He began at wages of \$2.50 a day but was soon receiving the top price of \$5 a day.

After a short while he became associated with Mr. Lamb in the construction business and a few years later, in 1929, he got his state license as a contractor and established the company which he still heads.

Thus, thirty eight years ago Erman Trogdon embarked upon a building career which was to be reflected not only throughout Asheboro and Randolph County but in other places in North Carolina as well.

While still associated with Mr. Lamb, he helped to build the old Hughes-Morris Hardware building and the old Capitol Theater building and one of the first structures be

built after receiving his own license was the Sunset Theater building.

Since that time his firm has been a major factor in all phases of construction in this area. This has included homes, schools, churches, industrial plants and other business sites.

He has gained particular fame in recent years as a builder of churches, especially in the High Point, Thomasville and Winston-Salem areas. One congregation voted to select him as the builder of their church structure even before they had approached him as to his price for construction.

Local churches which he has built include the Friends Meeting house, the Lutheran and Episcopal churches, the brower's Chapel Methodist Church and the first educational plants at the First Methodist Church and The First Baptist Church.

He built the plant which now houses the General Electric Company, the Klopman Mill plant in North Asheboro, Collins-Aikmen in Siler City, Peoples Savings and Loan, B. B. Walker Shoe Company, the buildings for Luck's Inc. in Seagrove, the Loffin Hosiery mills in Randleman, the Asheboro High School football stadium, the Hudson-Belk buildings and the downtown section which includes Hall-Knott, Roses and McCown.

Currently he is engaged in perhaps the largest building program of his lengthy career in construction. This includes his largest single job, the Georgia - Pacific Container Plant, a million dollar job, the First National bank building and the Eastern Randolph County High School buildings, in addition to churches in Alamance and Forsyth counties.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon were formerly active in civic groups in Asheboro and in the affairs of their church, the Giles Chapel Methodist Church, but have limited their activities somewhat of late. However, Mr. Trogdon still retains the chairmanship of the official board at his church and Mrs. Trogdon still keeps her membership in the Shamrock Garden Club.

Formerly Mr. Trogdon served as superintendent of the Sunday school at his church and president of the Asheboro Kiwanis Club, of which he was a member for many years. Mrs. Trogdon also served in many capacities in the church and was also active in the Asheboro Woman's Club.

But they still keep busy. In his spare time Mr. Trogdon tends a garden at their place on Trogdon Hill where they lived until 1940 and Mrs. Trogdon does the canning and freezing of the produce which he raises.

In 1956 they visited two of their children who were then living in Germany and toured many places in that country and in Switzerland while on that trip.

In addition to their five children, the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon include sixteen grandchildren.

All three of his sons, S. E. Jr., Jim and Joe, are associated with Mr. Trogdon in the construction company in which he has spent his matured years. In 1960 the company was incorporated as S. E. Trogdon and Sons, Inc. In past years, although not recently, Mrs. Trogdon herself assisted with the bookkeeping and payroll end of the business.

With Mr. Trogdon at the peak of his building career and Mrs. Trogdon still active and youthful appearing, they have reached the fiftieth year of their marriage. For them the years have been busy ones and productive, not only in the buildings which Mr. Trogdon has erected but also in the rearing of their family and their service to their church and to the community.

Bob Lomans Of Liberty Celebrate Anniversary

Nov. 9, 1967 - A Liberty business man, civic leader and well known musician and his wife celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 5.

Their three children honored Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward (Bob) Loman, Jr. at a reception from two until four o'clock at the fellowship hall of the First Pilgrim Church in Siler City.

For six years Bob Loman has been the choir director at the Siler City church. Prior to the reception hours, staff members of the choir honored Mr. and Mrs. Loman and children at a luncheon.

Bob Loman, a native of the White Oak section of Greensboro, and his wife, the former Aline Brower of Liberty, were married Nov. 7, 1942 at the Liberty Congregational Christian Church.

Mrs. Loman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Numa Brower, was attending the services at the Liberty Christian Church at the time of her acquaintance with Bob, who came to Liberty to assist the pastor of the church, his brother Rev. Harold Loman, in the youth work of the church.

Upon his graduation from the Proximity High School in Greensboro Bob Loman had gone to work at the White Oak Cotton Mill where his father was a supervisor.

But in 1943 he had left mill work to become an evangelistic singer. He served in this phase in various capacities and traveled in many states and in Canada before coming to Liberty in the fall of 1951 to assume the managership of Johnson's, Inc., a men's clothing store, a position which he still retains.

However, his interest in singing did not diminish with his entrance in the business field.

He has throughout his years of residence in Liberty conducted big gospel singings in that town and elsewhere. He is perhaps one of the best known personalities in the field of gospel singing in North Carolina, especially in the sponsoring end of gospel singing presentation.

He has found time for interest in other areas also. Since coming to Liberty he has served on the school board, has been president of the P.T.A., active in the Liberty Lions Club and for the past seven years has served as secretary and treasurer of the Liberty Merchants Association.

In the latter position he has each year been in charge of the Christmas parade for the town of Liberty, an event which has reached gigantic proportions.

Standing in the receiving line with Bob, his wife and their three children - Nancy, Eddie and Jeffrey - at their silver wedding anniversary reception Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5, were the Rev. W. A. Way, who performed their marriage ceremony; Bob's sister, Mrs. Joe Bryson, who served as wedding soloist; and Mrs. John B. Layne, the pianist for the wedding of twenty-five years ago.

Other members of Bob's family and members of Mrs. Loman's family assisted in the honoring of this well known couple who have rendered yeoman service not only in their town of Liberty but in Siler City, other places in north Carolina and elsewhere.

Funds being Raised For New Church

Nov. 15, 1967 - Two Asheboro Wesleyan Methodist laymen, an Asheboro banker and a Union Carbide employee, are currently engaged in raising funds for the

beginning of a new church building for their denomination on the Indian Reservation in Cherokee.

John Storey, affiliated with First national Bank, and Union Carbide employee Bill McNeill were commissioned by the board of managers of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at the last annual conference to raise the money for the new church structure, to be started when the amount reached \$5,000.

The two men, interested in replacing the dilapidated, inadequate church structure which has served the Wesleyan Methodists in Cherokee for the past nineteen years, appeared before the annual conference this past Aug. to seek the approval of the project. The conference approved the matter and appointed the two men to raise the initial funds.

Their efforts thus far, coupled with the sale of a trailer owned by the Cherokee church and the addition of the local church building fund, has resulted in the accumulation of more than half of the funds which are needed to start the building.

Letters telling of the project and pictures showing the inadequacy of the present church building have been sent out to all of the churches of the conference. In addition Storey and McNeill have presented the project and explanatory slides to the High Point District of Wesleyan men's Fellowship and the Rushwood Park and Long Shoals Wesleyan Methodist Churches.

They appeared at the Rushwood Park church, located in Asheboro, Sunday evening, Nov. 12.

Both Storey and McNeill feel that the present Wesleyan Methodist Church building in Cherokee is not comparable to the other church structures in the area and they sought a good while ago to try to do something about it.

They feel assured, with the funds which they have already secured, that construction of the new church building will begin with the coming of spring weather at the Indian Reservation in Cherokee.

In addition to this fund raising project, Storey is also serving as president of the Men's Fellowship organization of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He is a member of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church while McNeill is associated with the Rushwood Park Church.

Old Homeplace Auctioned

Nov. 15, 1967 - Sixty-two years ago Etta Ferguson and her husband, John, bought a farm three miles west of Liberty and established a home for themselves and their children, some of whom were not born at the time.

At that time they had been married for ten years and to help pay for the 215-acre place Mrs. Ferguson and her husband cut chair blocks with a crosscut saw and sold them to a plant in Liberty. The timber had already been cut off the place, the chair blocks were cut from the tree laps which remained.

Last Saturday the personal property of Etta Ferguson was auctioned off at a public sale. The house and land will be sold later.

Mrs. Ferguson died on Aug. 26, just short of having reached her 92nd birthday. Her husband had been dead over fifty-two years, having died while all of their nine children were still at home and the youngest one less than two years of age.

Some of Mrs. Ferguson's people urged her to sell the large farm during the trying days of rearing her large family without the assistance of her husband. But she determinedly resisted their efforts and said, "No, I ain't going to leave."

As the years passed all of the children left the old homeplace except one daughter, Miss Donnie Ferguson, who remained and cared for her mother in the latter years of her life.

Everything changed following Mrs. Ferguson's death. Plans for the sale of the personal property and the eventual sale of the farm were made. "Miss Donnie" made arrangements to leave the home where she has spent her life. She will leave the old homeplace in the near future to occupy a new home in Liberty.

Last Saturday the public administrator and the auctioneer moved in and the people came by the hundreds to witness the disposal of the household effects which had accumulated during the seventy-two years that Mrs. Ferguson had maintained a home for herself and family.

The sale began at 10 o'clock in the morning and lasted continuously until five in the afternoon, except for a few minutes at lunch. It was a goodnatured crowd as they competed with each other for the various household belongings, farming equipment and the antique items which brought on a greater interest.

The latter included the old dinner bell, a walnut dresser, the old weight clock and the old fashioned organ.

As stated, it was a joyous crowd as neighbors came together on a beautiful warm autumn afternoon, as friends greeted each other in the lazy sunshine and as new acquaintances were formed among the people who came from the surrounding areas to attend one of the largest sales of its kind to be held in recent months.

There was sadness also in the sale proceedings. Sadness that the accumulated personal effects of a household which lasted more than three score years and ten would be put on the auctioneer's block.

Coming in for a special feeling of sympathy was Miss Donnie Ferguson who stood and watched the sale of the furnishings of the only home she has ever known and who would soon be leaving the old place for a new residence.

There was sadness in "Miss Donnie's" heart and there was lonesomeness also for the mother with whom she had stayed for so many years and for whom she had tenderly cared.

Baptist Church Moves Into New Sanctuary

Nov. 17, 1967 - Gospel Baptist Church, organized less than three years ago, will occupy a handsome new sanctuary Sunday, Nov. 19.

Located on Highway 311, slightly north of Glenola, the church has moved rapidly since its organization on Mar. 31, 1965.

Another building, the educational plant and temporary sanctuary, was occupied on the first Sunday in Aug. in the same year of the organization.

The new sanctuary, 40 x 118 feet, is attached to the educational building which measures 40 x 70 feet.

The Gospel Baptist Church had its beginning as a mission group which held its first meeting on Jan. 10, 1965 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Steed, Route 3, High Point.

Services continued in the Steed residence and it was there the service of organization was held. On May 19, 1965 the church group moved to their present site and held services in a tent until the occupancy of the educational building.

Twenty - Six people attended the first meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steed; fifty - one persons joined the church at the service of organization; and by the time the charter membership was closed on Sept. 29, one hundred people had become charter members of the new church.

Present membership of the church numbers 204, of which 168 are active members. Twenty-one persons are awaiting baptism into the church organization. Enrollment in the Sunday School is 240, with an average attendance of 200 and more.

Pastor of the Gospel Baptist Church is the Rev. A. F. Blackburn, who assumed the pastorate on Easter Sunday, Apr. 18, 1965, shortly after its service of organization.

A native of Lincoln County, he has been in the ministry for 29 years. His father before him was also a Baptist minister. He has held pastorates in Rowan, Lincoln and Gaston Counties and organized a church in Greenville, S. C. before coming to the church which he now pastors.

Erection of the new sanctuary at the Gospel Baptist Church was made possible through the selling of \$60,000 bonds through the Additional Church Bond System. This amount was used to pay off the indebtedness on the educational building and the remainder used to finance the construction of the new sanctuary.

An indication of the response of the congregation to the financial needs of the church was very evident at last Sunday's services at the church. At the morning service the pastor announced that an additional \$2,000 was needed beyond the amount which had been realized from the sale of bonds. He suggested that the amount be raised voluntarily by members of the congregation.

Before the evening service had come to a close, nearly \$2,200 had been raised and another hundred dollars came in later that night. In addition to that, the regular offerings last Sunday amounted to more than \$900.

In addition to their contributions and the purchase of the bonds, members of the congregation have donated much free labor to the construction of the new sanctuary and also to the educational building before that. This began with the clearing off of the church site and has continued with each phase of construction.

But their efforts have not been without accomplishment for their labors, their contributions and their dedication to the cause in which they believed. They will move Sunday morning, Nov. 19 in a building of which they can be justifiably proud.

The long, high ceiling sanctuary has its pulpit and choir area at its west end and an unusually designed Colonial - type balcony at its east end. Outside walls are brick, inside walls are exposed blocks and arching into the exposed ceiling with its natural finished tongue and grooved decking and laminated wooden beams.

The chancel area, choir, as well as the balcony space, is constructed from California cedar paneling and the entire sanctuary area is covered with green carpeting threaded with gold. A stained glass window overlooks the baptistery in the extreme west end of the building.

A nursery has been built off of the east end of the sanctuary and there are two rooms on either side of the

pulpit. Provision has been made for air conditioning which will be placed in use next summer.

Building committee for the church project consisted of Thurston Williams, Cleo Steed, Robert Crowder, Earl Phillips, Gray Seward and Beachel Marion.

Deacons of the church are Calvin Mills, Virgil Rickard, Vance Steed and James Kestler. A vacancy on the board of deacons occurred when Franklin (Buddy) Fox, who served the organization as a lay worker in the early days of its formation, left to assume a church pastorate.

Sunday School Superintendent is Thurston Williams and the assistant superintendent is Calvin Mills, Rupert Fruitt is the treasurer of the church while Mrs. Cleo Steed is the church clerk.

The church body is comprised of people from Asheboro, Thomasville and Greensboro in addition to the people from the local area.

Services for the opening of the new sanctuary will be held as follows: Sunday School at 10 a. m.; morning worship at 11 a. m.; a picnic luncheon during the noon hour; service of dedication at 3 p. m.; and a singing and praise service at 7:30.

The brief history of the Gospel Baptist Church is a story of rapid accomplishment, dedication and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Working together as a group the people have made a considerable amount of progress in a very short time. But the manifestation of divine approval has been of the greater significance.

Family Moves Into New Home Built By Friends, Neighbors

Nov. 22, 1967 - On Wednesday, Nov. 15 the Wade Isom Bean family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Bean and seven children, moved out of the two room, dilapidated house in which they have been living into a new, four-room dwelling which was built for them by thoughtful neighbors, individuals in Asheboro and throughout Randolph County.

The movement to provide better living facilities for the Bean family, residents of Rt. 4, Asheboro, began last Aug. when neighbors learned that Mr. Bean was afflicted with an incurable disease. The family was living in almost indescribable conditions in the small, two-room dwelling.

A neighbor, Ervin Luther, a sawmill operator; a resident of an adjoining community, Paul Staley, a building contractor; and a Asheboro humanitarian, Bill McNeill, joined forces in bringing the needs of the Bean family to the attention of the community and to the citizens of Asheboro and other parts of the county.

The response was universal. It was mainly a matter of coordinating the united efforts and the family has now moved into the new, well built structure. No indebtedness was incurred and at the time of the occupancy of the new house, it was debt free.

The committee concerned with the construction of the new house made arrangements the next day with Hopkins Brothers well drilling operation for a new well at half the cost of drilling. Donations for this final phase of providing a home for the Wade Isom Bean family will be accepted.

But, even though the family had already moved in, interest in their welfare and the new residence still continued on last Saturday. A group of Boy Scouts from Randleman Troop No. 531, two truck loads of them, arrived Saturday morning for the landscaping of the yard and the sowing of grass.

They were assisted by Archie Newsome with his tractor and plows.

Accompanied by two assistant Scoutmaster, Darrell Griffen and Dennis (Dink) Sink, the boys were Steve Stout, Eddie Harris, Keith Bescher, Curtis Bescher, Bobby Spencer, Gerald Hampton, Ricky Faucette, Vance Morris, Randy Owens, Steve Jones, Ronnie Craft, Eric Hill, Frankie Routh, Chester Wood, Ramon Groseclose, Randy Johnson, Wally Sanford and Ray Dorsett.

Other donors to the new house and the Bean family either in time, materials or cash donations, not heretofore published, are as follows: L. B. Whatley, Dr. C. F. Brown, Everett Garner, Mrs. W. E. Humble, Robert Cooper, J. H. Callicutt and employees, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Home furniture Co., Bargain Warehouse, Rumbley Brothers Auto and Furniture Upholstery, Weiman Company in Ramseur, Caudill Linoleum and Tile Co., Southern Floor Coverings, Wilson Tile Co., Boroughs Television and Appliance Inc., Eagle Store Company, Mrs. John Hughes, Mrs. Burgess Scott, Walter Roberts Realty Co., Vernon Councilman, Sam Coble and Worth Trogon.

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Ervin Luther, Paul Staley and Bill McNeill express their deepest appreciation to the individuals and firms listed above, as well as to those heretofore published, for their efforts and contributions toward providing a decent place in which the Wade Isom Bean family could reside, care for the afflicted father and rear the seven children to become useful citizens of the community in which they live.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Celebrated By Randolph Pair

Nov. 27, 1967 - J. C. (Jot) Lambe, a retired carpenter, and his wife, the former Mary Alese Dickens, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 19 at their home in the Spero section.

Their children held open house for them from two until five o'clock, with many friends, neighbors and relatives calling during these hours to honor this couple who have spent their lives in the Asheboro vicinity.

The couple were married Nov. 17, 1917 at the home of the "marrying squire," J. A. Neighbors, who lived in the vicinity in which Mr. Lambe was born and reared.

They had planned to be married two or three weeks later. But it was Saturday and Mr. Lambe's employment at the old copper mine in north Asheboro had been curtailed because of the air compressor breaking down. So, the couple decided to take advantage of his day off.

They had only courted for eight weeks, but had known each other for five or six years and had corresponded while Mr. Lambe was serving with the National Guard in El Paso, Texas at the time of the Mexican Uprising.

Joshua Clarkson Lambe, son of Thomas Franklin Lambe and Nancy (Nan) Allred Lambe, was born nearly 72 years

ago not far from the place at which he resides. His father died when he was nine years of age.

Both his parents and a younger brother, Joe, are buried in the cemetery at the site of the old Davis Chapel Church, north of the Lambe residence and a church which disbanded many years ago. Joe was killed at the age of 17 while working for the telephone company in Tifton, Ga.

"Jot" attended the old school at Spero, located up the railroad from the second school which was erected later, but went out on his own at the age of 13. He started cutting logs for twenty cents a day and his board. He also helped with the cooking at the logging camps where he worked.

Mrs. Lambe, daughter of William David Dickens and Julia Smith Dickens, was born in Asheboro nearly 69 years ago and attended the Asheboro school. She worked briefly at the Acme Hosiery Mill and the Asheboro Hosiery Mill before her marriage.

Soon after their marriage the old copper mine closed down and Mr. Lambe went to work in Asheboro, first at Southern Brokerage and then as a carpenter with his brother, W. B. Lambe, a building contractor. He also worked as a carpenter at McCrary Hosiery Mills for seven years, first spending twenty weeks in Philadelphia crating the first knitting machines which were installed at the mill.

At the time of his retirement he was working as a carpenter at the Klopman Mills in North Asheboro.

Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Lambe came back to his old birthplace to reside, erecting a new house at the old site. But about six years ago they sold this tract of land to the Superior Stone Company for use as a quarry. They built a new house, farther to the west but still on land originally owned by the Lambe family.

Their peaceful retirement was merged with sorrow about a month ago with the tragic death of their oldest son, Thomas Franklin Lambe, a veteran of World War II, who was killed in an accident. Two sons died in infancy.

Their other children are Mrs. Frances Voncannon, Mrs. Julie Nan Luck, William Dickens (Billy) Lambe, Mrs. Marily R. Richardson, Donald Lambe, Ravon Lambe, Mrs. Edna Joyce Parrish and Mrs. Martha Evelyn Ingold.

Included in their family group are 25 grandchildren and two great-greatchildren.

Mrs. Lambe is a loyal member of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church and has an attendance record of more than ten years.

We salute "Jot" and Mary Lambe upon the reaching of their golden anniversary year. We salute them as lifelong resident of our vicinity. We also salute them as friends, neighbors and as a couple who is held in respect by all those who know them.

Hopewell Completes Minister's Home

Nov. 27, 1967 – A home for the minister of the Hopewell Friends meeting has been completed, the first in the history of the Meeting, and open house for the new structure was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26, from two until four o'clock.

Much thought, planning and effort went into the erection of this first parsonage at Hopewell and both the Minister, Odis D. Dupree, and the people feel that it will have a meaningful effect on the ministry of the Meeting and its membership.

Over 120 years ago a burial site was established at Hopewell but it was not until 1885 that land was deeded for the erection of a Meeting House. A Monthly Meeting was

set up in 1916. the Meeting House is located eight miles southwest of Asheboro.

A new church structure was built in 1949 and was cleared of indebtedness a year and one half later. However, the Hopewell people continued their building fund on the first Sunday of each month and it was from this fund that they have erected the handsome new home for their Minister.

The project was approved by the Monthly Meeting last June and construction begun in Aug. A building committee, consisting of Roy (John) Strider, Rex Hurley and Basker Hammond, was named to supervise the construction of the house, with Mr. Hammond later becoming an honorary member of the committee due to the sickness and eventual death of his wife.

Bruce Callicutt has served as treasurer of the building fund since its beginning.

The new house, located in a wooded setting across the road from the west side of the Meeting house, is brick-veneered and has space amounting to 1,634 square feet. A style brick similar to those in the Asheboro Public Library was used.

Consisting of living room, study, three bedrooms, den and dining area combination, kitchen, utility room, two full baths and carport, the den and dining area is finished in antique birch paneling while the other rooms are sheetrocked.

Carpeting has been laid in the living room, study and Master bedroom, the floors in the other rooms are covered with vinyl and there is ceramic tile on the walls in the bathrooms.

Other features of the dwelling include the stained cabinets in the aisle kitchen, the built-in garage, the linen closets in the bath rooms, the pantry between the kitchen and the utility room, the full length closet in the Master bedroom and the eight-foot closets in the other bedrooms, the Colonial, four-panel, bi-folding doors on each of the bedroom closets, the upraised bearth in the den, with two hidden closets on either side of the hearth, and many other convenient and also attractive features of the well planned structure.

The front of the house, with its porch and supporting columns of square metal, arched design beneath the boxed area, the black shutters with white trim and the black louvered door, presents an unusually attractive appearance in the rustic setting in which the building is located.

Carpenters Junior Bailey, Ervin Cole and Herbert Williams and Worth Luck, brick contractor, were hired to build the house but furnishing unskilled labor in the construction, the cleaning and the clearing were the men, women and children of the Meeting.

Thomas Rose, a member of the congregation, did the plumbing for the new facilities on a volunteer basis while the concrete work was furnished without cost by Rex Hurley.

Building committee members Strider and Hurley express their appreciation for the cooperation and help which they received from the members of the Meeting in the construction of the Minister's Home.

When the bills came in for the final phases of construction, they will be paid in full. There will be no indebtedness on the new house.

On the day following the open house, the minister, his wife, Mildred, and their two children Steve, 15 and one half, and Sherry, 10, moved from their Bear creek residence into the new house.

A native of Moore County, Odis D. Dupree has served the Hopewell Friends Meeting since July 4, 1965. Prior to that time, he served the Pine Mountain and Putnam Friends Meetings. He was recorded as a Friends Minister on Aug. 6, 1966.

He said that he "has enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the people of the Hopewell Friends meeting and the community." He further said that he has "looked forward to moving in their midst and earnestly solicits their prayers that he will be the kind of Minister the people need."

Calvary Church Plans Open House

Nov. 28, 1967 – Calvary Methodist Church people will hold open house in their completely renovated parsonage at 114 Frances Drive in North Asheboro Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3, from 2:30 until five o'clock.

This will give the congregation, the people in the community and friends of the church not only an opportunity of inspecting the improvements but will also give them a chance to meet the new parsonage family who moved in on June 22. The public is invited to the open house event.

It was directly following the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Charles (Joe) Daniels and their three children, Della, 14, Joseph Charles Jr. (Jody), 12, and Janet, who became 11 years of age on Thanksgiving Day, that the renovation of the parsonage began.

Some of the improvements at the calvary parsonage include a new roof, the construction of a room in the upstairs area, painting of the entire house both inside and out, the refinishing of all floors and new carpeting in the living room, the dining room and the Master bedroom, the tiling of the bath, the hanging of new draperies, the replacing of much of the wood work and extensive improvements to the side porch.

The parsonage committee composed of Russell Wallace, David McQueen, Calvin White, Mrs. Roy Howe, Mrs. Robert Pugh, Mrs. Bill Harrell, Mrs. Olan Hubbard, Mrs. Bill Payne, Miss Olga Lassiter, Mrs. Guy York Jr. and Haywood Raines handled the renovation project. Members of the committee and people in the congregation, along with the new preacher himself, assisted with the physical portion of the improvements, especially the painting.

The new minister, the Rev. Joe Daniels, was born in Greensboro but reared in Charlotte. Upon reaching young manhood he had not planned to become a minister and after two years at Mars Hill College he engaged in employment as a nurseryman. He also worked briefly with the J. A. Jones Construction Co. in Greenland.

After a lapse of about 12 years, however, he answered the call to the ministry and enrolled at Pfeiffer College where he graduated in 1960. In his last year at Pfeiffer, he served as pastor of the First Methodist Church at Landis.

He went on to the Duke Divinity School where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1963. While attending the divinity school he served as the pastor of the Burlington Circuit of the Methodist Churches. Bethel, Mt. Vernon and Camp Springs Methodist Churches.

His next assignment was the Roberta Methodist Church in Concord, from which place he came to the Calvary Church in North Asheboro.

Mrs. Daniels, the former Rae Woodle, is a native of Conway, S. C. Her acquaintance with her husband

developed while both of them were students at Mars Hill College.

The new parsonage family has been well received by the Calvary congregation and the minister and his family have in turn been impressed by their new field of service and by the town and community to which they have moved.

Last Sunday evening the Calvary minister preached the annual Thanksgiving sermon at a union service of North Asheboro churches. He also just concluded a series of revival services at the Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church and previously was the speaker at revival services at the Giles Chapel Methodist Church.

Ether: Scene Of Two Big Actions

Nov. 28, 1967 – The little town of Ether, located just off of Highway 220 in upper Montgomery County four miles south of the Randolph County line, was the scene of a big sale held on consecutive days last week.

On Friday the tools and equipment of C. C. (Lum) Suggs, veteran blacksmith, were sold, on the following day his household property was sold at auction.

Mr. Suggs, whose only child, Mrs. Hobert Bondurant, lives in Asheboro, had been a blacksmith for a greater part of his life. Over eighty years of age, he died last summer.

Conducting the sale were two Randolph County auctioneers, Beauford Greene, Route 5, Asheboro, and Ira Hancock, Asheboro. Hancock however was reared in the upper Montgomery-Moore area and attended the Ether school which was discontinued shortly after World War II.

The old school house, located across the road from the Ether Christian Church, is now being used by units of the Pine Hosiery Mill in Star. Ether students now attend the elementary school at Star and the East Montgomery High School.

The church, only place of worship in the town itself, is situated in front of a large cemetery. Ladies of the church sold hot dogs, drinks and other items during the two days of the sale.

A fourth class postoffice serves the town of Ether. Mrs. Mabel Kerns is the Postmaster. It is hoped that the postoffice will soon become third class.

One of the most thriving places of business in Ether is the roller mill, which has existed for generations and now is operated by Poe Caudill.

Another well known place of business is the general store, formerly operated by the late Claudie Floyd and now run by his son, Jack Floyd.

Few people traveling Highway 220 realize the business of the town of Ether, since most of the activity is located a short distance west of the highway on the old road. However, there are some service stations on Highway 220.

The town, populated by only a small number of people, had its number increased the Friday and Saturday of the big sale.

Asheboro Resident In TV's Virginian

Dec. 4, 1967 – A former Asheboro resident, Byron Elliott Mabe, will co-star as Dobie Keogh in "The Barren Ground" episode of the Virginian this Wednesday evening, Dec. 6, which is seen locally on Channel 12, WSJS in Winston-Salem, beginning at 7:30

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry H. Mabe, Newport News, Va., Byron Mabe lived in Asheboro with his parents until he was

about twelve years of age. His mother, the former Reba Bulla, is a native of Back Creek Township.

In the Wednesday night presentation of *The Virginian*, Mabe will play the part of a gun fighter. His hometown news paper, *Times-Herald*, in an article written by the newspaper's TV Editor, feels that his role as a "bad guy" may be miscast.

In Newport News they remember the Warwick High athlete as one of the good guys. His acting days began after his school, however, and centered around Hampton and Newport News Little Theater work. He also participated in California's Pasadena Playhouse and in off-Broadway productions and summer stock.

Before the stage his career included track, semi-pro football, boxing, debating, the Air Force and 18 months in a department store.

He announced his appearance on the *Virginian* Wednesday evening in a printed release which he mailed to his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Lassiter, 1836 Liberty Rd.

Other close relatives locally are two uncles, Harvey and Brad Bulla. While living in Asheboro, his parents were employed at McCrary Hosiery Mills.

Christmas Was In Focus At Farmer

Dec. 6, 1967 – The approaching Yuletide season was brought into a greater focus Monday evening with the holding of the annual Christmas party by the Farmer Grange.

Designated as a "rural-urban understanding meeting," this dinner meeting has become one of Randolph County's most enjoyable events during the Christmas season.

The decorations of the grange hall, arranged by Mrs. Carl Keams and Mrs. Herbert Keams, set the theme for the gala occasion.

The hall was decorated with pine boughs and running cedar framing the windows. A lighted Christmas tree was on either side of the stage.

In center stage was a table, on which was arranged an angel choir with lighted candles over an open table.

On the buffet table was a tree of rabbit tobacco, decorated with red apples and green grapes – with green candles on either side.

Tables were centered with decorated Christmas packages and topped with lighted candles.

At the entrance was a large wreath of pine, wheat and pine cones.

Alton Wall, grange master, presided over the meeting and R. C. Adams, lecturer, reviewed the progress of the grange, which had its beginning exactly one hundred years before Monday night's meeting on Dec. 4, 1867.

Principal speaker was Dr. Garland A. Hendricks, professor of church – community development and director of field work for the South-Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and state grange chaplain.

His talk on the "meaning of Christmas" was based on observations which he made while on a tour of India during the Christmas season a few years ago. His discussion centered around four things which he said he "learned while celebrating Christmas half-way around the world."

They were, first, there is hope for man; second, a new emphasis to the remembering of God; third, Christian influence has made American largely what it is; and fourth, there is a joy in Christmas because we are privileged to share with others.

Christmas music was rendered by Miss Elaine Balderson, soloist, and Miss Lynn Adams, pianist.

Many guests were present for the Christmas meeting and each grange member was asked to introduce those who accepted invitations to share in the enjoyment of the annual event.

The decorations were beautiful, the music was delightful, the speech was superb but also enjoyed was the table laden with food, for which Farmer women have long been famous. There was plenty of food for everyone and the meal was immensely enjoyed by the grange members and their guests.

Handling the arrangements were the home economics committee, composed of Mrs. G. C. Castelloe, Jr., chairman, Mrs. Alton Wall, Mrs. Porter Gray, and Mrs. Allen McDaniel.

Missionaries Set Visit To Church

Dec. 6, 1967 – Rev. and Mrs. Steve Davenport, missionaries on furlough from the land of Argentina, will be speaking in both the morning and evening worship services at the Balfour Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 10.

This is the church in which Mrs. Davenport, the former Bonnie Anne Peace, grew to maturity. It is expected that home folks will extend a hearty welcome to her, Steve and their five children upon their return Sunday morning.

The Davenports returned to their homeland on Tuesday, November 30 arriving in Miami, Fla. Where Steve was serving as an assistant pastor at the time of their assignment to the mission field.

They left Miami Monday for a visit with a sister of Steve's in Washington, D. C. They are expected to arrive Friday evening at the Greensboro – High Point Airport for the reunion with Bonnie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearce, her sisters and the folks she has known since childhood.

Their furlough will be of four months duration and their headquarters while in the states will be at the home of Bonnie's parents.

The Davenports received their appointment as missionaries to Argentina on Oct. 10, 1964 from the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va.

After a year of language study in San Jose, Costa Rica, they came back home for a visit before leaving for their mission station at Parana, Entre Rios, Argentina, where they have been for the past thirty two months.

During their stay in Argentina their fifth child, Patricia, was born. Patricia, now eighteen months old, will be seeing her grandparents and will be seen by them for the first time. The other four children are Kathy, John, Shelia and Shirley.

At the Balfour church Sunday, in the services beginning at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Steve and Bonnie will be relating their experiences and describing their activities as missionaries in Argentina.

The church congregation, their friends and the public is invited to hear them.

Baptist Church Fulfills Heritage

Dec. 11, 1967 – Sandy Creeks's Missionary Baptist Church, organized on the historic grounds of the original "mother church" shortly after the turn of the nineteenth century is moving forward to fulfill its heritage and the sanctity of the land on which it is located.

The church is about \$1,100 away from paying off the indebtedness on a new educational building which was erected two years ago. Earlier, the first Sunday School rooms had been built and the sanctuary remodeled.

When the indebtedness is cleared, the building fund will be continued and plans will be made for the erection of a parsonage, the first in the history of the church.

The beginning of the parsonage fund, a bequest from the last will and testament of Miss Ida Bertha Williams a charter member of the church, already exists and amounts to \$6,159.12. Miss Williams died Jan. 7, 1967. She was 84 years of age.

In addition, a site of land on which to build the parsonage was deeded to the church by Miss Williams prior to her death. This tract of land, containing approximately three acres and located across the road from the church building, was given to the church June 6, 1952.

Daughter of James Murdock (Murke) Williams and Elizabeth Lane Williams, the home of Miss Williams' parents was located a short distance west and in sight of the Sandy Creek Church.

The executor of her estate, a nephew, Lucian A. Pugh, and her brother, J. Cleve Williams, who now lives at the old homeplace, remember when Miss Williams as a teen-age girl accepted Christ as her Savior and received the rites of baptism in the waters of nearby Sandy creek.

Her brother expressed her devotion to the church when he said, "She gave everything she had to the church, she loved the church." Her entire estate, except for a few minor bequests, was left to her beloved Sandy Creek Missionary Baptist Church.

Her mature years were spent as a practical nurse in the service of her fellow human beings. She worked in Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Siler City and elsewhere helping to care for the sick and the afflicted.

But, as her nephew Lucian Pugh expressed it, "she loved to come back to Sandy Creek when she was in a position to get away." She retained a room at her brother's house, her old homeplace, and it was here that she spent her week-ends and the other times when she could come back.

She was a faithful member of the church, supported it throughout the years of her lifetime and left her earthly belongings to it when she died. Her estate, as originally bequeathed to the church, was considerable larger than the amount which the church finally received. But sickness, hospitalization and care in a rest home brought a deterioration of her assets and therefore a lesser amount than she had intended for the church to receive.

Miss Williams was not dogmatic in her bequest to the Sandy Creek Church. Before she died she removed the restriction that the land she gave be used exclusively as a parsonage site and, in reference to her estate, she worded her last will and testament as follows: "It is my earnest hope and desire that the said church will use the gift here-in made to it in building a home for the pastors of the church and that said home be constructed on the lot I conveyed to the church for that purpose."

The money from her estate was turned over to the Sandy Creek church trustees, James C. Kivett, Curtis Dodson and A. D. Kirkman.

The first structure used by the Missionary Baptists at Sandy Creek was a large building with high ceilings, a beautiful sanctuary from which the large bell could be heard all the way to Gray's Chapel.

Retained in the present structure is the large bell and also the beautiful stained glass memorial to Elder Shubal Stearns who founded the original "mother" church in the year 1755.

The original church structure, a small log building, still stands slightly to the east and a little farther on in the same direction is the building of the Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

On the monument in the Sandy Creek graveyard, erected to the memory of Elder Shubal Stearns, these words are inscribed: "The work went forth from Zion, and great was the company of them who publish it, in so much that her converts were as drops of morning dew."

Miss Ida Bertha Williams, lying peacefully beside of her parents in the same grave yard, along with thousands, yea millions of others was one of the converts of the earlier efforts of "Shubal Stearns, his wife and those who came with him, seven other families, 16 souls in all."

As Elder Shubal Stearns paved the way and established Sandy Creek, "a mother church, nay a grandmother church and a great-grand mother" of the Southern Baptist Convention, so has Miss Ida Bertha Williams, over two hundred years later, paved the way for greater progress for the Sandy Creek Church she loved and served.

50th Anniversary Brings Celebration

Dec. 13, 1967 – Despite the steady rain Sunday afternoon, Dec. 10, friends and relatives came continuously to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Robbins on the Mack Road to congratulate the couple at the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

When they were married on Dec. 7, 1917 at the home of Squire J. A. Neighbors, the officiating magistrate, the weather was clear but cold.

Both natives of the West Bend section, southwest of Asheboro, they were taken to the North Asheboro home of the magistrate by Ben McDowell in the Model T. Ford automobile which he used for hire.

They were very young at the time of their marriage, he was 17 and she was 15, and Mr. McDowell expressed surprise when he was asked by the magistrate to sign the marriage certificate. The couple had not told him that they were going to be married.

Following the speaking of the marriage vows, Mrs. Robbins still remembers very clearly what Squire Neighbors said to Mr. Robbins. He told him, "you had better be good to that young'in."

But the admonition was not really needed because, as Mrs. Robbins said, "we got along as good as anybody else." Or perhaps the venerable squire's advice helped this couple who have now been together for fifty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins have known each other since they grew up just about across the road from each other in the West Bend section. She was the former Sadie Marie Thompson.

When still a young boy, Mr. Robbins went to work at the Redding Chair Factory for wages of twenty five cents a day. Later he transferred over to the Randolph Chair Factory for twice that amount.

He worked at the P & P Chair Company for thirty – eight years straight and then went back later for five more years. While there he helped to make the pattern for the famed Kennedy Rocker many, many years before the late President made the chair nationally known.

Among the persons calling at the Robbins home during the open house period commemorating their golden wedding anniversary was the head of the P & P Chair Company, W. C. Page, Sr. and his wife.

Standing by to help their parents greet their guests were three of the four living sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robbins. They were Duke Robbins, Route 4, Asheboro, Claude Robbins Jr., Route 2, Asheboro, and J. C. Robbins, North Asheboro. The fourth son, Winfred Robbins, of Detroit, Mich., was unable to be present.

Two more sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robbins but Clarence Leo died at the age of 10 and Fred at the age of 16 months.

After greeting the honored couple and their sons, the guests were shown into the gift room, presided over by Mrs. Claude Robbins Jr., before entering the dining room, where Mrs. Duke Robbins and Mrs. J. C. Robbins served cake squares, nuts, mints and punch.

The table was covered with a white lace cloth and was centered with an arrangement of yellow snapdragons, pom poms and gypsoophila, encircled by a gold candelabrum with four lighted yellow tapers. The cake was three-tiered and had the inscription of "50" at the top.

Billy Robbins, a grandson, greeted the guests upon their arrival and told them goodbye when they left, with Mrs. Billy Robbins presiding at the guest register.

Mrs. Robbins, who wore a blue serge silk dress, a wide brim blue hat, white gloves and black patent slippers for her marriage vows fifty years ago, was dressed for her anniversary celebration in a two-piece dress of light green brocade and had a corsage of yellow rosebuds.

Her daughters-in-law wore corsages of yellow mums, her granddaughters had corsages of yellow pom poms while Mr. Robbins' boutonniere was a yellow rosebud and his sons and grandson wore yellow carnations.

At the conclusion of the open house event, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Robbins surprised them with a buffet supper in which family members participated.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins are members of the West Bend Methodist Church, near which both of them were born and reared. However, Mr. Robbins attends the Sunday School at the Brower's Memorial church located on the road on which he lives. His Sunday school teacher, Eugene Hurley, was among those attending the anniversary celebration.

Golden Age Party Held At Grays Chapel Church

Dec. 13, 1967 – The fellowship hall at the Gray's Chapel Methodist Church was decorated for an old fashioned Christmas Sunday, Dec. 10 when the Woman's Society of Christian Service held their annual golden age party for the senior citizens of the community.

The weather was very bad, it was pouring down rain at intervals, but still sixteen senior citizens came out to enjoy the annual occasion, one of the first of its kind to be held in this county.

Mrs. W. M. Heckard, the minister's wife, did an outstanding job at decorating the fellowship hall, assisted by Miss Mary Jones.

The mantel was banked with holly, a pine wreath with a red bow and an oil lamp. Hanging from the mantel and dangling before the huge fireplace were the boot socks stuffed with gifts.

On one side of the fireplace was the old timey Christmas tree, with homemade angels, paper chains, pop corn chains, Nandina berry chains, red paper lanterns and candy canes. On the other side was the antique round table, covered with a red cloth, on which was a pitcher of holly and an open Bible.

The tables had lamp globes over red candles and decorations of pine and Nandina berries while on the piano there was a Madonna and an arrangement of pine and Nandian berries.

Mrs. Jack Pugh, WSCS president, welcomed the guests. Refreshments were in charge of Mrs. Herbert Pugh and Mrs. Rom Millikan and the program, a rendering of Christmas music by the youth choir was in charge of Mrs. Bruce Pugh and Mrs. Howard Kerns.

Honored guests included Mrs. E. L. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Routh, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ward, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Brower York, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Routh, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coble, and Mrs. Talmadge Jones.

Couple Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Dec. 20, 1967 – Earl V. Walker Sr., Rt. 1, Franklinville, a Randolph County Commissioner for eight years and his wife, the former May Pickett, were honored Sunday, Dec. 17, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Their children, eight of them held open house for their parents at the fellowship hall of the Bethany Methodist Church from two until five o'clock.

The children are as follows: Earl V. Walker Jr., Rt. 3, Randleman; Mrs. John (Irene) Gourley, Mrs. Bill (Pearl) Tuttle, and Mrs. Claude (Lois) Mills, Greensboro; Mrs. Clarence (Clara Frances) Wholford, Randleman; and Mrs. Robert (Elsie) Johnson, Clyde Walker and Carl Walker, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Their oldest child, Corbett Walker, was killed in an automobile accident in 1947. Other members of their family include 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Greeting the guests upon their arrival at the fellowship hall was Mrs. Norman H. Wallace of Greensboro, a lifelong friend of the Walker family who grew up on an adjoining farm. The receiving line was composed of the honored couple and their eight children.

The table in the serving area was covered with yellow net, draped and caught at the corners with yellow nosegays.

In the center was a silver five-branched candelabra with yellow Figi mums, pompons and roses. The cake was three tiered, decorated in deep yellow and topped by the gold inscription and bells.

Mrs. Charles Durham, a granddaughter, presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Earl V. Walker Jr. served the cake squares.

Mrs. Gene Allred and Mrs. Richard Shropshire alternated in registering the guests. Mrs. Carl Walker was in charge of the gifts, assisted by Bari Lynn Johnson and Patricia Ann Walker, granddaughters, and Patricia Lynn Wallace.

Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Caudle.

For her anniversary observance Mrs. Walker wore a rose lace dress with a white orchid, surrounded by yellow roses. Mr. Walker's boutonniere was a yellow rose.

At their wedding on that warm sunny Sabbath afternoon two days before Christmas fifty years ago. Mrs. Walker wore a blue silk dress, a blue wide brim hat and high top shoes. The couple was photographed in their

wedding clothes on the following day at Neal's Studio in Randleman.

Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rollins, they were married by the Rev. Johnny Pugh at his home in South Randleman. Traveling in a rubber-tired buggy drawn by two horses, the couple decided upon reaching the minister's home to get married sitting in the buggy.

They recalled that, although the weather was warm on their wedding day, it snowed the next day and remained on the ground for the next six weeks.

Seventy-two years of age, Mr. Walker was born at Gray's Chapel, but his family moved to the farm when he was quite young where he attended Bethany school and later the school at Julian's Grove. His parents were Cicero H. Walker and Cora Routh Walker.

Seventy-one years of age, Mrs. Walker was born between Millboro and Cedar Falls but move to Worthville at the age of six. She attended the school at that place.

The couple moves to their present residence in the southern end of Providence Township on Apr. 3, 1919. Mr. Walker has talked in recent years about building a new house to replace the old structure which is estimated to be a hundred years old. But he dislikes the idea of moving out of the house where he reared his large family and would like to stay there at least for fifty years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Walker praised the neighborhood in which they live and the people who live therein. They said "we have got a great neighborhood" and in speaking of the folks who live in the community said "they are a wonderful people."

A large number of people attended the observance of their golden wedding anniversary at the church where Mr. Walker has attended for the past sixty-four years and where Mrs. Walker has been going since her marriage.

Widow Given Certificate By President Johnson

Dec. 20, 1967 – A Rt. 6, Asheboro widow received a certificate from President Lyndon Johnson honoring the memory of her husband who was killed in a motorcycle accident on Oct. 27.

The certificate came to Mrs. Thomas F. Lambe whose husband distinguished himself in the service of his country during World War II.

Decorated with the Gold Presidential Seal and signed by Lyndon Johnson, president of the United States, the document stated that "The United States of America honors the memory of Thomas F. Lambe."

It further read "This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the Armed Forces of the United States."

Discharged from service in Nov., 1945, Sgt. Lambe was awarded the Bronze Star "for heroic achievement in connection with military operation against the armed enemy in the vicinity of Ottweiler, Germany on 19 Mar. 1945."

The citation awarding him the Bronze Star further stated that "on four separate occasions he went and repaired communication lines under heavy fire."

Other awards received during his military service included the American Defense Medal; American Theatre Campaign Medal; Earmet Campaign Medal with three bronze service stars; Good Conduct Medal; and the Victory Medal.

Forty-eight years old at the time of his death, his family includes his wife, the former Merline Culler, and five children - Connette 21, Velva, 19, Larry, 18, Richard, 16, and Jean, 13. They reside in the Spero section.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lambe, also of Rt. 6, Asheboro. Prior to his death, he was employed as a carpenter. He was a native and lifelong resident of the Asheboro vicinity, except for his tenure of service in the Army.

Couple Honored By Family

Dec. 22, 1967 – Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilcox, residents of Asheboro for the past twenty-two years, were honored by their daughter, son-in-law and grandson Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, on the occasion of their 56th wedding anniversary.

Hosting an informal open house at their home at 917 Shannon Road were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Miller and son, Richard. Approximately fifty friends called from seven until nine o'clock.

Besides Mrs. Miller, the only other child of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox is a son, Hazen Wilcox, of Madison, Wisc. who called his parents during the open house period. A grandson, William H. Wilcox, of Knoxville, Tenn., also talked with them on the telephone.

The interior of the lovely new home was decorated with the Christmas motif for the occasion, with the front exterior ablaze with the Christmas lights and other reminders of the Yuletide season.

Refreshments, consisting of punch, nuts, candies and fruit cake, were served by the three hosts. The occasion was a complete surprise to the honored couple. Just prior to the beginning of the open house, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox were guests of their daughter, son-in-law and grandson at dinner at a local restaurant.

Mr. Wilcox, 84 years of age is a native of Wisconsin. His wife, 80 years of age, is a native of Minnesota where Mr. Wilcox was also living at the time of their marriage.

The couple came to Asheboro in 1945 when Mr. Wilcox became associated with the Buttercup Ice Cream Co. where he remained until his retirement about ten years ago.

But retirement for Mr. Wilcox had a different meaning than with most folks. Because that was when he really went to work.

He began raising flowers, yards, raking leaves and doing other odd jobs not only around his own house but also offering his services to other people who desired them.

He's still doing those things perhaps to a slightly reduced degree, and was thus engaged on the afternoon before his surprise anniversary observance.

Mrs. Wilcox several years ago, following her husband's retirement, wanted to "run around some" but Mr. Wilcox was too busy to take her. But he purchased a new Pontiac recently and with his 85th birthday approaching, he may cut down on his gardening and odd jobs and do a little traveling with the wife to whom he has been married for the past fifty-six years.

Randolph Church Presents Outstanding Christmas Program

Dec. 22, 1967 – The moon was half showing through the soft clouds. The spectators, sitting in their cars, covered the countryside, and the spotlights covered the participants as

they appeared. The quietness of the night was broken only by the singing of the Christmas songs and the voice on the speaker system.

It was the presentation of a live Nativity scene on the front lawn at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church and it was one of the most outstanding Christmas programs to be presented this season or in past seasons.

Mrs. Gilbert English, director of the program, agreed to describe the presentation for the readers of The Courier-Tribune. Her description is as follows:

"When the Educational Building at Mt. Vernon Methodist Church was completed, the former frame building was dismantled. The congregation used the new structure as a sanctuary and for classroom facilities. The unit was debt-free and dedicated years earlier than many members anticipated."

"It seemed that a guardian angel had hovered near during the construction period as one or two unfortunate incidents occurred. However, quick discovery and action averted major damaged each time. Upon realizing the fortunate situation and that financial obligation had been met early, some one suggested that guardian angels in greater numbers must have been near. It was noted that the level roof construction could accommodate angels easily – if angels needed such accommodations! The idea was voiced, let us put angels on the roof. Thus, an idea was born. Furthermore, why not have shepherds and sheep by a campfire, a manger and an inn also."

"Teachers in the children's department encouraged the idea. The second chapter of Luke became the basic guide for development of such an adventure. And so the Mt. Vernon Christmas worship service on the roof and lawn was the result."

"Fourteen Christmas carols, better known ones, provide introductions and background for the scenes depicted by church and community members in pageant form. Approximately one hundred people are involved. The chancel and youth choirs carry the musical theme. Travelers in Palestinian costumes walk an imaginary road on the church lawn as "all went to be taxed every one into his own city." Many of them found lodged at the inn near Bethlehem. The Inn keeper welcomed travelers until his place was filled. Joseph and Mary, she is borne on a grey burro, make their way over the same highway. They, too reach the inn. However, when Joseph asks for lodging, the kindly Innkeeper must turn them away "because there was no room for them in the Inn." After some thought, he remembers a stable where the weary couple might find shelter. The Innkeeper directs them as he stands near the inn; Joseph and Mary retraced their journey and turn aside to find the stable and manger (constructed on the lawn). The cows and doves witness the entrance to the stable of the Holy family. When Mary dismounts, the burro is tied nearby."

"Across the way, shepherds are minding (real) sheep by the (burning) campfire in the night hours, unmindful of coming events. The Angel of the Lord suddenly appears (on the roof) and speaks "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." As the sheperds stand entranced at the sight of one angel, a host of angels appear with the first one. The choir sings - Hark, the Herald Angels Sing. When the angels are gone, the shepherds make haste to the manger, kneel to worship, and return to their campfire."

"In due time the Wisemen travel the same road to find the Christ Child, after inquiring of King Herod of His whereabouts. They are led by the star which has risen from the horizon (farther side of roof) and comes to stand above the manger. After paying homage at the manger, the Magi depart a different way."

"The Yourh Choir are earth cherubs, assembled near the stable, they sing the children's Christmas carol. Away in a Manger."

"For the final of the service, all scenes, all participants, and the choirs are lighted with spotlights which were used separately when each scene or action was introduced in the story of the first Christmas night."

Discussing preparation for the presentation of the live Nativity scene, Mrs. English said "it is a gratifying experience to know the dedication, enthusiasm, and the interest of the members. They ago about their various tasks of preparation and staging the service with gracious spirit. Gifts of their time and support go beyond the call of duty, thus culminating in the total church sharing in and of a Christmas worship service."

Following the presentation of the Christmas program, the church people and their guests were invited to the church hut for food, drinks and a period of fellowship.

Staff at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church consist of the church pastor, Rev. R. Marsden Kitler, Route 1, Trinity; student minister, Amos Taj. Of Pakistan, Divinity School, Duke University; Sunday School superintendent, H. L. Jarrett, Route 2, Trinity; assistant superintendent, E. Cone Spencer, Route 2, Trinity; and choir director, Mrs. Barbara Lee, Route 2, Trinity.

50th Anniversary Celebration Held

Dec. 26, 1967 – Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Lanier Route 5, Asheboro, reached the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, Dec. 23.

As an honor to them on their anniversary observance, an informal open house was held on the anniversary day, from two until four o'clock, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Betty Jean Loflin, who lives next door. Members of the family and a few friends were invited.

Their other children are Wayne Lanier, Mrs. Dennis (Emma Lou) Farlow, Mrs. Kenneth (Ola Mae) Trogdon, and Mrs. Edward (Zelma) King, all of Route 5, Asheboro, and Lowell Lanier, Route 1, Sophia.

Another son, Pfc. Clifford Lanier, was killed Mar. 16, 1945, while serving in Germany in World War II. Twenty years of age at the time of his death, his body was brought home and interred in the cemetery at the High Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church, located in the community in which his parents reside.

Other members of the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Lanier include nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Debbie Lynn Venable, 18 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Venable, Route 4, Asheboro.

Ed Lanier, as he is commonly known to his relatives and friends, was born in Randolph County, near the Davidson County line in the vicinity of the Siloam church. His parents were Elkanah Lanier and Etta Stout Lanier.

However, he grew up in the vicinity south of Denton where he was living at the time of his marriage. He attended the Wayside school, known also as the Lanier's school.

Mrs. Lanier, the former Lora Mae Williams, was born at the site where she and Mr. Lanier are now living, the

daughter of Brownlow Williams and Emma Parks Williams. But she lived later nearer the Montgomery County line, below what is now Lacy Strider's store.

She attended first the High Pine school in the community where she was born and later the Welch school, located at the present site of the Mt. Lebanon Church.

The couple were married at the home of Newt Thomas, a Justice of the Peace, who lived near Pisgah. Mr. Lanier came over from his home in Davidson County in a one-seated buggy, drawn by two little red mules named Bert and Belle.

Two friends of Mr. Lanier, Keever Burkhead and Nan Smith, followed in another buggy and witnessed the wedding.

They lived for a year in Davidson County, another year with Mrs. Lanier's father, her mother died when she was 13, and then came to the place of Mrs. Lanier's birth where they have lived since.

Mr. Lanier worked with the highway system in Randolph County for eighteen years and seven months before an arthritic condition forced his retirement in 1948. For the first two or three years of his employment, the roads were maintained by the county instead of the state.

His affliction began about 1940 and for a time after his retirement he was completely disabled. But in recent years he has been able to walk with the aid of crutches.

He drives his car; he operates his tractor and does farming on a small scale. Through pain and disability, Ed Lanier has made a life for himself. His spirit is good and he has brought himself to the point where he lives an almost normal existence.

Mr. Lanier is 69 years of age, his wife is almost a year older. They are members of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church and they attend the services of the church.

Well known in the community where she has spent her lifetime and where he has lived now for 49 years, their friends extend best wishes upon the reaching of their fiftieth year of marriage.

Family Reunion Is Held The Day Before Christmas

Dec. 26, 1967 – The family of Manley C. Hogan, all of whom live on Rt. 3, Denton except one, held a family reunion the day before Christmas at the home of Mrs. Elmer Hopkins, located in the extreme southwestern part of Randolph County.

Held in honor of Mr. Hogan, who will be 81 years of age in Mar., it was their first family reunion in recent years and one of the few times they had congregated since the death of their mother about eighteen years ago.

Present were Mr. Hogan's four daughters, Mrs. Brite Hopkins, Mrs. Beulah Loffin, Mrs. Mildred Gallimore and Mrs. Lula Ingold, and four of his five sons, Val Hogan, Voyd Hogan, M. C. Hogan Jr., and Von Hogan, all of Rt 3, Denton. One son, Dorce Hogan, of Asheboro was not in attendance.

Other members of Mr. Hogan's family, including sons-in-law, daughters-in-laws, grandchildren and greatgrand children, and the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Morton brought the entire number in attendance to 55 persons. The Rev. Mr. Morton is pastor of the Eldorado Charge of the Methodist Church, which includes the nearby Liberty Methodist Church.

Another son, Holton Hogan, was born to Mr. Hogan and his wife but his death occurred about 28 years ago when he was nearly 18 years of age.

A native of Montgomery County, Mr. Hogan came to New Hope Township at the time of his marriage and has lived there since. An avid fox hunter for all of his life, Mr. Hogan still follows the hunt even though he suffered a stroke five years ago. A companion on his frequent fox hunts is a brother, Melvin Hogan, also of Rt. 3, Denton, who is 90 yeards of age.

During his residence in New Hope Township, Mr. Hogan has engaged in farming, sawmilling, and was a former wheat thresher.

Featuring the family get together for the Manley C. Hogan family was a sumptuous dinner served buffet style.

Piney Ridge Methodist Now Have New Building

Dec. 27, 1967 – After a year of construction and a longer period of planning before that time, the new building for the Piney Ridge Methodist Church has been occupied by the members of the congregation who labored persistently to erect for themselves a new place in which to worship.

Some phases of the building are not completed yet and a small indebtedness remains to be cleared but the Piney Ridge people have still accomplished much and are well on their way to the eventual completion of their project.

They began the building slightly over a year ago, with approximately \$8,000 on hand in their building fund. They have more or less built as their money came in and as of last week \$14,939.81 had been paid out on the new building.

The new building is of brick construction with a concrete block interior and consists of the auditorium, five class rooms, church office, pastor's study, a choir or cloak room and two bath rooms located off the vestibule.

The floor in the auditorium is constructed of hardwood with vinyl lineolum covering the floors in the Sunday School part of the building. A forced air heating plant provides heat for the main part of the building.

Needed yet are new pews for the auditorium, they are now using the benches which were taken out of the old church building, a heating plant for the Sunday School rooms and plumbing for the two bath rooms.

Everything thus far has been paid for except for a seventy five dollar monthly payment to Hedgecock Home Building Inc. for the next fourteen months. It is the desire of the congregation to keep up these payments and also provide for the pews, the heat in the Sunday School rooms and the plumbing for the bath rooms during the months which are ahead.

The building of a new church at Piney Ridge was almost a necessity, if the people were to continue their worship services and keep on in the mission which their church began in 1892. Their old building had deteriorated, it could not be heated in the extremely cold weather and it was not conducive to proper worship.

Construction of the new church building has been a major project for the Piney Ridge community and the people have worked tirelessly and dedicated themselves with unselfish devotion to its successful completion. They are appreciative of the gifts which they have received from their friends from outside of the Piney Ridge community. People have been kind to them, have helped in their project and gifts to them

have ranged from a thousand dollars, a hundred dollars and on down to smaller amounts.

Comparatively small in number, no group has ever worked harder to upgrade their worship facilities. They have an active Sunday School composed mainly of children who are receiving the training which they need to build not only a strong church for the tomorrows but also to provide a steadying influence for the sprawling community which encompasses parts of three townships in southeastern Randolph County.

The end for their project is in sight but there is still more to be done before the final conclusion. They have had to stay on their toes, figuratively speaking, to keep the bills paid and to continue the project for which they had dreamed and planned.

Your encouragement, your prayers and your material assistance could help them go over the top and bring rejoicing to the entire community over the realization of that for which they have worked for so long.

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Congregation Says Goodbye To Their Balfour Minister

Jan. 1, 1968 – The congregation of the Balfour Baptist Church said goodbye Sunday, Dec. 31, to their pastor, Rev. John W. Woody, who came to the pastorate of the church four and one half years ago.

His final service was at the Sunday evening worship period but the people came together for their personal goodbyes to the pastor, his wife and their two daughters, Lynn and Linda, at a reception Sunday afternoon in the fellowship hall.

With the members of the Woman's Missionary Union serving as hostesses, the congregation and friends were invited to call from three o'clock until four four-thirty.

Gifts presented to the departing minister and his family consisted of an antique water pitcher, bowl, toothbrush holder, shaving mug and soap dish, along with an antique picture of St. John estimated to be over one hundred years old.

About a month ago the Rev. Mr. Woody submitted his resignation in order to accept a position as superintendent of missions in the Tar River Baptist Association, consisting of the Baptist churches in Franklin County and five Nash County churches.

The Woodys will move Tuesday, Jan. 2 to their new residence on Rt. 4, Louisburg.

Seventy-five percent of the Baptist pastorates in Franklin County are held by students of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest and the duties of Mr. Woody in his new field of service will include the aiding of these young ministers in their pastoral relations with the churches they serve.

Since coming to the Balfour Church in July, 1963, the effect of Rev. Mr. Woody's ministry have been felt to a marked degree not only in the church he has pastored but in the association, the community in which he has lived and in the county as a whole.

He leaves the Balfour church in good condition financially as well as spiritually. The church has been united under his leadership and many accomplishments have been made with his guidance. The overall budget, adopted recently by the church amounted to \$41,436.60.

But more than the monetary and material achievements, he has been their pastor in his visits with the sick and at the time of death, his care for the needy, his counseling with the troubled and above all his pointing to the way of salvation.

In Oct. he was elected to his second term as Moderator of the Randolph Baptist Association. He had previously served as chairman of the missions committee and on other special study groups.

One year during his pastorate at the Balfour Church, he served as the director of the March of Dimes drive in Randolph County.

A genuine feeling of regret and a touch of sadness was felt by the people as this practical man of God, flanked by his official church council, stood with his family and said goodbye after a successful four and one half years of service at the Balfour church.

But there was also a feeling of happiness and pride that he will enter an even broader field of service and that his ministry will continue in the hearts and lives of mankind.

Couple Honored On 59th Anniversary

Jan. 2, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wade (Ollie) Parks, long time residents of Seagrove, were honored Sunday, Dec. 31, on the occasion of their 59th wedding anniversary.

Holding open house for them at the home at which they have lived for the past fifty seven years were their two daughters, Mrs. Ernest (Blanche) Spencer and Mrs. W. W. (Alma) Thomas, and their son, Paul Parks. Guests were invited to call from two until five o'clock.

One of their daughters lives next door, the other one across the street while their son Paul lives on Route 1, Seagrove. Another son, Hobert J. Spencer, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, was unable to attend the anniversary observance in honor of his parents.

Ollie Parks, 81 as he is familiarly known to his friends was born in the Caraway section of western Randolph County but moved with his family at an early age to the place where he grew to manhood, about two miles north of Seagrove and the place where he is now living. His parents were Abraham (Abe) Parks and Nancy Vancannon Parks.

His education was perhaps more adequate than ordinarily acquired in the rural acres of that time, as he attended the one-teacher school at Rock Spring, the academy at Why Not and also a summer school supported by subscription.

Mrs. Parks, 79, the former Emma Jane King, was born two miles west of Seagrove, the daughter of Robert King and Clara Wright King. She attended the Blaylock School, situated near her home.

Mr. Parks first saw the girl he was to marry two and one half years later at the time of her father's death. However, he knew her father previously, as Mr. King had gone through the area cutting crossties and buggy spokes.

The distance between their homes was around four miles and Mr. Parks during his courtship walked the distance back and forth except that he took the buggy when the couple attended church services.

They were married Jan. 3, 1909 on a Sunday afternoon while sitting in Mr. Parks' buggy in the middle of the old Plank Road in Seagrove. Not having found the officiating Justice of Peace O. M. (Orlando) Yow at home, they had met him later along the road where the ceremony was performed.

The Justice of Peace was also traveling in a buggy, as were the several spectators who had followed them to the marriage site. The couple estimates that a dozen buggies in all were in the vicinity at the time of their marriage.

After two years of residence at the place where Mrs. Parks' father was born a place with a log kitchen and a big fireplace, the couple came to the place where they now live, at that time an unfinished dwelling.

Seagrove, at that time, according to Mrs. Parks, was "might near nothing." There was no school, no churches and only two stores, operated by Henry Yow and Dave Cornelison, and a railroad station. Mr. Yow had closed his barrel shop but later a chair factory, which made frames, was started and Arthur Ross, of Asheboro, established a lumber plant.

Mr. Parks was working at a sawmill for seventy five cents a day at the time of his marriage but later started to work for the Norfolk Southern Railroad as a transfer clerk in Asheboro. He worked for fourteen years as the depot agent in Seagrove during the period from 1918 to 1932.

After the depot in Seagrove closed down, Mr. Parks, due to his seniority, could have accepted a position elsewhere but chose not to leave the town near which he had been reared and to which he had brought his wife two years following their marriage.

He worked later as a carpenter, from which trade he retired eight years ago. However, he still uses the skill of his trade even though his left arm was paralyzed because of a stroke which he suffered five years ago.

Reared as Baptist, Mr. Parks in the Huldah church and Mrs. Parks in the Maple Spings Church, they also attended the Union Grove Baptist Church before joining the Seagrove Christian Church about twenty years ago.

Mr. Parks taught a Sunday School class for over fifty years before retiring about six months ago. He also served as choir director at the Huldah, Union Grove and Seagrove churches, in addition to serving in other capacities. Mrs. Parks' activities have been with the beginner classes in the Sunday School.

Nearly two hundred old friends, church people, neighbors and kin people came to honor Mr. and Mrs. Parks at their anniversary observance.

Mrs. Parks was dressed for the occasion in Turquoise dress and a corsage of Phalaenopsis orchids. She wore for her wedding of fifty nine years ago a blue mohair suit and a blue wide rimmed hat.

Her daughters and granddaughters wore corsages of white mums for the anniversary celebration and Mr. Parks and the men of the family had white carnations for boutonnières.

Miss Nancy Spencer, a granddaughter, registered the guests. Those serving and otherwise assisting with the open house event were Mrs. Bill Martin, Sanford; Mrs. Bobby Marsh, Robbins; Mrs. Bobby Martin, Bowling Green, Ky.; Mrs. Don Hamlet and Miss Jane Thomas, also granddaughters, Mrs. Ray Parks, a granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Merlene Hemphill, a niece of Mr. Parks, and Mrs. J. B. Slack.

Among those in attendance were Mrs. Parks' sisters, Mrs. Ella King and Mrs. Nora Ashworth, Seagrove, her brothers, Eli King, Seagrove, and Robert King, Route 5, Asheboro; Mr. Parks' sister, Mrs. G. L. Frye, Asheboro; and a former pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Avery Brown, Liberty.

Randleman Vietnam Veteran Has A Belated Christmas

Jan. 8, 1968 — A young marine corporal, with a year of active duty in Vietnam behind him, arrived at his home in Randleman on Dec. 29.

His family waited Christmas for him and last Saturday evening the Yuletide celebration was held, complete with Christmas tree, gifts and food for everyone.

Joining 23-year-old Cpl. William Tingen for the belated Christmas celebration and a joyous family reunion were his young wife, Lina Barker Tingen, his mother Mrs. Emma Tingen, his five sisters and other members of his family.

The celebration was held at the home of his mother on Mill St. in Randleman. Coming over from Wake Forest to join in the family gathering was the young corporals, paternal grandmother, Mrs. Betty Tingen.

Cpl. Tingen spent two Christmas days in Vietnam, having arrived there on Dec. 9, 1966. Less than a month later he was seeing action against the Viet Cong and spent a busy year on the war front.

His 1st marine Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment accounted for 1,600 Viet Cong during his years service and the young Randleman marine was in the thick of fighting during most of the time he was in Viet Nam.

A squad leader, he saw many casualties and on one operation only two members of his squad were left after the fighting was over. He sadly remarked, "I lost a lot of good friends over there."

Asked about the difference of opinion on the Vietnam war and his own feelings after a year of active duty, he said: "People just don't understand, you have to be over there to understand it."

He said that draft card burnings and demonstrations in this country "is really not good for the morale over there and referring again to the people in this country he repeated "they don't understand it."

He said that very few of the American military personnel participating in the fighting held any resentment at being in Vietnam but that on the other hand "a majority of them agree with the war."

However, he feels that a military victory in the war is impossible, saying that you can't beat them," and feels that peace will have to come from negotiations.

Corp. William Tingen began his active duty with the Marine Corps July 13, 1963. Went to boot camp at Paris island, S. C. and then on to Camp Lejeune. He came home for a 30 days leave in Nov., 1966 and that was his only visit home until he arrived last week to participate in the belated Christmas party which awaited him.

It was a joyous family gathering, with his wife, mother, grandmother, his sisters, Louise Hudson, Shirley Hawkins, Martha Hough, Grace Steed and Linda Brady, his brother-in-law, his nieces and nephews.

He had left the Da Nang area of Vietnam the day after Christmas for the return trip home. His battalion had already moved up north.

Also on hand for the belated Christmas celebration and family reunion was another Vietnam veteran, Army Sgt. James Hawkins, husband of Shirley Tingen Hawkins, who had just concluded his second tour of duty in Vietnam. Sgt. Hawkins, with eight years of service in the Army arrived home on Dec. 2,

Marietta Lodge Installs New Officers In Ramseur

Jan. 11, 1968 – Marietta Lodge No. 444 A. F. & A. M., installed its officers Saturday evening, Jan. 6, at the Masonic Hall in Ramseur, only a few days before reaching the 76th year of its founding.

According to a brief history which has been compiled by David Mack Webb. The lodge was organized Jan. 13, 1892, even though meetings were held in the previous year.

Thomas Perry (Tommy) Coward was installed as master for the ensuing year. He succeeds James Russell Macon who served during the year of 1967.

Others installed are as follows Joseph Martin Needham, senior warden; Marion Davis Burke, junior warden; Clarence Elbert York, treasurer; Gordon Leonard Brady, secretary; June Walter Cox, senior deacon, Troy Edwin Caviness, junior deacon; David Mack Webb, senior steward; Thomas Henry Shaw, junior steward; James Newlin Brady, chaplain; and William Richard Maner, tyler.

Dick Maner, has served as tyler for the Marietta Lodge for the past 33 years. He will soon reach his golden jubilee year in Masonry.

Past master Gordon Brady served as the installing officer in the ceremonies which were both solemn and impressive. He served in the same capacity last year.

Assisting were the venerable Woosley Marley, a past master and secretary, who called the new officers to stand before the altar and Edsel Needham, marshal, who invested the new officers with the jewel and apron of their various officers, including his younger brother, Joseph Martin Needham.

The retiring Master Russell Macon presented the lodge charter to his successor with the installing officer presenting the by-laws. It was an open meeting, with friends and family members in attendance. At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served in one of the lower rooms of the Masonic Hall.

Since 1920 the Marietta Lodge has occupied its present building which was formerly the old Methodist Church. Before that time the lodge met on the second floor of the old Ramseur school.

Present membership of the lodge includes Garland William Allen. Robert Garland Allen, Charles Fred Allred, William Joseph Allred, Robert Edgar Beane, Gordon Leonard Brady, Sr. James Newlin Brady, Nathaniel Samuel Brown, Raymond Wade Brown, Frank Moore Brower, June R. Burgess, Walter Wayne Burgess, Marion Davis Burke, Russell James Busic, Hall Perry Caviness, Troy Edwin Caviness, Floyd Quincey Caviness, Joseph Edward Caviness, William Richard Caviness, James Routh Chriscoe, Millard Clark Coble, Sr., Thomas Perry Coward, James Edwin Cox, June Walter Cox, Roy Lee Cox, William Franklin Cox, Alton Watkins Craven, and Mason Howell Crutchfield.

Also, Arnold Barnes Davis, Clarence Harley Dickson, Sr., Charles Cecil Dorsett, Vaughn Hampton Dorsett, Felix Elmo Mire, Elton Murchinson Frazier, Charles Allen Graham, Sr., Lacy Boyd Hayes, Lloyd Lendis Hayes, Robert Golden Henley, Alexander Prevost Hill, Charles Reece Hodgins, Eugene Marvin Hutchens, Robert D. Hutchinson, Wesley Irvin Jones, Sr., Robert Ivey Kearns, Clay Thomas Kinney, William Calvin Kiser, James Russell Macon, William Richard Maner, Robert Jennings Marley, Vaughn Cleveland Marley, William Sidney Woosley,

Edward Marley, Fred Clark Meadows, Wade Hamilton Montgomery, Charles Thomas McPherson and John Edsel Needham.

Also, Joseph Martin Needham, Thomas Edward Parks, Kermit Gregg Pell, John Will Reece, Victor Wilson Reid, Thomas Henry Shaw, Joe Paul Smith, William Bray Smith, J. William Staley, John D. Stinson, Harry Redding Stewart, James Grayson Stout, Joe Mack Stout, Charles Floyd Sugg, Charlie Floyd Sugg, Charles Edward Teague, George Lewis Teague, Fred Amick Thomas, David Mack Webb, Elmer Hampton White, Charles Gustavus Whitehead, J. Thurman Whitehead, Bobby Franklin Williamson, Edwin Mann Wrenn, Charles Marcus York, William Mike York, and Will C. York.

Husband Dies In New Home Built By His Neighbors

Jan. 15, 1968 – Wade Isom Bean lived in the new house which was built for him and his family for two months, lacking four days.

He was found dead in the comfortable bedroom in which he spent his last days on Thursday morning, Jan. 11, dying from the incurable disease with which he had been afflicted since last Apr.

Mr. Bean, his wife and seven of their children had moved into the new house which was built for them through the generosity of neighbors, friends and various business firms, on Nov. 15. It was erected next to their old dwelling, located on Route 4, Asheboro, a short distance from the pavement on Cox Road.

The movement to provide better living quarters for the stricken family began last Aug. when neighbors became concerned over their facilities which at that time consisted of two small dilapidated rooms not suitable for the needs of the large family.

Response to the appeal for the family was spontaneous, and it came from many areas. There was no indebtedness on the new dwelling when the family moved in. It was debt free.

Making the appeal for the Wade Isom Bean family and looking after the construction of the new house was a committee composed of Ervin Luther, Paul Staley and Bill McNeill.

The interest of this committee and the other concerned people did not stop with the occupancy of the new house. Soon after they moved in their water supply became exhausted and the committee and other friends came back for the procuring of a new well.

They stood by also for other adjustments which needed to be made.

It was characteristic that they would come again at the time of death. An arrangement of large mums conveyed the sympathy of Ervin Luther, Paul Staley and Bill McNeill and these three men, along with Everett Cooper, Wade Garner and Archie Newsome, served as pallbearers for Mr. Bean.

Also in attendance at the final rites, standing with the family in their hour of grief and sorrow, were Mrs. W. E. Humble, Arlie and Robert Cooper, who had been faithful in their efforts to help the stricken family.

Wade Isom Bean's last days were spent in a pleasant environment due to the compassion of people who cared. Nothing more can be done for him. But along with helping him a course had been chartered for his wife and seven small children, ranging in ages from one through 14.

They are appreciative of what was done for their husband and father and what was done for them also. It is expected that the kindness and generosity which has been shown them will provide an incentive in the days ahead as they adjust themselves to the loss which has befallen them.

Liberty Merchants Group Holds Banquet, Election

Jan. 17, 1968 – The annual banquet of the Liberty Merchants Association was held Monday evening, Jan. 15, in the fellowship hall of the Liberty United Church of Christ.

Members of the church's Mary Griffin Circle prepared a delicious buffet meal which was immensely enjoyed by everyone present. The church pastor, Rev. Avery Brown, pronounced the invocation.

Boyd Poe, retiring president of the association, was master of ceremonies for the banquet meeting, which was well attended despite the icy conditions in the area in which the church is located.

A musical program presented under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Blake, of Ramseur, included singers Zoe Faircloth, Brenda Robbins, Charlene Morton, Bill Henson, Danny Brown and Glen Prevatte, accompanied by Carlene Lemmons. All of the young musicians were from Asheboro.

Election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows: president, Billy Crouse; vice president, J. C. Overman; and directors Boyd Poe, Bob Loman, Mrs. Frances Fogleman, Mrs. Marie Hammer, and Charlie Deaton.

A secretary and treasurer, to succeed Bob Loman who has served in that office at two different times for a total of ten years, will be named at a later date.

The new president, a native of the Liberty area, is owner of Crouse's Shoe Store, a business which he and his father, Andrew Bruce Crouse, formerly operated as a repair shop.

Door prizes, for which only the ladies were eligible, went to Mrs. Ralph Johnson, Mrs. John W. Ward and to Carlene Lemmons, of the musical group.

Mayor and Mrs. Paul Henry Smith were recognized as honored guests, along with Thomas Blake, operator of a lumber plant in Liberty and husband of the musical director.

Also recognized was new member, Jim Parker, a newcomer to Liberty who is affiliated with the Liberty Oil Company. A native of Johnston County and formerly a resident of Burlington and Raleigh, he is not the Jim Parker who formerly operated The Liberty News.

Couple Honored

Jan. 22, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. Luther Burrow, long time Franklinville residents, were honored Sunday, Jan. 21, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Their four sons, their daughters-in-law and other members of their family held open house in their honor at their home on Clark Ave.

Around one hundred people, including neighbors, friends and relatives, called from two o'clock until five to extend congratulations to this respected Franklinville couple.

The open house event had been rescheduled from a week before because of the inclement weather.

William Luther Burrow, 69, was born in the Mt. Taber church area southeast of Asheboro but came with his family to Franklinville a year or so after his birth. His father,

William Marion Burrow died about five years after he was born and his mother, Mary Francener Woodell Burrow, was left with the responsibility of rearing her sons and daughters.

Mr. Burrow attended the Franklinville school, taught by the renowned Professor Dave Weatherly, but left school at the age of 13 to work in the cotton mill at Franklinville.

Mrs. Burrow, the former Bessie Ethel Kinney, was one of fourteen children born to George Kinney and Sarah Jane Hammer Kinney. She was born in Franklinville and has been a lifelong resident.

She too received her schooling from professor Weatherly before starting to work in the mill at the age of 11. The mill in Franklinville was owned at that time by Hugh Jack Parks and both Mr. and Mrs. Burrow attest that he was a "good man to work for."

The couple was married Jan. 12, 1918 at the home of the Methodist minister in Ramseur. They were transported to the home of the minister by "Uncle" Jim Buie, one of the men at the mill, in his Model T. Ford. According to Mr. Burrow, he was "running for hire."

After living with Mr. Burrow's mother for about a year, the couple established their own household. Four sons, Willie Burrow, Asheboro; David Burrow, Rt. 1, Franklinville; Cletus (Dock) Burrow, Rt. 6, Asheboro; and Maurice Burrow, Asheboro, were born to their marriage. There are also seven grandchildren.

Mr. Burrow retired a few years ago after working in the mill continuously for fifty years and eight months. His last working days were spent at Columbia Manufacturing Company in Ramseur. Mrs. Burrow retired in 1948 after something over thirty years of employment.

Family members assisted in the open house event Sunday which was marked by its friendliness, its cordiality and as a get-together of family, old friends and associates.

After being greeted by the honored couple and their sons, the guests were registered by Miss Louise Kinney, a niece of Mrs. Burrow, and served punch, cake squares, mints, nuts and cheese squares by Mrs. Cletus Burrow.

Gifts were received by Mrs. Maurice Burrow and Miss Debbie Burrow, a granddaughter, and goodbyes were said by Mrs. Willie Burrow.

The three-tiered anniversary cake was baked by Mrs. Norman Kinney, wife of a nephew of Mrs. Burrow.

Mrs. Burrow wore for the anniversary observance a two-piece dress of Royal Blue.

Her corsage consisted of yellow carnations. Other ladies in the observance wore corsages of yellow mums. Mr. Burrow and his sons wore yellow carnations as boutonnières.

When Mrs. Burrow was married fifty years ago her blue satin wedding dress with white collar and cuffs was made by Miss Lizzie Cox, a Franklinville seamstress, and her hat of the same color was made by the milliner who operated in Franklinville at that time.

March of Dimes Jamboree An Outstanding Success

Jan 22, 1968 – Clendon Richardson's big jamboree for the March of Dimes, held Saturday night at the Grantville Community Building, was an outstanding success in every aspect of the annual event.

Beginning at 5 o'clock with a chicken stew supper and followed two hours later by a big auction sale, initial results from the fund raising event amounts to \$1,597.31.

This was the fourth consecutive jamboree held by Clendon Richardson for the March of Dimes and interest has increased with each presentation. This is his fifth year to serve as the March of Dimes chairman for the Ulah-Flag Springs area.

Perhaps the most severely afflicted polio patient in Randolph County, when Clendon was appointed to head the March of Dimes drive in his area receipts were less than \$50. Last year total receipts from this area amounted to \$1,645.

A resident of Rt. 4, Asheboro, he was stricken with polio at the age of 14. He is now 28 years of age.

He holds the annual supper and auction sale with the cooperation of Asheboro and Randolph County merchants and manufacturers who are liberal in their donation of products for the supper and items for the sale. Also, the ladies of his area bake cakes which prove to be a popular sale item.

Conducting the auction sale Saturday night and the previous sales over the past three years was J. D. (Dewitt) King, well known Randolph County auctioneer. Assisting him was Everett Dula, trader and well known local figure, and a corp of other workers.

Many business men in Asheboro and elsewhere were on hand to encourage the bidding, including B. B. Walker, Carl Steed, Howard Hoover, W. H. McNeace and others assisted Clendon's mother, Mrs. H. L. Richardson, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Leonard Richardson in the preparations for the chicken stew supper.

The auction sale continued at a rapid pace from 7 o'clock until eleven, except for a brief recess during which time music was furnished by Coy Kiser and the Country Drifters.

Besides Clendon Richardson, other polio afflicted people in attendance included Miss Sara Inman, of the Parkwood area of Moore County, Joe Hampton, of Greensboro, and Miss Armanda Greene of Route 5, Asheboro. All of them were in wheel chairs except Miss Greene, who wears braces. Miss Greene served as clerk for the auction sale.

A jamboree receipt, broken down, was as follows; supper, \$160; auction sale, \$1,373.80; and sale of tickets for gifts, \$63.51. Additional receipts for Ulah and Flag Springs is \$150 which Clendon received at a gospel singing which he sponsored at the Flag Springs Methodist Church on the first Sunday in Jan.

But along with the financial success of the jamboree for the March of Dimes was the enthusiasm, the spirited bidding and the warm fellowship of the capacity crowd who attended the outstanding event

Young Man Of Year Named

Jan. 29, 1968 - Randleman Jaycees, organized in Nov. 1965, held their second Distinguished Service Award and Bosses Night Banquet Friday evening in the Randleman Elementary School cafeteria.

This year, however, a Boss of the Year Award was presented along with the Distinguished Service Award.

D. B. Hilliard, Jr., who joined the Jaycee club about a year ago after coming home from the Vietnam warfront, was the second recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

The first recipient of the Boss of the year Award, presented at the banquet Friday evening, was P. H. Massey, veteran postal employee in Randleman and prominent in church and community activities.

Speaker for the banquet was State president of the North Carolina Jaycees, Luther Britt of Lumberton. He was introduced by Ken Walker, immediate past president of the Asheboro Jaycee Club and currently serving as a State Jaycee vice president. Britt traced the progress of North Carolina Jaycees, especially since the young men came home from action in World War II, and cited many instances of outstanding activities by various Jaycee members and clubs through-out the state.

Darrell Dennis, president of the Randleman Jaycee Club, presided over the banquet meeting and extended the address of welcome. The invocation came from the Rev. Harry Long, pastor of Randleman's First Methodist Church.

Special guests included Joel Morris, president of the Civitan Club; Donnie Yates, president of the Rotary Club and himself the first recipient of the Distinguished Service Award; Bill Long, president of the Lions Club; and Harold Davis, principal of the Randleman High School.

Donald Allred, chairman of the Distinguished Service Award committee, presented the award to D. B. Hilliard, Jr. Selection came from a committee of five, composed of business men and church leaders.

The 26-year-old recipient, along with a twin sister, was born to his parents shortly after their moving to Randleman from their native Chatham County. He was cited as "a young man who has served his city, State, and nation well."

Associated with his father and brothers in Hilliard Brothers Lumber Company, he is State Director of the Randleman Jaycee Club, a member of first Baptist Church, where he serves as a Sundry School teacher, and he served as manager of the Randleman Little league baseball Club which participated last year in regional play-offs.

On the evening following his receiving the Distinguished Service Award, he was married in the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church to Miss Judy Highfill and is currently enjoying his honeymoon trip.

Presentation of the Boss of the Year Award was made by Larry Allred, who was instrumental in the award going to Massey.

All members of the Randleman Jaycee Club were asked to write a letter stating "Why do you think your boss should be the Boss of the Year?"

The judges, composed of high school teachers in Randleman, judge Larry Allred's letter as the best and selected his boss for the award.

Massey, like D. B. Hilliard, Jr., is a member of the First Baptist Church in Randleman, is a past superintendent of the Sunday school and is presently serving as superintendent of the young peoples department, a teacher, a choir member and a deacon.

He has been active in the Civitan Club, the Boosters club and also active in the operation of the Randleman Little League Club.

For approximately twenty years he has been employed by the Randleman postoffice and is presently serving as assistant Postmaster.

Climaxing a busy week-end for the Randleman Jaycee Club, five of the club officers presented a television program on Channel 48 Sunday afternoon from 3:30 until 4 o'clock.

Darrell Dennis, president, presided over the program and introduced the others who discussed various projects and activities of the club.

Ray Williams, internal vice president, discussed the

Jaycee sponsored Christmas parade; Guy Steed, external vice president talked about the March of Dimes drive, sponsored locally by members of the club; Neal Connor, immediate past president of the club, discussed the activity of the Jaycee club in their efforts to upgrade facilities at the football stadium; and Donald Allred, club chaplain, discussed the erection of a billboard in uptown Randleman on which the names of all the local young men serving Vietnam appear and also told about the holding of the Distinguished Service Award and Bosses Night Banquet which took place Friday evening.

Liberty's Mothers March Labeled A Large Success

Jan. 31, 1968 – Liberty Mothers Marched throughout the streets of the town and the outlying roads Monday evening to collect a record amount in the annual Mothers' March for the March of Dimes.

When the receipts had been totaled up in the gleaming new facilities of the First Union National Bank, to where the Marchers had been invited to come at the conclusion of their evening's activity, the amount received had reached \$723.54.

On hand to assist in the compiling of the reports and the counting of the receipts were Boyd Poe, assistant vice president of the bank, and two tellers, Mrs. Paul O'Briant and Mrs. Bruce Fogleman.

Also on hand were Rev. Avery Brown, general chairman of the March of Dimes drive for the Liberty area, and Mrs. Earl Stout, Jr. and Mrs. Carl Loflin, leaders of the Mother's March

As the mothers brought their receipts to the bank, after making the house to house calls in their designated areas, they were invited into the bank's lounge space for coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts.

Rev. Mr. Brown, the Liberty March of Dimes chairman, praised the drive workers for their efforts and said "I have never seen a more dedicated group of marching mothers."

Liberty women taking part in the successful Mothers' March included Buena Edwards, Ruth Lowe, Lala Ward, Ora Lee Brinkley, Myrtle Bristow, Margaret Kennedy, Ann Crutchfield, Ruby Loflin, Dora Brown, Sandra Martin, Nancy Holt, Edith Garner, Linda Curl, Rachel Isley, Ella Mae Lowe, Catherine Brower, Jane Hardin, Erma Griffith, Georgia Edwards, Betty Collier, Lee Curtis, and Aline Lowman.

Also, Nancy Routh, Sue Way, Ruby Westmoreland, Mary Stamey, Helen Brown, Esther Jones, Marjorie Burrage, Lydia Butler, Lou Elkins, Betty Coltrane, Bonnie Fogleman, Dorothy Smith, Helen Frazier, Jean Younts, Hilda McMasters, Elsie Coble, Margaret Davis, Doris King, Shirley Smith, Naomi Staley, Frances Hicks, Elsie Hutson, and Lula Mae Lindley.

Also, Nancy Staley, Winfred Snider, Sue Fogleman, Bobbie Ritch, Dot Martin, Evelyn York, Ester Butler, Ida Brown Smith, Minnie Shoffner, Alice Matthews, Drake Foster, Mary Headen, Idola Shoffner, Mrs. Edna Stout, Mrs. Colon Bristow, Mrs. Clarence Kennedy, Mrs. Clyde Ore, Mrs. Charlie Butler, Mrs. Virginia Lindley, Mrs. Lee Davis, Mrs. Gladys McDowell, Gail Marshall and Sandra McCoy.

Feb. 6, 1968 – A young Rt. 1, Seagrove couple have enrolled their only child, whose hearing is impaired, in a school in Greensboro which has as its name "Progressive Advancement through Hearing."

The abbreviated name of the school, PATH Inc., has a three-fold purpose; to train the children, to counsel the parents and to inform the public about the problems of deaf children.

When the school opened its doors on Oct. 2, 1967, little Ched Dwayne Chriscoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chriscoe, was enrolled as a student.

In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Chriscoe and other parents of hearing impaired children in the vicinity of Greensboro met together at least three times before the school was organized.

Classes are held five days a week, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Thirteen children within a 50 mile radius attend the school. The school is located in temporary quarters at the College Place Methodist Church.

Students at the school receive sense training, language, development, auditory training and lip reading, as well as direction in how to function in a group situation.

A full time teacher-director, Miss Sara Jackson, is employed. She is assisted by volunteer workers, parents of the students, and speech therapy students from the colleges in Greensboro.

Since little Ched Chriscoe was enrolled in the school, he has been able to form his first sentence. Nearly four years of age, he had never been able to talk.

Characteristically, the first words he put together was "I love you." Little Ched is a loveable child, a happy little fellow and outside of his hearing impairment a healthy and normal child.

His parents realized about a year after his birth that his hearing was defective. They took him to a general practitioner who was not alarmed and thought his trouble came from a cold which he suffered following his birth. His parents were reassured and told that he would outgrow his difficulty.

But his condition still existed when he was nearly two and the child was taken to the pediatric clinic at the North Carolina Memorial hospital at Chapel Hill. Several trips to this institution followed and after the first trip the visits were made to the hearing clinic. He was also taken later to the McPherson Hospital at Durham.

However, the young parents received no encouragement from either of the two hospitals. They were very concerned that their little boy did not talk. Actually, they have not yet learned the source of their child's trouble.

Extensive examinations have revealed that there is nothing wrong with his ear drums. Doctors feel that the child's condition results from a loss of the auditory nerve which communicates with the brain. But their examinations thus far have failed to determine this fact. Tragically, the only thing the young parents know for sure is that their son is severely affected.

Receiving no relief from the doctors and the hospitals to which they had taken their child, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chriscoe were very elated over the idea of enrolling him in a school which was prepared and equipped to give him the training which he so vitally needed.

Little Ched is now wearing a temporary hearing aid but his emotional condition has not yet permitted him to be

School Offers Hope, Help For Parents Of Deaf Child

tested for a hearing aid which will allow the full benefit of whatever hearing he may have.

It is hoped by the Chriscoes and the other parents of the PATH School that if they can keep their present school going it will develop later into a grammar school. They feel that it would be better for their children to be older whenever it is necessary for them to attend the public schools or the schools for the deaf.

Of course, the more desirable condition for Mr. and Mrs. Chriscoe would be for their son to develop in the PATH School to the extent he would be able to attend the Brower Elementary School near which their home is located.

But the immediate concern is for the continuation of the PATH School which is being incorporated as a no-profit organization. Presently, the school has no sponsor, no assured income and is existing only, as Mrs. Chriscoe, stated, through the support of "anybody who is willing to dig down in their pockets and help us."

There is need now for teacher-aids, persons to supervise play, for volunteers to make items to be used in the school, as well as much financial aid.

Especially needed are rhythm band instruments, paper supplies and auditory training equipment.

The Chriscoes live the farthest away from the school of any of the other students who are enrolled, Mrs. Chriscoe, young and attractive at the age of 21, takes her son to the school each morning, remains to help during the classes and then brings him back to the home which she and her husband have established across the road from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hayes.

Mr. Chriscoe, age 24, is employed at the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Mills. Sometimes he works two shifts in a row and also raises chickens on the side to help with the extra expenses which are involved in the training and care of his hearing impaired son.

But no complaint comes from Roy and Jeanett Chriscoe over the extra expenses and the efforts which are required. Dedicated to the desire that their son will grow up to live as normal a life as is possible, they feel that "it is worth it and the earlier you can start is the better."

Couple Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Feb. 9, 1968 - A Randolph County native and former Baptist minister in this county and his wife, now living in Greenville, N. C., were honored Sunday, Feb. 4, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The Rev. Charles F. Laughlin was born in Cedar Falls. Following active service in France in World War I, he came back to his home community and worked in insurance and the merchantile business before answering the call to preach.

He first served as pastor of the Cedar Falls Baptist Church and then at Macedonia and Trinity in this county before serving churches in Rutherford and Pitt Counties.

He came back to Randolph County and was the pastor of the Oakwood Park Baptist Church for several years, this church being located near Asheboro.

While living in Rutherford County, he was a member of the first graduating class at the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

Mrs. Laughlin is the former Alice Beggs, of Greenville, S. C. and Anderson S. C. They were married Feb. 5, 1918, in Greenville, S. C.

The Rev. and Mrs. Laughlin are the parents of five children, three daughters and two sons.

They are as follows: Mrs. John Talmage Davis, Greenville, N. C. Mrs. Eukley Bridges, Macon, Ga., Mrs. Grant R. Murray, Fort Wayne, Ind., John Charles Hugh Laughlin, Louisville, Ky., and Arrington (Jack) Laughlin, a senior at East Carolina University, Greenville, N. C.

John Charles Hugh Laughlin and his wife, the former Jarot Trogdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trogdon, Asheboro, are students of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., John Laughlin being a graduate of Wake Forest College.

A reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Talmage Davis in Greenville, N. C. honored the Laughlins on the occasion of their anniversary, with Mrs. Davis and her sister, Mrs. Eukley Bridges, as the hostesses.

This revered minister of God and honored product of Randolph County, whose service in the gospel ministry has amounted to approximately thirty years, writes "we love our old friends in Asheboro and Randolph very much and sometimes get a touch of nostalgia."

The people of Asheboro and Randolph County also respect this native son and send to both him and his wife hearty congratulations and best wishes on the reaching of their golden anniversary year.

He Plays His Fiddle Made Of Match Sticks

Feb. 9, 1968 - Virgil Craven, Cedar Falls fiddler now for at least a quarter of a century, has a violin which he made out of match sticks.

This unique instrument was made by Craven about 1917. He also made another violin out of match sticks shortly after he made the first one, only the second instrument has a real violin neck.

The second match stick violin was sold to the sautering company which made the liquid glue which Craven used to hold the match sticks together. He only put a price of \$25 on the unusually constructed instrument. The sautering company placed the violin in their show window and were elated over the advertising benefits which came from its display.

Craven estimates that about 1,500 match sticks were used in the making of each of the two violins.

Several other violins were also made by Craven during that period but not out of match sticks.

This quiet spoken, gentle appearing Cedar Falls musician, now 65 years of age, started his musical career as a small boy when he learned to play the dulcimer. His father, Walter Craven, was a noted musician and said to be "The best dulcimer player to hit the county."

At one time Craven and three of his five brothers, Gurney, Roland and Russell, comprised the Craven String Band which played at various functions throughout the area. The family has always lived in the vicinity of Cedar Falls.

When about the age of 20, Craven took up the playing of the violin, learned a few pieces and bought an instrument. But after a while he went back to the dulcimer and let his brother Russell have his violin. It was not until about 1940 that he resumed playing the violin.

A group of musicians come regularly to Craven's home on the mountain behind the old Cedar Falls schoolhouse to play with him. Among those coming about every other Sunday are Fred Olsen, Glenn Glass and Archie Clark.

Also coming recently to the home high above the river and the mill has been a well known Franklinville resident, Howard Saunders. Saunders recently brought from its

storage place an old violin which his father gave him many years ago and one which he had not played in 30 years.

Saunders says that he is coming to Craven for instruction but it appears that he is coming more to have someone with whom he can twin-fiddle.

However, Craven did caution Saunders about various keys as they tuned their instruments and played in the presence of this reporter recently.

With Craven playing the lead fiddle and Saunders in the secondary capacity, these two fiddlers played several old favorites, including "Where Could I Go But to My Lord," "Carry me Back to Old Virginny," "When you and I Were Young, Maggie," "Home on the Range," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "I Need the Prayers of Those I Love," "Old Black Joe," "Sweet Clementine," "Swanee River," "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago," and "Wispering Hope."

Later Craven played by himself the fast tune of "Sally Goodin," This one was a little too fast for Saunders in his comeback after thirty years.

It was a rare occasion to see these two veteran musicians come together to play these songs which have had such significance throughout our lifetime.

The old match stick fiddle is now out of tune and Craven does not use it when the other musicians gather for the sessions which all of them enjoy so much.

But with a little repair it could be restored to its original condition and could be used with the other instruments in the group.

In his possession but also out of tune is a dulcimer which was constructed out of walnut wood. Craven played this instrument upon request and it was this reporter's opinion that it was beautiful music, even on a untuned instrument.

Ground Broken For New Sanctuary At Church

Feb. 12, 1968 - Ground was broken Sunday for a new sanctuary for Central Methodist Church, with the symbolic ceremonies coming at the close of the morning worship service.

Rev. W. Calvin Leonard, pastor, conducted the overall service which marked the historic occasion, with Dr. Phillip Shore, superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church, preaching the morning sermon and leading the ground breaking service,

As the district superintendent read in the prescribed ritual, "I now direct that ground be broken for the Central Methodist Church," 14 selected representatives of the church stepped forward and spaded the earth on which the new sanctuary will be located.

These included Richard H. Moore, chairman of the board of trustees; Rupert Trollinger, chairman of the building committee; Merton H. Branson, chairman of the official board; Clifton Brown, chairman of the building finance committee; Mrs. Lyndon Bevins, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Garland Pritchard, president Guild No. 1; Mrs. W. R. Jessup, president of Guild No. 2; Miss Suzanne Burkhead, president MYF; Wayne Abernathy, Sunday School superintendent; H. R. Trollinger Jr., treasurer of the building fund, Lewis Wright, financial secretary of the building fund; J. D. Croom Jr., church lay leader; Mrs. W. Frank Redding Jr., district president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and J. D. Ross Jr. district treasurer.

Recognized during the morning worship service were the general contractors for the new church edifice, S. E. Trodgon and Sons, of Asheboro.

Construction on the Colonial - type structure is scheduled to begin Feb. 15.

Featuring a split chancel, a large stained glass window surrounding the altar and columns down the sides, the new sanctuary will have a seating capacity of 665, including the balcony space.

The authentic Colonial building, with a church spire projecting 165 feet above the ground, will be built fronting Academy Steet and will be attached to the existing educational building from the main Street side of the church property.

Contracts for the construction of the proposed new building have been awarded for \$520,000, exclusive of furnishings.

Estimated value of the Central Methodist Church property, upon the completion and furnishing of the new sanctuary, has been placed at \$1,225,000.

The educational building, occupied slightly over twelve years ago, cost over \$500,000. It consists of 20 classrooms, six restrooms, there offices, library, church parlor, fellowship hall, central kitchen, kitchenette and ample parking spaces surrounding the church building.

Central Methodist Church had its beginning as the Asheboro Methodist Protestant Church when in the spring of 1891 some of the men in the community began talking about the organization of a Methodist protestand church.

The unusual phase about was the fact that the building was erected even before the beginning of the church the organization of the church was effected.

The men concerned with the organization of the church met with the Rev. W. A. Bunch, president of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and then on Aug. 17, 1891 purchased a lot, 60 feet by 90 feet on the old plank road, now known as Fayetteville Street.

This church site was purchased from Dr. J. M. Worth, former treasurer for the State of North Carolina, and the purchase price was only \$37.50. Money for the purchase price was donated by R. R. Ross and William C. Hammer.

The building was begun and since no church organization existed yet, three men from other churches in the county were appointed by the conference president as trustees. These men were Peter Vuncannon, J. A. Spencer, and S. R. Richardson.

The church building, a one-room frame structure with a steeple, was completed and on a Sunday in May, 1892 the first service was held.

At the first service the organization of the Asheboro Methodist Protestant Church was effected under the guidance of the Rev. W. M. Pike, who was serving as Methodist Protestant pastor in Randolph County.

Thirteen persons joined the church as charter members at this first service. They were Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Davis, M. L. Davis, Mrs. Jennie Hancock, Mrs. Hancock's daughter, Miss Minnie Lee Hancock (Mrs. William C. Hammer), William C. Hammer, Reuben Lowdermilk, Elliott Lowdermilk, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Redding, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ross and their daughter, Miss Bertie Ross (Mrs. M. C. McDonald).

At the first session of the conference following the organization of the church, the Rev. C. A. Cecil was named

as the first pastor of the church. The Rev. Mr. Pike served as the pastor until the convening of the conference. For a few years the church was a part of a circuit, before becoming a station church.

By 1922 additional land on both sides of the church had been purchased and the original frame building was replaced with a brick structure.

On May 16, 1937 the name of the church was changed from the Asheboro Methodist Protestant Church to the Central Methodist Protestant church and in the next year the name was changed to the Central Methodist Church.

The decision to move from South Fayetteville Street to the corner of Academy and South Main Streets was made on May 1, 1949 and the ground breaking ceremonies were held at the new site in May, 1954. The cornerstone was laid for the first unit of construction on Nov. 7, 1954 and the building was occupied Dec. 4, 1955

Ground breaking for the new sanctuary, which upon completion will be one of the most beautiful church edifices in this section of the State, was held during freezing temperatures. But for the people of Central Methodist Church, whose organization will have come from a small frame structure on a \$37.50 lot to nearly a million and a quarter valued church plant during the 75 years of its existence, there was warmth in their hearts and rejoicing for the achievements which have taken place.

Boy Scout Troop Holds Annual Father-Son Meeting

Feb. 13, 1968 – The annual father—son breakfast for Scout Troop No. 524 was held Sunday morning, Feb. 11, in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church.

This annual breakfast has taken place for several years on national Scout Sunday. Later in the morning members of Scout Troop No. 524 attended the morning service at the church and sat together as a group.

First Baptist Church sponsors the troop which is led by Scoutmaster Cliff Richardson and assistant Scoutmaster Neal Blevins.

Troop members and their fathers enjoyed county ham, eggs, grits, hot biscuits, milk and coffee at the breakfast prepared by Ike Robinson, Allen Reavis and Dick Harris.

There was no formal program outlined for the breakfast meeting. However, Scoutmaster Richardson was honored by presentations from Steve Reavis, a member of troop, and his assistant scoutmaster.

As a gesture of appreciation for his services, Eagle Scout Reavis presented Richardson with a copy of the book, "Tale of Two Heroes," written by the founder of scouting, Baden Powell.

Two books, "the Scout Oath in Action", and "the Scout Law in action," were presented Scoutmaster Richardson by Assistant Scoutmaster Blevins.

Special guests in attendance at the scouting breakfast were Rev. J. B. Gibson, pastor of the sponsoring church, and Lloyd Hamlet, chairman of the scout committee.

Gospel Singing To Honor Youth

Feb. 14, 1968 – A gospel singing of unusual significance will take place in the Asheboro High School auditorium Saturday evening, Feb. 17, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Three well known singing groups will participate, the Palmetto State Quartet from Greenville, S. C., the

Carolilians Quartet and the Brown Family singers from Asheboro.

Sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship at the Brower's Chapel Methodist Church, the singing is being held to honor Danny Brown, a senior at Asheboro High School and a member of the Brown Family singers.

The Brown Family singers composed of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Brown and their two sons, Danny, 17 and Eddie, 13, have been singing together as a group for the past three years.

Since Danny Brown is in his last year at Asheboro High School, it is felt that the breaking up of the family as a singing group will come in the not too distant future. Therefore, the big singing in honor of Danny has been scheduled for Saturday evening in the high school auditorium.

Advance tickets for the singing event are on sale at Hop's Barbecue, the East Side Barber Shop, Wayne Cox's Grocery on Highway 42 and Mack's Service Station in Asheboro. The advance tickets are priced at \$1.25 for adults and fifty cents for children. Tickets at the door will sell for \$1.50 for adults and seventy five cents for children.

The Brown Family has been an exceedingly popular singing group since they began singing together at public functions three years ago.

Harris Brown, who sings bass in the family group, has been singing for the public for twenty two years. He formerly sang locally with the Four B's, the Disciples of Song and has done some solo work.

His wife, Lucille, who sings alto, had not sung previously in public except with the choir at her home church, the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

Their eldest son, Danny, sings the baritone while their red-haired youngest son, Eddie, sings the lead.

In addition to singing with his family, Danny sings with the Asheboro High School Glee Club and also with an octet of young singers who perform at special occasions. Danny, incidentally, is president of the Asheboro Glee Club.

Eddie Brown, an especially fine singer at the age of 13, has proved to be a popular member of the family singing group. Recently he was invited to sing as a soloist at a wedding.

Two pianists will probably accompany the Brown Family at the singing in the high school auditorium.

The pianist who began with them three years ago, Mrs. Patty Vernon, is leaving the group but will appear with the Brown Family in their Saturday night appearance.

Filling in recently for Mrs. Vernon, who is the wife of a member of the Carolilians Quartet, Ken Vernon, has been a young pianist, Wayne McDowell, 19 year-old musician from the Hoover's Grove community in western Randolph County. It is expected that he too will appear with the Browns Saturday night along with Mrs. Vernon.

Wayne Morgan, local radio personality, will serve as master of ceremonies for the singing featuring these three well known quartets. The Palmetto State Quartet is known to a lot of people locally for their appearance on the Bob Poole Show which is shown each Sunday morning on WSJS-TV.

The Carolilians Quartet has been an established singing group in Asheboro, Randolph County and other areas for many years. The Brown Family has sung throughout Randolph County and adjoining counties since forming their group three years ago.

During the singing Saturday night and at the intermission members of the MYF at the Brower's Church and their counselors will operate a concession stand in the school lounge. Soft drinks, coffee, ham biscuits, sandwiches and cakes will be sold. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and sons attend the Brower's Church.

Jaycees Chose A Winner In Speak-Up Competition

Feb. 16, 1968 – Jaycee members from five towns attended the Area D. dinner meeting of the North Central Region held Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, in the Randleman High School cafeteria.

Approximately 80 young men represented their clubs from Asheboro, Pittsboro, Randleman, Siler City, and Pleasant Garden. Two clubs, Ramseur and Liberty, were not represented.

Highlight of the enthusiastic gathering was the Jaycee Speakup competition from Area D to select representatives for the region and from there the State competition.

Speaking of the Jaycee Creed, those participating in the Area D competition Wednesday evening were as follows; Harold Milholen, Siler City; Jim Wall, Asheboro; Sam White, Pittsboro; Ken McGinnis, Pleasant Garden; and Ray Williams, Randleman.

The Pittsboro entry, Sam White, was selected as the winner, with Jim Wall, the Asheboro entry, as the runner – up. Both will compete in the regional competition.

Presentation of plaques to the two winners was made by Lumberton attorney Luther Britt Jr., president of the North Carolina Jaycee Clubs.

President Britt also presented Blue Chip awards to Darrell Dennis, president of the Randleman Jaycee Club, and to Jesse Watts, president of the Siler City Jaycee Club, in recognition of the increased membership which has been attained by both of their clubs.

Ken Walker, of Asheboro, State vice president in charge of Area D, presided over the lively meeting, transacted the business of the meeting and introduced the guests in attendance.

Among those present was Jim Davidson, of Greensboro, director of the North Central Region.

Host for the dinner meeting was the Randleman Jaycee Club. Wives of local Jaycee members assisted in the serving of the food.

Presentation of the traveling or attendance prize and door prizes brought the evening of food, fellowship, business and speeches to a close.

Civic Club, Couple Provide Five Young Boys A Home Away From Home

Feb. 19, 1968 – A heart warming story this week-end involved five young boys who were left without parental care, the Asheboro Civitan Club and Mrs. Beatrice Chriscoe Cole, director of the Randolph Day Center for Exceptional Children.

When Mrs. Cole learned that the boys, whose mother is in the hospital and whose father is away, would have to stay at home by themselves, she invited the mother to allow them to spend the weekend at the farm home at which she and her husband, Waymon Cole, reside on Rt. 2, Seagrove.

The Asheboro Civitan Club came into the picture because the boys needed hair cuts badly, new clothing and other necessities. Upon being told of the situation, club officials responded immediately to the needs as outlined by Mrs. Cole.

The youths involved were Robert, 14, a student at Asheboro Junior High School; Bruce, 11, a student in Mrs. Cole's trainable class at the Guy B. Teachey Elementary School; Wayne, 10, a 4th grade student in the regular classes at the Donna Lee Loflin Elementary School; Gary, 9, a student in the primary education class at the Fayetteville Street School; and Carl, 8, a first grade student at the Donna Lee Loflin School.

For two nights following their mother's admittance to the hospital, the younger boys were cared for at a local nursery. The two older ones remained at home by themselves. But for the weekend the nursery could not care for the younger boys, so if someone did not intervene they would have to stay with their older brothers looking after them at their home in the western part of Asheboro.

Mrs. Cole learned of the situation when Bruce reported late for classes on Friday. She was disturbed about the two older boys remaining by themselves and called her husband about the two boys coming home with her for the week-end. Later, she learned about the situation involving the younger boys and called back to tell her husband that instead of two boys there would be five.

The boys came with the kind hearted teacher to the spacious farm home, located near the end of a dead-end road and close to the J. B. Cole Pottery operated by, Mrs. Nell Graves.

They enjoyed a hearty supper, enjoyed colored television after the meal and worked on puzzles, with Mr. Cole awarding prizes for their skill. Mrs. Cole, an efficient teacher of retarded children at the day center for 11 years, feels that she has not yet become proficient in proper dieting for growing boys, because one of the boys, after eating three hot dogs, two pieces of fish cookies, chocolate candy and ice cream, became indisposed during the night.

The next morning, after a breakfast of eggs, grits, grape juice and milk, which they themselves ordered, all five boys and Mrs. Cole went to the barber shop. This was quite a process, much hair was involved and the boys came away with pride for the hair cuts which they had received.

On Friday afternoon, before bringing the boys home, Mrs. Cole had taken them shopping for the new outfits for which the Civitan Club had provided the funds and which clothes the boys greatly needed.

Mrs. Cole took this opportunity of praising the local Civitans and said they had never failed to respond to the needs which were presented to them.

Other clothes came from the clothes closet at the Guy B. Teachey School and for this clothing One Hour Martinizing did a rush cleaning and pressing job, free of charge.

After coming back to the farm, following their hair cuts, the boys were shown over the farm, they helped to clear a field of corn stalks and then got dressed in their new outfits and were taken out to supper by their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Cole.

On Sunday they attended the morning service at the Huldah Baptist Church were again taken out by their hosts for a meal.

Keeping five active boys for the week-end did not prove to be an ordeal for Mr. and Mrs. Cole. Instead, it was a pleasure. The boys, despite any handicaps which may

exist, were polite, obedient, and well behaved. However, with all due credit to the disposition and behavior of the boys, it stands to reason that Mrs. Cole, with her experience of eleven years in the classroom, has considerable knowledge in the handling of such situations.

Mrs. Cole asked that she and her husband not be given any credit in the caring of the five boys for the weekend. She asked instead that credit be given to the members of the Civitan Club for their humanitarian efforts.

But this reporter feels that Mrs. Cole is due considerable credit not just for her efforts this past week-end but for the efforts which she has expended and the interest she has shown for the past eleven years in the training of retarded children throughout Randolph County.

Formerly a Bible teacher in the Randolph County School System, she had prepared herself for religious education at the Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem and had not trained herself for the work with which she has had such notable success.

She became interested in the work in which she is now engaged through her contact with a mentally retarded child in a section in which she was teaching and felt led after that experience to establish the group which later became known as the Randolph Day Center for Exceptional Children.

Since then she has received the fundamental training in the teaching of mentally retarded children but feels that none of the courses she has taken at the various colleges and universities can equal the practical training she has acquired by working with the children in the classroom.

This dedicated woman has meant a great deal to the training of retarded children in Randolph County and to the comfort and satisfaction of their parents. The caring of the five boys in her home this past week-end was only a slight gesture compared to the overall contribution she has made.

Sunday School Teacher Honored By Her Church

Feb. 27, 1968 – It was "Rosie Cox Day" at the Antioch Christian Church Sunday, Feb. 25 and the people of the church and community responded wholeheartedly to the honoring of one who has served among them for the past 50 years.

Held on her 80th birthday, the occasion also honored Mrs. Rosa W. Cox for her service as pianist at the Antioch church for 50 years and as a Sunday School teacher for 40 years.

Born in Davidson County but reared in High Point, Mrs. Cox came to the Antioch church community, located on Route 1, Seagrove, in 1918, eight years following her marriage to Walter A. Cox, a native of the community.

Shortly after coming to the community she became the pianist at the church and has served since that time.

Her husband, who died June 23, 1962, served as the choir leader at the Antioch church for thirty years prior to his death.

Just a month before his death Rosie and Walter had been honored "for 43 years of devoted service to Antioch Christian Church." The presentation of a plaque recognized the contributions of the couple at that time.

Another plaque, this one to Rosie alone, was the focal point of "Rosie Cox Day" at the Antioch Christian Church on Sunday, Feb. 25.

Inscribed were these words: "Mrs. Rosa W. Cox. Fifty years 1918-1968. Faithful service pianist Antioch Christian church."

Rosie came early to Sunday School on the day she was to be honored. She came with the Robert Ritter family with whom she has come often since the death of her husband, Walter. She was quiet and calm as usual, even though she knew the day had been set aside in her honor. She came in and first hunted for a song book which had her name on it and which she had left the Sunday before.

The bell rang and Rosie was seated in a usual position on the front seat in the choir. For this day of honoring her for 50 years of service, a younger musician had replaced her at the piano. Before the service started she had been presented with a corsage of yellow carnations by the choir leader, Mrs. Hilda Welborn, and was wearing these flowers upon being escorted to the pulpit by the supply pastor, Rev. Robert Hunsucker, at the beginning of the service in her honor.

A beautiful arrangement of yellow gladiolas, Shasta Daisies, and large mums had been placed in the church in her honor by the Robert Ritter family.

Several people appeared on the program which had been arranged by Miss Vertle Ritter, secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school, a position which Rosie one held after beginning her tenure of service at the Antioch church.

The Rev. Mr. Hunsucker welcomed the visitors, he gave a brief resume of Rosie's life before she came to Antioch and he presented the plaque at the conclusion of the service.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Lunnie Burgess, a long time friend of both Rosie and her late husband.

Clifford Hayes, a deacon and teacher of the adult class, told of Rosie's work in the church. He said "we certainly appreciate the service you have given this church and hope the Lord will continue to bless you." He later spoke of Rosie in the adult class as one "who has influenced the lives of each and every one of us."

Clinton Asbill, Sunday School Superintendent and chairman of the board of deacons, spoke of Rosie's work as a teacher in the Sunday school. He told of her labors among the children in teaching them the scriptures, memorizing the verses and helping in the preparation of the Christmas programs. He said "she has been an inspiration to all of us."

Mrs. Hilda Welborn told about Rosie's work among the young people, described the times when Rosie and Walter would walk to church in the sleet and snow, using sticks with nails on the ends of them to keep from falling, and later coming on the tractor in bad weather. Mrs. Welborn, a close friend and associate during the days of girlhood and young womanhood, pinned on Rosie a gold emblem and expressed her own personal feelings by saying "thank you, God bless you, we love you."

Former pupils in the cradle Roll and beginner departments recited verses of scripture, the 23rd Psalm and the beatitudes which they had learned under the guidance of this devoted Sunday School worker. Appearing on this part of the program were Kathy Asbill, Nancy Asbill, Rebecca Kiser, Judy Kiser, Joy Kiser, Shirley Asbill, Cynthia Kiser, Joyce Ritter, Cinty Asbill, Wanda Ritter, Brenda Hayes and seven year-old Patricia Asbill.

Music was furnished by the choir, Mrs. Clyde Asbill and daughters, Nancy, Shirley, Kathy and Patricia, and a trio composed of Mrs. Mary Caviness, Mrs. Lucy Needham,

and Mrs. Vera Asbill, the latter group having been trained years ago by Rosie and Walter Cox.

Songs used were favorites of both Rosie and her husband and included "Love Lifted Me," "Press On, It Won't Be Very Long," "Zion's Hill," "He Bore It All," and Haven of Rest."

A Sunday school attendance of 227 packed the church auditorium for the service of appreciation. Rosie later recalled that after coming to Antioch fifty years ago the attendance sometimes averaged twelve or fifteen persons.

Present from outside of the community were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hart, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chilton, Jr. and daughter, Susan, and Mrs. Doris Denning, of High Point, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Chilton and Mrs. Denning are nieces of Rosie. Her only sister, Mrs. Mary Anderson, of High Point, was unable to be present.

Also in attendance from outside of the community was Mrs. Annie Ruth Powers, of Siler City, a former teacher at the Antioch school who stayed in the home of Rosie and Walter while teaching in the community.

Two people were in the congregation who remembered when Rosie and Walter came to the Antioch church fifty years ago. They were Mrs. Dora Marley and Mrs. Ida Kearns.

Although the special service commemorating "Rosie Cox Day" came at the beginning of the Sabbath day services at Antioch, remembrances of Rosie continued throughout the Sunday School period and the worship service which followed.

The final phase came with the entire congregation and guests being invited to a fellowship dinner at the Grantville Community Building.

It was a memorable occasion which honored Rosie Cox for fifty years of faithful service. Beloved throughout the church and the community, the day set aside in her honor will long be remembered in the annals of Antioch Christian Church.

She Celebrates Birthday Once Every Four Years

Feb. 29, 1968 – A North Asheboro woman, Mrs. John E. Rich Sr., has never worried because she only gets to celebrate her birthday every four years, especially in the latter years since, as a daughter said, "somebody is bringing her something all of the time."

Mrs. Rich became 72 years of age today, Feb. 29. The last time she observed a birthday she was only 68.

This gentle woman, who has been an invalid for nine years, said "I enjoy my birthday."

This week, two or three days before the anniversary of her birth arrived, the gifts began coming in. Some were brought and others arrived by mail.

Some of the gifts came from classes at the Asheboro Pilgrim Holiness Church where she has been a devoted member for the past twenty-five years.

Mrs. Essie Vaden Rich was born Feb. 29, 1896 in Rockingham County, at a small place called Avalon which has since ceased to exist. The place of her birth was two miles from Mayodan.

With her husband and children she moved to Winston-Salem in 1920 and from there to Randolph County, near Ramseur, in 1939. Three years later the family moved to Asheboro.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Rich visited around in the homes of her six children. But since her condition became

more severe – she has suffered two strokes – she has lived continuously with one of her daughters, Mrs. Lewis Redding, at 211 Flint Street.

Her other children are Mrs. Clifford Krites, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Jacob Bowman and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Franklinville; John E. Rich Jr. and Rufus Rich, North Asheboro.

Twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren are included as members of her immediate family circle.

Children and grandchildren will visit with her today for cake and ice cream as a part of her birthday observance. It is expected also that one of her three living sisters, Mrs. R. R. Ward, age 88, of Winston-Salem, will visit her before the week of her birthday has passed.

Although her condition does not now permit her to sit in her wheel chair, except for brief intervals, Mrs. Rich retains a bright spirit and explains her attitude by saying, "I have started taking my troubles to the Lord, He has blessed me in so many ways."

She loves her church where she was a charter member of the missionary society, president of her Sunday School class, and member of the choir.

She has a warm place in her heart for two gentlemen by the name of Stout. One is her minister, Rev. Charles L. Stout, and the other one is her doctor, Dr. Charles W. Stout. When she was taken to the hospital the last time she went, both were waiting there for her arrival, one to minister to her physical need and the other one to counsel with her pertaining to her spiritual welfare.

Since she is confined to her bed most of the time and to her room always, she also appreciates Wayne Morgan's radio program of gospel singing.

She also has praise for her children who "have stood by me, every one of them."

This fine Christian woman, not as fortunate as those of us who are able to be up and around, still lives a happy existence and seemingly has no complaints.

The least of her worries is that she only celebrates her birthday once every four years.

Noteburning Ceremony Held By Glenola Baptist Church

Mar. 4, 1968 – On Sunday morning, Mar. 3, the Glenola Baptist Church held a note burning ceremony for the towering structure which the congregation occupies just south of the community on Highway 311.

This formal clearing of the indebtedness on the building came twelve years and one month after the occupancy of the building on Sunday, Feb. 5, 1956.

However, the debt itself was paid off last month, three years ahead of the schedule which had been set up for the elimination of the indebtedness.

Participating in the note burning ceremony were the church pastor, Rev. Ralph Holcomb, the chairman of the deacons, David Trotter, the chairman of the finance committee, Dewey W. Shelton, and the chairman of the building committee, Roland Richardson.

Following the burning of the note, the pastor preached on the subject: "What is right With the Church?" He divided his sermon into these three conclusions, the nature of the church is right, the purpose of the church is right, and the function of the church is right.

A former pastor, the retired Baptist minister, Rev. J. C. Kidd, was present and offered the prayer for the occasion.

He served the church for a ten and one half years' pastorate during the World War II period.

Also present and recognized during the service were two of the three living charter members of the church, Mrs. Nora Tomlinson and Mrs. R. L. White. The other surviving charter member, Mrs. Nealie Brewer Grey, was unable to be present.

Glenola's Baptist church began in 1924 as a non-denominational meeting but soon after its beginning was organized as a Baptist church.

The church came into the Piedmont Baptist Association in 1917 and then transferred into the Randolph Baptist Association upon the formation of that group.

On Mar. 12, 1952 a special meeting was called for the purpose of presenting plans for the new church building, on which the note was burned Sunday, Mar. 3. Previous to that time the church had been worshipping in the frame structure which had been built after its beginning in 1914.

On Apr. 12, 1952 authorization for the new church structure came from the congregation. Serving the church at that time was the Rev. Charles McBride, who in 1946 had been called as its first full time pastor.

For the first service in the new building on Feb. 5, 1956, the message in the morning service was brought by the Rev. Jimmy Bolick, who by that time had been called to the church pastorate. In the afternoon, two guest speakers, Dr. E. W. Price and Rev. Bennie Maness, spoke, after which open house was held.

Cost of the building at the time of its completion was \$73,000, exclusive of the furnishings. The indebtedness at that time was placed at \$42,800. Value of the entire church plant is now estimated to be \$100,000.

Facilities of the building includes an auditorium and balcony with a seating capacity of 500, twenty one class rooms, office, pastor's study, baptistery, and two rest rooms.

In addition to the note burning on the day of dedication, Sunday, Mar. 3, was an eventful day at Glenola Baptist Church in other areas of its ministry as well.

In the afternoon at 3:30 a service of ordination was held for Raymond Whitfield, a member of the church, who had been called to the pastorate of the Old Shallotte Baptist Church in the Brunswick Baptist Association.

Following this ordination into the ministry of one of its own members, a baptismal service at five o'clock concluded the day's activities in the fruitful ministry of Glenola Baptist Church.

He's Now 84 Years Old – Or Is He only Age 20?

Mar. 6, 1968 – Carl G. Nance, banjo player and respected citizen of the Salem Methodist Church in western Randolph County, was born on Feb. 29 in the leap year of 1884.

He reached his 84th birthday last Thursday, Feb. 29. But it was only the 20th observance of his birth, as his birthday has come each four years except for the year 1900 and for that period he had to go eight years between the celebrations.

Nance has never regarded his leap year birthday as being so unusual but years ago at the free school which he attended at Salem his fellow students often speculated on his birthday and wondered why it came four years apart.

The anniversary date of his birth passed off quietly this year but on the Sunday following a big celebration was held

at the Farmer Grange Hall. It was the third such celebration which had been held to honor this man who is widely respected in the community in which he has spent his life.

Among those in attendance at the birthday celebration were his eight children, many of his grandchildren, his two sisters, nieces and nephews, old friends of his boyhood days, neighbors, the pastor of Salem Methodist Church, a former pastor, and members of the congregation.

Coming from a musical family, Mr. Nance has played the banjo for around seventy-five years and at one time also played the violin. For about twenty years he was the head musician for the square dance at the grange hall. He quit playing regularly two years ago but, still plays occasionally at the grange hall and at home to keep his hand in.

He lives in the close proximity of the Salem Methodist Church and directly across from the church cemetery. He has been a member of the church for sixty-five years and for thirty years was the superintendent of the Sunday school.

His wife, the former Nannie Hill, died in 1935 and he has lived alone in the old, big rambling two-story house since his youngest son got married fourteen years ago.

His five sons and three daughters are Branson Nance and Dwight Nance, Rt. 3, Asheboro; J. Van Nance, Rt. 7, Asheboro; Mrs. B. R. (Lucille) Varner, Rt. 1, Trinity and Ivey Nance and Charles Nance, Rt. 2, Denton; Mrs. Edward (Frances) Hunt, Rt. 3, Denton; and Mrs. Roy (Glee) Arnold, Rt. 2 Lexington

His two living sisters are Mrs. Raymond (Essie) Crowell, Asheboro, and Mrs. Troy Kearns, High Point. Two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Nance Kearns and Mrs. Sallie Nance Kivett, and one brother, Cicero Nance, are deceased.

A robust man for the age he has attained, Nance still hunts, fishes and engages in other activities. Despite these activities, he will still probably be able to use the reclining chair which was presented to him at the birthday celebration by his niece, Mrs. Elna Wise, her husband, Joe Wise, and her four sons, Edward, Robert, Ronald, and Kenneth Coleman. More gifts came from various other members of his family.

Nance once recalled an incident which happened when one of his sons was small. The young boy, following his father, said to him: "I'm stepping in your tracks."

That statement, coming from his small son, remained with Nance and made him realize the need of setting a good example, and perhaps helped him as he influenced the lives of those with whom he came in contact.

It is fitting that appreciation for his life be expressed as his leap year birthday occurs every four years.

Randolph Couple Honored On Wedding Anniversary

Mar. 11, 1968 –A reception in the fellowship room of the Marlboro Friends Meeting House Friday evening, Mar. 8, honored Mr. and Mrs. Ormie Bud Rich, well known Sophia couple, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

The couple were married Apr. 2, 1943 but the observance commemorating their silver wedding anniversary was move forward to permit the participation of their son, Airman First Class, Clyde Rich, who was home on leave from the Beale Air Force Base near Sacramento, Calif.

Also joining in the celebration were their two other children, Ormie Lee Rich, a member of the 312th Hospital

Evacuation Unit of the Army Reserve at Randleman High School.

Hostesses for the anniversary event were Mrs. Kermit Hayes, sister of Mrs. Rich, and Miss Faye Delane Rich.

Greeting the guests upon their arrival was Mrs. Hayes, with Mrs. O. J. Webster, sister of Mr. Rich, presiding at the guest register.

Receiving with the honored couple and their three children were Mrs. Esther Rich, mother of Mr. Rich, and Mrs. Zoroda Loflin, mother of Mrs. Rich.

Helping at the refreshment table and serving the cake and punch were Mrs. Lester Smith, sister to Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Ogburn Loflin, her sister-in-law, and Mrs. Garth Rich, a sister-in-law to Mr. Rich.

Serving at the gift table were nieces of the couple, Miss Sharon Loflin, Miss Janie Lou Smith, and Miss Geneva Lou Hayes.

The guests called between the hours of 5:30 to 7:30.

Natives of the Sophia area, where they have lived since their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Rich were married at the parsonage of the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, with Cora Lee Johnson performing the ceremony.

Mrs. Rich's father was the late J. C. (Jeff) Loflin. The couple are members of the Marlboro Friends Meeting.

Randleman Has Successful March of Dimes

Mar. 11, 1968 – The Randleman community registered another successful March of Dimes drive for the year 1968, according to the final report which has been turned over to county drive officials.

Receipts amounting to \$966.50 from the Randleman drive have been deposited by the county drive treasurer, Joseph W. Church.

Upgrading of the drive in Randleman began in 1966 when two young couples, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Steed and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Byrd, assumed the leadership of the drive.

They did this with the encouragement and sponsorship of the newly organized Randleman Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This year with the Steeds and Byrds still assisting, another young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood D. (Woody) Robins, Jr. joined the drive and served as drive chairmen.

Still serving as drive treasurer was Alton Byrd who serves in similar capacity for the jaycee club.

Randleman's receipts in the 1968 drive came from the following sources: Mrs. Theola Chestnut's 4-H Club; donations from Laughlin Hosiery Mills, Inc., Commonwealth Hosiery Mill and J. P. Stevens Co., Inc.; contributions from employees of Laughlin Hosiery Mill, Inc.; Mothers' March; coin collectors; blanket toss at ball game; gospel singing and concession stand; road block; and bake sale.

Seagrove Church Has New Building, Holds First Service

Mar. 18, 1968 – It was raining, the weather was stormy and the skies were overcast Sunday morning when the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Seagrove entered their new structure for the holding of the first worship service in the new building.

But there was brightness in their hearts for what had been accomplished as they sang "Praise Him, Praise Him" and "To God Be the Glory," and before the worship services had

ended the sun was shining brightly to reflect the beauty of the building which they had just occupied.

It was in vast contrast to the time, slightly over three years ago, when the congregation numbered 25, including the pastor and his family, and their first service as a mission group was held in a block building west of Seagrove.

The new building, a contemporary structure, is located north of Seagrove on highway 220 and includes both the sanctuary and L-shaped educational building.

Built of Colonial – type brick for its exterior, there is also exposed brick in the sanctuary and exposed block in the educational plant.

The exposed brick in the auditorium, the pulpit and choir area and the glassed off vestibule is enhanced by the upright pine paneling, the knotty pine ceiling and the exposed beams all finished in a natural stain.

Completing the effect in the auditorium are the pews, matched by the pulpit furniture and the choir benches, all new and complementing the natural beauty of the new sanctuary, and the wall to wall carpeting in the sanctuary, the pulpit and choir area.

Other floors in the building are covered with vinyl linoleum, except for the nursery and the pastor's study which are also covered in the wall to wall carpeting.

In addition to the nursery and pastor's study, other parts of the educational plant include the class rooms and the two rest rooms. Also in the nursery there is a miniature rest room.

The building is electrically heated and provision has also been made for air conditioning. Also scheduled for completion in the near future is the baptistery located to the rear of the elevated choir loft and the landscaping of the outside area surrounding the new building.

Two years ago this summer the two and one-half acre site on which the building is located was purchased with financial aid from the Baptist State Convention. A revival meeting was held in a tent on the site shortly after its purchase and at the close of the meeting the First Baptist Church of Seagrove was officially constituted.

A name as the pastor of the newly constituted church was the Rev. Bobby H. Martin who had come as its mission pastor in Jan., 1965. He came from the Carolina Memorial Baptist Church in Thomasville, from which church he was ordained at the beginning of his mission pastorate.

Now 31 years of age, he is continuing his studies for the ministry at Wingate College where he is now in the second semester. Previously he had studied at the Fruitland Bible Institute.

Groundbreaking for the new church building was held Sunday, July 30, 1967 and its construction began the same week. General contractor for the new structure began the same week. General contractor for the new structure was the Atom Construction Company in Albemarle.

Supervising the construction from the local church organization was the pastor, Rev. Bobby H. Martin, and a building committee, composed of Harley Scott, chairman, Bill Saunders, Wayne Smith, and Lester Carrick.

Financing for the new church edifice and furnishings came from the sale of church bonds in the amount of \$65,000. Other amounts invested in the church project include the \$5,000 for the purchase of the site, \$2,000 for the clearing and the evacuation of the site, and an additional \$4,000 for the purchase of a new organ and piano.

Representatives from the Pearson Music Company in Greensboro, from whom the new Wurlitzer organ and piano were purchased, were present for the opening service and guest organist was Sid Hellier, famed organist in the Piedmont area of North Carolina.

Also in attendance of the initial worship service was a large delegation of people from the Carolina Memorial Baptist Church in Thomasville. Other guests included friends and relatives of the current membership at the Seagrove church.

The young pastor spoke on the subject, "The Manifestations of Jesus," for the first service in the beautiful new building. At the conclusion of the service congregation and guests went over to the old church building for a fellowship luncheon, served buffet style.

Visitors Spend Weekend In Asheboro

Mar. 26, 1968 – A charming, witty couple from Long Island, N. Y. spent the past week-end in Asheboro, the last stop of a two week's tour which also took them to Connecticut and Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Terence J. Moran, residents of the town of Freeport, N. Y., arrived Friday for a week-end visit with their son, Ted F. Moran, his wife and four daughters at their home at 622 W. Kivett St.

They came here by plane from Miami, Fla. Where they had visited with another son, Terence J. Moran, III, and his family. Earlier, they had visited with still another son, William, in Orange, Conn.

The visits marked the birthday celebration of Mr. Moran. He reached the 80th observance of his birth on Wednesday, Mar. 20 while at the home of his son in Florida.

Neighbors started off the birthday celebration even before Mr. and Mrs. Moran began their birthday tour. Commenting on the lengthy observance of Mr. Moran's 80th birthday, Mrs. Moran said, while here during the week-end, "he should be 90 by now."

Tall, stately and composed, Mrs. Moran herself is over 78 years of age, even though she doesn't look a bit of it.

Residents of Long Island for all of their lives, Mr. Moran originally came from the Oyster Bay area which was the home of the late President Theodore Roosevelt.

He remembers the times as a twelve or fourteen year-old newsboy waiting on the corner to sell the late President a paper and also going up to the Roosevelt home at Sagamore Hill to deliver the paper there.

A machinist by trade Mr. Moran's last years of employment, before his retirement ten years ago, were spent in the public service facilities of Nassau County in which the couple reside.

Skilled in the use of various metals, his time since retirement has been spent in the repair of antiques and the fashioning of the various metals into fixtures of many designs.

In the Ted Moran home there is a beautiful chandelier in the dining room, some candelabra in other areas of the house, a bronze sconce and a barometer as evidence of the skill and ingenuity of this delightful octogenarian.

The New York Morans have a new car and they travel by car when visiting their son in Connecticut. But when they visit their sons in Florida and Asheboro, Mrs. Moran prefers flying even though her husband would like to drive through the country.

Although staunch Republicans they think independently concerning the prominent men in both parties. Asked his reaction to Governor Rockefeller's withdrawal from the presidential race, Mr. Moran said "I wouldn't have voted for him anyway."

Mrs. Moran, who takes her politics straight, still expressed admiration for the Kennedy family and their devotion to public service. Mrs. Moran formerly served as the registrar for the election in her voting precinct.

They were an interesting couple and it was a pleasure to converse with them.

Parents, Sons Honored By FFA

Apr. 1, 1968 – The annual parent and son banquet of the Seagrove chapter of the Future Farmers of America was held Friday night, Mar. 29, in the school cafeteria.

It was a festive occasion and featured a former national F. F. A. president, Howard Williams, as the guest speaker.

Presiding over the banquet meeting and extending the address of welcome was the local F.F.A. president, Frankie Macon, who has served in this capacity for three years.

Assisting him in the conduct of the meeting were the other chapter officers, namely, Ronald Green, vice president; Randy Asbill, secretary; Snoten Auman, treasurer; Charles Needham, reporter; Roger Chriscoe, sentinel; and Homer T. Boling, advisor.

Others appearing on the program were Walter S. Auman, who gave the response to the welcome, Miss Janice Frye, president of the Seagrove chapter of Future Homemakers of America, who extended greetings from the sister chapter, and Miss Annette Chriscoe, the F.F.A. chapter sweetheart.

In the presentation of awards, the chapter president, Frankie Macon, received the star chapter farmer award and also the public speaking award.

But it was a junior classman, Bobby Stutts, who won triple honors by receiving the awards in poultry farming, farm forestry and crop farming.

Others receiving awards were as follows: star green hand, Craig Boyles; dairy farming, Joe Allen; livestock farming, Arnold Luther; soil and water, Benny Cagle; farm electrification, Mike Nelson; home improvement, Terry Ferree; and farm mechanics, Ronald Green.

Green Hand Pins, presented by vice president Ronald Green went to Craig Boyles, Gary Callicutt, Maxton Chriscoe, William Dickson, Alton Garner, Dannie Garner, Wayne Hogan, Randy Keeling, Bruce Latham, Gary Ledwell, Martin Leiber, Michael Lucas, Brent McNeill, Kenny Metters, Ray McCaskill, Ronald Moran, Martin Needham, Jimmy Sikes, Eldon Staley, Randy Trogdon and Gary Aldridge.

Also, Ricky Asbill, Donald Beck, Lee Bumgarner, Dennie Callahan, Sylvester Cheek, Mack Chriscoe, Allen Cople, Randy Cox, Wayne Cox, Rickie Gatlin, Philip Harrelson, Frank Hughes, Jr., Wayne Hussey, Jerry King, Gary Luther, David Spinks, Charles Ed Teague, Jr., Ray Thomas, and Larry Williams.

Chapter Farmer pins, presented by secretary Randy Asbill, were given to Joe Allen, Doyle Auman, Benny Cagle, Dennis Chriscoe, Mitchell Davis, Terry Ferree, Hal McKenzie, Sidney McNeill, Mike Nelson, Lacy Scott, Danny Bailey, Tommy Gillispie, Steve Graves, Larry Hayes, Donald Hudson, Ray Kiser, Paul Lucas, Jerry Williams, and David Luther.

Guests in attendance at the banquet, introduced by treasurer Snoten Auman, included C. V. Tart, district supervisor, and Mrs. Tart, Mrs. Homer T. Boling, wife of the chapter advisor, Seagrove principal Gerald Braswell and Mrs. Braswell, county school board member Wade Harris and son, Kelley, Hubert Auman representing Seagrove Hardware Co., Quinton Hussey representing Randolph Electric membership, Seagrove school advisory board member Lewis Teague and Mrs. Teague, Randolph Technical Institute board member Ivey Luck and Mrs. Luck, and Ralph L. Bulla.

The young guest speaker, a dairy farmer, a third year student at North Carolina State University at Raleigh and a native North Carolinian residing at the small town of Olin, near Statesville, served the national organization of Future Farmers as its president for the year 1965 – 66.

Introduced by the Seagrove chapter president Frankie Macon, he talked to his young listeners and their fathers on "winning the game."

The banquet meal, prepared by the cafeteria personnel, was served by members of the Future Homemakers of America, under the supervision of their advisor, Mrs. Wade Harris.

Union Grove Baptist Church

Apr. 2, 1968 – The Union Grove Baptist Church, located in southeastern Randolph County within sight of the Moore County line, broke ground Sunday, Mar. 31, for a new sanctuary to be erected at a cost of \$105,000.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new structure occurred directly following the morning worship service, with the pastor, Rev. F. A. Lunsford, the official boards and many members of the congregation participating.

The people literally "pulled together" as they grasped the long rope attached to the plow which broke the hard ground for the symbolic beginning of the huge project which they have undertaken.

Upon its completion the church facilities at Union Grove will be second to none in the area in which it is located and will reflect the continued progress of the church which was organized over four score years ago.

The new sanctuary, Colonial in its architectural design, will be erected south of the present auditorium, to which it will be attached. The old sanctuary will be converted into Sunday school space and will be absorbed into the present educational plant.

With the pulpit, the baptistery the choir rooms and dressing rooms in the extreme south end of the new structure, the new auditorium will seat 506, plus 53 seats in the choir.

Open face brick will comprise the interior of the sanctuary in which there will be mahogany pews with white ends and a maroon carpet. Other facilities in the new building, which will have two entrances, will consist of a pastor's study and rest rooms.

The building will be erected by veteran church builders S.E. Trogdon and Sons, Inc., of Asheboro. S. E. Trogdon, Jr., represented the firm at the groundbreaking service.

Cornerstone on the present building at Union Grove states that the church was organized in 1885 and rebuilt in 1946.

However, the first record in the original minutes reads as follows: "This is to certify on Monday after the third Sunday in Sept., 1887, Elder J. L. Smith and T. M. Baldwin met as a presbytery at the Union Grove Meeting House and

proceeded to the examination of members dismissed from the Baptist Church at Fork Creek, with a view of organizing a separate independent Baptist Church and having found them sound in the faith of doctrine and principles of the gospel, in due form constituted them as a regular church of the Baptist faith and as such they are vested with full authority to maintain discipline and all necessary business independent of the control of any and all churches."

The first church, a frame structure, remained until the church was rebuilt in 1946. Later, an educational plant was built and in recent years a separate fellowship building was constructed.

At one time three churches existed in the vicinity of Union Grove. Besides the Union Grove Baptist Church the Christian Union Church was located directly across the road and a short distance to the south, later the site of Yow's store, was a Holiness church. Upon the disbandment of the Christian Union Church the land on which the church and cemetery was located reverted back to members of the Raeford Hancock family, donors of the land for the church and cemetery. But in recent years this land has been deeded to the Union Baptist Church.

Shortly after the organization of the Union Grove church,"on Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct. in 1887, M. J. Leach was called as the first pastor of the Union Grove Baptist Church."

Nearly eighty years later, during the first week in July, 1967 the Rev. Francis A. Lunsford came to the Union Grove pastorate. A native of Buncombe County, he came from the pastorate of the Albertson Road Baptist Church in High Point.

Educated at Gardner – Webb Junior College, East Tennessee State University and the American Divinity School in Chicago, he entered the ministry in 1948 and has also served churches in Buncombe, Haywood, and Rutherfordton Counties in North Carolina and Wautaga County in Tennessee.

He saw active service with the U. S. Navy during World War II and was serving aboard the USS Wasp when it was sunk in the Coral Sea in 1942.

Beautification Project Completed On U.S. 220

Apr. 2, 1968 – Thousands of trees and shrubs went into a beautification project for Highway 220 By-Pass which was completed Friday and turned over to the State Highway Commission.

This was one of the first projects of this type to be authorized by the State Highway Commission. Two other projects have included plantings along Highway 29 North of Greensboro and Highway 74 By-Pass around Laurinburg in Scotland County.

Begin last Dec. the contract for the local beautification project amounted to \$39,283.50 and was awarded to Gilmore Plant and Bulb Co. in Julian, located on the upper edge of Randolph County.

The project covered a distance of 2.33 miles from West Presnell Street to a point south of town near Ulah.

State Highway resident engineer for the project was K. E. McFadden.

The contract called for the planting of 1,209 *Elaeagnus Fruitland*, 197 *Crabapple*, 240 *Ligustrum Lucidum*, and 188 *White Pines*.

Other plantings were Red Maple, Sour Gum, Weeping Willow, Atlas cedar, Magnolia Grandiflora, Darlington Oak, Hornbeam, White Dogwood, Snowbell, Hawthorn, Mountain Laurel and Rhododendron.

The trees and shrubs were planted with the greatest concentration near the intersections. Planting of some shrubs were made to subdue headlights from opposite lane of traffic.

The pine and juniperous plants will offer contrast during the winter season. A majority of the other trees and shrubs were specified so as to have blooms or to show color from early spring to late fall.

The variety of trees and shrubs were specified as well as the exact location, of each by the Highway Department. Drawings and specifications were then offered for bidding, with the award going to the lowest bidder, the Gilmore Plant and Bulb Co.

Experienced in this type of planting, the Gilmore Corp, has also completed similar jobs in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, with the Julian firm also doing the beautification projects in Guilford County and Scotland County.

Staley Couple Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Apr. 3, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Cooper, a well known Staley couple, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at a reception Sunday afternoon, Mar. 31, at the Staley Methodist Church.

One hundred and seventy-five friends, relatives and acquaintances from earlier days called from two until five o'clock to pay their respects to this couple who have spent most of their lives in the general vicinity in which they now reside.

Honoring them were their sons and their wives. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Houston Cooper, Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe Cooper, Kannapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Earl Cooper, in absentia from Buena Park, Calif., and Mrs. George Clifford Cooper, wife of a deceased son.

Five persons in attendance at the anniversary reception were also present at the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper fifty years ago.

They were Mrs. Cooper's sister, Mrs. Lena Andrews, Burlington, her brother, Howard Wright, High Point, Mr. Cooper's cousin, Rev. Fred Cooper, Asheboro, Ross Vestal, Siler City, and Newton Isley, Liberty.

Mr. Cooper has been a well known timber estimator for nearly fifty years and has served on the town board at Staley for over thirty years. Both he and Mrs. Cooper are members of the Staley Methodist Church where they have rendered active service over a period of years.

They live on Pittsboro Street in Staley, formerly known as the Cooper Road, about 200 yards from the Chatham County line.

Oliver Benson (O. B.) Cooper was born sixty-nine years ago on the same road, about three miles over in Chatham County. His father was Charlie Cicero Cooper, a well-known deputy sheriff and road overseer, and his mother was Rosie Stewart Cooper, a native of Alamance County.

He attended the Woodsdale School and as a small boy carried water for the men who worked the roads under the supervision of his father. For this work he received forty cents a day.

Mrs. Cooper, 68, the former Ethel Beulah Wright, was born in Albright Township, Chatham County, the same township in which her husband was born, only about seven miles apart. Her parents were Geoge and Elvira Isley Wright.

She attended the Flint Ridge School, formerly known as the Mud Lick School. She was still living at her father's home at the time of her marriage.

The couple had planned to be married at the Flint Ridge Methodist Church where Mrs. Cooper attended. The church, however, was located in Alamance County and Mr. Cooper had procured the marriage license in Chatham County.

This was not known until just before the ceremony was to be performed, as Mrs. Cooper had come to the church with her sister in a buggy and Mr. Cooper, his family and friends had arrived in three Model T Fords which had been rented for the occasion.

When it was learned that they were in the wrong county, the entire wedding party left the church, drove a short distance down the road, crossed over into Chatham County where the marriage ceremony was performed alongside of the road.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. B. Barber, a Holiness minister and a neighbor of Mr. Cooper who served in the absence of Mrs. Cooper's minister who was sick. Actually, there were several ministers available as a Sunday School convention was being held at the Flint Ridge Church that day, with dinner on the grounds.

Mrs. Cooper was becomingly attired for her marriage fifty years ago in a blue taffeta coat suit lined with Old Rose and she wore a blue hat with flowers on the top. Her mother, a seamstress, made her wedding outfit. She also wore a blue dress for her anniversary reception, along with a yellow-throated orchid as a corsage.

After their wedding of a half century ago, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper came to Staley, boarded the "Shoo-Fly" train which ran from Greensboro to Sanford, and went to Sanford where Mr. Cooper was working temporarily. Their wedding night was spent in the hotel at Sanford.

Seagrove Couple Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary

Apr. 3, 1968 – Only members of their immediate family circle, except for this reporter and their pastor, were present for the fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. (Duck) McNeill Sunday, Mar. 31, at the fellowship hall of Union Grove Baptist Church.

But this respected Route 2, Seagrove couple were present for the morning worship service at the church where they have attended for all of their lives, they were asked to stand before the entire congregation for recognition and they received words of praise from the church pastor.

All of their nine living children attended the buffet dinner in their honor and many of their twenty two grandchildren and thirteen great – grandchildren were also there.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeill were married on Easter Sunday morning, Mar. 30, 1918 while seated in a buggy in front of the home of the officiating magistrate, Henry Scott, who lived near the Needham's Grove Christian Church.

Three other buggies made the trip to the magistrate's home with the bridal couple and were witnesses to the marriage ceremony.

A dinner at Mrs. McNeill's home followed the marriage ceremony, with wedding attendants, friends and relatives in attendance. Later in the day the couple went to Mr. McNeill's home for a wedding supper.

Henry Elisha McNeill, always known as "Duck," was born at the place where he now resides and where he has spent his entire life.

Seventy six years of age, his parents were Thomas McNeill and Martha Bean McNeill.

He attended the Mt. Zion school which was located with-in sight of his home.

Mrs. McNeill, the former Sarah Helen Latham, was the daughter of John Latham and Margaret Williamson Latham. Her home was about four or five miles from Mr. McNeill's home by way of the buggy route but Mr. McNeill admits to taking a sort cut through the woods during the days of courting, when he wasn't riding in the buggy.

Now seventy-three years of age, Mrs. McNeill attended the Moody school. Both Mr. and Mrs. McNeill remember when the schools they attended were heated from fireplaces in which lighter knots were burned.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeill lived with his parents and cared for them until their deaths some years after their own marriage. Mrs. McNeill recalls the nervousness which she felt upon coming to the home on the afternoon of her wedding day. But she had been cooking since she was ten years of age and she knew the other household duties, so she fitted in nicely and was able to make the adjustment in fine order.

It is in this same house, which was built long before Mr. McNeill's birth, that the couple have reared their nine children. One son, Thomas, died seventeen months following his birth, of pneumonia.

Their other children, all of whom live within two miles of their parents, except for one, are as follows: Grady McNeill, Mrs. Paul (Madie) Jordan, Colon McNeill, Mrs. Paul (Bonnie) Bean, Mrs. Lamon (Annie) Mofield, Floyd McNeill, all of Route 2, Seagrove, and Mrs. Bill (Eva) Garner, Route 2, Robbins.

Garland McNeill still lives at home with his parents and assists his father with the cows and the small farming operations with which Mr. McNeill still occupies himself.

Tribute Paid To Memory Of Dr. Martin Luther King

Apr. 9, 1968 – Asheboro's St. Luke Methodist Church was filled to capacity Sunday afternoon as both black and white citizens of Asheboro paid tribute to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., slain civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Held at 6 p.m., the memorial service followed the silent Mar. through the downtown streets of Asheboro.

Presided over by the Rev. Belvin Jessup, pastor of the St. Luke Church, tributes to the fallen Negro leader came from Rev. Levi J. Evans, pastor of Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church; Franklin Williams, representing the Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and Rev. A. Moody Burl, Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepard and a member of the Asheboro Ministerial Fellowship.

The Wesley A. M. E. Zion minister, in addition to paying tribute to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., also paid tribute to "the citizens of Asheboro who kept their heads while others around us were losing them."

The host pastor, in his prayer for the memory of Dr. King, gave thanks for "the victorious character of his life through difficulty" and described him as one "who departed his life with love, not hate."

Asheboro white pastors and officialdom in attendance at the memorial rites included Rev. Don Leonard, Evangelical and Reformed Church; Rev. David Rhodes, St. John's Lutheran Church; Rev. Don Beatty, West Bend Methodist Church; Rev. Wilkes Maculay, First Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. B. Gibson, First Baptist Church; Rev. A. Moody Burl, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepard; Police Chief J. D. Bulla; Superintendent of Asheboro city Schools, Guy B. Teachey; Asheboro Councilwoman, Mrs. Joyce Ward; W. R. (Sandy) Grey, III, chairman of Asheboro's Human Relations Committee; and Asheboro Attorney Adam W. (Jack) Beck, Rev. John Jackson, pastor of Worthville Baptist Church and Rev. Sam Carter, pastor of the Charlotte, Giles Chapel and Mt. Shepherd Methodist Churches, were also in attendance.

She's 91, and Has a Happy Easter

Apr. 15, 1968 – A 91-year-old Randleman woman experienced a happy Easter Day with family and friends calling by and her Sunday School class bringing her an Easter flower.

A resident of Naomi and Randleman since early childhood, Mrs. Rebecca (Beck) Gaster is alert and doesn't look nearly as old as she is, and is able to recall many incidents in the earlier years of her life.

She got up on Easter Sunday morning, cooked some biscuits and attended to her household duties as usual. She doesn't attend her church anymore, formerly known as the Randleman Christian Church, but she still belongs and sometimes her class comes down and holds Sunday School with her.

Born in Guilford County, near the Julian – Liberty area, she came with her family to Naomi at a very early age, so that members of the family could work at the cotton mill. Her father was Jim Holder and the street on which she has lived for most of her life is named for the family.

It is thought that Mrs. Gaster was around eight years of age when she went to work at the mill in Naomi. She was so young that her boss man, Duff McCollum, use to hold her on his lap and ask her to "com to his home and live with his little girl."

Her first job, for which she received ten cents a day, was pulling a basket of "filling" from the quillers to the weavers. She recalls that some of the employees would "cuss me," for not getting the "filling" to them on time, while others would "pet me." But her boss was especially good to her and overall she had a good time at her place of employment.

The family lived first in Naomi, which she remembers as "red and muddy" in those days. But when they transferred to the Plaidville Mill across town they moved to the street where Mrs. Gaster still lives, in what was then known as Randleman. There seemed to have been a differentiation in that time between Naomi and Randleman.

Later jobs in the mill for Mrs. Gaster were quilling, for which job she stood on a box, and then weaving.

She recalls the time the first train came to Randleman, when John H. Ferree, the mill owner, shut the plant down and allowed all of the employees to ride a short distance on a flat car. Some of them had never see a train before.

Mrs. Gaster's husband, A. P. Gaster, died in 1947. The couple was married July 8, 1893. Four sons were born to the couple, two of whom are still living. They are Jamie Gaster, Randleman, and Pearlle Gaster, Rt. 1, Elon College.

The other two sons were Vance, who died in 1958, and Lacy, who died 27 years ago. Mrs. Vance Gaster lives next door to her mother-in-law.

Mrs. Gaster has been a member of the church, now known as the United Church of Christ, for over seventy years. Her late husband taught a Sunday School class there for many years. She said "we used to have some happy days there" and recalls the times when the people would be shouting and testifying." It is said that formerly "the people could feel the spirit when they came in at the door."

Widely respected, Mrs. Gaster agreed that her church and Sunday School has not forgot her and that "I have a heap of company." Among those visiting at the same time of this reporter were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Gaster, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vance Gaster, Mrs. Edith Moody of Asheboro, who was reared on the same street, and Mrs. Ruby Brown. Her other son was also expected later in the afternoon. Mrs. Moody said, "she has been another mother to me."

A girl spends the nights with Mrs. Gaster and helps with the housekeeping. But Mrs. Gaster, despite her nearly 92 years, retains the command of her household, sees that her house is kept spic and span and does the cooking.

It is the only home in which Mrs. Gaster has lived since her marriage. For awhile after that marriage of nearly 75 years ago she and her husband lived with her parents, paying them \$1.25 apiece each week for room and board. This was because "there came a panic" shortly after the marriage and their work was not regular.

But as soon as they were able to save some money they built the house in which Mrs. Gaster still lives. The back of the house faces the street on which it is located. The street was originally planned for the other side of the house, but the vehicles hauling lumber cleared the street which now exists and so the road in front of the house was never constructed. Three large oak trees in the front of the house, although opposite from the roadside, give evidence to the longevity of the dwelling and the occupant who lives therein.

Couple Celebrate Silver Anniversary

Apr. 15, 1968 – Families and friends joined in the observance of the 25th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hollingsworth Sunday afternoon, Apr. 14, at their home Rt. 2, Randleman.

Guests were invited to call from 2:30 until 4:30, with the three children of the couple, Ken, and Elon College senior, Beth, a high school sophomore, and Ted, an elementary school student, as the hosts.

Honorary guest included the parents of the couple, Mr. and J. R. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Lewis Davis, and their aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hohn, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hohn, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moser, and Mrs. Bessie Robertson.

Greeting the guests at the door upon their arrival were sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. James Whitesell and Mr. and Mrs. Don Eldridge.

A sister of Mr. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Rena Yow, poured punch and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Leo Hollingsworth, served cake squares and other refreshments.

Nieces and nephews of both Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth assisted in the gift room and registered the guests.

Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Azel Millikan, Mr. Davis being a brother of Mrs. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Millikan a sister of Mr. Hollingsworth.

The anniversary reception was directed by a brother of Mr. Hollingsworth and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hollingsworth.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was dressed for the occasion in a blue silk organza dress with a white orchid for a corsage. Other ladies participating in the reception wore Vanda orchids for corsages. The men wore white dogwood for boutonnieres.

Mrs. Hollingsworth, the former Myrtle Davis, was reared in the Cedar Square Community, the daughter of Mrs. Lula Hohn Davis and the late Lewis Davis. Mr. Hollingsworth was reared in the Sophia area.

They were married Apr. 17, 1943 in Cheraw, S. C. while Mr. Hollingsworth was on furlough from the army, being stationed at that time at Camp McCain in Grenada, Miss.

Following their marriage, Mrs. Hollingsworth joined her husband and lived near the camp where he was stationed. After his discharge they lived first in Sophia and then came to their present residence.

Mrs. Hollingsworth is the operator of the Sophia Beauty Shop. Mr. Hollingsworth is employed as a furniture upholsterer.

Open House Honors Couple On Fiftieth

Apr. 22, 1968 – Open house from two until five o'clock honored Mr. and Mrs. Walker H. Bates on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Apr. 21, at their home Route 2, Randleman.

Hosts for the occasion were their children; three sons, Howard Bates and Walker Bates, Jr., Route 2, Randleman, and Cecil Bates, Greensboro, and their four daughters, Mrs. Nolan Auman, Mrs. Mary Glasgow, and Mrs. James Willis, Route 2, Randleman, and Mrs. Albert McGrady, Asheboro.

A granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Pierce welcomed the guests upon arrival, after which they were registered by Mrs. Cecil Bates, a daughter-in-law.

Two other daughters-in-law, Mrs. Walker Bates, Jr. and Mrs. Howard Bates, served the cake and punch while assisting in the gift room were Miss Diane Hunt and Miss Teresa Auman, granddaughters.

Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Auman, Jr., a grandson and granddaughter-in-law.

Mrs. Bates, the honoree wore a Navy dress and had as her corsage a yellow orchid. Her daughters wore corsages of yellow mums while Mr. Bates and his sons wore yellow carnations as boutonnieres.

The couple were married Apr. 13, 1918 at Mrs. Bates' home in Greensboro. The former Dovie Isley, she is a native of Alamance County. Mr. Bates is a native of Surry County.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates formerly lived in Greensboro where Mr. Bates was employed at the Proximity Mill for twenty five years. They have lived in Randolph County for the past thirty eight years.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Bates operated a store in the Randleman area before his retirement several years ago.

In addition to their seven children, other members of the immediate family include twenty grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Franklinville Couple Honored On Fiftieth

Apr. 30, 1968 – Alex Nance, Cedar Falls' barber for the past 44 years, and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Apr. 21.

Friends, relatives and Cedar Falls residents called at the home of a daughter from two until five o'clock to extend congratulations and best wishes to this well-known couple.

Parents of eleven children, Mr. and Mrs. Nance and seven of their children live on the Nance Road, a dead-end road northeast of Cedar Falls, near the Sapona Mill and the Clear View Baptist Church.

Mr. Nance retired from barbering last year at the time of an operation but after three months started back to the plying of his trade. He says now that he does not plan to quit "as long as I feel as I do now."

This foremost citizen of Cedar Falls was born near Central Falls, the son of Charlie Nance and Mimmie Jane Trogdon Nance. When he was two years old his parents moved back to the western part of Randolph County, near Denton, from which area his father had come originally.

His father died of typhoid fever when he was six years of age and his mother moved her family back to the Cedar Falls vicinity and to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Trogdon.

A month later the mother herself died also of typhoid fever and Alex Nance, his brothers Joe and Tom, and his sister Martha remained in the home of their grandparents.

Alex Nance attended the Silver Hill and Ferree Schools until he was ten, at which time he went to work in the cotton mill at Central Falls. His job was putting out filling, for which he received fifty cents a day for ten and one-half hours of work.

He remembers that the boss men in the mill used to whip the child employees when they needed discipline, but the whippings were not as hard as the ones he received from his grandfather at home.

Mrs. Nance, the former Mattie Wadsworth Haithcock, was born in Moore County, about eight miles from Carthage, the daughter of Mack Luther Haithcock and Mary Louise Smith Haithcock. Her parents moved to Cedar Falls when she was about six so that the girls in the family could work in the cotton mill.

She attended the old brick-yard church school north of Cedar Falls and the school in the village before becoming employed in the mill at the age of 14.

The couple became acquainted when Mrs. Nance, her sister, a male cousin and Mr. Nance walked the railroad from Cedar Falls to Franklinville to attend revival services at the latter place. Mr. Nance offered candy to the two girls, Mrs. Nance accepting and her sister refusing. Thus, the courtship began.

Sometimes Mr. Nance would rent a horse and buggy for the couple to enjoy a ride on Sunday afternoons. He rented a horse and buggy from the livery stable in Franklinville when they drove to that place on the night of Apr. 18, 1918 for their marriage before Magistrate Wes Jones.

Mr. Nance was working in Franklinville at the time and it was at that place the couple began their housekeeping. But the day following their marriage they rode the train from Franklinville to Cedar Falls and back. Mr. Nance says this was their honeymoon trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Nance came back to Cedar Falls permanently in 1926 and built their present home at the site of the old picnic springs in 1940.

Mr. Nance formerly worked in the mill and cut hair in the evenings until 24 years ago when he went to barbering full time. Although he has been cutting hair regularly for 24 years, he says that he actually started to cutting hair when he was 12 years of age, using a comb and an old pair of scissors.

A close friend of the late Dr. Henry W. Jordan, Cedar Falls industrialist, he cut Dr. Jordan's hair for many years before his death.

Alex Nance has gone to hospitals and cut hair for patients since the time the old Asheboro Memorial Hospital was operated by Dr. Hayworth many years ago. He never charges for this service, saying "when a man is down and can't get up, you need to help him."

Mr. Nance cuts hair five days a week and farms on Mondays. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nance like to fish. They have two fish ponds at their home and often go to Drum Inlet on the coast for fishing expeditions. About two years ago, along with two others, they caught 400 pounds of fish.

Besides cutting hair for 44 years, Mr. Nance is also well known as a "finder of wells" in the Cedar Falls vicinity and in other places. He uses a forked stick and claims never to have failed yet in the locating of water at the sites which he has picked.

Their eleven children are Titus A. Nance, Gilbert L. Nance, Alvin H. Nance, A. Mack Nance, Ervin J. Nance, Curtis Dean Nance, Hurley B. Nance, and Mrs. Clarence (Bitsy) Freeman, all of Route 1, Franklinville, Clinton O. Nance and Mrs. Hurley (Louise) Bowers, Rt. 3, Randleman, and Mrs. Tom (Mae) Brantley, of Asheboro.

Included in their immediate family are 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. One of their grandsons, Alvin Leonard Nance, is serving with the Army in Vietnam. His father, Alvin H. Nance, was a prisoner of war during World War II and four other sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Nance also saw military service.

Members of Rock Hill Primitive Baptist Church west of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Nance attend regularly the services at their church and at other places.

Mr. Nance became 68 years of age Mar. 15 and Mrs. Nance reached the age of 67 on Feb. 7. At the time of their marriage, Mr. Nance had to take Mrs. Nance's father with him in order to procure the marriage license.

In commemoration of their golden wedding anniversary, their children honored them at an open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Bowers near Cedar Falls.

Celebrates 86th Birthday, Says He's 'Slowing Down'

May 1, 1968 – Alson Brady, who raised 400 bushels of corn last year, reached his 86th birthday Saturday, Apr. 27. A family celebration was held the next day at his home, Rt. 1, Bennett.

However, this aged Randolph County farmer, a resident of Pleasant Grove Township, is slacking off - he's only

raising three acres of corn this year compared to the nine acres he raised last year.

He said "old age is getting down on me, I'm giving out." But he also confessed, "I got to do some fishing. Fishing and hunting are my occupations."

A consistent farmer for all of his life, he has been raising crops of his own since his marriage in 1905. His first crop was at the old Brady place on the river. He raised his corn crop that year with an old blind horse.

He brought his family to the place he now lives in 1910. They first lived in a three-room house, of which two rooms were constructed of logs. They lived there for five years and Mr. Brady said that five of their children were born while living in the log house.

The house which he built to rear his family of eight children has never been painted on the inside or out, as Mr. Brady prefers the natural effect of the good lumber which he picked out to construct the seven-room dwelling.

It is a pretty place, built in the bend of the road and with maple trees in the front yard. A portion of the old log house is still standing but has recently been sold to an Asheboro man for the construction of a log cabin. The old spring by the side of the road has not been used in twenty years but before that time was the only source of water for the household.

Mr. Brady lives alone and there is no other house within sight. However a son and also a grandson live about a quarter of a mile away. His wife, the former Louelma Eugenia Brady, died Jan. 4, 1955.

Their eight children are Mrs. Arnold (Eula) Jones, Miss Estelle Brady, Mrs. Paul (Lola) Shane, and Lester Brady, Asheboro, Mrs. Ernest (Viola) Brady and Kermit Brady, Route 1, Bennett, Lloyd Brady, Ramseur, and Mrs. Dave (Thetis) Pulliman, Tampa, Fla. There are also great-grandchildren.

This robust farmer and outdoorsman show no ill effect from the hard work which has occupied his four score years and six. He remembers as a small boy walking four miles a day to a Pleasant Grove plantation where he hoed cotton and corn for 25 cents a day. His mother who also worked alongside of him received 30 cents a day.

The old log house in which the Alson Brady family spent their early years was daubed with clay and had a rock chimney. There was also a fireplace and broad hearth where some of the meals were prepared.

Present for the birthday celebration, along with his children and grandchildren, were Mr. Brady Brown, Ramseur, and Rev. Hayes Ritter, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church. Mr. Brady estimates that he has been a member of the Pleasant Grove Church for over sixty years.

Frazier Pair Observes Fiftieth Anniversary

May 7, 1968 — Mr. and Mrs. Calvin G. Frazier, a couple well known to Asheboro's older citizens, observed their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday, May 1.

They were married May 1, 1918 at the home of Mrs. Frazier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Berry, who lived at the present site of the Buttercup Co. on West Salisbury St.

Following their marriage they established their household a little farther down the street where they lived until 1950. Since that time they have lived at 205 Tremont Drive in North Asheboro.

Calvin Frazier came to town when he was about 15 years of age. Son of Calvin G. (Dock) Frazier, Sr. and Rachel Caroline Barker Frazier, the family came from the Staley area. They came to avail themselves of the school facilities in Asheboro.

Mr. Frazier's father formerly operated a store uptown, at the corner of Sunset Ave. and N. Fayetteville St.

Mrs. Frazier, the former Marietta Berry, came to Asheboro when she was about three years of age. Her father brought his family from Morristown, Tenn. when he accepted a position in a roller mill which was located near his West Salisbury St. home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Frazier attended the Asheboro school and graduated the same year. Mrs. Frazier furthered her education at Guilford College but Mr. Frazier went to work as the ticket agent and cashier for Southern Railway.

His connection with the railway company helped the couple secure transportation for their honeymoon trip to Washington and Baltimore, where they spent a week following their marriage at Mrs. Frazier's home.

Staunch Baptist in their religious faith, the Fraziers attended other churches in Asheboro until the First Baptist Church was organized in the home of Mrs. Frazier's parents.

Both have been active members throughout the years of their marriage and Mr. Frazier has assisted in the organization of other Baptist churches in the surrounding areas.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frazier, a daughter, Mrs. Archie (Alice Rachel) Kirkman, Greensboro, and Gilbert Frazier, of the home. There are also two grandchildren, Jane and Cindy Kirkman.

Two events honored Mr. and Mrs. Frazier on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

On Sunday, Apr. 28, they were guests at a buffet luncheon at the home of their daughter in Greensboro, with members of their families in attendance.

Then on Wednesday, May 1, the actual date of their anniversary, they were dinner guests of Miss Grace Frazier, a sister of Mr. Frazier, at her home at 616 Spencer St., in Asheboro.

Lay Witness Team Visits West Bend Methodists

May 7, 1968 — The West Bend Methodist Church and community was the scene of an unusual yet effective type of ministry during this past week — end.

A lay witness team, composed of ten adults and five teenagers from Concord, Kannapolis, Winston — Salem and Kernersville, came to the West Bend church to "witness what Christ has meant to us."

Another group, mostly young people, also came on Friday night in support of the lay witness group.

The West Bend minister, Don Beatty, describes the visit of the lay witness team in the following account and tells how their visit affected the hearts and lives of his church people:

"They came; they loved us; and they helped us to experience the love and forgiveness of God in our hearts. Their joy was contagious, and they seemed like old friends from the beginning. It seemed a little strange at first to hear a big six foot, 200 pound man say to me, "God loves you and I love you too". But as one after another of the 15 lay Christian witnesses told how the reality and love of God had come into their hearts in their own personal

experience, it became evident why they love God and us. God was so real to them and their joy was so great that they had to share it with us. That's why they paid their own expenses to come to Asheboro from their homes.

"Our church had been preparing since Jan. for their coming, and when they came our people met with them at the church, in the homes, and in public meeting rooms. At each of these meetings the Coordinator, Mr. Bert Wellman, asked one or more of these persons to give their personal testimony. One beautiful high school girl told us that she had come to the Lay Witness Mission instead of going to her Jr - Sr. Prom, because she believed that God wanted her to come.

One of the young mothers said that she was planning to come but that their little child got sick. When she took the child to the doctor he said that it looked like the mumps. So she said that she told God that she would know that it was not His will for her to come to the Mission if the child had the mumps. But the child didn't take the mumps, and she was able to come with her husband as planned.

One of the strong young fathers told how his little eleven year old son got him to pray and how this changed his life from selfishness to love. Another of the men told how his life was changed by hearing a tape recording of the testimony of Dr. Andy Holt, President of The University of Tennessee. He said that he decided that if the Christian life was good enough for Andy Holt, it was good enough for him.

"So it went from Friday evening 'til Sunday afternoon. We listened; we sang; we asked questions; we shared; we wept. Then Sunday evening after our guests had returned to their homes we shared with one another the new joy we had received. Out young people spontaneously began singing some of the new Christian songs that they had learned and some of the hymns that they knew. They sang for one another and then they sang for the whole congregation. Three of them told how they had given 100 percent of their lives to Christ while gathered around a bonfire the night before. One of our young mothers got up and said, "Deep down in her (pointing to her heart) I knew I wasn't a Christian. Now I know that He is down here inside me." Another young mother said, I've learned so much and it's so wonderful. I love the Lord more than I've ever loved Him. I'm not afraid any more, and I love you all."

"The story is unfinished, but it will be continued by those who have experienced the love and forgiveness of Christ in their hearts. His love and forgiveness is offered to everyone without any prior conditions and without any strings attached. It can be yours and mine by simply accepting it and living by it. Then we can keep it only by giving it away. Thus the Lay Witness Mission and the Christian church will continue."

Mrs. J. A. Morgan Celebrates Ninety - Fifth Birthday Sunday

May 8, 1968 - Mrs. J. A. Morgan celebrated her 95th birthday Sunday, May 5, at her home in Jackson Creek.

Her children and other family members gathered at the lovely rural residence, to which she came over 64 years ago, to join her in the birthday celebration.

The spacious lawn, freshly groomed for the occasion, provided the site, with the picnic table placed underneath the oak trees.

Mrs. Morgan, the former Cornelia (Nealie) Harris, originated from Emmons Township in Davidson County, between Denton and Cid.

She was first married to Alfred T. Wicks. Two children, Alfred T. Wicks, Jr., who died in 1958, and Mrs. Tom (Iva) Snider, Route 1, Trinity, were born to this marriage.

Her marriage to Joshua A. Morgan, a native of the Jackson Creek area, occurred Nov. 3, 1903 about two years after the death of her first husband.

To this union were born five children, Leslie H. Morgan, of Asheboro, Miss Leta Morgan, who lives with her mother, John Morgan, Washington, D. C., Ralph Holt Morgan, who died at the age of 20 months, and Dwight Morgan, a retired naval officer who spends considerable time with his mother and sister.

A stepdaughter of Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. T. G. Royal, formerly of High Point, now resides in a trailer next to the country residence.

Mrs. Morgan is alert, intelligent and according to one of her sons "interested in what is happening nationally and locally." She looks at the news on television each night and although her hearing is impaired, she is still able to interpret the news and keep up with what is going on. She reads also, sometimes with the aid of a magnifying glass.

She grew up during the days when the covered wagons migrated to the west and she remembers when Jesse James was killed. She retains the elegance and the courtliness of another generation, characteristics not commonly found during the present age.

She recalled her two marriages, the first one which happened in 1891. She said that one of the "waiters" at her first wedding was still living and she remembers the "waiting trips" which she took at the time of both of her marriages. At the time of the second marriage she and her husband attended the annual conference of the Methodist Church in Winston - Salem.

A member of the Piney Grove Methodist Church, located a very short distance from her home, she joined this church in 1904, shortly after she came to the Jackson Creek community. She has not attended in four years because of her hearing. But the Piney Grove minister was among those who came to honor her at the time of her birthday.

She presented a serene figure as she sat with a son on the beautiful lawn awaiting the arrival of her birthday guests. She fitted in perfectly with the surroundings of the place where she has lived for the past 64 years. We talked with her and we observed the gracious manner with which she greeted the members of her family and her friends. We concurred with the conclusion of a former teacher at the old Piney Grove school who said: "She is a good woman."

Mother—Daughter Banquet

May 13, 1968 - The annual mother - daughter banquet of the Seagrove Chapter of the Future Home - makers of America, one of the outstanding events of the school season, was held Friday evening, May 10, in the school cafeteria.

Chapter members, their mothers and other guests completely filled the cafeteria for the gala affair.

However, a feeling of regret pervaded the annual event due to the absence of Mrs. Evelyn Harris, chapter advisor and for many years home economics teacher at the Seagrove school, who was ill and unable to be present.

But Mr. Harris had planned well before illness overtook her, so the banquet proceedings and the program went along with precision and completeness, despite the absence of the veteran advisor.

Following the delicious meal, prepared by the cafeteria personnel and served by members of the brother organization, the Seagrove Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, the program was presented on this subject: "The United States - Land of Opportunity."

The program, narrated by Mary Bone, FHA vice president, revolved around six high school junior and senior girls, Brenda Council, Linda Latham, Janice Frye, Ann Marie Allen, Linda Mabe, and Louise Auman, who planned a tour of the United States.

Pantomiming certain scenes of the program, some humorous, included a witch symbolizing the witchcraft of Salem, Mass., a group of Pilgrims from Plymouth, Mass., Louisa Mae Alcott, Paul Revere, a group of hippies, and a western gun fight.

The opening ceremony and the installation of officers for the next school year was in charge of this year's president, Miss Janice Frye. Invocation was by Jeannie Yow, chaplain.

Carol Hayes extended the address of welcome, with the response from Mrs. Ferman Cole. Ann Allen introduced the school officials and Patsy Stoltz introduced the other guests.

Frank Macon, FFA president gave the greeting from the brother chapter for the third and last year of his tenure in that office and greetings also came from Miss Vickie Needham, 1967 FHA president and now a student at Wake Forest College.

Mrs. Elaine Frye Caudill, a former FHA president and sister of this year's president, was a guest at the banquet and sat at the head table along with her sister and their mother. Another former FHA president, Miss Sandra Auman, was also in attendance.

The chapter mothers, Mrs. Hubert Auman, Mrs. James Bone, Mrs. Ferman Cole, Mrs. Edna Council, Mrs. Edward Frye, and Mrs. George Poole, were introduced by Brenda Council.

Recognition of degree recipients were made by the following people: junior degrees, Karen Auman; chapter degrees, Uretha Gillispie; and state degrees Linda Latham. FHA'ers of the month were recognized by Ramona Auman while recognition of the waiters, Homer Boling, FFA advisor, and the cafeteria staff, was made by Cheryl Ashworth.

Officers for the 1968 - 69 school year were installed as follows: Rebecca Gray, president; Dianne Auman, vice president; Pat Garner, secretary; Jean Graves, treasurer; Karen Auman, reporter; Linda Mabe, historian; Sherri McNeill, parliamentarian; Mary Bone, song leader; Audrey Hiatt, pianist; Jeannie Yow, chaplain; Ann B. Allen, recreational leader; and Mrs. Wade Harris, adviser.

Children Honor Auman Celebrants As Their Fiftieth Year Arrives

May 14, 1968 - Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Auman, Route 1, Star, living four - tenths of a mile across the Randolph County line, were honored by their children Sunday, May 12, on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Open house was held from three o'clock until five o'clock at the home of their oldest child, Mrs. Ray (Marie) Caudill, Route 4, Asheboro.

Other children joining in the honoring of their parents were George Newman Auman, Society Hill, S. C., Mrs. Joseph (Treva) Mattia, Silver Springs, Md., Mrs. Bill (Jewel) McKee, Route 1, Seagrove, and Mrs. Gary (Faye) Robinson, Matthews.

The couple were married on a Wednesday afternoon, May 8, 1918, at the home of the officiating Justice of Peace, G. N. Thomas, who was Mrs. Auman's uncle by marriage.

They traveled in a one-seater buggy with a "pretty red horse." Mrs. Auman said "some said it was lucky to get married on Wednesday and I think it proved out that way."

Gurney Lester Auman was born in Montgomery County about two or three miles southwest of his present Montgomery County residence. But his parents, Pearson and Jennie Cornelison Auman, moved across the line to Randolph County when he was quite young.

Mrs. Auman, the former Elah Marie Davis, was born a mile east of Steeds, the daughter of George and Laura Freeman Davis.

Both came from large families. Mr. Auman coming from a family of thirteen children, all of whom are living except two and Mrs. Auman coming from a family of eleven, all of whom are living except two, included among Mrs. Auman's ten brothers and sisters is a twin sister, Mrs. J. B. Cooper of Steeds, the former Verna Lee Davis.

Mrs. Auman's parents were married for sixty-three years before the death of her father.

Mr. Auman attended the one-teacher school at Asbury. They courted for two years, most of which time Mr. Auman walked the distance of six miles from his home in lower Randolph County to Mrs. Auman's home east of Steeds.

One night, during a snow storm, he covered the distance in an hour.

Three months following their marriage Mr. Auman entered the military service during World War I and served for thirteen months. His tour of duty took him to France, Germany and Belgium.

Upon his return the couple established their home at the site where they have lived since, on land which came from his father, Mr. Auman cleared the land with mule and plow and by hand.

He also built the house in which he and Mrs. Auman have reared their family, now all gone from the old homeplace at the end of the road.

Now 74 years of age, Mr. Auman rents out the land which he cleared the hard way many years ago. He tends a garden, hunts during the winter months and likes to fish during the summer months. Mrs. Auman, age 68, tates, crochets and makes quilts.

The couple attends regularly the services at the Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church where Mr. Auman serves as the clerk.

They live a simple life in the peaceful surrounding of the home which they established with the work of their hands and the sweat of their brows. It is a pretty place, has a lived - in look, an abundance with flowers and shrubs.

There is no television in the house and with the Aumans it is early to bed and early to rise. However, a telephone was recently installed, an anniversary gift from their children. Mrs. Auman said she has talked with her twin sister every day since the telephone had been in.

A host of relatives and friends congratulate this couple who got off to a good start on that "lucky" Wednesday afternoon fifty years ago. Many of them attended the open house in their honor, including the adored twin sister.

Couple Celebrates Fiftieth

May 15, 1968 – Fifty years ago, May 17, 1918, Frank Carlos Bulla and Etta Lucinda Hoover were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Randleman.

Rev. W. Way, who was also pastor of the Sawyersville Pilgrim Holiness Church, performed the ceremony, The Rev. Mr. Way, now retired, is still living and is a resident of Greensboro.

It was in the Sawyersville church community that Mr. and Mrs. Bulla were born and grew to maturity. Both of them attended the Belevidere School.

Mr. Bulla, 74, is the son of the late Dr. A. M. Bulla and Elizabeth Spencer Bulla. Mrs. Bulla, 71, is the daughter of the late George Washington Hoover and Lanie Johnson Hoover.

In addition to being the medical practitioner for the community west of Asheboro, Dr. Alf Bulla also engaged in farming. His son Frank stayed at home and worked on his father's farm until he was 21 years of age. Upon becoming of age he went to High Point and secured employment at the Marsh Furniture company.

He was working in High Point at the time of his marriage. However, two weeks after the wedding he entered the United States Army and after a brief training period was sent first to England, then to France and Germany where he saw front line action in World War I.

When he returned from the war front, Mr. and Mrs. Bulla lived briefly in another county where he was engaged in sawmill operation, before they came back to the vicinity in which they were born. They have lived in Asheboro since 1932. Their present address is 1237 Winslow Ave.

Two children were born to their marriage, Edsel Bulla, Route 6, Asheboro, and Mrs. Otis (Lucille) Richardson, Mt. Gilead. They have six grandchildren.

Engaged in carpentry for forty years, Mr. Bulla retired eight or nine years ago except for odd jobs. He grows a nice garden each summer, has already planted a half of an acre, and keeps several stands of bees.

Mrs. Bulla is partially disabled with arthritis and remains at home much of the time. But Mr. Bulla gets about, attends the baseball games, likes to go to the wrestling matches and maintains a keen interest in what is happening around him.

They are not planning a formal observance of their golden wedding anniversary but a large group of friends, relatives and acquaintances will extend congratulations and best wishes to this native Randolph County couple on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Assisting the young couple in the planning of their new home was Mrs. Sarah W. Durante, home economics extension agent.

Located on a 145 by 200 foot lot not far from the rented house in which they had been living, Mr. and Mrs. Rush and their three children, Wanda, 11, Anthony, 7, and Wayne, 5, moved into the house last November.

The brick all-electric home consists of three bedrooms, living room, kitchen and family room combination, bath and a half, storage room and carport. Square footage in the F.H.A. financed house amounts to 1,177.

Walls of the living room and bedrooms are constructed of gypsum board or sheetrock while in the kitchen and family room the walls are of pre-finished English paneling. In the bath ceramic tile is used with sheetrock for the upper walls.

Floors in the living room and bedrooms are oak, with inlaid linoleum in the kitchen and family room and clay tile in the bathroom.

Fully heated by electricity, the heat is controlled by a thermostat.

The room colors include provincial gold for the living room and bath, celery green for the master bedroom, perry blue for the boys' bedroom and party pink for the girl's bedroom.

Furniture throughout the house is tastefully arranged and shows evidence of training received through the services of the Randolph County Extension Service.

Contractors for the new building, who worked closely with the occupants and the extension agent in its construction, were Rogers and Cook of High Point. Cost of construction was \$12,500.

Natives of Richmond County, Mr. and Mrs. Rush came to the area in which they are living eight years ago. For the past five years Mr. Rush has been employed with the Hatteras Yacht Co. Their children attend the Trindale Elementary School.

There was more than a nominal interest in the erection of this home by the home economics extension agent, Mrs. Durante. Her first job after completing her studies at Shaw University in Raleigh was with the home demonstration service in her native county of Richmond.

It was then she worked with Mrs. Rush as a young 4-H Club member and with Mrs. Rush's mother in home demonstration activities.

She resumed her acquaintance with Mrs. Rush upon coming to Randolph County and associating herself with the country extension service. When Mr. and Mrs. Rush decided to build a home of their own, Mrs. Durante volunteered her services and the services of her department and they were gratefully accepted.

Incidentally, Mrs. Rush is currently serving as president of the Trinity Homemakers Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush and children attend the St. Stephens A.M.E. Zion church in High Point.

Whynot Association Holds Service

May 22, 1968 – The Whynot Memorial Association, strong numerically, financially and in memories of past years, held its annual memorial service Sunday, May 19.

Composed of former students of the Whynot Academy, records are not clear as to how long the memorial association has existed.

Eldon Garner, who retired as secretary this year after eight years of service, said that the minutes of the association dated back to 1936.

Open House Celebrated At Demonstration House

May 21, 1968 – Open house for a demonstration home, sponsored by the Randolph County Extension Service, was held Sunday afternoon, May 19 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Edward Rush, Rt. 1, Trinity.

But, the meeting of the former students, their families and the other residents of the community evidently goes back many observers said that for forty-five years the proceedings of the association had not been interrupted by rain.

Held each year in the old Fairgrove Methodist Protestant Church building, located across the road from the cemetery and the former site of the Whynot Academy, the memorial association now controls the church property and is responsible for the management, the upkeep and the care of the beautiful cemetery.

At the time of the merger of the Protestant and Episcopal divisions of the Methodist Church, part of the Fairgrove congregation moved to Seagrove and established what the Seagrove Methodist Church is now. Others remained at the Fairgrove church until its disbandment a few years later.

Under the operation of the whynot Memorial Association, the Fairgrove church has retained its originality and its authenticity but stays in good repair for the meeting of the memorial association and a few other meetings which are held each year.

The Whynot Academy was founded by James P. Burroughs but was operated for many years by George F. Garner. Professor Garner died in 1913 and the school operated for two years after his death before burning down.

Thirty-three former students of the academy were present for the session of the memorial association on May 19. However, the historic old church building was filled with members of their families, residents and former residents of the Whynot community, visitors and friends.

Rev. Harold C. Austin, pastor of the Carraway Methodist Church in Greensboro, was the speaker for this year's session. His mother, the late Etta Auman Austin, was a former student of the school and was reared nearby.

The program and other proceedings of the session were in charge of the officers, composed of Mrs. Faye L. Scott, president; Alvah E. Garner, vice-secretary; and J. B. Slack, treasurer.

Conducting the affairs of the association and the upkeep and care of the cemetery and the building throughout the year is a board of trustees, composed of Ernest L. Cagle, Eldon C. Garner, Lonnie A. King, J. B. Slack and Philmore Graves.

Prior to the meeting of the association this year, the treasurer reported that a balance of \$6,159.90 was in the treasury. He also announced that this past year memorial funds had been established by the families of Thomas W. Lawrence, J. B. Slack Sr., Ernest Slack, and Charles E. Stuart.

A memorial service honored the memory of the following persons who had died since the last meeting of the association; Garrett Allen, Furman R. Auman, Mrs. Etta Auman Austin, Mrs. Sallie Slack Brown, Lonnie F. Cagle, Willie B. Freeman, Walter C. Garner, Mrs. Nora B. Lawrence, Randy Lucas, Hassie Beane Mitchell, Mrs. Christina Richardson Murray, James Haywood Russell, Mrs. Minnie E. Stuart, and Hubert B. Trogdon.

Flowers were placed in the church in memory of Mrs. Sallie Slack Brown, by Rev. R. Frederick Brown and Fred Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Lawrence; by their children; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Slack Sr., by Emery Slack; and Walter C. Garner, by his brothers and sisters.

A nominating committee, composed of Ernest L. Cagle, Mrs. Eva Smith Hulin and Hobart E. Cagle, presented new

officers to the association as follows: president, Alvah E. Garner; vice president, Mrs. Sarah Gilbert King Stafford; secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Slack; treasurer, J. B. Slack; and nominating committee, Martha Crisp, Ruth McKenzie and Harwood Graves.

The new president, Alvah Garner, and the retiring secretary, Eldon Garner, are sons of George F. Garner, the veteran educator who operated the school so many years.

Liberty Club Honors Its Lion Of The Year At Meet

May 23, 1968 – Flowers, entertainment and good food prevailed at the 21st annual charter and ladies night observance of the Liberty Lions Club Tuesday evening at the Ruritan Hut.

Also, the Lions and their guests heard a speech by William Alexander, general sales manager for television station WFMY-TV in Greensboro. The speaker was introduced by Morgan Fitzgerald.

A buffet meal, bountiful and delectable, was prepared by the ladies of the Liberty Pilgrim Church.

Walter Martens, Lions president, presided over the meeting and welcomed his fellow members, their wives and the other guests. Mrs. Jim Deaton gave the response for the ladies.

The Lions president, a retired Western Electric executive who came to Liberty only three years ago, was named the "Lion of the Year" and was presented with the award by Bob Loman, himself a past recipient.

Dr. Joe Griffith was humorous in his introduction of the guests, a task which he has enjoyed on previous occasions.

Among the guests were Lions District Governor Doc Huggins of Greensboro, and Mrs. Huggins.

Lion Secretary Loyce Wagoner, who was chairman of the program committee, assisted by Rev. J. A. Seaboch and Matt Gay, presented the entertainment, consisting of a quartet of "Don Trexler Singers." The singers were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Loyce Wagoner.

Three charter members of the club, B. Q. Johnson, Cletus Swaim and Paul Hardin, were recognized, along with the newest member, Dr. Thomas Glasco.

The table arrangement, courtesy of Hardin's Florist, was presented to Mrs. Jim Deaton after a drawing of all names from a hat. Corsages to all of the ladies were also a courtesy of the local florist. Hose were also presented to each of the feminine guests.

The Lion president, a native of Germany, was humble and appreciative of the "Lion of the Year Award." He said, "I came here three years ago, a stranger, you took me in and made me one of you, now you have made me the "Lion of the Year."

Other officers of the club are D. Cletus Swaim, vice-president; Loyce Wagoner, secretary; Boyd Poe, treasurer; John Stout, tail twister; and Guy Smith, lion tamer.

Other members, not heretofore mentioned, are Mack Andrews, James Deaton, Loyce Wagoner, Bill Perry, Jim Reynolds, Cletus Swaim, Boyd Poe, Joe Griffith, II, Bob Loman, Guy Smith, Calvin Brower, William Hardin, Morgan Fitzgerald, Paul Hardin, Jacob A. Seaboch, and Matt A. Gay.

Cemetery May Hold Clues To Past

May 27, 1968 – On Sunday morning, May 26, the Holly Springs Friends Meeting and the Pleasant Ridge Christian church, located near each other on the same road, held their annual memorial services.

On May 19, the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church, located not far away, held its annual memorial service.

All three churches have beautiful, well kept cemeteries on which much time, effort and money is spent in the maintenance thereof.

But in the heart of the section in which the cemeteries at Holly Spring, Pleasant Ridge and Parks Cross Roads lie, there is another cemetery which is not beautiful, not well kept and on which no time, effort or money is expended.

It is the Old Stone Graveyard, said to be so named because of a stone enclosure which formerly encircled the quarter of an acre burial plot.

But there is now no stone enclosure. It is instead a thicket of trees, shrubs, briars, grass and weeds, and the cultivated fields surrounds most of the cemetery area.

There is so much grass and foliage that few of the grave markers are visible. Some have fallen to the ground, others are leaning and many are just flat rocks and rocks of other variety with no identification marked thereon.

The Old Stone Graveyard is definitely believed to be a fore-runner of the Holly Spring cemetery, where the first grave containing the remains of Joseph Bookout was located in 1895, and of the Holly Spring Meeting House, which was permanently established in 1818.

Located in the area formerly known as Cox's Settlement, it is thought that the Monthly Meeting at Holly Spring was first planned for the vicinity of the old graveyard. Minutes of the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting of 1765 refer to the "Meeting of Indulgence on the Mill Creek in Cox's Settlement: and it was felt that services of worship were held nearby.

For reasons unknown, however, the Meeting House was never established in Cox's Settlement. Some believed that due to the wide area in which the Quakers settled, the Meeting house at Holly Spring was a more central location and would prohibit the crossing of Richland and Mill Creek, which streams would have had to be crossed if the Meeting House had been located in Cox's Settlement.

Even after the cemetery was started at Holly Spring, the intrralls continued at the Old Stone Graveyard in Cox's Settlement.

The few markers in the old graveyard which have the inscribed names and dates are Hannah Cox, who died in 1844, Charles Cox, who died in 1855, Amy Cox, who died in 1864, Emily Cox, wife of Eli Cox, who died in 1858, Rachel Cox, wife of Laurence Cox, who died in 1873, Nathan Cox, grandfather of local historian, Johnny L. Cox, was buried there in 1877. His wife, Sarah, was supposedly buried beside of him in 1890. However, there is no marker to her grave.

Nathan Cox, who has a great-great grandson by the same name living two or three miles away, is the ancestor of many Cox descendants still living in the general vicinity, especially in the Ramseur and Parks Cross Roads communities.

Nathan Cox's son, Calvin, the father of Johnny L. Cox, was buried in the Parks Cross Roads Cemetery and members of this particular family have followed suit. However, Rebecca Cox, daughter of Calvin Cox and half-sister of Johnny Cox, was buried in the old cemetery,

having died before the burials of the family started at Parks Cross Roads.

On the other hand, descendants of Laurence Cox, whose wife Rachel was buried in the old cemetery in the year 1873, discontinued burials in the Old Stone Graveyard and started their burials in the Pleasant Ridge cemetery.

Included among Laurence Cox's descendentants is Theodore Cox, a great-grandson, who owns and resides on the farm on which the old graveyard is located.

Descendants of Charles Cox, buried in the old cemetery in 1855, transferred their burial places to the Holly Spring cemetery where the Meeting House was eventually located and where it has existed for the past 155 years.

Among the descendants of Charles Cox is a great-great-grandson, Burton Macon, a trustee of the Holly Spring Meeting.

The people at Holly Spring outgrowth of the hardy pioneers who came to the community over 200 years ago to establish a Quaker Meeting House, and the people at Pleasant Ridge and Parks Cross Roads, whose ancestors are interred in the old graveyard, are asked to consider the restoration of the old graveyard.

They are asked to consider providing the same care and beautification for the Old Stone Graveyard that has characterized the care and upkeep of the beautiful cemeteries at their own respective churches.

The men and women who pioneered and blazed the way two centuries ago and later are entitled to a more peaceful repose in the silent cemetery of the dead.

They've Been Married Fifty Years

May 28, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Cox, Rt. 1, Ramseur were married fifty years ago, May 21, 1918, in the middle of the road near which they have spent their married life.

Fifty years later, on Sundy afternoon, May 26, they were joined by friends and relatives in the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Open house was held at their home from two until five o'clock.

The couple had planned to be married fifty years ago in the home of Rev. A. K. Scotten, a well known minister of the Coleridge area who lived in the vicinity of their homes.

But the people of the village heard about it and a "crowd" began to gather, so the bridal couple, the preacher and three other people got in to the minister's Model T. copper headed Ford and drove up the Buffalo Road from where both of them lived.

After a short distance the preacher stopped the car, said "here is a pretty place," and the couple were married standing in the middle of the road, with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown as witness.

There was a large crowd at the preacher's house when they got back but the "belling" of the couple did not occur until the next night, after the Wednesday night prayer meeting. Before his marriage Mr. Cox had served as the "bellweather" at the community bellings, but someone else had to take over at this particular belling.

Lee Andrew Cox was born two miles southwest of Coleridge, near the Antioch church community, one of ten children of Benjamin and Elizabeth Moore Cox. But when he was eleven years old his parents moved nearer Coleridge, so that Mr. Cox and his brothers and sisters could work at the cotton mill.

He worked twelve hours a day, six days a week and received wages of thirty – five cents per day. Before going

to work he attended the one-room Jones school, near to where his parents had moved.

At the age of 14, his family moved again, to the vicinity northeast of the Deep River Baptist Church where he has lived since.

Mrs. Cox, the former Lillie Lorena Jones, was born about two miles west of Coleridge and also attended the Jones school. She was reared by an aunt, Mrs. Clementine Goley, who later moved with her niece next to the place occupied by Mr. Cox and his family.

Although the couple have known each other for most of their lives, their courtship began after their residence on adjoining places.

On Oct. 8, 1917, before his marriage the following May, Mr. Cox entered the military service and was serving at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. at the time he was married.

They lived with her aunt for several years after their marriage but thirty-nine years ago built their own house nearby and are still living therein.

Two sons, Swanson Cox, Ramseur, and Harold Cox, Route 6, Asheboro, have been born to their marriage. They have six grandchildren, of which three grandsons are in military service, one in Vietnam, one in Germany and one in Virginia. One of the grandsons, Eddie Cox, lived with his grandparents since childhood.

Besides working at the mill in Coleridge, Mr. Cox has worked as a carpenter and ran a licensed barber shop for ten years. He raised tobacco in his earlier years and in recent years has engaged in the buying and selling of cattle, despite a serious automobile accident over three years ago.

His brother, Robert Cox, lives next to him at the old homeplace, another brother, Bendie lives at another place nearby and his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cox, live on the adjoining place where Mrs. Cox formerly lived with her aunt and where the couple lived following their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cox assisted the couple's two sons and daughters - in - law in the open house observance which honored Mr. and Mrs. Cox on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

March of Dimes Raises \$11,276

May 28, 1968 - The 1968 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County resulted in the raising of \$11,276.89 the second largest amount in recent years.

Last year total receipts amounted to \$13,162.40 to comprise the largest amount raised since the polio epidemics of many years ago. March of Dimes money is now used for research and treatment of birth defects, along with the care of persons formerly afflicted with polio.

Heading the successful March of Dimes drives in Randolph County for the past two years has been Hilliard Nance, well known former athlete and now a church and civic leader.

In recognition of his services with the local drive, he was this past week presented with a handsome plaque from Jack McGee, of Raleigh, an area representative of The National Foundation - March of Dimes organization.

The six top places in the drive for funds this year were Asheboro, \$2,285.74; Ulah - Flag Springs, \$1,908.50; Liberty, \$1,267.87; Randleman, \$966.50; Ramseur, \$738.37; and Trinity, \$679.40.

Other results were as follows: Brower, \$495.28; Franklinville, \$400.01; Seagrove - Union Grove, \$368.20; North Asheboro, \$360.94; Coleridge, \$297.04; Sophia - New Market - Glenola - Cedar Square, \$245.00; Level Cross, \$186.09; Piney Ridge, \$178.83; Archdale, \$146.08; Central Falls, \$125.51; Grays Chapel, \$97.25; Pleasant Hill, \$85.02; Grantville, \$73.99; Farmer, \$70; Pisgah, \$69.83; Tabernacle, \$68; Worthville, \$51.25; Cedar Falls, \$40; Staley, \$39.86; Pleasant Ridge, \$32.33.

Expenses of the drive amounted to \$384.28, leaving a net total of \$10,892.61. Of this amount, \$2,723.15 was diverted to the Medical Scientific Research Fund. The remaining net receipts were divided equally between national headquarters and the local chapter of the National Foundation - March of Dimes, with each organization receiving \$4,084.70

Graduation, Then Open-Heart Surgery

May 31, 1968 - A young woman, attractive and 18 years old, will graduate from Asheboro High School tonight and later this month will submit to open heart surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Andrea Kay Briles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Briles, 1223 Sequoia Ave., has to all appearances, lived a normal life despite the defect which she sustained at birth.

She has attended school regularly and made good grades. She has participated in the activities of the school, she has danced and skated, and she has dated and enjoyed the normal life of a pretty, young girl.

Her only restrictions thus far have been her failure to participate in sports and the physical education classes at the school.

But the deficiency exists and perhaps will be more pronounced later as she looks to college this fall and her life beyond.

Andrea Briles was born a "blue baby."

At the time of her birth on Dec. 8, 1949, she appeared normal and was pronounced so except for a slight murmur of the heart. But at the age of six months her parents knew the serious handicap under which she had been born.

Her pulmonary artery, which carries the blood from the heart to the lungs, was too small and was only able to carry thirty per cent of the normal flow of blood.

She was placed under the care of a heart specialist at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston - Salem. When she was not quite four years of age, plans were made for corrective surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. It was felt then she would not be able to live over six months without this corrective surgery.

After one delay, the surgery, which diverted blood to the lungs, was performed in Feb., 1954. It was realized then that surgery of a more serious nature would be needed, perhaps in the comparatively near future.

But Andrea got along fine following the surgery. She lived a near normal life and the major surgery was rescheduled about four times. In the meantime, she underwent periodic examinations by the heart specialist in Winston-Salem and at the John Hopkins Hospital.

In the intervening period, open heart surgery which had only come into existence in 1945.

More important, perhaps, was the growing into maturity of Andrea herself and the need for her to participate along with her parents in the all important decision.

The same physician, Dr. Henry T. Bahnson, who performed the first operation fourteen years ago, will operate again. He is now the head surgeon at the Pittsburgh hospital. The young woman will be admitted to hospital on Monday, June 24, with the operation scheduled for Thursday, June 27.

Preparatory to the open heart surgery was a catheterization procedure at the hospital in Winston – Salem the first of May and the establishment of a blood bank for the major surgery in Pittsburgh.

Thirty-eight pints of blood were requested but the amount reached fifty-six pints before it was stopped. Mr. and Mrs. Briles and Andrea join together in expressing their appreciation to the local chapter of the American Red cross and to the various donors who respond so quickly and so generously to their need for blood.

One reason for the decision to go ahead with the surgery now to permit Andrea to carry out her plans to enroll at Pfeiffer College this fall, at which institution she has been accepted for admittance.

Going to college was an immediate reason but the overall decision, the vital one, was based on the welfare and the happiness of this young girl not only in the years just ahead but for all of the years of her life.

The prayers and concern of her family, including a 10 year-old-brother, Don, the Oakhurst Baptist Church where she was baptized, and her schoolmates and friends will be with her as she submits to open heart surgery on Thursday, June 27.

Efforts Are Being Made To Improve Local Housing

June 3, 1968 – Mrs. Sarah W. Durante, Randolph County Home Economics Extension Agent, continues her efforts towards home improvement and the construction of better homes in Randolph County.

On Sunday afternoon, June 2, the third family which she has assisted in the construction of a new home, held open house in their new dwelling, from three to five o'clock.

This was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Brooks, Rt. 2, Ramseur. Other demonstration homes coming under the sponsorship of Mrs. Durante and the Randolph County Extension Service have been those of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Graves, also of Rt. 2, Ramseur, and Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Rush, Rt. 1 Trinity.

Mrs. Durante's aim is to "try to encourage more people to realize how a comfortable and convenient home can be a reality at a modest cost."

According to a brochure published in connection with the open house held at the new Brooks residence, "families who have limited incomes and a desire to own a home through the assistance of the Home Economics Extension Agents in Randolph County."

The Brooks home is a three bedroom dwelling, with living room, kitchen and hall, bath room, utility area and carport. One of the bedrooms is used as a den.

Of brick veneer in its construction, with a larger than usual overhang at the eaves, the interior bedrooms, living room and utility area are finished in sheetrock, with birch paneling in the kitchen and hall. Floors in the living room and bedrooms are oak and in the kitchen, hall and bath are inlaid linoleum. The house is heated by gas.

Occupying the house with Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are their daughter, Mrs. Joe Andrews and her two children, Eric and Franchesca, Mrs. Andrews' husband is serving in the Army.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are employed at public employment. Mr. Brooks at Randolph Mills in Franklinville and Mrs. Brooks at Stedmen manufacturing Company in Asheboro.

Improvements Are Noted By Memorial Association

June 5, 1968 – The New Zion Methodist Church, discontinued now as a conference unit for the past four years, still exists within the framework of the New Zion memorial Association.

The memorial association held its fifth annual meeting Sunday, June 2, at the old church site, located northeast of Seagrove.

Improvements have been noted since the memorial association assumed the responsibility and care of the church building, the grounds and the cemetery which joins the burial grounds of the Huldah Baptist Church.

The high frame structure, erected in 1912 at the time of its organization as a Methodist Protestant Church, has been covered with asbestos siding, new doors have been installed, the windows have been replaced, the roof and the interior of the building have been painted. There is some talk about placing a carpet in the aisles.

Except for these improvements the church retains its original appearance. The same benches are still there, along with the old organ which has existed throughout the church's history and the piano which was purchased later. The bell is still in the belfray and there is still no vestibule or partitioning of the one, big room.

There were eight charter members of the church: J. M. King, Noah King, Alfred Cox, M. J. Presnell, Elcanny Graves, Jim Voncannon, J. W. Voncannon and M. C. Lowdermilk.

Descendants of these charter members were among the membership list of the church when the conference dissolved it in 1964, with still more descendants joining in the membership roster of the memorial association which took the place of the church organization. Rev. L. E. Mabry, son-in-law of one of the charter members and a veteran Methodist minister, assisted with the transfer of the church's physical properties to the memorial association.

Directly following the discontinuation of New Zion as an official church body, the New Zion memorial Association was organized on June 14, 1964.

Billy B. Cox, who attended Sunday School at Mt. Zion as a child and whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Cox, are buried in the church cemetery, was elected as the first president of the memorial association, a position which he still holds. He is a resident of Route 1, Hope Mills.

Other officers named for the initial organization were Grady Scott, vice president, and Miss Fern Lowdermilk, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. C. L. Needham was named secretary and treasurer last year to succeed Miss Lowdermilk, other wise the main officers remain the same.

Committees of the memorial association are as follows: trustees, Mrs. Garland Auman, Mrs. L. E. Mabry, and Mrs. Pearl Voncannon Tucker; church committee, Clyde King, Ralph Gatlin, and Fletcher Cox; cemetery committee, Fletcher Cox, Wayne Cox, and Coy Tucker; building committee, Grady Scott, Roland Cox, and Charlie Staley;

custodian of cemetery, S. G. Lowdermilk; and program, Mrs. Joyce Scott, Miss Fern Lowdermilk and Mrs. Lonnie Royals.

Although the New Zion Methodist Church has officially been discontinued now for four years and its membership transferred to other places, religious services at the old church building have not stopped. Sunday School is still being held every Sunday, with Clyde King as superintendent and Mrs. Fletcher Cox as teacher.

Some of the older members of the church are not willing to leave the church which their fathers founded fifty six years ago and where they have attended since childhood.

Mrs. Pearl Voncannon Tucker and her sister, Miss Cora Voncannon, recalled the good revival meetings and the singings at the church in the earlier years of its history and said at one time it was the strongest church among the four churches which comprised the circuit to which it was attached.

"Our people are buried down here and we'll be buried her," said these two ladies as they expressed their sentiments of New Zion and told of their interest in perpetuating as much of it as is possible.

Seagrove Couple Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary

June 10, 1968 – A buffet luncheon honored Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cagle, Route 1, Seagrove, at the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, June 9, at the Grantville Community Building.

Their six children sponsored the luncheon in their honor, but joining in the anniversary observance was the congregation of the church they attend, other relatives and friends.

Flowers were placed in the Union Grove Christain Church in their honor and the couple, who were present for the morning worship service as usual, were recognized by the pastor, Rev. Jimmy Norred, and asked to stand.

Erastus Carl Cagle, more familiarly known as "Rassie," is a lifelong attendant of the Union Grove Church and Mrs. Cagle has been attending since her marriage. She formerly attended the Brower Methodist Church in which vicinity she was born and reared.

The former Bertha Florence Brown, she is the daughter of the late Reuben and Mary Jane Callicutt Brown. She attended the Brower school, located in the vicinity of the church, but was working in Asheboro at the Acme Hosiery Mill at the time of her marriage.

During the time of her employment she stayed with a brother in Asheboro during the week but walked the three miles to her home for the week-ends.

Mr. Cagle, son of Frank Cagle, a Holiness minister in the latter years of his life, and Mary Jane Brown Cagle, was born on the same farm on which he is still living, located three miles from the Union Grove Church and two miles from the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church.

He attended the Simmon Glade school, later known as the Oak Glade school, located about a quarter of a mile from his home. He was still at home with his mother and some sisters at the time of his marriage, his father having died a year earlier.

After a courtship of two years, the couple were married June 15, 1918 at the home of Mrs. Cagle's pastor, Rev. Joel B. Trogdon. Her sister, now Mrs. Lillie Brown Stoltz, and a friend, Ralph Smith, who provided the transportation

to the marriage site, was present for the hearing of their marriage vows.

Mrs. Cagle made the dress in which she was married fifty years ago. It was a blue satin dress, jumper style, with a chiffon waist. She wore a white hat and white high top shoes. For the celebration of her golden wedding anniversary, she wore a blue lace dress and a purple-throated yellow orchid for her corsage. Mr. Cagle wore a yellow carnation for a boutonniere.

Mrs. Howard Stubblefield, of Greenshoro, a niece of Mr. Cagle, registered the large number of guests who were in attendance. Their daughters-in-law, Mrs. Everett Cagle and Mrs. Odell Cagle, assisted with the arrangements.

Prior to the partaking of the bountiful picnic luncheon, their pastor, Rev. Jimmy Norred, again expressed his appreciation for the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Cagle and he was joined at this time by a former long time pastor, Rev. Avery Brown, of Liberty, who also spoke in appreciation and in honor of the couple.

Following their marriage of half of a century ago, the couple came to Mr. Cagle's home where they have lived since, except for four and one half years with one of their children.

Death Came In Midst Of Preacher's Busy Life

June 10, 1968 – Rev. Kenneth C. Ferree was in the midst of a busy life when death came last week.

He was planning for the annual memorial service at one of his churches, the Seagrove Christian Church, on Sunday when death came on Thursday night.

For this service he would have been the speaker. In the week to follow he had scheduled revival services.

At his other church, the Pleasant Cross Christian Church, a Daily Vacation Bible School was on the offering.

Also, on Saturday afternoon at five o'clock he had made plans to officiate at a marriage ceremony. With the turn of events, the time of his funeral came one hour earlier.

These busy activities were characteristic of the life and ministry of Kenneth Ferree. He was energetic and carried on with vim and vigor whatever project in which he was engaged, whether it was the activities of his churches, his civic interests, his farming or work as an automobile mechanic. He carried on these activities despite the knowledge of a heart ailment which he knew could result in the shortening of his life span. But he never seemed to worry about what the future might bring forth. Restless and impatient to be about the business to which he was called, this was probably the way he would have chosen to go. He was not afraid, because he had made his calling and election sure.

Kenneth Ferree is remembered back to the time he changed from the Baptist denomination, after a successful seven-year pastorate at the Huldah Baptist Church, and became the pastor of the Antioch and Needham's Grove Christian Churches, later adding a third church, the Pleasant Union Christian Church.

We had since followed his life and ministry with closeness, with friendship and with enjoyable fellowship.

We had heard him preach, we saw him baptize a convert at the hospital, and we had many intimate conversations with him.

He helped us each year at our March of Dimes singing at the Brower School, located in his community. He always

auctioned off the cakes and pies, he sometimes prayed for our benefit program, and he always joined in the singing before the meeting came to an end.

But what struck us most forcibly about Kenneth Ferree's life and ministry was his adjustment and evident success among the people he had lived with since the age of 14. Sometimes this is not the case, but with Kenneth Ferree respect, honor and the call to service came from the people who had known him all these many years.

Kenneth Ferree was a practical man who brought his ministry to the level of the people whom he served. He was diligent, dedicated and a man of conviction. He lived by the dictates of his conscience and the precepts of the One he was called to serve in 1951. He did not allow his ministry to be governed by public opinion nor was he swayed by prejudice from those with selfish inclinations. He was forthright and straight forward.

The Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, near which he lived and where he attended in his earlier years, was filled to its capacity for his final rites. Many stood on the outside to hear the service over a loud speaker.

On the night before, friends, neighbors and people from the churches he had served and was serving at the time of his death stood on the outside of Pugh Funeral Home, waiting in line to pay their respects and to honor the man whom they had known and loved.

On the next day the people wept as they passed by his bier to pay their final respects. But before the funeral service was over, there was rejoicing for the life he had lived and the glorious testimony of his ascension to a higher realm.

His favorite song, "I'll Meet You In the Morning," was sung and tributes came from three fellow ministers, two from the denomination he was affiliated with and the one who had ordained him in the previous denomination. Several other ministers from different denominations attended and sat as a group.

Rev. Kenneth C. Ferree was buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery, in the soil where he had grown to manhood and among the people with whom he had lived and worked and to whom he had ministered. His earthly life and ministry was over at the age of 46.

Civic Clubs And Churches Of Ramseur Assist Family In Financial Need

June 14, 1968 – The Civic clubs of Ramseur and the town's churches have combined forces to assist a local family who has been stricken by illness and financial need.

A huge public supper has been planned for the benefit of the Harold L. Edmondson family on Saturday, July 13, at the town hall and other assistance is also being discussed for this family who has not had too much going for them in the past year or so.

On Mar. 29, 1967 Harold Edmondson, a 41 – year- old native of the town in which he lives, was operated on at the High Point Memorial Hospital for lung cancer. Three-fourths of his right lung was removed.

Previous to that time he had suffered illness, had been examined by specialists and had at one time been examined by the doctors of the tuberculosis sanitarium at McCain.

Two months after his operation he resumed his employment at Sapona Manufacturing Company in Cedar Falls where he has worked since Oct., 1962.

But illness overtook him once more and again it was malignant cancer. This time it was in the lower left part of his body. It was a tumorous condition and surgery was performed at the High Point Hospital on May 21.

His last illness has already necessitated two stays at the hospital in High Point and two also at the Baptist Hospital in Winston – Salem. His post operative condition will require regular periods of treatment at the High Point hospital and later the receiving of radium at the hospital in Winston – Salem.

In 1963 Harold Edmondson and his wife, the former Ruby Craven and also an employee at Sapona Manufacturing Company, purchased a nice home on Curtis St., where they are now living with their three children, Harold Lloyd Edmondson Jr., 9, Douglas Ray, 7, and Deborah Marie, 2.

They also own a modest automobile. Both the house and the car were purchased on the time payment plan, with payments coming each month.

Now, in addition to what they owe on their house and car, there is an indebtedness of approximately \$1,500 for hospital and doctor bills, over and above what their insurance did not cover.

Their friends have become concerned that they not lose that which they have worked to accomplish. Both Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson have worked here in the mill, in order that they could own a nice home and car and give their children the advantages of an average American family. Due to the serious illness with which Mr. Edmondson is afflicted and the tremendous expense which it has brought about, they are in danger of losing both their home and car.

It is felt by those seeking to help them that the Edmondsons are more worthy because they have lived decently and honestly and tried to upgrade their facilities and living conditions.

Rev. Don Sweitzer, pastor of the Ramseur Christian Church, is spearheading the movement to help the Edmondson family. Already his church has rendered some assistance.

To make further plans for aiding the family, the Christian minister presided over a meeting at the church's fellowship hall Tuesday evening.

Meeting with him to plan for the benefit supper were veteran supper planners Bill Allred, representing the Ramseur Jaycees, and J. W. (Fid) Coward, outgoing Commander of the Ramseur VFW Post, along with Mayor Bill Wright, president of the Ramseur Business Men's Club, and Bill Hogan, incoming president of the Ramseur Lions Club.

They Hitched Up Wagons For Trip

June 17, 1968 – Russell Frye's wagon wended its way through portions of three counties Saturday before reaching its camping site at the Uwharrie Wildlife management Area.

Leaving in mid-morning from Frye's old homesite on Rt. 3, Denton, located back of his newer home next to Albert Lanier's store, they covered 14 miles on its first day's journey, according to the speedometer on Frye's pick-up truck when he planned the course the wagon train would follow.

Many of the wagon train participants camped on Friday night at both homesites of the wagon master, preparatory to getting underway the next morning. Campfires at those places indicated that some participants cooked their meals

as they waited for the wagon train to form and begin its journey.

Comprising the caravan were units from Norwood, Southern Pines, Carthage, Robbins, High Falls, Randleman, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Rt. 4, Asheboro, Rt. 3, Denton and other places.

After leaving the old home-site of the wagonmaster, the train went north to the New Hope Methodist Church, thence west along dirt roads to the Chapel Hill Methodist Church, the Pine Hill Methodist Church, thence west along dirt roads to the Chapel Hill Methodist Church, the Pine Hill Methodist Church and down Highway 109 behind patrol escort.

At the Center Methodist Church juncture at Blain, the wagon train turned south towards the Uwharrie National forest and entered the Wild-life area at the north gate for a seven or eight mile journey through the lonely but picturesque trails of the wildlife reservation.

The roads through the 12,000 acre area were narrow and crooked in an up and down hill terrain. When the sun came through it was hot and some what dusty but mostly it was cool and shaded. At one point the wagon train came near to the Badin Lake side of the huge government reservation, with the lake easily seen through the foliage along the roadside.

The wagon train reached its destination, the Eldorado Deer Checking Station and camping area, on schedule and preparations were made immediately for the over night stay.

Some brought their own food while others made their way to the concession stand operated by members of the New Hope Methodist Church. There they were served drinks, fish plates, hamburgers, hot dogs and various other food items.

The New Hope congregation has estanlished a building fund and proceeds from the concession stand will be applied towards their building project.

On Sunday morning, the New Hope preacher, Rev. Bill Poole, came down to the wagon train camping area and held a religious service before the caravan left for the return trip, by way of Uwharrie, Orphir, Eleazer, Burney's Bridge and up the road by the Liberty Methodist Church to the place from which it started.

The wagon train began and ended in Randolph County but touched portions of Davidson and Montgomery Counties during its two-day trip, with the overnight camping site being located in Montgomery County.

Cooperation with the wagon train and assistance at the camp site was given by Ollie Thompson, manager of the Uwharrie Wildlife Management Area, and Cleat Poole, Wildlife Protector. Both men have a combined tenure of service amounting to nearly fifty years with the Uwharrie National Forest.

After 51 Years, Retirement Calls

June, 18, 1968 – An employment of more than 51 years at the cotton mill in Worthville came to a close with the ending of the third shift Monday morning, June 3, with the retirement of Mrs. Kathleen R. Julian.

Her employment at the mill extended through two world wars. Twice she was called upon to ring the bell and blow the whistle, signaling the end of a world conflict.

On Sunday, June 16, her children honored Mrs. Julian at a retirement dinner at the Worthville Community Building.

Present were fellow employees, mill officials, friends, neighbors and relatives.

A fellow employee, John Wesley Callicutt, served as master of ceremonies, with Mrs. Julian's pastor at the Worthville Baptist Church, the Rev. John Jackson, offering the invocation.

A brief history of Mrs. Julian's employment at the mill was given by her cousin, Ralph L. Bulla, and a tribute to her faithful service came from Mayor Jones Norman, of Eden, who is personnel manager of the Fieldcrest Mills.

Also present to honor Mrs. Julian was James W. Wright, manger of the Worthville Division of the Fieldcrest Mills.

Special singing from Mrs. Julian's church and friends in the village was also a part of the program.

Mrs. Julian has worked at the mill under six different owners, beginning in Jan., 1917 under the ownership of her uncle, Clark J. Cox, and his son Irvin Cox.

The former Kathleen Robbins, daughter of Thomas F. (Tom) Robbins and Em Millikan Robbins, she was born May 30, 1903 in Back Creek Township, near John Wesley's stand. She attended the one teacher school at Lena's Grove.

Her mother was a twin sister to Clark Cox's wife, therefore Mr. Cox persuaded her family to move to Wothville from their Back Creek Township home. It was then that Mrs. Julian began her employment at the Worthville mill.

Since she was only 14 years old at the time she began working, she worked an eight hour day, beginning at nine in the morning and ending at six in the evening.

Her parents moved away from Worthville after a year, but Kathleen enjoyed her work so much that she asked to remain behind. She stayed with relatives until her marriage to Carl Melvin Julian on May 12, 1920.

Five children, four daughters and one son, were born to their marriage. They are Mrs. Juanita Taylor, who lives with her mother; Mrs. Virgil Lane, Greensboro; Mrs. Helen Toomes, Ormand Beach, Fla; Mrs. Hal York Jr., Asheboro; and Tommy Julian, a Randolph County Deputy Sheriff.

Following the births of her children, Mrs. Julian would return to her employment at the cotton mill. She would always tell her employers, "If you need me before I come back, send for me."

In addition to her uncle, for whom she first worked, other owners of the mill have been Wiley Ward and Stanback Lewis, N. M. Harrison and O. R. Blaylock, one owner for three weeks whom she doesn't remember, the Erlanger Mills and now the Fieldcrest Mills.

But to Kathleen, with her loyalty, her consistency and her adherence to duty, the changes in ownership has never made any difference, because through thick and thin, through adversity and prosperity, she was always on the job.

She performed on about every job in the mill. She was a spinner, a spooler, a warper and during the war, when manpower was scarce, she was a dolpher. She was more or less, the Jack of all trades. She worked on the third shift for the latter thirty two years of her employment.

She was resourceful, she tried to eliminate waste and she took care of her machines. She was an ideal employee, bearing in mind at all times that whatever savings she could effect for her company would in the long run benefit her and her fellow employees.

Besides her work at the mill, Kathleen Julian has through the years maintained the upkeep of her household also.

She has cooked, sewed, washed and ironed in the upbringing of her son and four daughters.

She and her husband also carried on farming operations during their employment at the mill and for several years ran a fairly large dairy operation. Her husband's employment at the mill ran concurrently with her and ended with his death in Mar., 1961.

There is no one now working at the mill who was there when she came. She was employed there when the mill was run by water power and recalls the times when they had to shut down operations because a fish would get in the water wheel.

She also remembers that the big bell at the mill, which she rang at the close of World War I and World War II, used to ring each morning at five o'clock, to remind the people of the village to get out of bed, cook their breakfast and get ready for the day's work.

During her employment, Kathleen Julian acquired not only the respect of her employers but also that of her fellow employees and the people of the community in which she has lived and worked all of these many years. She was affectionately known to her fellow employees and the people of the community in which to her fellow employees as "Mama Julian."

Picnic Dinner Celebration Held On Her 92nd Birthday

June 18, 1968 – A picnic dinner, which celebrated the 92nd birthday of Mrs. Rebeca (Beck) Gaster, was held Sunday, June 16, in Randleman, underneath the three large oak trees at the home to which she came shortly after her marriage of 75 years ago.

Around 60 family members, neighbors and friends were present to honor this Guilford County native who came with her family to the Naomi section of Randleman as a very young child.

Her two living sons, Jamie Gaster of Randleman, and Pearlle Gaster of Rt. 1, Elon College, were there, along with Mrs. Vance Gaster, widow of a deceased son, who lives next door, and Lacy Gaster Jr., son of another deceased son, who lives in Minneapolis, Minn.

A former pastor of the Randleman United church of Christ, Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, of Rt. 4, Asheboro, was there along with his wife and son. Mr. Norred expressed thanks for the life of this aged woman who has been a member of the church for over 70 years and also said the words of grace for the picnic meal.

Mrs. Gaster's father, Jim Holder, brought his family to Naomi so that they could work in the cotton mill. Mrs. Gaster began working at about the age of eight, for which she received wages of ten cents a day.

She lives on Holder St., named for her father. Her husband, A. P. Gaster, died in 1947. One of her sons died 27 years ago while the other one died in 1958. Her health does not permit her to attend church, but sometimes her Sunday School class comes to her home and holds services with her.

She was not feeling too good a few days before her birthday celebration, which is an annual event, but she roused herself as the time drew near in order that she would be up and around when the eventful day arrived.

However, she did not recover in time to receive the permanent wave which usually precedes the holding of her birthday diner.

But even without the permanent wave, this long time Randleman resident looked lovely and received her birthday honors in a very gracious manner.

Grantville Community Honors 4-H Club, Leaders

June 24, 1968 – A banquet for the members of the Grantville 4-H Club, their leaders, their parents and the county 4-H advisors was held Saturday evening at the Grantville Community Building.

It was a unique event in 4-H activities in Randolph County and was held to stimulate interest in the local club as well as the pursuance of another successful project by the Grantville club.

A well planned project, it was enjoyable from every aspect. The food was good, the fellowship was delightful and the program, although beneficial, was held to a minimum and proceeded without interruption.

Patricia Ingold, club president, called the banquet session to order, extended the welcome and following the meal presided over the program. Mike Ritch led the pledge to the American Flag and Ronald Ingold pronounced the invocation.

Mrs. Lester Byrd, one of the Grantville 4-H Club leaders, recognized the special guests which included the county 4-H advisors, Richard Freeman and Mrs. Joyce Spoon, and their families and a former 4-H member, Tommy Barton, and his wife, who are visiting in the community following Tommy's discharge from military service.

Charles Byrd gave the toast to the agents or advisors, with Richard Freeman making the response; Reece Beane gave the toast to the leaders, with Miss Lucy Tedder responding; Nancy Hayes gave the toast to the parents, with the response coming from Mrs. Joe Frazier; while the toast to the 4-H'ers was made by Mrs. Lester Byrd, with young Chris Frazier responding for his fellow club members.

Closing remarks were made by Mrs. Joyce Spoon, after which the adjournment pledge to the 4-H Flag was led by Terry Ingold.

Officers of the Grantville 4-H Club are president, Patricia Ingold; vice president, Ronald Ingold; secretary and treasurer, Nancy Hayes; historian, Lou Ann Pott; reporter, Chris Frazier; and recreational leaders Terry Ingold, Mike Ritch, Mike Staley and Barry Needham.

Leaders of the club are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Byrd, Miss Lucy Tedder, and Mrs. Paul Johnson and serving on a part time basis are Mrs. Joe Frazier and Mrs. Amos Hayes.

In the nine years or so since the organization of the Grantville 4-H Club, after the taking of the clubs out of the schools, four members from the club have excelled on a state-wide level in 4-H competition. The Byrd brothers, Wayne and Charles named state winners in poultry projects while their sister Nancy Byrd teamed with brother Charles in a poultry production demonstration which the brother and sister won on the state level. Another recent state winner was Reece Beane who won on the state level in personal appearance.

Menu for the enjoyable banquet session consisted of turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, whipped potatoes, English peas, rolls, carrot and celery sticks, tea and ice cream.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Roger Spoon, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freeman and children, Dorothy and Joe, Mrs. Amos Hayes and daughter, Nancy, Mr. and Mrs.

Jimmy Ingold and children, Patricia, Ronald and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Byrd, Nancy and Charles Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Staley and sons, Mike and Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frazier and sons, Chris and David, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones and children Tina, Carolyn, Walter, Jr. and Ronald, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Barton, Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Suggs and daughter, Jeanine Rhodes, Reece Beane, Miss Lucy Tedder and Ralph L. Bulla.

Waitresses for the banquet were Mrs. Billy Morrison and Sandra Cagle.

They'll Leave Randolph For Language Study

June 25, 1968 – Exactly five years ago Carl and Mary Brooks and their five children came to serve the South Plainfield Friends Meeting.

They came well prepared to serve the meeting, with a background at previous meeting-houses, education at various schools and colleges, experience as a teacher and as mission workers at an Indian mission in Western Canada.

The children were also talented and have often sung as a group at various occasions since coming to this vicinity.

But come next Sunday morning, the Brooks family is leaving South Plainfield. Their final service will be at the 11 o'clock worship service.

They will leave approximately a month later for Costa Rica for a year of language study. During this period they will survey first hand the needs in the Latin American mission field.

At the conclusion of their year of language study, they will establish their area of service, possibly in the development of national Christian workers or working with children in a mission school.

They have received financial assurance from the South Plainfield Friends Missionary Society, the Quaker Men of the Randleman Friends Meeting and from other groups and individuals.

Also, on Sunday, May 26, the churches of the Randleman area honored them at a missions rally, at which time substantial financial support was given to their forthcoming venture in the Latin America mission field.

In speaking of the area of service in which they will eventually enter, Mr. Brooks said, "we will go where we can best fit in the Latin America program of sharing the gospel." He also said "there is no shortage of things to do."

Neither have they found a shortage of things to do at South Plainfield and in the surrounding communities. At South Plainfield the vision and outlook have been enlarged and there has been improvement in other areas besides buildings.

In Randleman they have been active in the ministerial association and one year Mr. Brooks served as the chairman of the Ford Philpot Evangelistic Crusade. Another year he was in charge of the children's meetings during the crusade.

Mrs. Brooks, a talented singer, has assisted with the music at various places outside of the South Plainfield Meeting and has delighted many occasions with her fine sola performance.

When the young minister and his wife came to South Plainfield, their family consisted of four daughters, Nancy Lee, Rebekah Lynn (Bekkie), Crystal Lane, Tempie Ann,

and one son, Carl Jr. A year ago last Apr., another daughter, April Leigh came to bless their family circle.

However, the first of this month, their eldest daughter, Nancy, married a young Greensboro student, James A. Beeler, and she will remain here when her parents, four sisters and brother leave for Costa Rica.

Carl and Mary Brooks and their six children have been a delightful family, they have rendered dedicated service and they will be missed in many areas.

They would like to take this opportunity of thanking the groups and individuals who have contributed to the missionary endeavor in which they are entering.

She Celebrates Birthday, Her 90th, At Her Home Today

June 27, 1968 – Mrs. Flossie Pearce York, a devout church woman, is today observing her 90th birthday, at her home on Rt. 2, Ramseur and in the community where she has lived since her marriage nearly sixty-eight years ago.

Although her faculties are now dulled by age and she doesn't respond as she did in previous years, she still attends the Kildee Pilgrim holiness Church where she has been a member for approximately 55 years.

She was present for one of the services on the Sunday before her birthday, put her birthday offering in the collection plate and pronounced the benediction upon upon being asked by the Sunday School superintendent.

On other occasions recently she has also participated in the services of her church, she has attended the revival services, she has quoted scripture and she has testified to the saving power of her Lord and Savior.

Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight York, have lived with her since Dwight's marriage nearly twenty five years ago. Her husband, Luther C. York, died Dec. 14, 1950.

Other children are Roy York, Raleigh, Mrs. Fannie Hurley, Jacksonville, Fla., Guy York, Asheboro, Mrs. Lucy Curtis, West End, Mrs. Hettie Jenkins, Central Falls, and Mrs. Laverna Andrews, Siler City.

One son, Lawton York, died Dec. 16, 1966 and a daughter, Florence Eva, died at the age of 13.

Her parents were Calvin Windsor Pearce and Lucy Teague Pearce and she was born June 27, 1878 two miles east of Erect. She received her early training from Trogdon's School and from her mother who was scholastically inclined.

When she was 14 years of age her father died and three years later the family, consisting of Mrs. York, her mother, her sister and two brothers, moved to Ramseur so that Mrs. York could accept employment at the cotton mill.

She was married to her late husband on July 22, 1900 and came to his home in the community in which she has lived since.

Her life has been spent in the service of the church, beginning at the age of 14 when she was converted in a revival meeting at the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, near the home in which she was born.

She united with the Ramseur Baptist Church when her family moved to that place but at the time of her marriage joined with her husband at the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church.

At the Kildee church, where she has spent the past fifty five years of her life, she is the oldest member on the

church rolls and has the longest tenure of membership, except for one.

In her declining years she has received tender care from her daughter-in-law, Wilma, and her son Dwight, and from her other children who visit her regularly. She also receives visits from a younger sister, Mrs. Fannie Thompson, age 85, and a younger brother, J. C. Pearce, age 79.

Ten years ago, at the time she became eighty, she told this reporter "if I get old and grouchy, I want the good Lord to take me on."

She is old now but she is still not grouchy. She remains pleasant and even tempered, even though not as communicative as before. Her disposition can perhaps be attributed to the state of readiness in which she has lived, as found in this verse of scripture which she recently quoted in a prayer service, "In such an hour as ye think not, the Son-of-Man-Cometh."

Interim Minister And Wife Tell Congregation Goodbye

Dr. Herschel Folger, eloquent and scholarly interim Minister at the Marlboro Friends Meeting for the past ten months, returned with his wife Beatrice to their Greensboro home on Monday.

They said goodbye to the people of the meeting Sunday evening at what Dr. Folger termed an old fashioned "ice cream sociable," concluding children's day, promotion and other activities at the Meeting House.

Thus ended ten months of service which was mutually enjoyed and found profitable by the interim Minister and wife and the members of the Marlboro Friends Meeting.

Dr. Folger left Marlboro praising "the stability and harmony of the meeting" and pointing out their "tremendous potential for the future," while on the part of the people the interim Minister and his wife were beloved in every respect.

To be succeeded by Donald Osborne as the permanent Minister of the Marlboro Friends Meeting, Dr. Folger has left the Meeting in good condition for his successor.

Instead of merely occupying the pulpit as in the case of some interim pastors, Dr. Folger has worked diligently among the members of his congregation.

Among other achievements, he compiled a membership directory and marked on a map the location of the homes of the members. This directory and other information which he compiled will be turned over to the new Minister, to be used as he adjusts himself to his new work.

Dr. Folger also visited regularly among the members of the Marlboro Friends Meeting and applied himself consistently to the meeting of their needs.

Before coming to Marlboro as the interim Minister, Dr. Folger had distinguished himself as a minister but also as an educator and in other areas of service. Just prior to assuming his duties at Marlboro, he had returned to Guilford County after serving as a pastor-on-loan at a Congregational church in East Orange, N. J.

Previously he had served as a Minister for the Society of Friends in Massachusetts, Ohio, Indiana, California and North Carolina. For nine years he was Minister of the Asheboro Street Friends Meeting in Greensboro, during which tenure of service the Meeting moved its site and became the First Friends Meeting.

He taught classes at colleges in Wilmington, Ohio, Whittier, Calif. and in Indianapolis, Ind. While serving in

those places and also conducted classes in the Greensboro Division of Guilford College.

His own scholastic training was received in the public schools in Indiana, his Bachelor of Arts degree at Earlham College, his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Hartford Theological Seminary, his Masters degree at Boston University and his honorary degree at Whittier College.

He has traveled extensively on a Mediterranean cruise, at historic Friends Meeting sites throughout Europe and for the mission board in Cuba and Jamaica.

Dr. Folger and wife Beatrice will presumably go back to their retirement in Guilford County and their membership at the New Garden Friends Meeting at Guilford College.

But chances are they will soon be called to other areas of service, similar to that which they rendered at Marlboro Friends meeting, and will no doubt delight the people again with the same type of splendid service.

N. Asheboro Couple Honored On Wedding Anniversary

July 3, 1968 – A North Asheboro couple, married 30 years ago on July 4, were honored Sunday, June 30 in commemoration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hinesley, 2011 N. Fayetteville St., were extended the honor by their twin daughters, Johnsie Bowman and Violet Key, and their sons, Steve and Larry Hinesley.

Also present for the occasion, which took the form of a picnic dinner on the back lawn of the Hinesley residence, were three sisters of Mrs. Hinesley and a brother of Mr. Hinesley.

The couple was married July 4, 1938 at the home of Rev. O. A. Keller, a Baptist pastor in Sanford. Mrs. Hinesley, the former Beulah Gallimore, is the daughter of Mrs. Eugenia Gallimore and the late Jesse Gallimore. She is a native of route 2, Denton, in the extreme western part of Randolph County.

Mr. Hinesley is a native of the Cameron section of Moore County. He came to Randolph County in 1935.

In addition to the honored couple, those present for the anniversary celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hinesley and children, Tammy and Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hinesley and son Dwayne, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Key and daughters, Pamela, Cindy, Karen and Amanda, and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wallace and son, Craig, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Bowman and children, Randy, Danette and Timothy, Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hinesley and daughters, Linda, Patricia and Dale, Carthage, Mrs. Milton Gallimore, Debbie, Timmy Pierre and Loretta Gallimore, Mrs. Joe Leonard and Mrs. Sammy Weaver, Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Trotter and daughter, Ellen, Route 3, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Garner and son, Phil, Route 2, Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Thomas, Route 1, Franklinville, and Ralph L. Bulla.

Minister Leaving Church To Recruit College Students

July 8, 1968 – Rev. R. Sam Parker, who led the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church in unparalleled growth in the five years of his ministry there, will leave the church in a month to begin his duties elsewhere.

At the end of the conference year, he will become director of student recruitment at the Central Wesleyan college at Central S. C.

Although he will begin his official duties at the college on Aug. 1, he will not leave the Neighbors Grove church along with his wife and daughter, until after the first Sunday in Aug.

Mrs. Parker also has accepted a position as resident counselor at the Central Wesleyan College. Pamela, 16 year-old daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Parker, will accompany her parents to Central, S. C. and enroll next fall as a junior in the high school of that area.

The Parkers came to the Neighbors Grove church in North Asheboro in Aug., 1963 from the pastorate of the Clyde Wesleyan Methodist Church, where they also served for five years. Previous to that time the Rev. Mr. Parker had served pastorates at Old Fort and Rose Hill.

A native of Lincoln County and the son of a Wesleyan Methodist minister, Sam Parker is a graduate of the institution where he will go next month to serve as director of student recruitment.

In his new capacity he will represent the college at various high schools, churches and youth camps in the southern area of the sponsoring denomination.

The Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, now in the ninetieth year of its existence, has enjoyed steady growth during the pastorate of Rev. R. Sam Parker, both financially and numerically.

An existing indebtedness of \$12,000 at the beginning of the pastorate has been retired, additional land on the south side of the church has been purchased for \$15,000 and a steeple has been constructed at a cost of \$3, 500. Plans are also underway for the erection of additional educational facilities.

These accomplishments have been effected and paid for except for \$4,000 and it is anticipated that much of this indebtedness will be cleared before the end of the conference year. A total of \$11,000 has been paid on the church indebtedness this year. During the five years of Sam Parker's pastorate, the total budget of the Neighbors Grove church has more than doubled, increasing from \$15,885 the first year to \$35,954 this past year.

In the Sunday school the average attendance of 192 five years ago has now increased to an average of 233 for this past year. The Sunday school has a good chance of winning the most improved Sunday School in the conference for this year.

During the stay of the Parkers at Neighbors Grove Mrs. Parker organized the adult choir and a senior youth choir and for the past year has served as president of the Woman's Missionary Society

On the conference level, Sam Parker has served as conference Sunday School Secretary and as secretary of the conference Board of Managers. He also served as a delegate to the merging conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church and the Pilgrim Holiness Church at Anderson, Ind., returning on June 30 from that historic conference which united the two denominations in The Wesleyan Church of America.

Locally, he has served as president of the Asheboro Ministerial Association, chaplain of the Asheboro Civil Air Patrol and as county drive director for the March of Dimes.

The Neighbors Grove church, the community, town and county has felt the impact of Sam Parker's ministry for the

past five years. We have benefitted greatly from his residence, along with that of his wife and daughter, in our midst. We express to them our gratitude and also extend to them our wishes for success and happiness as they leave for their new field of service.

He Narrowly Escaped Death In War

July 8, 1968 – A young Army veteran has returned to his home on Rt. 1, Sophia from the current Southeast Asian conflict, saying "I would hate to see us pull out of Vietnam."

Asked if he thought the war in Vietnam is worth the effort and sacrifice it was taking, 21-year-old Arnold Farlow said: "I think it is well worth it."

The young Rt. 1, Sophia resident, who was awarded the Purple Heart, is in a pretty good position to know too. Last Nov. he received serious injuries in combat and this year, about a month before leaving active duty, he narrowly escaped death when his tent was blown up by a mortar shell ten minutes after he had walked out of it.

Arnold Farlow said the average G. I. is disgusted with the attitude of the American people toward the war in Vietnam. He said "they are not backing us up, all this Marching and stuff is crazy, and it made us sick."

He also said "if we didn't stand up for our rights over there, they would take over some other South Asian country. If we were not over there, we would be somewhere else."

He said, too, as other G. I.'s have said, "you have to be over there to understand it."

Son of Rev. and Mrs. Kermit Farlow and living on a rural dirt road, a short distance north of the Mt. Olive Pilgrim Holiness Church, Arnold Farlow was inducted in the U. S. Army on July 28, 1966. He received his basic training at Ft. Bragg, advanced infantry training at Ft. Jackson, S. C. and additional training with the 1st Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

He went to Cam Rah Bay, South Vietnam, June 30, 1967 and was assigned to Co. C. 2nd Bn. (mechanized), 25th Infantry Division. In Aug. he began his active service in the war zone on the search and destroys missions.

On Nov. 1, before being wounded the latter part of the month, he was sent to a leadership school, promoted to Specialist Fourth Class and made a squad leader. Before becoming a squad leader, he served as a gunner on an armored personnel carrier.

His injuries were received while clearing up the remnants of an enemy base camp, which his unit had destroyed earlier. He was hit in the head and chest with shrapnel, with one piece of shrapnel penetrating his left lung.

One piece of shrapnel penetrated deeply, near the heart, and has not been removed yet. Doctors say that five more pounds of pressure from the mortar attack would have killed him.

He received immediate medical attention in the fields, then at the 45th Surgical Hospital at Cu Chi where he recuperated. He has high praise for the U. S. medical Forces in Vietnam and says it is amazing how quickly and expertly they respond at the time of injury.

It was the middle of May, after he had returned to active duty and before he came home the next month, that his tent was riddled by a direct hit from a mortar shell. It was night and he ordinarily stayed in his tent but had left it just before the shell hit.

His personal belongings were torn to pieces. He has in his possession now a New Testament which was penetrated

throughout most of its pages and a letter from his father which was riddled by holes. As this reporter examined the New Testament, pieces of shrapnel still fell from its pages.

He enjoyed a week of R. and R., rest and relaxation, at Tai Pei, the capital city of Taiwan and at the end of June, was sent back to Oakland, Calif., reaching the processing center there on June 26. He received his separation papers about a month before his two years was up and arrived at his Randolph County home on June 28.

He has traded his old car for a new one and he's catching up on his social life before he assumes employment, probably at the Heritage Furniture Company in High Point where he worked before going into the Army. He's thinking also about using the G. I Bill to further his education.

Retired Minister's Busy Summer Began With 3—Week European Tour

July 9, 1968 — It has been a busy summer thus far for Rev. C. L. Grant, retired Methodist minister who lives on Rt. 7, Asheboro, down the Mack Road.

It started off early with a three weeks tour of the Middle East, Germany, Italy, France, Switzerland and England.

Then the planting of the beans, the corn, the okra and soy beans in his large garden, the setting out of the tomato plants and the picking of the strawberries.

The cultivation of the various flowers and the many beautiful shrubs which surround the lovely country residence was also on the agenda for this busy man who retired from the active ministry five years ago.

Annual conference at Lake Junaluska came in June and Mr. Grant had to be present, because he had not missed in 45 years.

A native of Cleveland County, his active ministry began in 1926 on a pastorate which extended into two counties, Burke and Caldwell. However, unofficially his ministry in the Methodist Church began two or three years before that time.

For 37 years he served Methodist pastorates in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. His tenure of service extended from Randolph County on the eastern side of the conference to Macon County in the extreme western part of the conference.

He served the Richland Charge in Randolph County for the period 1938 -41. At one time his charge here consisted of six churches.

Seventy years of age, he and his wife who is 71, are the parents of four children, two of whom live in the Asheboro vicinity.

His last work was with the Cid Charge in Davidson County. He bought the home on the Mack Road and the nearly eight acres of land on which it is situated before retiring from the active ministry, allowing the minister and his wife time to renovate the house and improve the grounds before moving in.

The trip to the Middle East and parts of Europe was made as a part of a tour which included 51 persons, 14 of whom were from North Carolina.

Leaving the John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City, the first stop of the tour was at Frankfurt, Germany, after which their plane flew across the snow — covered Austrian Alps, Yugoslavia and the border of Turkey before arriving at Athens, Greece.

They also visited Corinth, viewing the ancient ruins of both cities and stood on the spots where the Apostle Paul preached to the people of both Athens and Corinth.

They flew into Tel Aviv, the former provisional capital of Israel. They visited Old Jerusalem, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Zion, the Mount of Olives and held their Easter sunrise service at the Garden Tomb, said by some to be the scene of the resurrection. Mr. Grant also visited the church of the Sepulchre, claimed by the Catholics to also be the resurrection scene.

They drove over to the Dead Sea, they visited the Wailing Wall and Jacob's Well, they crossed the Sea of Galilee, and they visited the 9,000-year-old city of Old Jericho, the oldest continuous city in the world.

Before leaving the Middle East they went to Elijah's Well, to the fortress of Solomon, they saw the sun set on the Mediterranean Sea and they visited the vicinity where the whale swallowed Jonah, before they left Tel Aviv for a visit to the beautiful island of Cypress.

Rome was the next stop on the tour and a visit to St. Peter's Square in Vatican City there they witnessed the Pope giving his blessing to the assembled people. They visited Naples and they traveled the same route that Paul took the last time he came to Rome.

Switzerland with its snowcapped mountains was the next stop, with visits to Geneva and Berne and then arrival in Paris, France.

London was the last stop of the tour, with visits to the scenes of John Wesley's ministry and his burial site. Other places included Eton College, Oxford University, Shakespeare's birthplace, the House of Parliament, No. 10 Downing Street, Westminster Abbey, the tomb of Winston Churchill and other places of interest.

These were just a few of the places visited by Mr. Grant and other members of the touring group. However, he did make notes of the places he visited and took pictures. He will be available for lectures concerning his tour and will also show slides of the places he saw.

Rescue Squad Hopes To Complete Building Soon

July 11, 1968 — The Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc., engaged in a building project for the past eight months, hopes to complete soon the building which they will occupy on South Cox St., at the intersection of South Main St.

At least \$5,000 is needed to finish the building, debt free. The site on which the rescue building is being erected was leased to the Ash-Rand Rescue Inc. by the City of Asheboro for ninety nine years without charge.

Soon after the organization of the rescue squad in June, 1963, members began thinking about a building of their own, a place from which they could carry on their many and varied activities.

They met in many places throughout Asheboro before locating in a building at 362 South Fayetteville St., formerly occupied by Draughn's Radiator Service.

But they hoped, dreamed and planned for a permanent place and have worked tirelessly to achieve their goal. Much solicitation and many fund raising events have gone into the acquiring of funds with which to build.

Soon, however, the brick building fronting both South Cox and South Main Streets will be ready for its roof. Interior of the building is being constructed of concrete blocks.

The part of the building fronting South Cox St. will consist of a three-bay truck area, office, sleeping quarters and shower baths. The basement area, fronting South Main St., will also include a three-bay truck area, kitchen, bath rooms and an assembly area.

Entire space in the building will amount to approximately 4,500 square feet. A stairway, with a landing, will extend from the basement area to the upper part of the building.

The two 3-bay truck spaces will be large enough to hold a minimum of twelve trucks. It is also anticipated that the truck spaces will be available to community and church groups in Randolph County for the holding of meetings and various events.

Construction has been slow and laborious with the builders being pulled from their job, many jobs to attend to other construction in this section. But the intervening periods have given the rescue members time to keep their bills paid and to raise more money for their building project.

Along with the approaching completion of the rescue squad building, the organization is announcing the expansion of their membership list. Now limited to about twenty five trained personnel, the squad's roster will be increased to forty five. Qualified persons requesting admission to the rescue squad may apply to the governing board of the Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc.

Members of the board of directors consist of the organization's officers, namely, Carl Steed, president; Bill Russell, 1st. vice president; Jesse Leonard, 2nd vice president; Oliver Shirley, secretary; Charles Hoover, treasurer; Vernon Freeman, squad chief; and Larry Lewallen, deputy chief.

These men also comprise the building committee for the erection of the rescue squad building, along with Fred Tonkins who serves as chairman of the building committee.

An expanded membership will permit the rescue squad to render an even more dedicated service than has been evidenced since its organization five years ago.

Countless missions have come from the rescue squad in times of tragedy and in times of need for the people of Randolph County.

Then there have been other services and courtesies, not particularly in time of tragedy but still where there were needs vital to the happiness and welfare of the people of the town and county. Among these services have been standing by at football games and other athletic events, carrying mental patients to the hospital and last Christmas when a patient in a Sanford rest home was brought home for the holidays.

According to the president of the rescue corporation, Carl Steed, a 73-year-old man devotes all of his spare time to the advancement of the organization to which he had dedicated himself, the Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc. maintains all of the standards which are required by a Civil Defense organization.

The equipment of the unit is checked daily and members of the rescue squad, going beyond the call of duty, maintain individual oxygen facilities in their cars for emergency needs.

In the five years of its existence, the Ash-Rand Rescue, Inc. has become an integral part of the Randolph County scene. The contributions and services of this dedicated group have reached out to affect many lives and events within our midst. The support of all of the people is needed as they seek to complete their building and extend the

services which has characterized their organization since its beginning.

They're 77 Years Old And Still Sell Produce

July 16, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Smith, described by a neighbor as "the happiest old people in the county," have been selling produce in Greensboro for the past 46 years.

Residents of Rt. 1, Liberty, between Grays Chapel and Liberty, they still make the trip one day a week, selling their eggs and butter. Both of them are 77 years of age.

Now they only sell their own produce but in earlier years Mr. Smith went about over the country buying up produce which he resold to the hospitals, stores, hotels, cafes and other places in Greensboro.

He hauled chickens, eggs, butter and also bought up calves which he butchered and took along with his other produce. He sold eggs to St. Leo's Hospital and Wesley Long Hospital for fifteen years and other regular customers included the O'Henry Hotel and the company store at Proximity.

Sometimes he sold as much as 300 pounds of butter a week. He bought his produce all over the area, in Staley, as far down as Coleridge, Siler City and over in the Cane Creek section of Alamance County.

It all started in 1922, following the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Smith in 1912. Mrs. Smith, the former Swannie Humble, was reared on the farm adjoining the place where they now live.

Mr. Smith was born in Chatham County, half-way between Bennet and Rabbit's crossing. His father brought the family to Coleridge when Mr. Smith was ten, following the death of his mother.

Employed in the cotton mill at Coleridge after moving to that place, Mr. Smith received five cents a day as his wages. He ran half of a side of a spinning frame and was raised to ten cents a day when he got to where he could run the whole frame.

He was a dolpher in the Coleridge mill, for which work he received twenty-five cents a day, when the family moved to Franklinville where he received forty cents a day for the same type of work.

Following the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, they lived with her parents for two years or so before buying some adjoining land and building the house in which they still live. Mr. Smith had quit the mill and was helping Mrs. Smith's father on the farm.

But as the eight children which were to be born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith began coming along, Mr. Smith realized that he would have to do something to supplement the farm income. It was then he "went to huxtering" or when asked to explain this term he said "hauling stuff."

Later, following the death of Mrs. Smith's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Smith acquired her old homeplace, with their land then consisting of 150 acres in all. The farming operations continued, with the children helping out while Mr. Smith went on with his "huxtering" and carrying his produce to Greensboro.

Mr. Smith has also auctioneered on the side, beginning this trade about 30 years ago. He said that he did not receive any training, went to no auction school but just "opened my big mouth and went at it."

He conducted auctions on his own for many years but now only assists other auctioneers at their sales.

One of the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Clayton Hill, died 11 years ago. Their other children are J. C. Smith, Peoria, Ill., Mrs. Gibson Jordan and Mrs. Charles Williams, Liberty, Archie Smith and Mrs. Clarence Gregson, Rt. 2, Liberty, Mrs. Wallace Teague, Rt. 1, Staley, and Mrs. Jay Hunt, Rt. 1, Liberty.

For 33 years Mr. Smith served as a member of the school board at Grays Chapel. He stayed on the board until all of his children had left school and, according to Mrs. Smith, until she "told him that he had been on there long enough."

The couple still work but, as their neighbor said, they are happy. They maintain the rambling farm residence and its surroundings of shrubs, flowers and lawn grass. They prepare their eggs and butter for the customers in Greensboro, with Mr. Smith assisting in the various auctions in addition to growing this year three acres of wheat and six acres of oats.

Although 77 years of age last Wednesday, July 10, he still looks to the future and plans to continue the sale of his produce in Greensboro. Not too long ago he purchased a new pick-up truck, which he uses along with his 1953 model automobile.

Mrs. Smith was 77 years of age on Mar. 11, being nearly three months older than her husband.

Born in a poor area of Chatham County and working in the cotton mills in his childhood and early manhood for meager wages, Mr. Smith learned early to shift for himself and make the best of his circumstances.

Over six feet in height, he is jovial, laughs and jokes a lot and is a pleasant person to be around. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have come to their sunset years, active, alert and reflecting the satisfaction which comes from hard work, honest decent living and the rearing of a fine family of children.

He'll Preach His First Sermon As Pastor of Balfour Baptist Church

July 17, 1968 - A new minister, Rev. T. W. Nelson, will preach his first sermon as pastor of the Balfour Baptist Church Sunday morning, July 21, at the worship hour beginning at 11 o'clock.

He succeeds the Rev. John W. Woody, who left the pastorate last Dec. 31 to Missions in the Tar River Baptist Association, consisting of Franklin County and five Nash County Baptist Churches.

The new pastor at Balfour and his family moves into the parsonage at 1900 North Fayetteville Street this week.

His family members include his wife and three children, Shelia, 15, Karen, 13, and Kyle, 10 and Mrs. Nelson's mother, Mrs. H. C. Stinnett.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are graduates of Mars Hill College and Carson - Newman Baptist College in Jefferson, Tenn. Mrs. Nelson is a school teacher.

The Nelsons come to the Balfour church from the Love's Creek Baptist Church, Route 1, Siler City, where the minister had served since Dec., 1966. He submitted his resignation at the Love's Creek Church on June 13.

Prior to his coming to the Love's creek Church, the Rev. Mr. Nelson served the East Hickory Baptist Church for 11 years. During this pastorate the East Hickory Church built a new sanctuary and more than doubled its membership.

Other churches included pastorates in Virginia and Tennessee.

The Balfour church congregation looks with anticipation to the coming of Rev. Mr. Nelson and his family to their church group. A cordial welcome is extended as the people join with the new minister and his family in a period of service together.

A reception for the new minister and his family will be held in the church fellowship hall Sunday afternoon, July 21, from 2:30 until 4:30.

Ramseur People Respond To Help Needy Family

July 18, 1968 - The people of Ramseur, long known for their benevolence, their generosity, their compassion and promptness in the time of need, responded wholeheartedly to the supper which was held Saturday evening, July 13, for the benefit of the Harold L. Edmondson family.

Reports from the supper project are inconclusive, with about \$1,500 in gross receipts already in. Some additional receipts are expected and some bills incurred in the holding of the supper are yet to be paid. But initial reports indicate that the super will be a financial success.

Planing for the supper began after Harold Edmondson a Ramseur native, submitted to his second operation for malignant cancer.

A long period of illness, doctor and hospital bills, and the care and support of his family, including a wife and three children, had taken its toll. The sick man needed the assistance of his townsmen, if he was to maintain his household and meet his obligations.

For emergency use, before the benefit supper could be held, more than \$600 was raised among the town people. This money came through the channels of the Ramseur Christian Church, with Jack Burgess spearheading the effort. Portions of this money went on hospital expense and the satisfaction of house and car liabilities.

The benefit supper project began with a meeting called by Rev. Don Sweitzer, pastor of Ramseur Christian Church and a member of the Ramseur Jaycee Club.

Also coming too the meeting was Bill Allred, former Jaycee president; Fid Coward, V.F.W. commander; Bill Hogan, incoming president of the Lions Club; Mayor Bill Wright, president of the Ramseur Business Men's Club; Bill McNeill, Asheboro coordinator; and this reporter.

Besides these civic groups, the churches of the town and community were brought into the project, especially the ladies who baked the cakes which were served with the supper and also the cakes which were sold as individual items.

So many people helped, guided by experienced personnel like Bill Allred and Fid Coward, who had assisted in such matters before. But also helping in the kitchen and otherwise were Mayor Bill Wright, Lions president Bill Hogan, Jaycee president Stad Crutchfield, Miss Ramseur Donna Routh, and others.

Melvin Murray, from the local restaurant, cooked the hams, with other merchants also contributing in other areas.

It was a town and community effort, reflecting the spirit, the good will and the cooperation of the Ramseur community. It was a concentrated effort which brought the people to the aid of a sick man and his family.

Daughter, Father Reunited After 19-Year Separation

July 22, 1968 – A happy reunion between a Route 2, Ramseur woman and her father, whom she had not seen in nearly nineteen years, occurred at a Greensboro bus station in the early hours of Sunday morning, July 14.

The reunion between Mrs. Laura Lee Marley and her father, Spencer Crawford, of Philadelphia, Pa., lasted for a week, with Mr. Crawford returning to his home last Sunday.

But it won't be nineteen years before the father and daughter see each other again, as Mr. Crawford plans to return to Ramseur for another visit at Christmas.

Also joining in the reunion with Mrs. Marley and her father were Marley's husband, John Walter Marley, and their seven children, David Lee, Gloria Dean, Marcia Dyanne, Shelbia Delaine, John Walter Jr., Dwight Wayne, and Darryle Lane.

Mrs. Marley last saw her father in Nov., 1949, when she left Philadelphia to come to Durham to live with relatives. The next year she came to Ramseur to live with an aunt and married soon thereafter.

Through the intervening years, however, the father and daughter corresponded and exchanged pictures, with Mrs. Marley sending her father pictures of the children following their births.

When the long distance telephone call came through from Philadelphia to announce the long awaited visit, the voice on the other end of the line said "Do you know who this is?" Mrs. Marley replied happily, "I'll never forget that voice."

Ramseur Church Groundbreaking Is Held

July 22, 1968 – Groundbreaking for the first structure of the First United Church of Christ in Ramseur was held Sunday afternoon, July 21, at three o'clock.

A short order of worship was conducted by Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, first full time pastor of the church which was officially organized June 13, 1965.

Bringing greetings to the groundbreaking service was Rev. Don Leonard, Pastor of First Evangelical and Reformed Church (United Church of Christ) in Asheboro, who served as supply pastor at the beginning of worship services for the Ramseur church.

Other supply pastors for the new congregation were Rev. Bill Everhart and Marion Smith.

Participating in the spading of the ground on which the new church structure will be erected were the pastor, the building committee, the deacons, the trustees, the president of the Women's Fellowship and a representative from the youth Fellowship.

A church-house, designed for worship now and as a residence for the minister later, will be built on the approximately five acres of land which was purchased from C. O. Green in 1965. The site is located on Oak St., a street which is being developed in the eastern section of Ramseur.

Since the first service of the United Church of Christ group on Mar. 7, 1965, worship services have been held in the town hall at Ramseur, except for the service of organization which was held in the Ramseur High School auditorium.

However, the mid-week service and choir practice has been held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirkman and the meetings of the Youth Fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Craven.

The new church-house building will consist of a worship area, seating up to 120 people, eight Sunday School rooms a study for the pastor, three bath rooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall and a storage room.

To be constructed of brick, with a worship entrance of slate and glass, the building will include 3,670 square feet of floor space. The contractor is Raymond Brown, of Ramseur, and the contract price is \$26,800, exclusive of furnishings.

Rev. Norred, who became pastor of the new church organization Sept. 18, 1967, describes the proposed building as "a church-house fully adequate for the life of the church at the present time and anticipated growth, which when the building is outgrown can be converted to a parsonage and a new church built on the property."

Mr. Norred is also pastor of the Union Grove Christian Church (United Church of Christ), becoming pastor of Union Grove and the Ramseur churches after the forming of the Ramseur-Union Grove Parish.

Members of the building committee for the construction of the new church building are W. R. Burgess, chairman, Paul Cain and R. D. Webb.

Deacons of the church are Russell Craven, chairman, Paul Cain, W. H. Cox, Albert Smith, Ray Kirkman, and W. R. Burgess Jr. while trustees are R. D. Webb, C. W. Craven, Russell Craven, W. H. Cox and Albert Smith.

Officers of the Women's Fellowship are Mrs. Russell Craven, president; Miss Elizabeth Leonard, vice president; and Mrs. Ray Kirkman, secretary and treasurer. David Craven is president of the Youth Fellowship.

Superintendent of the Sunday School is W. R. Burgess Jr., and teachers are as follows: beginners, Mrs. W. R. Burgess Jr. and Mrs. Philip Ward; primary and juniors, Mrs. Ray Kirkman; ladies class, Mrs. Hobert Leonard; and men's class, Albert Smith.

Worship services are held each Sunday morning at 9:30, followed by Sunday School at 10:30. Mid-week services are held on Wednesdays at 7 p. m. followed by choir practice at 7:30. The youth fellowship meets every first and third Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.

The First United Church of Christ in Ramseur was received as a member of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Church of Christ on Nov. 3, 1965. many church leaders, on a conference level and a wider range, assisted in the forming of the new church group.

Among these were Rev. Edwin Alcorn, Western North Carolina Associational Area Minister of the United Church of Christ; Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ; Rev. Horace Sills and John Morse, Church Extension Board for Homeland Ministries, United Church of Christ; Rev. Harold Myers, Chairman of Church Extension of Southern Conference of United Church of Christ; and Rev. L. M. Presnell, former Pastor-At-Large for the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Church.

Besides Rev. Don Leonard, another minister, Rev. Wayne Gardner, pastor of the Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ near Liberty, was also present for the groundbreaking service of the First United Church of Christ in Ramseur. Present also were representatives from other churches in this vicinity.

The affirmation of faith, a United Church of Christ Statement of Faith, read at the groundbreaking service, the

singing of "The Church's One Foundation," the declaration for groundbreaking and the litany for groundbreaking reaffirmed the faith of the First United Church of Christ in Ramseur not only in God but in the principles and precepts of their organization.

Community Effort Results In High Falls Country Club

July 23, 1968 – The Riverside Country Club near High Falls, incorporating a championship golf course and large swimming pool, opens its facilities on Saturday, July 27, thus culminating a community effort which began over three years ago.

Located one mile south of High Falls, just off of Highway 22, and five and a half miles northeast of Robbins, the new recreational facilities are about three miles from the Chatham County line and eight or ten miles from the Randolph County line.

The new club and golf course opens with its membership quota of two hundred and forty five already filled. However, other memberships will become available and the people in the surrounding vicinities are invited to come and play the course upon the payment of the green fees. The new facilities, to rank eventually among the best in this area, are expected to enhance both the recreational and industrial opportunities of the northern part of Moore County, especially since the new golf course is located only three miles away from the new consolidated school of North Moore.

In 1964 the first meeting of business men and civic leaders in Robbins and vicinity was held to initiate the planning which resulted in the establishment of the adequate new recreational facilities which will open on next Saturday, July 27.

The group felt that securing the facilities in their area would improve the business life of their section, especially in the procurement of new industry, but perhaps they were motivated more than anything else for the reason "they just like to play golf."

Previously, they depended on the golf courses in Asheboro, Sanford, Southern Pines and Pinehurst in the lower part of their county, and the golf courses in other places.

The group got off to a flying start when Norman Purvis, a Moore County native with extensive business interest, donated a 162-acre tract of land on which to establish and build the new facilities.

Purvis, son of Wiley Purvis, More County Commissioner who lives adjoining the new golf course, is a golfing enthusiast who holds the No. 1 locker at the Whispering Pines Country Club at Southern Pines.

Keenly interested in the development of the northern part of Moore County, where he has spent his entire life, he donated the tract of land without charge and with no strings attached. The donor lives about three miles away, in the community of Parkwood.

The group concerned with the establishment of the recreational facilities first formed the North Moore Recreational Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation of which the Riverside Country Club is a part. It is planned to form other units of the association in the future.

Officers of the corporation are Dr. C. Brady, president; Billy T. Woodard, vice president; Dock G. Smith Jr.,

secretary; Wayland Kennedy, treasurer; and directors Glenn Lassiter, Norman G. Purvis, and Jamie C. Loy.

The new golf course, with its eighteen holes and practice tee, has been described by one of the club's directors as being "difficult any way you look at it. It is a challenge," he said, as he described the four lakes on the course, the hills, the sand traps and other hazards.

Some of the fairways adjoin the banks of Deep River, with one tee backed up next to the river. The fairways are completely irrigated from a pump installed in the river, which facility can also be used to pump water into the lakes. Located near the entrance of the club property is a large driving range.

Employed as the golf professional at the club is 24 year-old Patrick James (Jim) Powers of Oxford, whose previous experience includes his association with the Happy Valley Country Club in Wilson, the Benvenue Country Club at Rocky Mount and the Thorndale County Club in Wilson.

Focal point for the entire outlay is the modern new club house, situated on the highest knoll and overlooking the landscape of the new golf course, the elaborate swimming pool and the country side.

With dimensions 30 by 100 feet, the exterior of the new structure was constructed of wide boards in western cedar, placed vertically with the rough side showing for a rustic effect. The building is balanced by a combination A and Hip roof with a four-foot overhang.

The interior of the building includes men's and ladies locker rooms, a lobby, rest rooms and a snack bar. The snack bar, located in the east end of the club house, is glassed in and provides a wonderful view of many of the fairways, the swimming pool and other portions of the general area. The lobby and ladies locker room are finished in antique birch paneling. The building is electrically heated for the winter season and air conditioned for the warmer months.

Representing a financial investment of approximately \$300,000, the officers, directors and members of the Riverside Country Club can be justifiably proud of the recreational facilities which they have established in upper Moore County.

They can be rest assured that its opening on Saturday, July 27, will emphasize the growth and development of that section of the county and that its services will reach out to enrich the lives of all of the people who live within its environs.

Hussey Family 11th Reunion Held

July 24, 1968 – The Hussey family, a predominant family group living mostly in upper Moore County, next to the Randolph County line, held their 11th family reunion Sunday, July 21, at the home of Roger Hussey, Route 2, Robbins.

It was a fitting place to hold a family gathering, the lawn was spacious and well groomed, the trees on the back lawn provided the shade and the old rail fence furnished a conducive atmosphere for both the old and the young.

It was also appropriate that the Husseys meet at the home of Roger, a well known bulldozer operator in the area in which the reunion was held. Because Roger is a Hussey descendant from both sides of his family.

On the paternal side his father was Franklin Hussey and his grandfather was Addison (Toad) Hussey. On the

maternal side his mother is Jessie Hussey and his grandfather was Milo (Bige) Hussey.

In fact, it was the children of Milo Hussey who started the Hussey family reunion, which soon extended to other members of the family.

Roger Hussey was not only host for the annual gathering but his wife took the prize for being the youngest mother in attendance and his twin daughters, Nina Darlene and Tina Carlene, shared the prize for being the youngest babies present. They are five months old.

Other prize winners were Mrs. Nancy Jane Hussey, 82, oldest mother; Mrs. John D. Hussey, mother with most children (6) present; Charlie Hussey, 76 oldest man; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brady, youngest married couple (1 year); Mrs. Curtis (Rachel) Hussey, youngest grandmother; Clarence Caviness, youngest grandfather; Mr. and Mrs. Ether Allred, married the longest (49 years); Mrs. Frances Dyson, Fort Devens, Mass., the member of the family who traveled the farthest.

Presiding over the reunion session was Vernon Brady, who has served in this capacity for several years. Special music was furnished by the Clarence Caviness band and the Ritter family.

Three ministers, pastors of neighboring churches were present to speak to the assembled family group and visitors. They were Rev. Frank Parham, pastor of the Smyrna Methodist Church; Rev. James Tilley, pastor of the Needham's Grove Christian Church; and Rev. John D. Hussey, pastor of the new Center Christian Church and also a family member.

She Celebrates 101st Birthday

July 24, 1968 – Randolph County's oldest citizen, native born Mrs. Deborah Lucinda Hoover Barnes, Route 2, Asheboro celebrated her 101st birthday on Monday, July 22.

There was seemingly no change in the appearance or condition of this aged woman than a year ago, when she reached the century mark in her life.

She still talked freely, was alert to what was going on around her, and displayed a dollar bill wrapped tightly in her grasp which she had received along with a "brownie," her designation for a penny, to symbolize her first year on the second century.

She said she was going to use the money to buy medicine and some Dr. Pepper. She said she liked the latter beverage and explained that she drank a half of a bottle each day.

Reared a strict Quaker, being a birthright member of the Back Creek Friends Meeting, she felt impelled to explain her consumption of the soft drink. She said, "I asked four preachers about it and they said there was no harm in it."

Someone had brought her some flowers for her birthday and she discussed in a very spirited manner the giving of flowers to the living. She feels very strongly that flowers should be given to the living and not sent after a person has died. She doesn't want any flowers after she had gone.

Members of her family dropped by at various intervals to pay their respects on the occasion of her birthday.

Her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Smith, who lives next door, was there when this reporter arrived. Her other daughter, Mrs. Eunice McPherson, of Asheboro, had just left. Members of the family, with whom she lives, included her daughter – in – law, Mrs. Lucille Barnes, and three grandchildren, Mary Alice, Phyllis Ann and Edsel.

Besides her two daughters, Mrs. Barnes has three sons, Wayman, of the homeplace, Ernest and Emory of Asheboro. Mrs. Barnes's husband, Thomas Wilson Barnes, has been dead now for more than thirty years.

She had these matters on her mind on the day of her 101st birthday. She spoke of the man she married two or three times, referring to him as "a good person," and she said "I worked so hard on this place."

For nearly eighty years Mrs. Barnes has lived at her present residence, a place which she helped her husband to clear and establish three years following their marriage.

Deborah Barnes cannot see now what is going on, as she has practically lost all of her eyesight. She told this reporter, "I don't see you any more than if you was in New York." But she still knows what is going on and very little escapes her attention. She still walks from her bedroom to the sitting room where she spends most of her time.

Her daughter-in-law, who has cared for her for the past nineteen years, said that the aged woman required little effort. Her daughter next door and the one in Asheboro are also very attentive of their mother and visit her frequently.

One of the first statements made by Debbie Barnes as this reporter approached her on the day of her 101st birthday was "I'm rejoicing that I am as well as I am."

Couple Celebrates Their 55th Wedding Anniversary

July 25, 1968 – At the century old house overlooking Deep River and the cotton mill beyond the river, where they have lived for the past 38 years. Mr. and Mrs. Connie E. Benner celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 21.

Approximately fifty family members and friends were present to enjoy a picnic dinner on the lawn, underneath the large scaley-bark hickory tree. The Benner home is located on Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Included among the family members were four of their seven children, Sherman E. Benner, Charlotte, Mrs. Belvin Curtis, Rt. 1, Franklinville, John Benner, Rt. 2, Ramseur, and Mrs. Glenn McMasters, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Their other three children, Mrs. Walter Parham, Richmond, Va., Raymond Benner, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Lloyd Benner, Simpsonville, S. C., were unable to be present.

However, Mrs. Parham, the former Geneva Benner, sent her daughter, Jane, to represent her at the family gathering. Raymond Benner visited his parents in June and therefore did not come for the anniversary celebration.

Also present for the occasion were Mrs. Edna Blum and Everett Patterson, sister and brother of Mrs. Benner, both of Greensboro, and also Arthur Patterson, another brother, of Staley.

Rev. Terry Reece, pastor of the Patterson Grove Christian Church, and his wife were also present, with the Rev. Mr. Reece expressing thanks for the meal.

Mr. Benner, age 75, and Mrs. Benner, age 74, are both retired employees of the cotton mill in Franklinville. Mrs. Benner was the former Nellie Jane Patterson before her marriage to Mr. Benner on July 16, 1913.

A native of Chatham County, Mr. Benner's family moved to Coleridge when he was nine, at which time he began working at the cotton mill there for ten cents a day. When he came to Franklinville to work in 1906, he started off at fifty cents a day. He retired in 1958.

Retired now for ten years, he only works in the garden during the summer months, from which he and Mrs. Benner fill the large freezer which is located in the closed area of the back porch at their residence. Mrs. Benner usually assists with these activities but has had to curtail them this year because of recent surgery.

Installation Ceremony Is Held By Grantville's Civitan Club

July 29, 1968 – Installation of officers for the Grantville Civitan Club occurred Thursday evening, July 25, at the community building.

This marked the beginning of the first full year of service for the Grantville club as the club was chartered in Feb. of this year.

Officers elected at that time for the interim period were retained for the full year and are as follows: president, Carl C. Needham; vice president, Leonard J. Cox; president-elect, Lewis D. Pritchard; secretary, Harrison Z. Hinshaw; treasurer, Harold R. James; chaplain, Rev. Jimmy J. Norred; and sergeant-at-arms, E. Foy Gann.

Installing officer and speaker for the installation meeting was Curtis Farlow, Lieutenant Governor for Area No. 5 of North Carolina District West of Civitan International. He was making his first visit to the Grantville Club.

The Grantville Civitan Club was chartered under the sponsorship of the Asheboro Civitan Club, with guidance from Rev. L. M. Presnell, Lonnie Sharpe and other members of that club.

Present and participating on the gala charter night program were members of the Asheboro club, district Civitan officials, community and county leaders. Speaker for the meeting was W. Glenn Kennerly, International Vice-President.

First major project for the Grantville Civitan club is underway at the present time. It consists of the building of a basketball court in the rear of the Grantville Community Building, which will also be used for a tennis court and for volley ball. Included also will be a place for the pitching of horse shoes.

These facilities are being provided by the Civitan Club for the use of the people of the Grantville community.

Plans are also in progress for the holding of a paper drive.

Charter members of the Grantville Civitan Club were Quentin J. Allen, Sherrell R. Ambrose, James M. Baker, Robert E. Beane, Garland B. Beeson, Roy C. Brown, Colvin E. Byrd, Grayson Byrd, Howard Maxton Byrd, J. Arlen Coble, Wayne R. Coble, George A. Cockerham, Leonard J. Cox, Bobby Forkner, Joseph L. Frazier, E. Foy Gann, David Hammer, Harrison Zim Hinshaw, Harold R. James, Donald W. Johnson, Paul Johnson, Charles M. Lowe, Harold D. Moffitt, William H. Morrison, Carl C. Needham, Jimmy J. Norred, Lewis D. Pritchard, Donnie Lee Pugh, T. D. Pugh, J. Paul Smith, William Fred Snow, Daniel J. Staley, Ray T. Stout, Paul S. Tedder, and Thomas David White.

Members joining since the charter of chartering of the club are Roscoe Daniel and Leonard Hathaway. A prospective member, Marvin Cox, was a guest at the meeting at which the officers were installed.

Robbins Man Records Album Of Most Requested Hymns

July 29, 1968 – A Rt. 2, Robbins man, Jimmie Garner, is rendering service in many areas, in his church, the school in his community, as a soloist at weddings and funerals, and as a director of the Randolph Electric membership Corporation.

In the latter capacity he delivered the address of welcome at the annual meeting of the Randolph Electric membership Corp., Friday evening, July 26, at the new consolidated North Moore High School, located between Robbins and High Falls.

He had served as a member of the advisory council at the Westmore school in his community for several years and as a member of this group had worked with the advisory councils of the Westmore, Robbins and High Falls schools in the establishment of the elaborate new consolidated high school.

Since the opening of the North Moore High School, he has served on its advisory council and maintains a keen interest in the activities of the school.

But Jimmie Garner is perhaps best known and makes a contribution to more people because of his ability and talent as a singer, especially as a soloist.

He is very much in demand for funerals and weddings. Not many weeks elapse between the calls for his services in this respect and sometimes it happens two or three times a week.

Due to the interest in his singing, which has increased during the ten years or so that he has performed at public functions, he has recently recorded an album entitled "My Most Requested Hymns."

This album, to be released soon, is not being published for commercial reasons but a limited number will be available for those people who enjoy Jimmie Garner's singing.

His interest in singing goes back at least to his school days at Westmore High School, where he sang with the glee club and with a high school quartet.

He has directed the choir at the Smyrna Methodist Church for around twenty years and serves in other capacities at the church and as a teacher of the men's class.

He and his wife, the former Dorothy Moore, have served as counselors for the Methodist youth Fellowship at the Smyrna church for many of the years since they were married twenty years ago this coming Sept.

Jimmie Garner and his wife were high school sweethearts and reared in the community in which they still reside. Mrs. Garner is the daughter of Mrs. Connie Moore and the late Riley Moore. Jimmie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Garner, are both still living.

Jimmie and his wife are the parents of two daughters, Sandra, 16, and Joan, 11. Sandra accompanies her father for a great deal of his singing and assisted him with the album which will be released soon.

For the past fifteen years Jimmie has been employed as a successful automobile salesman, working with his former high school principal, T. Roy Phillips, at the Phillips Motor Company in Carthage. For four years straight he was a member of the "top hatters club," a distinction received for selling in the top three percent in his field throughout the entire United States.

Still a comparatively young man, since he will only be 39 years of age on Aug. 25, Jimmie Garner has already for many years been a decided asset to the community in which he lives. His manifold contributions have touched and affected the lives of the people with whom he has come in

contact. His services are all the more worthy because they have been utilized in the rural church and community where he has spent his life, in the schools where his daughters attend and among the people who are his friends and neighbors.

She's Honored On 90th Birthday

July 30, 1968 - Mrs. Martha Lorena Smith, a native of Montgomery County, became 90 years of age on Monday, July 29. On Sunday, the day before her birthday, she was honored by members of her family at the home of a son, O. F. Smith, 258 West St., Asheboro.

Mrs. Smith and her late husband, William Turner Smith, came to Randolph County three years before his death about ten years ago.

Their ten children had married and moved away from the farm home in which they had been born and reared, located near the Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Montgomery County.

Several of them had come to the Asheboro vicinity, thus it was to this place that Mr. and Mrs. Smith came when they broke up the household which they had established at the time of their marriage in 1895.

Mrs. Smith was born in the Uwharrie section of Montgomery County, her father, Frank Dennis, having operated a grist mill near the forks of the Uwharrie and Pee Dee Rivers. In speaking of her father, Mrs. Smith said "he raised me on the river bank."

She also said "I was raised in a log house and lived in one for ten years after I was married."

She has been a member of the Liberty Hill Baptist Church for around seventy years, having joined the year following her marriage. Her husband is buried in the cemetery at the Liberty Hill church.

Although a small, frail looking woman in appearance, Mrs. Smith gets around well and has a good memory. Asked what she did, she said "I crochet," and asked if she was good at it, she answered "I do up a heap of thread."

She showed this reporter several pieces of her handiwork, such as bureau cloths, center table cloths and said that she had also crocheted two large table cloths. Some of these articles she crochets for sale.

Besides her son, O. F. Smith, with whom she lives, her other children are Hazy Smith, Roanoke, Va., Mrs. Myrtle Morton, Charlotte, Mrs. Viola Byrd; Mt. Gilead, Mrs. Carrie Wilhelm Baltimore, Md., Vernon Smith, Albemarle, and Paul Smith, Roy Smith, Mrs. Pauline Meacham, and Mrs. Alice Freeman, of Asheboro and vicinity.

Her oldest son is 72 years of age.

Among those present at her birthday celebration, which featured a picnic dinner on the lawn, was the Rev. Robert L. Hughes, Pastor of the Oakhurst Baptist Church.

Robbins Sets 14th Annual Farmers Parade

July 30, 1968 - For the 14th consecutive year the Farmer's Day Parade will be held in Robbins Saturday morning, Aug. 3, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Leading the parade again this year will be the famed Wagon Master Curtis Hussey, in his 1903 covered wagon drawn by the 1,700-pound Belgium horses, Dolly and Prince.

Sponsored by the merchants of Robbins, many prizes are awarded to various entries in the parade. In past years the

entries have reached 300 or more, many of them coming from Randolph County.

In recent years also the number of spectators witnessing the annual parade has ranged in the neighborhood of 10,000.

The wagon master says that this year he is expecting more wagons and surreys than ever before, along with a yoke of oxen and perhaps two four-horse teams.

In connection with the Farmers Day Parade this year, Wagon Master Hussey has announced that a wagon train will also be held, beginning with an encampment at Goldston on Wednesday evening, July 31.

On that evening the wagon train will assemble on the school grounds, leaving the next day on a 16 or 18 mile trip to High Falls.

Camping for the second night, Thursday, will occur on the ball field at the High Falls school and will leave the next morning at 10 o'clock for the trip to Robbins, arriving at approximately 2 p.m.

The encampment for the third night will take place at the old camp grounds, back of Colon Monroe's Esso Service Station, where they will remain until leaving for the Farmer's Day parade the next morning.

It is expected that 40 or 50 wagons, buggies, carts and similar vehicles will participate in what has been designated as the "Curtis Hussey Wagon Train."

Kidney Transplant Set By Duke For Seagrove Man

Aug. 1, 1968 - A courageous 26-year Brower Township man awaits the call from Duke Hospital for a kidney transplant while neighbors and friends get ready for a fun raising supper in his behalf.

Paul Asbill, Route 1, Seagrove, is living today through the functions of an artificial kidney. Otherwise, he would not have survived. He said himself, "it's the only thing that keeps me alive."

Each week he goes to Duke Hospital to lie underneath the artificial kidney for a period eight hours or more. He goes twice one week and three times the next week and will alternate in this manner until the transplant is made.

He has been accepted for the kidney transplant, based on the decision of the surgical team who will perform the operation, and he is medically ready for the transplant to be made, when ever the time comes.

It had first been planned for one of his four sisters or five brothers to give him a kidney and all of them were willing that this should be done. However formal proceedings would have been necessary in the case of his youngest since she is not legally of age.

But the kidneys of his sisters and brothers did not match his, except for one sister and the sugar content in her kidneys prohibited the transplant.

Now he waits for a matching transplant from a person who becomes deceased and this operation must begin two hours after the person from whom he receives the kidney dies.

A private telephone has been installed in the trailer home in which he lives on Route 1, Seagrove, with his 24 year old wife, Glenda, and their pretty brown-eyed daughter, Apr., who will be two years of age in Nov.

Because when the call comes, Paul Asbill and his wife must hasten to Duke Hospital, to be there within the two - hour period, so that the transplant of the kidney from the

body of the person who has died can be placed in the body of this young Randolph County man.

Paul Asbill was first admitted to the Randolph Hospital in Asheboro in May, 1966 for tests, before being sent to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. His condition was diagnosed as poisoned kidneys of kidney failure.

He was in and out of the Asheboro and Winston-Salem hospitals until Jan. of this year when he was sent to Duke Hospital for the kidney transplant. Many times his condition has become critical and he has been rushed back to the hospital for emergency treatment.

He must continue to receive service from the artificial kidney until the transplant is made. It is a painful procedure and he said "I dread it but I couldn't live without it." When the transplant will be made he doesn't know, since none of his sisters and brothers could serve as a donor. He can only wait until an identical kidney is available from a person who dies at one time a kidney transplant could not be made from a deceased person.

The facilities of the artificial kidney are expensive. For the first use of the kidney the cost was \$400 and since it has been \$250 for each day he has remained underneath the kidney. These costs do not include laboratory expense and the cost of medicine, the latter item amounting to over \$100 a month. Thus far the 25 pints of blood he has received has been donated by friends and did not cost him anything.

Hospital expenses over the past two years have been heavy also, in addition to the cost which has been incurred from the use of the artificial kidney. On one occasion a hospital bill was over \$3000, at another time for nine days the bill was \$1,995.

Friends, neighbors and the church people have helped the burdened family, for which they are very grateful. Just recently they came home from the hospital and found \$42 in their mail box. There was no name, they don't know who left it, but they would like to express their there appreciation anyway.

One supper was held several months ago and a substantial amount was raised. But the heavy expense goes on and another one is planned, for Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Shiloh Junior Order Building, next to the Shiloh Christian Church.

It will be a fried chicken supper, beginning at 5 o'clock and continuing until everyone has been served. Entertainment will be provided by the Country Church Quartet. No price has been put on the plates but donations for Paul Asbill will be accepted.

Paul Asbill is a member of the large family of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Asbill. His trailer home is located next to the home of his parents. Before his illness he worked on his father's farm and also drove a chicken truck, loading chickens throughout the area. It was hard work but Paul says, health permitting that he'd glad to have the opportunity.

The Asbills are reliable, hard working people in the Antioch Church community where they have always lived. Many of the people who live in the community are related in some manner to them.

A closely knit community, with most of them attending the Antioch Christian Church, the sympathy of all of the people has gone out to this young man whose life hangs precariously in the balance.

But Paul Asbill, who said, "I haven't given up," is holding on, hoping that all of the pieces will soon fall in place and he will receive the kidney which he needs to survive.

Balfour Mourns Her Death

Aug. 2, 1968 – North Asheboro residents mourned this week the death of Mrs. Ethel A. Walker who for 29 years was the first grade teacher at the Balfour School.

Mrs. Walker died last Friday at St. Petersburg, Fla. Where she had lived with her husband, A. L. Walker, and daughter, Mrs. Vivian Caudle, since 1960.

A native of the North Asheboro vicinity, Mrs. Walker was the daughter of the late Cyrus Allred and Etta Jarrell Allred and before moving to Florida had always lived in the vicinity of her birthplace.

She began teaching at the old Spero school, long since discontinued, after her graduation from Asheboro High School. This was about the year 1920. She also taught at other schools in the county before becoming a member of the faculty at Balfour School before moving to Florida.

She taught in St. Petersburg for two years before her retirement. Her entire teaching career extended over a period of 41 years.

Throughout the years of teaching she continued her preparation at summer school sessions and through extension courses, even up to two years before she retired. Although in 1940 she was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from High Point College.

But regardless of scholastic degree, Ethel Walker had endeared herself to North Asheboro students and their parents. She taught at least two generations of students and was beloved throughout the community.

She was kind, she was considerate and she was patient with the countless number of beginners who got their start in her class room. She was a hometown girl who knew and understood the needs and the problems of the community in which she had been born and reared.

The people were sad that her final days were not spent in the community where she had contributed so much but rejoiced to know that her days of retirement in the sunny glades of Florida, blessed with the companionship of her husband and daughter, were pleasant and enjoyable, despite the illness with which she was afflicted.

Her loved loved one' however, brought her body home for the final interment in the Bethany Methodist Church cemetery, alongside the grave of son-in-law, Everett Caudle.

Many old friends, neighbors, students and fellow teachers came to Pugh Funeral Home to pay their respects to the memory of kindly Ethel Walker, with whom they had long been associated. The intervening years of her sojourn in Florida had not diminished their remembrance of a beloved colleague, teacher and friend.

Conservative Quakers Have Retained Their Faith During Church Evolution

Aug. 8, 1968 – Quakers and cousins, Hessie Newlin Davis, 77, of Randolph County, and Harvey Newlin, 80, of Alamance County, attended the silent worship service at the West Grove Conservative Friends Meeting House in Alamance County Sunday, Aug. 4, before going on to the Chatham Friends Meeting House where the 8th annual reunion of the Southeastern Newlin Association was held.

Hessie Davis belonged to the New Hope Conservative Friends Meeting in New Market Township before this meeting was discontinued around five years ago.

Other members at New Hope at the time of its discontinuation were Hessie's sister, Miss Hettie Newlin, now deceased, and Miss Ada Farlow, who is incapacitated due to ill health.

The New Hope Meeting was established about 1906 by several members of the Marlboro Friends Meeting who pulled out from Marlboro because of the adoption of a new discipline.

When the New Hope Meeting was discontinued, Hessie Davis, its only active member, transferred her membership to the West Grove Meeting in Alamance County.

The West Grove Meeting had been organized about 1911, some years after the beginning of the New Hope Meeting and for the same reasons. The new discipline of the Quaker permitted the securing of a minister or a pastor and also allowed congregational singing.

This did not meet with the approval of the more conservative Quakers and they left in orderly fashion to build and organize their own Conservative Meeting Houses.

Before the West Grove Meeting was organized, Harvey Newlin and other members of his family placed their memberships with the Cedar Grove Meeting at Woodlawn in Northhampton County. However, after a few years, they organized the West Grove meeting in the vicinity in which they lived.

Hessie Newlin Davis lives on Route 1, Sophia, near the homeplace of her parents, Joseph Oliver Newlin and Mary Ellen Swaim Newlin, where she was born and reared. She is a fifth generation descendant of John and Mary Pyle Newlin who settled in North Carolina in 1767, in the vicinity where the Newlin reunion was held Sunday, Aug. 4. Her husband was L. J. (Jerome) Davis who has been dead for several years.

Harvey Newlin was born on Hickory Mountain between Siler City and Pittsboro, but at the age of four came with his family to the Cane Creek Valley of Southern Alamance, from whence they had originated. His parents were James Nathaniel Newlin and Martha Guthrie Newlin. He is a sixth generation descendant of John and Mary Pyle Newlin. His wife Nancy (Nannie) died in 1967.

Harvey Newlin first saw his cousin, Hessie Davis, in 1912 when he rode on horseback from his home in southern Alamance County to her father's home in New Market Township.

Their acquaintance has deepened through the years and has received greater impetus from their association in the Southeastern Newlin Association and with Hessie moving her membership to Harvey's Meeting at West Grove.

Although clinging to the traditional form of Conservative worship of the earlier Quaker Meeting Houses, both Harvey Newlin and Hessie Davis are moderate in their thinking and progressive in their way of living.

Harvey Newlin looks somewhat the part of a Conservative Quaker. Soft spoken in his speech, he still expresses himself with "thee and thou," wears his shirt buttoned up and with a tie, and sometimes wears the big black hat of the earlier Quakers.

But he travels extensively, sometimes going alone in his 1957 model automobile, he is well versed, and is regarded as one of the outstanding men in the area in which he lives. Men of education and prominence hold him in high regard and look upon him as a friend.

He was a close friend of former Governor and United States Senator W. Kerr Scott and maintains a similar

relationship with Scott's son, Lieutenant Governor Robert W. (Bob) Scott, to whom he has pledged support in the forthcoming gubernatorial election.

Hessie Davis, although adhering to the traditional form of worship, is also progressive minded, retains a youthful outlook, and unlike Harvey dresses in the more fashionable mode, to present an appearance of distinction and dignity.

Attending the silent worship service at West Grove on the Sunday of the reunion were members of the families of Harvey Newlin and Hessie Davis and also Louise and Elise Hobbs, daughters of Guilford College President Dr. Grimsley Hobbs, and his niece, Leslie Hobbs, of Fairfield, Conn.

Dr. and Mrs. Hobbs, who live during the summer months at an old mill site in the Alamance countryside were themselves in attendance at the reunion session Sunday afternoon.

Randolph County people in attendance at the reunion were Hessie Davis, Mrs. Jim Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Allred, Mrs. Emily Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baker, Mrs. Winfred Canoy, Mrs. Laone Loflin and Ralph Bulla.

Participating in the reunion session were David Newlin, nephew of Harvey Newlin, who served as president, and Burton Newlin, son of the Conservative Quaker Minister, who is the organizational treasurer. Both men married natives of the Holly Springs area of Randolph County.

David Newlin's wife is the former Dixie Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Byrd, while Burton Newlin is married to the former Daphna Allen, whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. Eli Allen.

When Their Neighbor Became Ill They Didn't Wait Long To Help

Aug. 9, 1968 – Friends and neighbors in two communities joined together in staging a successful fund raising supper for Paul Asbill Saturday evening, Aug. 3, at the Shiloh Junior Order Building.

A net profit of \$1,768.53 was realized from the supper, which evidenced a tremendous outpouring of community spirit, compassion and the desire to help a friend in his time of need. In addition to the funds derived from the supper, other donations have come from individuals and churches.

Paul Asbill, 26-year-old resident of the Antioch Christian Church community, Route 1, Seagrove, has been ill now for over two years.

His illness has been diagnosed as kidney failure. He is waiting on a kidney transplant at Duke Hospital when a matching kidney is available. In the meantime he goes to Duke Hospital each week to receive service from an artificial kidney.

Due to excessive doctor and hospital expenses over the past two years and the current expense from the use of the artificial kidney, the movement to help him financially began in the Antioch community.

Mrs. Billy Welborn and the members of the Women's Fellowship at the Antioch church initiated the plans for the supper and made arrangements for it, but the entire community soon became a part of it.

Then another community group joined in, the people from Bennett and the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, in which Paul Asbill's wife, the former Glenda Lambert, was born and reared.

The cooking of the chicken outdoors in the huge frying pan was done exclusively by a crew from Pleasant Grove

and Bennett, consisting of Robert Cox, John T. Brown, Harvey Brady, Jack Garner, Leon Brady, Denson Murray, Gen Brewer and Tim Hussey, Mrs. John T. Brown helped the Antioch church women with the serving.

About half of the chickens were donated, all of the vegetables were brought in and the ladies also furnished the pies and cakes for the dessert. Many of the pies and cakes were left over and these items, not needed for the supper, were later sold at auction, with Bernard (Frog) Routh, of Bennett, crying the sale.

The Country Church Quartet from the Antioch church and a group from the Pleasant Grove vicinity furnished entertainment for the supper gathering.

Holding of the supper was spontaneous effort and sincere desire on the part of the Antioch and Pleasant Grove people to help this young man who is deeply appreciative of the efforts in his behalf.

His wife, his parents, his brothers and sisters, all members of the large Stacy Asbill family, also appreciate the kindness and the financial assistance which has been extended to him.

Paul Asbill was once strong and active. One of his brothers recalled Saturday night the 17 inning ball game which he pitched for the home team of Erect.

He is still in there pitching, this time for the regaining of his health and the living of a normal existence with his young wife and their little daughter.

With family, friends and neighbors backing him, coupled with his own fortitude and determination, he has a good chance to succeed.

Klopman Employees See End Results – Merchandising Display Is Viewed

Aug. 13, 1968 – A retail division display, featuring Klopman Mills fabrics, was shown last week to employees of the Asheboro and Central Falls plants.

Also invited to see the colorful exhibit of Klopman cloth and its end results were the news media, business and professional people in the vicinity.

The display of company fabric and the articles made from it was prepared for the summer sales meeting of Klopman salesmen and was also used for the Sears Award presentation, recently awarded to Klopman Mills, and for the DuPont Company.

Following its use in those areas it was felt that it would be advantageous for Klopman employees to see the final results of the fabrics which they normally only see in the greige, without the attractive coloring, designing and fashioning which it has when it appears in the retail divisions.

The merchandising display, consisting of some sixty lineal feet, was segregated by sales division and showed representative items of Klopman fabrics for each division.

Included in the exhibit were items of men's wear, women's wear and a display of uniform material which is used by various large concerns throughout the United States.

The 1968 and 1969 styles, of which the exhibit was composed, showed that men's fashions as well as those of their feminine counterpart were changing. This was particularly noticeable in men's shirts, since those displayed were in the more pronounced colors and designs, with no white shirts displayed in the exhibit.

Also noticed were the matching designs in both men's and women's apparel, such as matching shirt, tie and

handkerchief for the men and blouse, skirt and other accessories for the women.

The display of merchandise was shown at the Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills on Tuesday and Wednesday and at the Central Falls Plant on Thursday and Friday.

A great deal of interest was manifested by employees as they observed the various forms, shapes, coloring and designs of the material they had manufactured when it reached the ultimate presentation to the retail buyer.

After its dismantling at the Central Falls plant on Friday the display will be taken to the plants at Ramseur, Denton, Steele, Society Hill, Modena, Newton, Gloria, New Bern, Alta Vista, and Brighton.

Tom McElhannon, Klopman Mills maintenance engineer, is in charge of the erection and dismantling of the display and will accompany it to all the plants involved.

New Pastor Assumes Duty At Neighbors Grove Church

Aug. 14, 1968 – A new preacher, Rev. Hoover E. Smith, has assumed the pastorate of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church in North Asheboro, preaching his first sermon Sunday morning, Aug. 11.

He succeeds the Rev. R. Sam Parker who left after a pastorate of five years to become director of recruiting for Central Wesleyan College in Central, S. C.

The Rev. Mr. Smith comes to the Neighbors Grove church from the First Wesleyan Church in Thomasville where he served for four years.

Previous pastorates were at the Greenwood Hills Wesleyan Church in High Point, Long Shoals in Lincoln County, Kings Mountain, Rose Hill, Roxboro and York, S. C., the latter place being his first pastorate after entering the ministry twenty years ago.

Prior to becoming a minister, he had served as a song evangelist for three years. He has continued in this capacity since becoming a pastor and serves a limited number of churches and camp meetings as a song evangelist each year.

He served as the song evangelist for the annual camp meeting of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Church at Colfax this past session and also in previous years. At various times he has also come to the Neighbors Grove church to assist with the singing in revival meetings. Two years ago he recorded an album entitled: "Songs from the upper Window."

At the conference level the new minister at Neighbors Grove serves as the secretary of the board of trustees and as the tithing secretary for the conference.

While in Thomasville he served as a member of the Council of Christian Education, which includes the churches of that city, and during his last year served as the chairman of this group.

Born in Anderson, S. C., he moved with his parents to Kannapolis. At a very early age and was still living there at the time he entered the ministry. His wife, the former Rose McDaniel, is a native of Kannapolis.

The couple are the parents of a daughter, Beverly, a recent graduate of Central Wesleyan College and now studying at the University of Alabama on her doctorate in clinical psychology and a son, Tim, who will enroll as a senior at Asheboro High School this coming school year. The son plans to follow his father in the ministry of the Wesleyan Church.

For his first service the new preacher spoke to the Neighbors Grove congregation on "The Church's Commission."

Community Pondering Aid to Man Blinded In Accident

Aug. 15, 1968 – An unfortunate accident has robbed a partially blind Route 2, Seagrove resident of the eyesight which he had left leaving him in a totally blind condition.

James Clifford Williams, age 36, lost his right eye at the age of twelve when a piece of steel from a bicycle chain he was beating on flew up in his eye and put it out.

His left eye was weakened, due to traces of glaucoma at birth, he had to start wearing glasses and was regarded as partially blind. For three years he attended the State School for the Blind at Raleigh.

But he remained at the farm home where he has lived all of his life, as he could see enough to raise chickens and hogs, and to grow corn and wheat.

That is until three weeks ago, Saturday, July 20, when another accident cost him the remaining eyesight which he had in his left eye.

He was using a post hole digger when it came up and hit him in the eye, breaking his glasses and bursting a blood vessel which connected with the brain.

He was taken to the Moore County hospital at Pinehurst where he remained for three days, after which he was taken to Duke Hospital where his eye was removed. He remained at Duke for sixteen days.

His mother, Mrs. Alice Kay Williams, with whom he lives, will be 76 years of age on Aug. 14. His father, Willie Duckery (Duck) Williams, died in 1965.

To further aggravate the situation at home, his mother has suffered a series of strokes and he had been caring for her prior to his accident.

A movement is being discussed in his community, the Westmoore School community, for the rendering of financial aid to James Clifford Williams and his mother.

Their only income, besides what was raised on the farm, has been two small social security payments each month, Mrs. Williams receiving hers because of her age and Clifford's coming from partial disability and derived from his father's eligibility. However, the latter payment only amounted to ten dollars a month.

Now the work on the farm will come to an end and there will be no income source there. It is expected that Clifford's disability will become total since his accident but several months will probably elapse before this is processed. In the meantime excessive doctor and hospital bills have been incurred.

Plans at the present call for the Westmoore Community Development Club taking the initiative in fund raising efforts for James Clifford Williams. But Rev. Lewis L. Reeder, president of this group, will be out of the state for a couple of weeks and in his absence Wade Owen, vice president, will make the contacts for the afflicted man. It is anticipated that some kind of fun raising event will be held upon the return of the Rev. Mr. Reeder.

Also joining in the efforts towards financial aid will be the Bethel Church of God, of which Mr. Reeder is pastor and where the victim's mother, Mrs. Alice Kay Williams, is a member.

The sympathy of the community goes out to this young man, partially without his eyesight since the age of twelve

and now hopelessly blind for the remainder of his life. The people echo the statement of his aged and invalid mother who said "I wouldn't have had it happen for a thousand dollars."

The First Baptist Church of Seagrove has already raised money; to help this family in their time of need. It is hoped that other churches, groups and individuals will follow suit.

Pleasant Grove People Helping Ill Neighbor

Aug. 15, 1968 – The people of the Pleasant Grove community, in the lower edge of the county are marshalling their forces to help a fellow citizen who is critically ill.

A fried chicken supper, the specialty of the people of that section, will be held Saturday evening, Aug. 17, at the fellowship building of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church for the benefit of Clyde Brown, a native and lifelong resident of Pleasant Grove Township.

Clyde Brown, who lives in the "Brown Town" area, next to the Chatham County line, has been ill for several years, first being afflicted with a heart ailment.

Then a more serious affliction developed, to be diagnosed later as a brain tumor. After a month or so in the hospital at Siler City and the one at Pinehurst, it was decided that Mr. Brown's condition was inoperable. The penetration was too deep.

However, the patient is receiving radium treatments at a Greensboro hospital to relieve the pain and is carried regularly back and forth for the receiving of these treatments.

Mr. Brown's wife had to quit her employment to stay at home and care for her husband. But the need is so great that the neighbors, the lifelong friends and the people of the community have come in to render their services.

The cooks, Robert Cox, John T. Brown, Harvey Brady, Jack Garner, Leon Brady, Denson Murray, Gene Brewer, Tim Hussey and perhaps some of the other men in the community will arrive on the scene early Saturday afternoon, build their fire and get the big frying oven hot for the cooking of the chickens which will be consumed later in the afternoon.

These men put on a supper about every Saturday night, social or otherwise, and they have had plenty of experience in these matters.

The serving will begin at 5 o'clock and will continue until everyone has been served. There will be no charge for the plates. However, donations for the benefit of Clyde Brown will be accepted. Any amount will be appreciated by the sponsors of the supper and the Brown family.

In addition to the supper, entertainment will be provided by three musical groups, the well known Harris Brown Family, the popular Country Church Quartet from the Antioch Christian Church and a local group who have designated themselves as the "Foggy Mountain Partners."

Watermelon Time At This Farm is A Welcome Event

Aug. 20, 1968 – Its watermelon time again at the George Whitaker farm on Route 1, Climax, near the Bethel Methodist Church in the Red Cross vicinity.

The veteran melon grower started pulling them off of the vine last Tuesday and he's been busy ever since keeping

his supply replenished. He cannot keep enough on hand, so many people are coming to get them.

Mr. Whitaker, who was born in Surry County and grew to manhood in Moore County, has been growing watermelons all of his life. His father before him also grew them. Many of the characteristics which have made him a successful grower, he learned from his father.

His daddy told him, among other things, that it took a watermelon three weeks to grow out after it started to form. Also that it was ready to pull when the vine started to curl.

His watermelons are not as big this year as in some of his previous years but, as Mr. Whitaker pointed out, it has been an odd season. However his melons run around thirty five pounds on the average and are solid, not hollow as is sometimes found in the larger ones.

An unusual growth this year, which has never happened before in the years he has been growing melons, is the twin melons which are nearly ready to be pulled. Mr. Whitaker said that he had noticed twin melons before but they usually fell off the vine as they started to grow.

All of his melons, except for the twin melons, are of the round variety and as they begin to grow Mr. Whitaker sets them up on the end so that they will not grow lopsided.

A former tobacco farmer, the 65 year-old melon grower planted this year two acres of watermelons, located in two patches. Both patches are filled with melons and there is going to be plenty for everyone, at least for the early arrivals.

A man came with a truck and took eight, a funeral home employee from Asheboro came, found eleven on the premises and took all of them. The watermelons are brought from the patch by Mr. Whitaker, preferably when the sun is not bearing down too hard, and placed under the large red oak tree in the front of the century old residence in which Mr. Whitaker and his wife reside. A tremendous black gum tree also provides shade for the Whitaker dwelling.

Open House Pays Honor To Ernest Welch Couple

Aug. 20, 1968 — An informal open house event at their home on Route 6, Asheboro, located off the Spero road, honored Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Welch Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 14, from four o'clock until seven o'clock.

On the same day Mr. Welch was also celebrating his 73rd birthday. Mrs. Welch is 71 years of age.

Honoring the couple on this occasion were their two daughters who came from out of the state to be with their parents on their golden anniversary day.

These were Mrs. Jud Platz, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, near Cleveland, the former Dorothy Welch, and Mrs. Bob Trogdon, of Joplin, Mo., the former Nina Welch.

Mrs. Platz was accompanied by her husband and son, Jan, while Mrs. Trogdon was accompanied by her two daughters, Teresa and Lee Ellen. Senior Master Sergeant Bob Trogdon, of the United States Air Force, the only member of the immediate family not present, is serving at the present time in Bien Hoa, Viet Nam.

Other family members coming to pay their respects and join in the anniversary celebration were Mr. Welch's brother, Gail Welch, and his sister, Mrs. Lola Beal, both of Bear Creek, and two sisters of Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Bill Brown, Asheboro, and Mrs. Mattie Smith, Greensboro. A brother, Herman Tyson, lives with Mr. and Mrs. Welch.

Both natives of the Harper's Cross Roads section of Chatham County and lifelong acquaintances, Mrs. Welch is the former Berta Mae Tyson. The acquaintances of their families dated back to the time of their grandparents, even though the Welch family attended the Fall Creek Baptist Church and Tyson family attended the church which had been given their name, the Tyson's Creek Baptist Church.

The couple remained in the area of their birth until their marriage on Aug. 14, 1918, which occurred in Fayetteville, and for a time afterwards.

After a brief residence in Siler City, they came to Asheboro in 1922 and eleven years later came to their present farm home in the Spero section.

A master mechanic, Mr. Welch worked at the Asheboro Hosiery Mill for several years and in 1961 retired from Klopman Mills after employment there for sixteen years. He is a Mason, being a member of the Balfour Lodge.

Seriously ill this past spring with a heart ailment and other complications, Mr. Welch has recovered nicely and is enjoying himself in the pleasantness of the country residence where he and his family have lived for the past 35 years.

It was on the spacious porch, obscured from the sun by the various shade trees, that the couple received their guests at the observance of their golden wedding anniversary.

She Recalls First Train That Came To Asheboro

Aug. 21, 1968 — A small white-haired woman, who remembers seeing the first train that came to Asheboro, was honored Sunday, Aug. 18, on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Maude Varner Bunting, a native of West Cedar Grove Township, celebrated her birthday at the home of a son, Talmadge Bunting, Route 2, Asheboro.

Her other children are Clyde Bunting, Akron, Ohio, Charlie Bunting, Route 2, Asheboro, Oris Bunting, Doylestown, Ohio, and Reggie Bunting, Asheboro.

One son, Johnny, died when he was nearly four and a daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Wood, died seven years ago.

The daughter of William Varner and Rachel Hoover Varner, Mrs. Bunting was reared in the area west of Asheboro and attended Ridge's School.

She was reared on a farm and says that she did every thing except bind wheat, trying this also but could never get it to stay together. Her jobs on the farm also included plowing.

Her husband, the same age as she, died eleven years ago. She recalls her marriage and said that she went to Will Moring's store in Asheboro and purchased some light blue worsted material with which to make her wedding dress.

Remembering the first train, she said that she went to Asheboro on a wagonload of staves, along with her father and two brothers, to see the first train which came to Asheboro. One of her brothers, the smaller one, got so scared of the train that he ran, with her father and older brother having to catch him.

All of her brothers and sisters are now dead, except one sister, Mrs. Fannie Smith, of High Point, who is 82 years of age. Her older brother, Walter Varner, died a few years ago at the age of 94. She is a niece of Mrs. Debbie Barnes who recently celebrated her 101st birthday.

Mrs. Bunting's husband is buried at back Creek Friends Meeting House where she attended as a child, also going in the afternoons to New Union Methodist Church. Mrs. Bunting is a member of the West Chapel Methodist Church, near which she has lived since her marriage.

She resides now with her cousin, Mrs. Sarah Robbins, who will be 82 years of age in Sept. Mrs. Robbins's son, Fred W. Robbins, gave the tribute to Mrs. Bunting's life at the picnic dinner which was held in her honor on the day of her 90th birthday. Also present was Mrs. Bunting's pastor, the Rev. James Stokes.

Mrs. Bunting said that she had never been out of Randolph County until five years ago when she went on an extended visit to the homes of her sons in Ohio.

North Asheboro Resident Celebrates 80th Birthday

Aug. 21, 1968 – J. C. Pearce, a long time Asheboro resident, celebrated his 80th birthday Sunday, Aug. 13.

Active in the church for the greater part of his life, he served as a deacon in the Baptist church for more than fifty years.

The observance of his birthday was marked by a small family gathering at his home. A buffet luncheon was served to those in attendance.

A native of Brower Township, near Erect, he lived for several years in Ramseur, where he joined the church at the age of twelve and was ordained as a deacon at the age of seventeen.

His employment began at the cotton mill in Ramseur at the age of eleven. Since he has worked in a store, operated a mercantile business in Worthville and North Asheboro, taught school, and worked at the Acme Hosiery Mill in Asheboro for twenty five years before his retirement in 1952.

He has been affiliated and prominently identified with four different churches, the Ramseur Baptist Church where he first became a member, the First Baptist Church in Asheboro, the Worthville Baptist Church, and the Balfour Baptist Church where he remains an active member.

Married 55 years to the former Annie Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce are the parents of five daughters, Mrs. R. E. Heath Jr. and Mrs. Jimmy Parrish, Greensboro, Mrs. Clifford Moody and Mrs. Jim Burkhardt, North Asheboro, and Mrs. Steve Davenport, who is serving as a missionary with her family in Argentina.

Mr. Pearce's two sisters, both older than he, are Mrs. Flossie York, age 90, and Mrs. Fannie Thompson, age 85.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. Pearce in the birthday celebration were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Heath Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Parrish, Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Heath and daughter, Sherry, King George, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker and daughter, Lisa, Route 5, Asheboro, Mrs. Mary Wade Farlow, Sophia, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burkhardt and children, Lynn and Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Moody, Mrs. Fannie Thompson, Mrs. Stanton Poole and Ralph Bulla, North Asheboro.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Remembered Though Church Has Moved Elsewhere

Aug. 22, 1968 – Some seventy people braved the early afternoon heat and attended the annual memorial service at the old Mt. Olivet cemetery Sunday, Aug. 18.

Located near Erect, Route 1, Seagrove, at the end of a woods road, the cemetery is the original site of the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church which had its beginning there in 1813.

Over 200 people were buried in the old cemetery before and after the Mt. Olivet church was moved to a more convenient location on the public road in the year 1874.

The church was founded by Rev. Enoch Spinks, who died in 1842, and his wife, Elizabeth Needham Spinks, who died in 1854, are buried in the old cemetery.

Their last resting places are among the graves in the cemetery which have long ago lost their identity. However, in recent years an imposing monument has been placed in the center of the cemetery in memory of Rev. Enoch Spinks and his wife, Elizabeth Needham Spinks.

This monument was erected through the efforts of F. F. Gatlin, Miss May Wrenn and Mrs. Ernest Teague, all descendants of the Rev. Enoch Spinks.

It is F. F. Gatlin who is in charge of the annual memorial service each year and also responsible for the care and upkeep of the old cemetery.

Speaker for the service this year was the Rev. Boyd Beck, of Asheboro. The Rev. Mr. Beck, a native of the community, has a grandmother and other relatives interred in the cemetery.

Assisting in the service was the Rev. Roy Steed, present pastor of the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, who conducted the annual homecoming service at the Mt. Olivet Church on Sunday morning preceding the memorial service in the afternoon.

The heat was oppressive and no cooling breezes penetrated through the thickly wooded area which surrounds the cemetery. The sun also bore through the gnarled and aged oaks which stand in the more immediate area, bringing more heat on those seated for the service.

But the people were patient and reverent. They had come not for comfort and convenience but to pay tribute to the memory of their ancestors buried within the bounds of the old cemetery and to the founders of the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church.

Those descendants of Rev. Enoch Spinks present still bearing the Spinks name were Joe Spinks, Atlanta, Ga., Russell Spinks, Troy, Alton Spinks, Greensboro, and Mrs. Lucy Mae Spinks Dallas, Asheboro.

Pastor Honored On Anniversary

Aug. 28, 1968 – Rev. and Mrs. Tolbert William Nelson, who came to the pastorate of the Balfour Baptist Church Sunday, July 21 were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Aug. 25, from three o'clock until five.

Their three children, Shelia, Karen and Kyle, held open house in their honor at the parsonage residence at 1900 North Fayetteville Street.

Also joining in the anniversary observance was Mrs. Nelson's mother, Mrs. H. C. Stinnett, who lives in the home with her daughter and family.

Besides the members of their local congregation, the guests included people from their last two pastorates in Hickory and Siler City.

Guests were registered upon their arrival by Mrs. Luther Carter, the Balfour church secretary, and were greeted by the Nelson family and Mrs. Stinnett.

Ladies of the local church served the cake and punch, received the gifts and assisted with the overall arrangements. Goodbyes were said by deacons Joe Church and Bill Bridges.

The three-tiered anniversary cake was a gift from Mrs. Floyd Womble and daughters, Miss Burdine Womble and Miss Liesel Womble, members of the Nelson's congregation in Siler City.

The arrangement of pink roses and carnations, centering the serving table, came as the compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Graham, Jonesville, Va., while a potted arrangement came from Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Grabell, Rose Hill, Va.

Congratulatory calls prior to the open house event came to the couple from Mr. Nelson's sister, Mrs. Marshal Bunch, Pennsville, N. J., and from Mrs. Nelson's brother, Charlie Stinnett, Roanoke, Va. Friends from Churchill, Tenn., unable to come on the Sunday of the observance, visited them on the preceding Sunday.

Mrs. Nelson, the former Anne Stinnett, wore for the anniversary occasion a dress of ecru lace. Her corsage consisted of pink carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were married Aug. 22, 1943 in the Baptist church in her hometown of Buchanan, Va. The ceremony took place at the close of Sunday morning worship service.

Mr. Nelson, a native of Oak Ridge, Tenn., was living in Christianburg, Va. at the time of their marriage. Their acquaintance developed when he went to Mrs. Nelson's church to supply the pulpit in the absence of her pastor.

Their formal education was gained following their marriage when both of them attended Mars Hill College, and Carson-Newman College, the latter a Baptist institution in Jefferson City, Tenn. Mrs. Nelson also received some courses from Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory.

Mrs. Nelson has accepted a position with the faculty of the Charles W. McCrary Elementary School in Asheboro for the school year. Formerly she taught in Virginia, Tennessee, Caldwell County and in Chatham County.

Glendon: Close Ties With Randolph

Aug. 28, 1968 – Glendon Christian Church and community in northeastern Moore County, near the Chatham County line has many associations with Randolph County and its people.

This is true with many of the communities which surround the county of Randolph, especially when the distance is not too great.

Probably the first connection between this county and the community of Glendon came many years ago with the treatment of so many Randolph County people by Dr. Murdo Eugene Street, Sr.

This correspondent can remember when the people here went to see Dr. Street, especially for the treatment of pellagra.

The people from Randolph County are still going to Glendon to see Dr. Street but now they are going to see Dr. M. E. Street Jr., who joined his father, who was known as Dr. Murdo Street, in the practice of medicine before the latter's death several years ago.

Dr. Eugene Street Jr., is a third generation doctor in the Street family in the Glendon community, as the father of Dr. Murdo Street was also a doctor there. But chances for a

fourth generation doctor in the family are slim, since all of Dr. Street's children are girls.

However, a son-in-law, Dr. Franklin Hancock, is a doctor in Richmond, Va. And Dr. Street does not anticipate his return to the Glendon community.

Dr. Hancock's father, Dr. William F. Hancock, was pastor of the Glendon Christian Church for 19 years and was still serving as pastor at the time of his death last year.

Both he and his brother, the late Dr. Ernest Hancock, who served as pastor of Dover Baptist Church for many years, were well known in the four-county area of Randolph, Montgomery, Moore and Chatham, and in other sections as well.

Miss Sara Inman, a resident of the Parkwood area and a member of the Glendon Christian Church, has in recent months formed associations with Randolph County people, a contact which is proving beneficial to all concerned.

Miss Inman was stricken with polio in 1948 at the age of 12. She was the first person to be afflicted in her area and was perhaps left in the worst shape of any who were later afflicted in her county.

But she has gone on to make a full life for herself and is presently serving as the correspondent for two Moore County news papers and participating in other activities as well. She never attended school after the sixth grade but still graduated with her class, with the aid of a sister who brought her lessons to her and tutored her at home.

Buried in the cemetery at the Glendon Christian Church are Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Phillips, parents of five well-known Asheboro residents, Talmadge Phillips, Parker Phillips, Eugene Phillips, Mrs. Roy Whitley and Mrs. Jimmy Morgan. Mrs. Talmadge Phillips, the former Margaret Phillips, is also a native of the Glendon community.

Among the people found in the Glendon church are four sisters of Dr. Street, Mrs. Flora Whitman, Carthage, Mrs. Ruth Harrington, Glendon, Mrs. Ida Garris, Troy, and Mrs. Candace Simmons, Mt. Vernon Springs. Mrs. Garris' late husband was a former state senator from Montgomery County and Mrs. Simmons' husband is presently serving as sheriff of Chatham County.

Also in the church is Norman Purvis, son of a veteran Moore County Commissioner and a director of the Riverside Country Club at High Falls, a new recreational center in which many Randolph County people have memberships. Mr. Purvis is a well know poultry and feed dealer and has other business interests as well.

Glendon is sparsely settled and in addition to the church and Dr. Street's office has a postoffice, general store, the Carolina Propylite Company and a railroad terminal which is used by the latter company and by pulpwood dealers.

Randleman's First Baptist Pastor Concludes Service

Aug. 30, 1968 – Randleman's First Baptist Church is losing its pastor, the Rev. B. L. Kincaid, who will conclude more than four years service at the church with the close of the Sunday evening service on Sunday, Sept. 1.

On the following Tuesday the minister, his wife and their two children, Kathy, 10, and Kerry, 7, will move to Norfolk, Va. where they will assume the pastorate of the Camellia Baptist Church.

Mr. Kincaid, who came to the Randleman church in Apr., 1964, announced his resignation on Sunday, Aug. 18. It was first planned that he remain at the church until Sept. 16

but the family is leaving earlier in order that the two children may enroll in school at their new location.

During Mr. Kincaid's pastorate at the First Baptist Church in Randleman new educational facilities were erected at a cost of \$54,000, exclusive of furnishings. This new facility was built to provide for the nursery through the primary classes and is considered one of the best equipped in the area.

Also, the church sanctuary has been remodeled and air conditioned, as well as other parts of the church structure.

The church to which the Kincaids are going is located in a residential area of the city of Norfolk.

A native of Gastonia, where his mother is still living, Rev. B. L. Kincaid received his scholastic training at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs and at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson, Tenn. His preparation for the ministry was derived from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he received the bachelor of Divinity degree.

During his attendance at the seminary, he pastored the Lusby Baptist Church in Owen County, Ky. Before coming to First Baptist Church in Randleman his other areas of service have included an associate ministry at the First Baptist Church in Kenova, West Va., a mission church in Waynesboro, Va., and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in the state in which he was born.

Mrs. Kincaid is the former Christina Koolman, of Cheasapeake, Va., of which place she is a native. Her acquaintance with her husband developed when both of them were in attendance at Carson-Newman College.

The new field of service for the Kincaids is located twelve miles or so from the home of Mrs. Kincaid's parents. Also, a sister of Mr. Kincaid is living not far away. Mrs. Kincaid's father, John Koolman, is a native of Holland, coming to this country in early manhood.

Eleazer Methodist Church Holds Annual Homecoming

Sept. 2, 1968 – Eleazer Methodist Church held its annual homecoming service Sunday, Sept. 1, amid signs that this little community, located in Southwestern Randolph County, about a mile from the Montgomery County line, is on the upgrade and may once again take its place as a factor in the life of western Randolph.

In former years a grist mill, a saw mill and a carding mill were located in the little community, along with the post office, a store, the school and the church.

The mills went first, the school stopped at the end of the 1931-35 school year, the post office was done away with in 1954 and the store closed down about four years later.

Only the church, the focus of the peoples faith and their existence as a community, remained to preserve their heritage and to keep their community intact.

Their greatest need was for a road to commute to their places of employment in the industrial plants of Asheboro and elsewhere and a road which would help to put their community on the map once more.

This was seven years ago when this reporter called the plight of the community to the attention of the people of Randolph County and to their neighbors in the surrounding counties.

Slight gains have been noticed since that time. However, their greatest need, a decent road out of their community,

still exist and is very much on the hearts and minds of the people of Eleazer.

Nine-tenths of a mile of the road running through the heart of the community has been paved since the time of the first writing. But three and one half miles of State Road No. 1107, the road on which they travel to Asheboro and other places, remains narrow rocky and without improvement.

This section of road does not have many houses on it but the residents of Eleazer and the people who live beyond must travel it to get to their places of employment, to the places where they shop, buy their food and attend to their other needs. After traveling it day in and day out, week in and week out, month in and month out and years in and years out, their patience has grown thin.

But outside of this great need, the store in Eleazer has reopened in a small way after a lapse of ten years.

Two new homes, imposing in architecture and construction, have been erected on either end of the community. Both homes are occupied by children of Jimmy Hardister, 76, the patriarch of the Eleazer Methodist Church and community, and his wife, the former Bet Bertha Harvel.

Next to and right on the Montgomery County line is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Richardson while on the other side of the community, west of the store, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardister.

Across the road from the Roger Richardson home a community building for the Eleazer community is being erected by the people of the Eleazer Methodist Church and community. Land on which the building is being erected was donated by Herbert Hardister.

The Liberty Methodist Church community, located about three miles to the west and on the New Hope-Eldorado road, is also erecting a community building. This building, almost finished, is being erected on land which was donated by Arnold Russell.

Both the Eleazer and Liberty church, along with the Center and Macedonia Methodist church, along with the Center and Macedonia Methodist Churches in Montgomery County, are pastored by the Rev. L. C. Morton who is in his second year at the four churches. The Rev. Mr. Morton, a native of the state of Maine, came to the churches from Tryon in the western part of the state, where he still maintains a home.

Although small numerically in their memberships, the Eleazaer and Liberty churches keep their financial obligations paid and are to be commended for constructing the buildings which will be put to use for the people of their communities.

The Rev. Mr. Morton, pastor of the churches, preached the home coming service at Eleazer the first Sunday in Sept. His congregation in the usual services at the church was more than tripled for this special day in the life of the Eleazer church.

The Sunday School period was not held on the day of home coming, in order that the women of the church could remain at home and prepare the sumptuous amounts of food which were served on the long picnic table during the noon hour.

A singing was held in the afternoon, with Jack Luther, a member of the Oak Grove Methodist Church, also located in New Hope Township, in charge. Singers included the New Hope Quartet and others.

The Eleazer Methodist Church consists of a small group of loyal people, including some who come regularly each

Sunday from Asheboro. Among these people is Cecil Lucas, choir leader, who has been commuting back to Eleazer for nineteen years.

Seagrove's First Baptist Improves Church Grounds

Sep. 3, 1968 – First Baptist Church in Seagrove has landscaped its grounds, sowed grass and plans to pour concrete walks at its new church building on Highway 220, just north of Seagrove.

The congregation occupied the new contemporary sanctuary and L-shaped educational building on the second Sunday in Mar. The church building itself was fairly complete at this time, however, nothing had been done towards improving the grounds except for the initial evacuation of the building lot.

As time went on, people outside of the church wondered why nothing was done to improve the church premises and were concerned that the beautiful structure was situated in a bare and unattractive setting.

Some people even jocularly remarked that First Baptists in Seagrove must not be paying their preacher, since the weather had been hot and dry.

They were partially right because it was the hot and dry weather which had kept the congregation from sowing their grass and landscaping the spacious lawn which surrounds their new structure. They had talked it over among themselves and decided that it would not be advisable to do anything until there was a chance of more suitable weather.

In fact, instead of not paying the preacher, he has been given a sizeable raise and the church has continued its progress since entering the new building. Formerly they worshipped in a block building west of Seagrove.

The church has increased its budget by more than \$700 this year and many other improvements have been noted. There is an enrollment of 110 in the Sunday School, with an average attendance of approximately 90.

Accounting for the successful financial statue of the church is the fact that ninety-seven percent of the church membership are tithers, paying a tenth of their income into the treasury of the church.

A new church membership orientation program is underway at the church and will continue for thirteen weeks.

The First Baptist Church of Seagrove had its beginning as a mission church in Jan. 1965, with Rev. Bobby H. Martin, a young Thomasville minister coming to assume direction of the group. He became pastor of the church at the time of its official organization Sunday, June 26, 1966.

The Rev. Mr. Martin, now in his fourth year with the people of the Seagrove church, will enroll this fall for his second year as a student at Wingate College. Previously he had completed his high school studies at the Greensboro Branch of Guilford College and prepared for the ministry at the Fruitland Bible Institute.

The investment in the physical plant of the First Baptist Church of Seagrove and its furnishings, including a new organ, piano and water fountain, and the purchase and landscaping of the land on which it stands amounts to approximately \$78,000. The construction of the building was financed through the sale of \$65,000 in church bonds.

Spero School Now Offers Vast Contrast To First

Sept. 9, 1968 – The new North Asheboro Junior High School building at Spero, representing a financial investment of about a million dollars, is in vast contrast to the first Spero school of seventy years ago.

The first school at Spero was a small frame building, one room, unpainted, with two windows on each side, one window in the back and a front door.

Just like the second school a two-room structure, and the new commodious building which has just been opened, the first school building was located near the railroad.

In fact, that first building which was erected seventy years ago was so wedged between the railroad on the west and a community road on the east that a few years later a second building was built a little farther down the railroad, with plenty of room on the east side and nearer to the heart of the Spero community.

The first building was located up the railroad, about a half mile north of the railroad stop, near the home of Clark Trotter. Water for the students was procured from the Trotter home. Heat for the building came from a wood stove.

The second school building was erected sometime around 1910 or 1911. At first it too was a one-room building but before many years another room was added and it operated as a two-teacher school, except for the last two years or so when it reverted back to a one-teacher school.

Students at the first school sat on long benches, with no other conveniences. But the second school, after a few years, had large desks at which two students sat and also cloak rooms. This school also was heated from wood stoves.

Some of the teachers at the first school included Russell Ashworth, Sylvester Lowdermilk, May Farlow, Ida Henley Ferree, and M. U. Canoy.

Mrs. Pearl Neighbors Canoy, 79, widow of M. U. Canoy, remembers that she attended the old Spero school as a student of her husband and laughed when she recalled sitting on his lap as a seven-year-old student at the school, Mr. Canoy, who died in 1935, was eleven years older than his wife. They were married when Mrs. Canoy was sixteen years of age.

Mrs. Annie Bulla Pearce, 76 remembers many things about the first school at Spero. Mrs. Pearce's husband, J. C. Pearce, 80, taught at the second school at Spero in one of the earlier years of its existence.

One student at the school, according to the memory of Mrs. Pearce, was going to be whipped by the teacher. Before the teacher could get to him, he jumped through the window, without raising it, and ran home. Another student committed a misdeed and the teacher made him lie down on the floor, with a stick of wood under his head.

Some of the students at the old school besides Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Canoy, who are still living, are Jot Lamb, Florence Millikan Harrelson, Charlie Harrelson, Esther Sechrest Redding, Louella Pritchard Miller, Jennie Burr Kindley Lewallen, Corinna Neighbors Canoy, Esther Pritchard Hinshaw, Sam Sechrest, Lelia Clapp Ellison, Velna Clapp Hill and Lula Kindley Nixon.

Some of the teachers at the second school were M. U. Canoy, J. C. Pearce, Rhodie Underwood, W. C. York, Bertha Presnell Councilman, Ethel Allred Walker, Lelia Bulla Jackson, Talmadge Bulla, Joe Millikan, and Ruth

Hylton. There are many former students of the second school at Spero including the writer of this article.

After the discontinuation of the Spero school, students in that area attended the Balfour school, a consolidated school which also served the students from Gold Hill and the Bailey's Grove school which had operated for two years while the Balfour school was being built. Many years later the Balfour school was removed from the county school system and became a part of the Asheboro City School system.

The second school building was converted into a dwelling house after the school was discontinued and is still being used as such. The first school building at Spero has long since been torn down or burned, the earlier residents still living cannot remember which.

The community of Spero came into official existence in the year 1890 when a post office was established there through the efforts of Squire Joshua Bean, who became the first postmaster. Previously he had served as Register of Deeds for Randolph County.

The name Spero came from the Latin word Spiro, meaning, "hope" and for several years there was hope that Spero would flourish and grow. At one time, besides the postoffice, there was the school, three stores, railroad facilities, the train stopped there several times a day and there was other activity also in the area.

But the highway two miles to the east, now know as Highway 220, was improved and paved, highway transportation took the place of the rail facilities, the school was moved, the stores closed down and the postoffice left. Spero was practically extinct except for memories and some of the older residents who remained

Spero remained like this for many years until Burlington Balfour Mills reversed the trend with the establishment of a huge plant and Spero came into focus once again.

A successful pulpwood operation has also existed beside the railroad tracks for several years. Also located in the vicinity are the Superior Stone Co., Randolph packing Co. and Carolina Silo Co.

Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Holds A Note Burning Ceremony

Sept. 11, 1968 - Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church Route 1, Liberty, formerly the Mt. Olivet Pilgrim Church, was the scene of considerable activity Sunday, Sept. 8.

Beginning with a Sunday School rally at 10 o'clock, other activities included an address by the district superintendent at 11 o'clock, dinner on the grounds during the noon hour, a singing and note-burning in the afternoon.

Planning these various events and conducting them in a style reminiscent of his earlier ministry was the church pastor, Rev. T. R. York, a Randolph County native who came back home a year ago last Aug., 1967.

The Sunday School, comparatively small in number, went beyond its enrollment by twenty six on the day of rally under the leadership of Floyd Pugh, superintendent. Special singing by the Harris Brown Family featured the rally day service.

At the 11 o'clock hour, designated as the homecoming service, speaker was the Rev. R. S. Shelton, of Kernersville, superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church. It is planned to make the homecoming service an annual event.

The Rev. Mr. Shelton also joined with the church pastor, Rev. T. R. York, in the note-burning ceremony in the afternoon service. Others participating in this service were the church trustees, Fid Coward, Earl (Buck) Pugh, and Odell Lambert.

The mortgage burning cleared the indebtedness on the education facilities at the church, erected around three years ago and paid off three years ahead of time. The new addition included additional Sunday School rooms, heating plant and rest rooms. New pews have also been installed in the church auditorium.

Singing in the afternoon service was provided by the choir from Christ memorial Wesleyan Church in Winston-Salem, of which the Rev. Mr. York's son-in-law, Rev. F. A. Sumwalt, is the pastor. Also singing were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowers and Bob Loman.

The Mt. Olivet pastor, Rev. T. R. York, was born in Ramseur, the son of the late J. E. (John) York and Mary Jane York. He has a brother, C. E. (Elbert) York, living in Ramseur and a sister, Mrs. J. S. Pendergraph, living between Asheboro and Ramseur.

When the Rev. Mr. York was quite young the family moved to Asheboro where he attended the local school. Shortly after his conversion at the Pilgrim Holiness Church he left Asheboro in 1921 to prepare for the ministry at a school in Virginia.

His active ministry has existed since the year 1922. After pastoring in Virginia during his school tenure, he became pastor of the Mt. Zion Church near Thomasville where he remained for twenty eight and one half years, with an interval of three years in between at the Bethlehem Pilgrim Church at Snow Camp.

When the Rev. Mr. York went to the Mt. Zion church, the church facilities were inadequate, there were no good roads in the community and neither was there any electric power in the area.

A new church and parsonage were built during the ministry of this Randolph County native, he also helped to obtain some good roads for the community and assisted with the establishment of power lines.

Even though he has been gone from Mt. Zion now for thirteen years, many ties in that community still remain and he often goes back for weddings funerals and other events.

After leaving Mt. Zion he went to St. Petersburg, Fla. Where he pastored a mission church for twelve years. During this tenure of service, the church was organized as the First Pilgrim Church, a Sunday School plant was built, new pews were purchased and air conditioning was installed.

His wife's health and need do slow down brought him back to his native Randolph County and the pastorate of the smaller Mt. Olivet church.

But things have been popping at Mt. Olivet since his return and results are beginning to show from new ideas and experiences gained in a ministry going back for more than forty five years.

Five Brothers, Sisters Combined Age Totals 401

Sept. 12, 1968 - Five brothers and sisters, whose combined ages total 401 years, came together Sunday, Sept. 8, at the home of the oldest sister, Zorada Davis Loflin, Route 1, Sophia.

The others are Clara Davis, Parl S. Davis, Route 1, Sophia, James C. (Jim) Davis, Orlando, Fla., and May Davis Farlow, Route 11, Greensboro, near Guilford College.

Children of Addison W. Davis and Louisa Vickory Davis, all of them were born and reared at the old homeplace, a mile north of Marlboro Friends meeting House and in the section formerly known as Edgar.

Their father, a farmer, carpenter and blacksmith, was a Quaker and at one time all of them belonged to the Marlboro Friends Meeting. Only Jim has left this faith and the Meeting in which they were reared. He is now a Methodist.

All of them attended the Marlboro School, located in the community in which they were reared. All of them also continued their education at other places.

Zorada, Clara and Parl, Jim and May also furthered their education at Guilford College.

Zorada married Jeff Loflin and they established their home across the railroad from the old Davis homeplace. They were the parents of five children. Mr. Loflin died in 1948 and living with Mrs. Loflin is a daughter, Mrs. Kermit Hayes, and family.

Clara graduated from Guilford College and taught school for 42 years. her first school was at Marlboro, where she had attended as a student, and after that Caraway, Old Fort in McDowell County, Ramseur, Albemarle, Spencer, and for her last year she came back home and taught at New Market, which replaced the old Marlboro School which she attended in her childhood.

She taught the greater number of her years in high school, Latin, English, General Science and Health, and was a member of the faculty at the school in Spencer for 34 years.

Upon her retirement she came back to the old home place but when her brother Parl's wife died, she went to live with him on the adjoining farm.

Parl S. Davis built his home on land which belonged to the old home place at the time of his marriage to the former Mamie Coltrane. They were the parents of two children. His wife died in 1954. he was a farmer before his retirement.

James C. (Jim) Davis worked for 44 years with the railroad express company in Greensboro before his retirement eight years ago. Then he and his wife, the former Blance Rayle of Guilford County, went to Orlando, Fla, where their two children reside. They come back about once a year for the annual get together with Mr. Davis' brother and his three sisters.

Sarah May Davis married Cecil M. Farlow from the general vicinity in which she was born and reared. Parents of three children, they formerly lived on Route 1, Sophia, but for several years have been living near Guilford College.

This was a substantial family group who came together for their annual get together on Sunday, Sept. 8. Respected in the the community in which they were born and reared, they exemplify those traits which have made Randolph County a fine and decent place in which to live.

Family And Friends Join In Birthday Celebration

Sept. 13, 1968 – Family members, cousins and friends joined in a birthday celebration for Oliver Wade (Ollie)

Parks Tuesday evening, Sept. 10, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Spencer in Seagrove.

Mr. Parks, a long time resident of Seagrove and formerly the depot agent there, will reach the 82nd year of his birth on Sept. 15.

Mr. Parks' wife, the former Emma Jane King, age 80, participated in the birthday celebration and besides Mrs. Spencer another daughter, Mrs. W. W. Thomas, and a son, Paul Parks, joined in the honoring of their father.

Another son, Hobert J. Parks, lives in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Others in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Slack, W. W. Thomas, Miss Jane Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Comer and daughters, Elizabeth and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Auman, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Luck, Ernest Spencer, Miss Nancy Spencer, Mrs. Paul Parks, Mrs. Don Hamlet and sons, Craig and Rex, Mrs. Martha Crisp, Mrs. Swannie Slack, Lonnie King, J. C. Reeder and Ralph Bulla.

The guests were served with the delicious birthday repast and ate at small tables set up on the lawn at the Spencer residence.

Across the street is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parks, to which they came two years following their marriage on Jan. 3, 1909. They celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary at an open house event last Dec. 31.

With his wife, his two daughters, his son and grandchildren in attendance, along with his cousins and old friends, the birthday celebration for Ollie Parks was a pleasant event and enjoyed immensely by everyone present.

Coleridge High's 1938 Graduates Reunite; Old Buildings Recalled

Sept. 18, 1968 – The 1938 graduating class at Coleridge High School held its 30th reunion in Florence hall at Concord Methodist Church Saturday evening, Sept. 14.

This was the second class to graduate from the present brick building at Coleridge and the third class to ever graduate from Coleridge High School.

Six boys, Roy Boroughs, Ralph Hayes, Harvey Marley, Everett Cox, Alton N. Cox and Herbert T. Rogers, and four girls, Elsa Poole, Elizabeth Flippin, Faye Hannon, and Stella Brown, were members of the graduating class at Coleridge thirty years ago.

Another girl, Alice Rogers, sister to Herbert Rogers, was a member of the graduating class but transferred to Ramseur during the school year and graduated with the class there.

But Alice Rogers Newkirk, now a resident of Moscow, Idaho, came back to the 30th reunion of the 1938 graduating class at Coleridge and was an interesting addition to the reunion group.

Other members of the class in attendance included Elizabeth Flippin Caviness, Bennett Route, Siler City, now the wife of James Caviness, Ralph Hayes, Asheboro, and Alton N. Cox, Route 2, Ramseur, and some members of their families.

Also present were two members of the faculty at the time of graduation thirty years ago, Cecil A. Cox, principal, and Mrs. Russell Hodgkin. A third teacher for the class that year was Guy Aytch York. Residences of the other class members find Roy Boroughs, Harvey Marley and Everett Cox living in Asheboro, Herbert T. Rogers in Payette, Idaho, Elsa Poole, now the wife of Cleo Cain, living on Route 1, Ramseur, Faye Hannon, now the wife of Frank

Brower, living in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Stella Brown, now the wife of Claude Ireland, living on Route 1, Hamptonville, N.C.

Even though it was only the second year in the new building at Coleridge in the year 1937-38, the school operated with very crowded conditions. Mrs. Elizabeth Flippin Caviness recalls that members of the senior class used the school office that year for their classroom. She said that the room was so crowded that a desk had to be moved when the teacher used the blackboard.

There was also remembrance at the school reunion of the old frame building which was used before the brick building was erected. It was a two-story building with three classrooms upstairs and the auditorium also provided space for two classrooms.

The old frame building, formerly used as an academy, was built on the hillside, near the present building, and was an old fashioned structure of porches, wide entrance ways and wood stoves.

Consolidation of schools in Randolph County in 1936, the last consolidation to be effected until the recent one which brought about the discontinuation of Coleridge High School last year, resulted in the erection of the brick building in which the 1938 class graduated in the second year of its existence.

Sixty Years Spent Together, They're Honored On Anniversary

Sept. 18, 1968 – "I thought a heap of her the first time I saw her," said Rufus W. Beck of the wife to whom he has been married for sixty years.

This 82-year-old Route 1, Seagrove resident went on to say also that "I love everybody. I've got something that makes me love everybody."

Queried as to what it was. It was, the genial octogenarian said "grace and salvation."

Mr. and Mrs. Beck were honored Sunday, Sept. 15 for their sixtieth wedding anniversary, the actual date of which came three days later.

A picnic luncheon at the Union Grove Baptist Church, where they have long held their membership, was held with family and some friends in attendance. A public reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beck followed from 2:30 until 4:30.

Their pastor, Rev. F. A. Lunsford, paid tribute to them during the morning worship service at the Union Grove Church and asked them along with their children and grandchildren, to stand for recognition.

Among those in attendance at the sixtieth anniversary occasion were Mrs. Beck's sister, Mrs. Lucy Kennedy, a resident at the Methodist Home at Durham, and a brother, W. L. Cockman, of Carthage.

Mr. Beck was born on the land on which he still lives, in a log dwelling south of his present house. He attended the free school at Mt. Olivet.

Mrs. Beck, who is 80 years of age, was born in Moore County, between Robbins and Carthage. She was the former Miss Barbara Anne Cockman.

Their acquaintance developed when Mr. Beck, upon returning from a selling trip farther south, stopped off in Mrs. Beck's community to visit with a brother. As stated earlier in this article, it was love at first sight and that is the way it has been through out the sixty years of their marriage.

In addition to working on the farm as a young man, Mr. Beck also engaged in the selling of stone ware, clay pipes, and leather products. In this capacity he traveled with a wagon and team of mules in the disposal of his merchandise.

While on the road he sometimes slept in the wagon bed above the rigging and at other times he slept in straw stacks and in the hay. He recalls sleeping in a straw stack one night and waking up the next morning to find that he was covered with snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck live alone and the road into their house is dead-end. Mr. Beck has just about discontinued all activity except "reading the bible, the newspapers and walking in the shade." This is the first year he has not kept pigs.

Their children, who honored them on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary are Mrs. Howard L. Setzer, High Point, Mrs. Noel B. Jones, Burlington, Mrs. Cecil C. Trotter and Philip Beck, Asheboro, Walter Leonidas Beck and Junior Beck, Route 1, Seagrove.

She Returns To Whynot From Texas To Attend The King Family Reunion

Sept. 19, 1968 – Mrs. Garrett Allen, of Spearman, Texas, returned to the King reunion at Why Not Sunday Sept. 15, for the first time in 22 years.

The former Annie King, she has visited home folks many times since she moved to Texas in 1922 and had visited last, something over six years ago.

But the considerable length of time had elapsed since she had attended the annual session of her family reunion at the Fair Grove Methodist Church. This year marked the 32 annual session of the family organization.

Mrs. Allen, daughter of Noah King and Ellen Trogdon King, was born and reared near Michfield, in the area north of Seagrove. Her grandparents, whose decendants gather at the annual King reunion each year, were Agrippa and Adeline King.

The summer before their marriage Garrett Allen, who lived south of Asheboro, at the end of Cox Road, went to Texas to work with two brothers, Homer and Windom, who were already out there. Shortly after the marriage of Garrett Allen and Annie King, in the year 1922, they went to Miami, Texas where they resided until 1929 when they moved to Spearman, Texas, a comparatively new town established in 1921 when the railroad came through.

They lived on the plains where there were no trees except what they planted and where the climate is dry. But when irrigated it is rich farming country with no rocks and stumps.

Garrett Allen died in May of this year, shortly after he and Mrs. Allen celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters, all of whom live in the vicinity of Spearman. Mr. Allen was a farmer and a rancher.

Mrs. Allen visited while here with her brother, Theodore King, and other relatives. Another brother, Aster King, and a sister, Mrs. C. R. (Myrtle) Russell, are deceased.

This native Randolphian had a wonderful time while here and said she saw folks at the King reunion which she had not seen in 25 years. But at the end of two weeks, this past Thursday, she flew back to Spearman, saying "to me that's home now."

She flew back with rich memories of the family reunion which she had not attended these so many years. It was a

family strong in numbers and sturdy in spirit as they assembled in the old Fair Grove church building.

Presided over by Ramseur's Oscar King, who was re-elected for another term, the session heard an Englishman, Horace Daniel, describe and explain the significance of the Coat of Arms for the King family.

Carson King gave the memorial tribute to two deceased family members, Garrett Allen and Carl E. King, who served for twelve years as Sheriff of Randolph County.

The roll call of families came, with the secretary, Mrs. Max Bulla, calling the names of the children of Agrippa and Adeline King and asking that the descendants of each stand.

First came the Will King family, then the Nancy King Forester family, the John King family, and the Tish King Voncannon family.

For some a tremendous number stood, for others not so many. But in all, it was an impressive group who responded to the family roll call.

Elected to serve with Oscar King for the 1969 session were S. J. Burrow Jr., vice president; Mrs. Max Bulla, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Cline King assistant secretary and treasurer.

Fire Destroys Their Home, Neighbors Come To Rescue

Sept. 19, 1968 – Neighbors of James and Bessie Goins, who lived on Brady Avenue next to the back lot of Union Carbide Corp., are seeking to replace their house which burned on Aug. 17.

Although Bessie, who was at home when the fire occurred, poured water on it, the house burned beyond repair. Asheboro firemen finished burning it down this week.

Their Brady Avenue neighbors Joe Shofe, Wayne Briles and Jim McGee, and their Macon St. neighbors Charles Kesler, J. E. Whisnant, and James Hammer, along with others, have formed themselves as a committee to procure a house to replace the one which burned.

A house has been found which can be moved to the lot on which the old one stood. It is priced at \$300 but the owner has agreed to contribute \$25, bringing the purchase price down to \$275.

A moving concern has agreed to move the house from its present site about two and half miles away for \$400. Thus, the amount needed is \$675.

Collecting stations for the procurement of this amount have been set up as follows: Tom Hill at D. L. Service Station, next to the Union Carbide Corp., J. E. Whisnant at the FCX on West Salisbury Street, and Clyde Cheek at Service Distributing Co., Station No. 4 on Dixie Drive.

James Goins has always lived in Asheboro, his homeplace having been located on the Union Carbide site, next to where his home burned. He is well known in the West Bend section where he has always lived and also in other areas of Asheboro. He is employed at Craven's Chair Company.

His wife, the former Bessie Voncannon, was reared in the Pisgah area of Union Township.

James and Bessie Goins are a kindly couple whose present plight has won for them the sympathy of their neighbors and hopefully also the sympathy of the people of Asheboro.

The couple, uneducated and without skilled training, are ill-equipped to get back on their feet after the disastrous fire which destroyed the home in which they lived.

This is why their neighbors are making this public appeal in their behalf. One neighbor said "it would be a poor neighborhood that couldn't raise that much money to get them a house."

James and Bessie are aware of the efforts in their behalf. As we stood on the lot, with the smoke still coming from the burned embers, Bessie looked at one of the neighbors interested in their welfare and said "that is a mighty good man standing there."

James, taking note of their desire to get back home, said "I miss my neighbors over here." The couple are now staying in the home of Russell Jarrell next to Lowe's Hardware.

Church Is Scene Of Hughes Reunion

Sept. 20, 1968 – The Westfield Baptist Church, with its lofty ceiling, was the scene of the eleventh annual meeting of the Hughes reunion Sunday, Sept. 15.

Located in Tabernacle Township, the old church building will soon be replaced with a new building which is presently under construction at the same site.

For this last meeting perhaps in the old building, the Hughes clan chose a younger member of the family as their reunion speaker.

They picked Ed Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hughes and a member of the faculty at Trinity High School.

The young man, reared across the distance from the Westfield church building, spoke on the subject: "What Am I Living For?" His text was "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

Thomasville attorney L. Roy Hughes, president of the reunion organization since its inception, extended the address of welcome. Coy Loflin, the Westfield Sunday School Superintendent, pronounced the invocation.

Special music for the morning program was rendered by the Harmonet Trio and this group was joined by the Southern Gospel Quartet for the singing in the afternoon.

Also in the afternoon Mrs. Ruth Surratt, assistant historian, gave the history of the Hughes family and prizes were awarded by Guy Hughes.

Besides the president, other officers serving for the eleventh reunion session included Hal Hughes, first vice president; Guy Hughes, second vice president; Mrs. Josie Daniels, historian; Roacoe Myers, publicity chairman; and Mrs. Richard Hughes, secretary and treasurer.

As usual Glenn Hughes was in charge of the program and other arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Oscar Parrish, Mrs. Cletus Myers, Mrs. Golda Green, Dolan Loflin and Wade Hughes.

A favorite part of the reunion meeting was the picnic shelter with the two tables on which the food was spread and the traditional water barrel.

Family Day Brings Together Members Of Davidson Clan

Sept. 20, 1968 – "Family Day" was observed at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church Sunday, Sept. 15, with recognition being extended to families with every member in attendance during Sunday School period.

This was a part of the designation of Sept. as the month in which "to build the Sunday School for rally day."

The first Sunday in the month was "every member present day" and on the second Sunday the emphasis was placed on "everyone bring a visitor day."

Following "family day," Sunday, Sept. 22 will be "youth versus adults" and on Sunday, Sept. 29 the efforts of the entire month will culminate in "rally day." On this last Sunday the Central Wesleyan College Quartet will be present to participate in the service.

On last Sunday, Sept. 15, the "family day" observance resulted in an attendance of 164 for the Sunday School period.

The largest entire family in attendance for the service was the Wilson Davidson family, with Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and all of their five children present.

The children are, namely, Janice Davidson Moon, Jerome Davidson, Duane Davidson, Rosalyn Davidson Hodge, and Eric Davidson.

It is interesting to note Mr. Davidson has an attendance record at Sunday school extending over the past ten years while Mrs. Davidson's record at Sunday School has now reached twelve years.

But topping both of them is the record of their youngest child, their nine-year-old son, Eric, who has never missed attending Sunday School through-out his lifetime. Eric was born in the earlier part of the week, was brought to Sunday School the next Sunday and has been coming ever since.

Pictures of the Davidson family and the other families who had every member present were taken and will be exhibited in the vestibule of the church, after which the pictures will be given to each of the families who brought all of their members to church on the Sunday of "family day."

Couple Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Sept. 25, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Edgar Dezern, natives of Surry County, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 22, at their home on Route 1, Asheboro.

The couple were married Sept. 13, 1918 in Dobson, following a courtship of three years. They met at a tobacco barn, where tobacco was being cured, at which Mrs. Dezern had stopped on her way home from church.

Edgar Dezern, 71, was born in the farm community in which he met the girl he was later to marry, near Dobson. One of eleven children, his father died when he was young and Mr. Dezern said "it was a sight of work that we done."

Mrs. Dezern, also 71, was born near Mount Airy but moved to the community near Dobson at the age of fourteen. Before her introduction to Mr. Dezern at the tobacco barn and the steady courtship which resulted in their marriage, she had dated two of his brothers. She is the former Pearlmae (Pearl) Kirkman.

Their marriage occurred on a Friday night, they spent the night with her parents and spent the morning tying up a field of fodder and suckering tobacco. In the afternoon they went to Crutchfield, a small village community, where they purchased the materials and equipment which Mrs. Dezern needed to start her canning and the making of jelly and preserves.

They first lived and farmed in Surry County and then spent a little over a year in Mayberry, West Virginia where Mr. Dezern worked in the coal mine. But working in a tunnel three miles under ground, sometimes so shallow that he

worked on his knees, did not suit Mr. Dezern's young wife and they moved back to Surry County.

They came to Randolph County around 45 years ago, where Mrs. Dezern's father and also some of Mr. Dezern's people had preceded them.

Mr. Dezern farmed until twenty five years ago, at which time he became employed at the roller mill in Franklinville where he worked for nineteen and one half years. He retired seven years ago as the result of injuries which he sustained in an automobile wreck. Since then he has suffered some strokes and his health has continued to deteriorate.

Their children, who honored them at open house on Sunday afternoon, are James Morgan Dezern and Mrs. Fred (Irene) Reece, Route 1, Asheboro, Arthur Franklin Dezern, Newport News, Va., Robert Clarence Reece, High Point, and Lonzie Lee Dezern, Portsmouth, Va. The Dezerens also have fifteen grandchildren and three great – grandchildren.

Friends, neighbors and family members joined in the golden anniversary celebration for this couple who left their native county forty five years ago to make their home in a new place.

After 28-Year Absence, She Returns To Randolph

Sept. 25, 1968 – After an absence of 28 years, a former Randolph County resident returned to spend a pleasant week and a half among old friends and school-mates.

Mrs. Milton Newkirk, of Moscow, Idaho, left Tuesday after visiting in the Coleridge and Ramseur areas.

The former Alice Rogers, she lived in these areas for four years, leaving the vicinity in 1940. She had not been back since, however, she "always dreamed of returning."

She stayed while here with Mrs. James Caviness, a former classmate at Coleridge High School, at the Caviness residence on Bennett Route, Siler City, and at the home of Mrs. J. H. Marley in Ramseur.

She attended the reunion of the 1938 graduating class at the Coleridge School, which class she left in midyear to complete her senior year at Ramseur High School.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rogers, she was one of the first two women employed at the Ramseur Plant of McCrary Hosiery Mills.

The Rogers family, originally from Ontario, Oregon, came to the Ramseur – Coleridge area to join Mrs. Newkirk's sister, Audrey, who had married a Ramseur man, H. C. Dixon. Upon leaving the area after four years they went back to Ontario, Oregon.

On the trip from her home in Moscow, Idaho to the local scene, where she spent four happy years, Mrs. Newkirk stopped over for sight-seeing in Nashville, Tenn., Asheville and Winston-Salem.

After leaving Ramseur Tuesday, she went to Charleston, S. C. to visit with a daughter, Mrs. Gregory Bajuk, and to see a new grandson for the first time. Mrs. Bajuk's husband is service connected and affiliated with the Navy in Charleston.

Mrs. Newkirk and her husband are also the parents of another daughter, Mrs. Gary Phillips, of Twin Falls, Idaho. Both daughters attended the University of Idaho which is located in the town in which the Newkirks have lived for the past 25 years.

Before returning to her home in Moscow, Idaho, Mrs. Newkirk will visit with a sister, Mrs. Marshall Spencer, in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Spencer will be remembered in Ramseur and Coldridge as the former La Rose Rogers.

The town in which Mrs. Newkirk lives is just under 14,000 in population, is known as the dry pea capital of the world, and is a place where other agricultural products predominate, including the growing of wheat. It is also a place where forestry, logging and mining exists.

Barbecue Supper Saturday To pay off Indebtedness

Sept. 25, 1968 – The annual barbecue supper, to be held Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, will have more significance than the barbecue suppers of the past years.

This supper, to begin at 5 p. m. and continue until everyone has been served, is expected to raise enough money to clear the indebtedness on the church building located between Coleridge and Bennett, which was occupied during the early part of 1964.

At the time of its completion the church building cost \$56,702.09, exclusive of pews and other furnishings. But the appraisal of the building at that time was \$100,000 or more. The difference in the amounts came from the donation of a great deal of the materials which went into the church building.

An unusual occurrence at the church over two years ago resulted in the burning of the mortgage even before the indebtedness had been paid.

Desiring to relieve the church of paying so much interest on the indebtedness, thirty people lent the church \$500 apiece and three people lent the church \$1,000 apiece to pay off the indebtedness at the bank. This money was loaned to the church without note or mortgage and interest free.

This \$18,000 which was loaned by these devoted people, all members of the church except one, has now been paid back to them, except for \$1,000.

It is this amount which the church is anticipating that it will raise at the barbecue supper on Saturday, Sept. 28. One reason for this anticipation is that over eighty hams have already been donated for the barbecue supper, thus assuring a clear profit in the supper receipts on Saturday night.

Plates with all that you can eat, will sell for \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children. This includes barbecue, slaw, bread, coffee, soft drinks and dessert. Take home plates will be available.

The Pleasant Grove cooks, who have gained a reputation for the suppers which they hold in the Pleasant Grove community and elsewhere, will congregate Friday night at the home of Robert G. Cox for the cooking of the barbecue. Mr. Cox will prepare the barbecue, assisted by Denson Murray.

Yes, they'll hold a supper that night also, a fish fry, while they await the preparation of the barbecue for the fund raising supper on Saturday night.

Green Family Descendants Hold 3rd Annual Reunion

Sept. 26, 1968 – The descendants of John Marion Green and wife, Mary Alston Green, who came to Randolph

County a hundred years ago, held their third annual reunion Sunday, Sept. 23, at the old home place in the Parks Cross Roads community, near Ramseur.

Family members came from many areas to attend the reunion, including Ramseur, Asheboro, Rocky Mount, Elm City, Albany, Ga., Siler City, Salisbury, Green Bay, Va., Richmond, Va., Pittsboro, Raleigh, Carthage, Staley, Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Robbins, Sandston, Va., Calhoun, Tenn., Jamestown, Myrtle Beach, S. C. and Asheville.

The morning session and the picnic lunch which followed were held on the spacious lawn, underneath the elm trees. The original portion of the house, now more than a hundred years old, is contained within the present structure which has been remodeled several times. Although the high ceilings have been lowered, a part of the house still has the wide boards, put together with pegs.

It was to this place that John Marion Green and his wife, Mary Alston Green, and their children came sometime between 1860 and 1870 from their home in Chatham County, located near Green's Mill on Rocky River eight miles southwest of Pittsboro and near Beaumont Academy.

It is thought that most of their eleven children were born at their former home in Chatham County, including Martha Bell, Joseph John and Laurie Lee, who died at an early age and were presumably buried in the Green cemetery at Beaumont.

Their other children, all of whom left the old homestead except one, were Sallie Ruth, who married Gideon C. Foust, Robert E. (Bob) Green, who married Alma Foust; Mary Eugenia (Jennie), who married Isaac W. (Wellie) Parks; Margaret Ann (Maggie), who married Thomas W. Parks; Frederick Augusta (Fred) Green, who married Launa Blanche Cole.

Thomas Jackson Green remained at the old homeplace throughout his lifetime and the place is now owned and occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Eugenia Green Wilson. Also living there is another daughter, Mrs. Madge Green Brinson, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Worth Cox, and her family.

Robert E. (Bob) Green, another son of John Marion Green, spent his life across the road from the old home place and upon his death this place was procured by James Marion Green, son of Thomas Jackson Green and a grandson of John Marion Green.

It was James Marion Green, more familiarly known as Jim Green, who has spearheaded the organization of the John Marion Green reunion and who has served as its president. A former well known school teacher in Randolph County, he engaged in dairy farming until recent years.

John Marion Green and his wife, Mary Alston Green, were buried in the cemetery at the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church. Also buried in the cemetery at Parks Cross Roads are five of their children namely, Robert E. (Bob) Green, Mary Eugenia (Jennie) Parks, Margaret Ann (Maggie) Parks, Ida Marion (Duck) Shaw, and Thomas Jackson Parks, Sallie Ruth Foust was buried in the cemetery at the Alamance Presbyterian church in Guilford County. The burial sites for Lennie and Fred Green are not known, however, it is assumed that they were buried in the communities in which they lived.

Jim Green presided over the gathering of this distinguished family on Sunday, Sept. 22. He was assisted by William E. Green, an Asheville attorney who is compiling a history of the Green family.

Present also at the reunion were descendants of Robert Nathaniel Green, brother of John Marion Green, these family members coming from Chatham County.

George Wallace Spectre Hangs Over GOP's Rally

Sept. 30, 1968 – An old fashioned Republican rally was held Friday night at the Westmoore School in upper Moore County, close to the Randolph County line, but the spectre of third party presidential candidate George Wallace seemed to hang heavily over the huge meeting.

The Republicans in Moore County and lower Randolph County, like some of their Democratic counterparts, are national standard bearer.

Only one time during the lengthy meeting at which several speakers were heard, including a featured address by gubernatorial candidate Jim Gardner, was the name of presidential candidate Richard Nixon mentioned and that was an indirect reference to the Eisenhower – Nixon administration of eight years ago.

One speaker, state senatorial candidate Dave Drexel, former Moore County Republican chairman, arrived late at the meeting and frankly stated that he had come from the Wallace rally in Carthage. He elaborated further on the candidacy of George Wallace and mentioned too during the course of his remarks that he "had been with Jim Gardner all day."

The featured speaker, Jim Gardner, arrived late, coming in at 9 p. m. to address the huge gathering which was estimated to be in the neighborhood of 500 people. Sponsors of the meeting included the precincts of Westmoore, Robbins, Bensalem, High Falls and Ritters, areas which contain the biggest pockets of Republican strength in Moore County.

The speaker, although having been in Moore County earlier in the day came to the Westmoore meeting from Durham where he had attended a meeting of highway employees.

Saying that some of the highway employees were afraid to shake his hand, he asked "Is this Germany?" Referring to charges that his election would bring about a dismissal of State employees, he said "the only ones who are going to be fired, are those who have been living on the public trough and didn't do anything to earn it.: He said "we are going to open up the door and it will be like a breath of fresh air."

He said "America is troubled tonight, we are bogged down in a war we cannot win. We are in trouble today and we've got to come up with some answers."

"They want you to register your guns but don't want you to register Communists. Spiro Agnew was right, Hubert Humphery is soft on Communism,"he further declared.

He quoted Franklin Roosevelt's famous statement that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself" but added that he didn't like to mention Roosevelt's name.

He said also that "the voice of the people is going to be heard on Nov. 5. We are tired of the Hubert Humphreys and the Bob Scotts. There is not a dime's worth of difference between them."

Other speakers included Bob Somers, candidate for the United States Senate; Dr. Earl Ruth, candidate for Congress in the Eight District; Paul Thompson and Dave Drexel, candidates for the state senate from the 19th Senatorial District; Calvin Coolidge Thompson, candidate

for the legislature; and Robert S. Ewing, candidate for reelection as a Moore County Commissioner.

The latter speaker, a Moore County newspaper publisher and the first Republican incumbent in Moore County to ever run for reelection, was more lenient towards the Democrats than some of the other speakers. He spoke of the Democrats with whom he serves on the board of commissioners as "extremely honorable men" and he also said "we have a very fine highway commissioner in John McNair," referring to the Democrat who holds the highway position in the district of which Moore is a part.

Bob Holden, manager of the Randolph Telephone Membership Corp. in Asheboro, presided over the enthusiastic meeting. Ira McDowell, chairman of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, and Julian Brady, Randolph Republican chairman, were recognized and received ovations from the crowd. Many other Randolph residents were also in attendance.

He Campaigns While Others Attend Annual State Dinner

Oct. 14, 1968 – While other Democrats throughout North Carolina attended the annual Vance-Aycock dinner in Asheville, Greensboro businessman and State senatorial candidate Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles campaigned through eastern Randolph County and spoke Saturday night at a community supper in Pleasant Grove Township, near the Chatham County line.

Former director of the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development, the State senatorial candidate appeared before a bi-partisan gathering at a cabin on Brush Creek, to praise the community spirit of the Pleasant Grove people and to urge the strengthening of the economy of the rural areas of North Carolina.

Standing on the wide bank of the winding stream, with the people gathered around and the children playing in the foreground, Skipper Bowles spoke of the need for food processing in North Carolina as a means of keeping the farm economy going, saying that half of the population of the United States live within a radius of 500 miles.

He cited fertile soil, favorable climate and hardworking people as factors in bringing the big packers to North Carolina and "putting money in the pockets of the farmers of North Carolina."

Before he spoke the Pleasant Grove people, who come regularly to the Brush creek cabin for Saturday evenings of food, music and fellowship, and their visitors had partaken of fried oysters, hush puppies, slaw and French Fries, with hot dogs for the children who didn't like the fried oysters.

The string band, composed of Jimmie Lee Brady, violen, John T. Brown, banjo, Henry Hayes, Wendel Caviness and Jack Garner, guitars, and Clarence Caviness, bass fiddle, interrupted their music for the brief remarks of the speaker but continued immediately thereafter and were still playing after some of the people had taken their departure.

Andrew Auman Family Holds 29th Reunion At Whynot

Oct. 18, 1968 – The 29th annual reunion of the Andrew Auman family was held Sunday, Oct. 13, at the old Fair Grove Methodist Church at Why Not.

Robert M. (Bob) Auman, staff writer for the Greensboro Daily News and a great-great-great-grandson of

Andrew Auman, was the featured speaker in the reunion session which began at 11 o'clock.

He discussed his experiences as a newspaperman, relating many incidents both humorous and otherwise. He is a son of Moore County Representative T. Clyde Auman, of West End, who was also present for the annual family gathering.

This year's reunion session brought forth the fifth publication of Auman genealogy and the new booklet was on sale at the meeting. The sale of the newest edition will continue and copies may be procured from the reunion secretary, Mrs. Mae C. Auman, Route 4, Asheboro, for five dollars each.

The last edition of the family genealogy was published ten years ago.

As stated in the genealogy, all Aumans are descended from Andrew Auman, of German descent, who came to America in 1764. His first whereabouts in this country were recorded in Frederick County, Md., other records indicated that he came to Randolph County about 1792.

His wife was Barbara Luther, to whom he was married at the age of fifty-four. They were the parents of only two sons, Jacob and George, and it was from their two families that the other Aumans have originated.

Jacob Auman was buried in the cemetery at the Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Randolph County while his brother, George, was buried in a family cemetery behind the Asbury Baptist Church, just across the line in Montgomery County.

John Auman, son of Jacob Auman died shortly after returning home from service as a prison guard at a salt mine in another part of North Carolina during the Civil War period. He was buried in a field near the Pleasant Hill church. His widow and children left thereafter for Indiana and efforts are being made now to locate their descendants and include them in the Auman genealogy.

The origination of the Auman reunion was the outgrowth of the efforts of Rev. J. Clyde Auman, now of Winston-Salem who served as the first reunion president. He stepped down this year after serving for many years as chairman of the historical committee. He has especially been prominent in the compiling of the Auman genealogy.

G. Ray Auman, who has served as president for the past two years, presided over the 29th session of the annual reunion of the Andrew Auman family.

Special music was provided by a group from the Asbury Baptist Church, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Auman, Miss Carolyn Chriscoe, and Bobby Maness.

The memorial committee, under the chairmanship of Farrell Auman, reported the deaths of Jacob E. Auman Jr., Andrew Ignatius Auman, Mrs. Etta Auman Austin, Mrs. Esther Beane Hughes, Mrs. Fleta Boling Muelbach, Mrs. Flossie Auman Freeman, Mrs. Helen N. Rash, Mrs. Minnie Spencer Stuart, Mrs. Christina Richardson Murray, Mrs. Sarah Lucas Auman, William Clayson Boling, Garrett Allen, Mrs. Nora Cagle Sykes, Mrs. Mabel Auman Teel, James H. Needham, Mrs. Debbie Auman Needham, Brantley Finch Kearn, Mrs. Ada Monroe Burgess, Harry B. Patille, and Mrs. Emmett Davis, who only died the day before this years meeting of the families.

Prizes were awarded to the oldest woman, Mrs. Elsie Auman Stuart, 76, of Teachey, the oldest man, Arlige Auman, 84, of High Point, and to the youngest child, eight weeks-old Wendy Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam

Jordan, Route 4, Asheboro, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byrce Auman.

Coming the farthest distance to the family reunion was Naval Captain Forrest Auman and his family from Atlanta, Ga., son of M. C. (Clinton) Auman, Route 1, Seagrove. Captain Auman is professor of naval science at Georgia Tech and commanding officer of the Naval R.O.T.C. Unit at that institute.

Farrell Auman was elected as president of the family organization for the coming year. Noel Auman was re-elected vice president and Mrs. Mae C. Auman was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Throughout the years of its existence the reunion sessions have been held at the Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, the Asbury Baptist Church and the Fair Grove Church.

Old Timey Religion Still Has Meaning, He Believes

Oct. 21, 1968 – Lonnie A. King a local preacher for over 60 years, will speak at a union service at the Seagrove Christian Church Sunday morning, Oct. 27, beginning at 9:45.

Joining with the congregation of the Christian church will be the members of the Seagrove Methodist Church where Mr. King holds his license as a local Methodist preacher.

A Seagrove native and a retired employee of the Norfolk Southern Railway, Mr. King reached his 80th birthday on Sept. 26. He was born on the place which adjoins his present residence, across the road from the old Fair Grove Methodist Church building.

With a lifetime of service in the church behind him, this venerable local preacher has become concerned with the trends which he finds in the ministry and church of today.

He said so many are "preaching the good side of things, never preaching on sin and hell." He is also concerned that there are a "lot of people in the church without being converted."

He said "it looks to me like the church has lost its influence and prestige." Referring to his coming appearance at the union service, he said "I'm going to preach to the church this time. I'm going to put myself in God's hands and let him guide me."

He was converted at an early age and joined the Fair Grove Methodist Church at the age of 13 or 14. He was licensed to preach at the age of 18. When the Fair Grove church was dissolved and the Seagrove Methodist Church organized, he became a charter member of the latter church.

He remembers the revival meetings at the Fair Grove church in his earlier days, when the people came and stayed all day. Services were held in the morning, afternoon and at night. Both dinner and supper were served on the church grounds.

It was not unusual, Mr. King said, to hear people praying in the woods in the vicinity of the church, interrupted sometimes by shouts of praise and thanksgiving.

Fair Grove back then was a good, strong church, placed on a charge with seven other churches. After being licensed to preach, Mr. King often helped the pastor on the charge and spoke in the various churches. He recalls going in a buggy to the Lovejoy and Macedonia churches in Montgomery County and also used to ride the train to Mt. Gilead where he preached in one of the churches.

He also served the Liberty Charge, composed of the Randolph Bethany, Staley and White's Chapel Methodist Churches, for one year. He supplied the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, near the Moore County line, after the Methodist Conference had dropped this church. He helped to build the church back up after which the conference restored the church to their membership in the conference. He has preached in Baptist Methodist and Christian Churches.

After attending school at the Why Not Academy, near where he was born, and attending high school at Denton for a year and a half, Mr. King left his home and worked at a lumber camp before going to work for the Norfolk Southern Railway at Star.

He started off as a cross tie inspector and when he retired 42 years later he was serving as the chief crosstie and timber agent.

He married Mae Brown, of Star, and after a few years the couple came to the community where Mr. King was born, buying the old parsonage building of the Fair Grove Church. A few months later their home burned and the house in which Mr. King still lives was erected. He commuted back and forth to his employment in Star.

Mrs. King, who was an invalid for six years before her death in 1960, worked unceasingly with her husband in the life and activity of the church.

They kept the youth fellowship going for many years, both at the Fair Grove church and the church in Seagrove. Many of the young people with whom they worked have come back in later years and said "if you had not held on to me, I would not be where I am today."

Even though Mr. King retained his membership at the Fair Grove Church during the few years of his residence at Star, the people of the Star Methodist Church named him superintendent of the Sunday School during the time he was there. His vacations were spent mostly in helping hold revival meetings. His social life has been given to the church and the young people with whom he and his wife worked for so many years.

Since the death of his wife, Mr. King has lived alone in the two-story dwelling which replaced the old parsonage building. However, for the past two years he has spent some time with a sister at her home in Laurinburg. His immediate family consists of one son, James King, of Asheboro, his daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.

He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge in Biscoe for many years and is an honorary member of the Seagrove Lions Club. He doesn't look 80 years of age, drives his car wherever he wants to go and is an active person. He never misses Ladies Night at the Seagrove Lions Club and also attends other functions.

The congregations of the Seagrove Methodist and Christian Churches will do well to be on hand when this devoted Christian speaks at the union service on Sunday morning, Oct. 17. He will be speaking with the voice of experience, he will be reflecting a life of consistency and he will be expressing his concern for the modernism of the church in which he has spent almost his entire life.

Attendance Sparse At Rally Held For Wallace In Ramseur

Oct. 22, 1968 – The attendance at the Wallace rally at the town hall in Ramseur Friday evening did not reflect the evident support which the third party presidential candidate

has throughout Randolph County, as less than 50 people were present.

However, the enthusiasm of those present made up for the lack of attendance as the speaker, retired Army Colonel Reid Stubbs of Charlotte, chairman of the American party in North Carolina, was applauded frequently during his lengthy address.

Noticeable throughout the address was the complete impartiality with which Colonel Stubbs treated Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon, the candidates of the two major parties. He placed equal blame on both of them.

He spoke of the "movers and shakers" in this country who pick the presidential candidates and said that when the people get tired of those who have been running "they run in their second string."

He said "you are not going to get a change by switching from Hubert Humphrey to Richard Nixon because both of them are owned by the same gang, the leadership of both parties have been taken over by the mavericks.

"It was not the Viet Cong that gutted Washington, D. C., Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland the other cities," he said. "The enemy within our gates are allies of the Communist countries."

He said the "leadership of Viet Nam, China, Russia, Cuba and the leadership of those who polluted our cities are the one and the same and they are well known to Humphrey, Nixon and Ramsey Clark." The only man who recognizes the real enemy in the United States, he said, was George C. Wallace.

His American Flag Waves For Boys Serving In War

Oct. 23, 1968 – The American flag flies continuously over a small manufacturing plant in the southwestern section of Montgomery County, denoting that the owner's son is serving in Vietnam.

Previously Jack B. Morrow, owner of the Pee Dee Hosiery Mill, only displayed the colors on the regularly scheduled flag days.

But on July 4, the most patriotic of all the days, an impelling thought came to Morrow as he was lowering the flag at the time of sunset.

Why not, said Morrow to himself, "fly it on every day that we have our boy over there in Vietnam." This he has done at his hosiery mill and also at his home, where he lives with his wife and another son.

Morrow, who has received words of commendation from members of the war mother's chapter in Asheboro, urges strongly that all parents with sons in Vietnam fly the colors every day until their return or until the conflict comes to a close.

Mitchell Morrow, age 26, is the youngest son in Morrow's family of three sons and one daughter. Located between Pleiku and Saigon, he has been serving with the Army Medical Corps in Vietnam for six months.

Kenneth Morrow, oldest son in the family, is a veteran of four years with the U. S. Navy. The middle son, Maurice, has been with the Army Reserve for five years.

Jack B. Morrow himself served in the Navy in World War II, he is one of four candidates running for the two legislative seats to be filled from Randolph and Montgomery Counties in the election on Nov. 5.

He came to Montgomery County in May, 1936 to work at a textile plant in Mt. Gilead. The following Dec. he married the

former Addie B. Smith, of the Pee Dee community, where they have lived on Route 2, Mt. Gilead since that time.

For 17 years he has been superintendent of the Sunday School at the Zion Methodist Church, a historic church which had its beginning as the Scarborough Meeting House in 1786. The present church building was erected in 1854. Recently the church has contracted to have the old stones in the cemetery restored to their original state as much as is possible.

In Morrow's office at his hosiery mill he has displayed a high-top ladies shoe, given to him by the late Mrs. S. A. Cox of Pisgah. The shoe was worn by Mrs. Cox's daughter in 1910. Morrow formerly served as a distributor for Curtis Candy Company and in that capacity called at Mrs. Cox's store in Pisgah.

Also on display in his office is a copper-toe shoe and a miniature replica of an elderly couple, "grandpa and grandma," whose faces were made from dried apples. The latter curiosity was procured by Morrow and his wife while traveling through the Ozark Mountains.

But it is the outside of this small hosiery mill, with the colors waving in the breeze every day of the week and on Sundays, that attracts the people as they pass through the little community of Pee Dee.

However, not many of them except the residents who live there, know the story of this father who flies the flag each day in honor not only of his son but for all of the sons and brothers who are serving in that conflict which is so far away.

Coltrane Family Holds Reunion

Oct. 24, 1968 – In the beautiful surroundings of historic Centre Friends Meeting House, located in southern Guilford County near the Randolph line, the Coltrane family held their 36th annual reunion on Sunday, Oct. 20.

Family members consisted of the descendants of four brothers, James Coltrane, Daniel Coltrane, Jacob Coltrane and William Coltrane.

These four brothers were sons of William Coltrane who came to the vicinity of lower Guilford or upper Randolph sometime around 1782, which year he received a land grant of 400 acres.

The first William Coltrane who came to this section was the son of David Coltrane who settled in the Edenton section of North Carolina in the early part of the year 1700.

A genealogy of the Coltrane family, compiled by former mayor Robert Frazier, of Greensboro, was published in 1961. Members of the Coltrane family and the Frazier family are closely intertwined, with at least two brothers and sisters of each family marrying each other.

The 36th reunion of the Coltrane family replaced the morning worship service at Centre Friends Meeting except for the usual preliminaries which were conducted by the Minister, Thomas Butt.

Richard Earl Johnson, reunion president, presided over that portion of the service that introduced Dr. O. Herschel Folger, speaker for the meeting.

A group of children, Coltrane descendants, rendered special music while Mrs. Fred McCain, the former Elizabeth Coltrane, conducted a brief memorial service for family members who had died since the last reunion session. She was assisted by Anita Johnson and Rita Davis.

Those members included Edna Beeson Kemp, Paul Coltrane, Seth Spillman, Eugene Brown, Jesse Rube

Eldridge, Mrs. Ray Farabee, Mrs. Minnie Shepherd Hayworth and Mrs. John Newby.

Following a picnic luncheon on the spacious Meeting House grounds, a short business session was held. Officers for the coming year were named as follows: President, Hubbard Rockett; vice president Branson Coltrane; secretary, Mrs. Waldeen Lawrence; and treasurer, Branson Davis.

Annual meetings of the reunion are alternated between Centre Friends Meeting, Cedar Square Friends Meeting, Ebenezer Methodist Church and Old Union Methodist Church. The meeting next year will be held at the Ebenezer Methodist Church.

New Market Wins Award in Community Contest

Oct 28, 1968 – Awards for community activity were presented at the annual banquet of the County Council of Community Development Friday evening, Oct. 25, at the Level Cross Community Building.

Sponsored for nine years by The Courier-Tribune, \$150 in prize money was divided among four Randolph County communities for excellence in community development.

New Market, with its \$35,000 community building and a varied program of activity in Girl and Boy Scouts, the local Civitan Club, 4-H Clubs, the Grange, the churches and the school, won the first place award and was presented with a \$55 check.

Grantville, where the indebtedness on the community building has been paid off, received second place prize money amounting to \$45. In this community a Civitan Club has been organized, a Creative Club is in existence, the 4-H Club is especially strong and many other phases of community development is being maintained.

Cedar Grove and Piney Ridge tied for third place and both were given runner-up money amounting to \$25.

Cedar Grove, whose community building is almost paid for, also sponsors a "Good Neighbor Fund" which is used to help families in distress. Other achievements include the honoring of senior citizens, the holding of a community fair and the sponsorship of a 4-H Club.

Piney Grove, a Negro community in southeastern Randolph, has built a new church against overwhelming odds and also participates in other areas of public service, including the sponsorship of a March of Dimes drive in their community.

Judging the communities on their records of achievements were Mrs. Farrell Koontz, home economics advisor in Davidson County; Ken Harmon, agricultural agent for Alamance County; and John Crawford, chairman of the agricultural office in Guilford County.

Clinton Brown, chairman of the County Council of Community Development, presided over the banquet meeting on Friday evening. The award money was presented by Ralph Bulla, Courier-Tribune feature writer, who spoke of his contact with the communities involved and the progress which they have made.

New Market, the first place winner, will now advance to the Northern Piedmont Area Development contest and will be representing Randolph County at an awards banquet to be held in Elliott Hall at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on Nov. 13.

Years Of Effort Result In New Road

Oct. 29, 1968 – A hazardous road, located in level Cross and Providence Townships, has been replaced by an almost brand new thoroughfare.

After years of effort, frustration and sometime despair, residents of State Road No. 2114 are very happy about the road on which they now live.

A portion of State Road No. 2113, extending from the east end of No. 2114 to the previously paved section at the Providence Friends meeting, was also improved, thus making a direct connection from Highway 220, where No. 2114 has its beginning, to Highway 22 in the Red cross area.

Before straightening, widening, stabilizing and paving State Road No. 2114 the dirt road was particularly crooked and hazardous in the vicinity of Polecat Creek. Besides two sharp turns at a fifty degree angle in the road on the west side of the bridge, the greater danger was the flooding of the road in a moderately heavy rain.

Residents of the community have seen the water "waist high" or around four feet over the road. In times like this the school bus, the mail man and other motorists had to turn back and go around.

At other times, when the water was not quite so high, other motorists perhaps with a little "spirit" or a lot of determination would make the effort to go through, only to have their cars washed downstream.

Something over five years ago the writer of this article, upon the request of George Tucker, who lives on the road, went up to Level Cross during a moderately heavy rain to view the condition of the road.

Three hundred feet of the road was covered with water and as this reporter waited, with camera in hand, the school bus loaded with children came along. This time, however, the bus did not turn back but went through with the water up to the axle.

The photograph was sent to Governor Terry Sanford, he referred it to the district highway commissioner and an official interest developed.

But right-of-way difficulties and other handicaps entered into the picture and it was only about a month and a half ago that the road was completed. Since then the shoulders have been sowed and the grass is coming up.

The road was straightened to the extent that it does not even resemble the old one. In many places it does not touch the old road bed. A new bridge was built over Polecat Creek and a three-tunnel culvert was placed in Little Polecat Creek.

It is a beautiful road, its lines are straight and its curves are graceful. The people who live on it are proud of it and they are happy that their condition was finally alleviated. They are appreciative of the good job which the highway people did.

George Tucker began trying to get something done about the road 20 years ago. In the latter years of negotiations he was assisted by Norman Osborne, a Friends Minister and a resident on the road, who especially assisted the state engineers in the securing of the rights-of-way and the final contacts with the highway officials.

Mrs. H. I. Parrish Honored At Birthday Celebration

Oct. 31, 1968 – Mrs. H. I. Parrish, Rt. 2, Asheboro, was honored Sunday, Oct. 27, on the occasion of her 73rd birthday, her birth date having been reached on the day before.

It was a surprise occasion, or at least that was what it was supposed to have been, and was planned by Mrs. Parrish's daughter, Mrs. Talmadge Bunting.

Mrs. Bunting is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Parrish who observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary three years ago. Since their golden wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Parrish have moved into a new home near the West Chapel Methodist Church, near to the one in which they formerly lived.

It was the basement of this new home that the birthday celebration for Mrs. Parrish was held, with 46 or more family members in attendance.

Besides their daughter, five of Mr. and Mrs. Parrish's six grandchildren and all five great-grandchildren were in attendance. Also present were Mrs. Coy Pierce, Rt. 2, Denton, sister of Mrs. Parrish, and Mrs. Tina (Little Joe) Poole, Rt. 2, Asheboro, and Mrs. Stanton Moore, High Point, sisters of Mr. Parrish.

Although they live near the West Chapel Church, Mr. and Mrs. Parrish have been longtime members of the Back Creek Friends meeting, near which Mrs. Parrish, the former Myrtle Wincie Hoover, was born.

The Back Creek minister, George McDowell, and his wife were unable to attend the birthday dinner but came later in the day and stayed for supper.

Mr. Parrish formerly operated a grocery store for many years at the end of Sunset Ave., at the Old Farmer Road intersection, but retired from this business over 20 years ago. Since then he has been engaged on the selling of real estate.

There was an abundance of food at the birthday celebration for Mrs. Parrish and she also received several nice gifts.

Five Generations Gather In "Gallimore Town" Area

Nov. 4, 1968 – Five generations got together recently at the home of Mrs. Minnie Gallimore, well known Tabernacle Township woman, whose living descendants number one hundred and fourteen.

They came together at the home of Mrs. Gallimore on Route 1, Trinity, where Mrs. Gallimore was born June 10, 1879 at the home of her parents, Quincy Richardson and Jane Plummer Richardson.

The area in which Mrs. Gallimore has spent her life is more familiarly known as "Gallimore Town," so named because so many members of the large Gallimore family live in the immediate area.

Besides Mrs. Gallimore, who is 89 years of age, other family members comprising the five generations included her son, Bob, age 68, his son, Burley, age 42, Burley's son, Mike, age 22, and Mike's daughter, Teresa Faye, who will be six months old Nov. 8.

All of Mrs. Gallimore's descendants include seven children, forty grandchildren, sixty five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her seven living children are Mrs. Howard Small, who lives in the home with her, Bob Gallimore, Troy Gallimore, Mrs. Eliza Jane Hunt and Mrs. Vinson Loflin, who live around Mrs. Gallimore in the community where she has

spent her life, Mrs. Clarence Pugh, Route 1, Franklinville, and John Gallimore, Carthage.

Five children are deceased, General Lee, Clifford and Mattie, who died in infancy or at an early age, Roby Gallimore, who died in 1944, and Lewis Gallimore, who died in 1964.

Mrs. Gallimore was married to her late husband, Frank Gallimore, over seventy-one years ago. Mr. Gallimore died in 1958. She has been a member of the Tabernacle Methodist Church since she was quite small.

Her son Bob and her grandson Burley are well known auctioneers, land, livestock and otherwise. Both men conduct a livestock auction in Sampson County, Bob Gallimore has conducted an auction in Johnston County for seventeen years while Burley Gallimore has held an auction in Davidson County for fifteen years. They also hold many auctions on the local scene.

They are traders also, like their father and grandfather, Frank Gallimore, before them, The Gallimores have bought, traded and sold cattle, hogs, chickens and land throughout their lifetime.

Their trading instinct came from their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Louisa Miller Gallimore, who hauled pigs and participated in the cattle and poultry sales of long years ago.

Louisa Gallimore's husband, Ransome Gallimore, died at an early age and left her with a large family of children. Since she had to assume the reins of the household, she went forth among the world of men and provided for the children who were left to her care.

Her daughter-in-law, Minnie Gallimore, has not been required to peddle, to bargain and to sell like her mother-in-law, her husband, her sons and her grandsons. But she has maintained her household and reared her large family of children. Although in poor health for many years, now confined to a wheel chair, she is still the head of her large family and its one hundred and fourteen members. This has especially been true since the death of her husband over ten years ago.

She sits in her wheelchair, reflects on the memories of her long life and has very little to say. But her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren come into her presence with respect, affection and regard for the position she holds in their midst.

Crippled In Wreck, He May Yet Walk

Nov. 4, 1968 – A southwest Randolph County church, the New Hope Methodist Church of the Farmer Charge, is seeking help for 22 year-old Danny Hoover whom doctors said would never walk again.

An automobile wreck in Apr. left young Hoover with his neck almost broken and with his left side, arm and leg paralyzed. He remained in the hospital for fourteen weeks, ten weeks of which time he was unconscious.

Doctors said he would never walk again and after stays of seven weeks each at The Randolph Hospital and Cone Hospital in Greensboro he was placed in a rest home in Sanford.

While in the rest home at Sanford his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Dyle Cagle, Route 3, Denton, in whose home he had stayed for three years during his childhood, secured chiropractic treatment for him from a Sanford doctor. In

addition, they brought him to their home, where he had found loving care as a homeless boy at the age of eleven.

Danny has responded to treatment, he soon became able to move his leg, his mind cleared up and he has already regained partial use of his hand and leg. Although still unable to walk, he and his friends, the Cagles, feel that faith in God and the continuance of his treatments will enable him to walk again.

In order that his treatments may continue, the congregation of the New Hope Methodist Church, where he has attended every Sunday since coming to the Cagle home on Sept. 20, have established the "Help Danny Hoover Walk Again Fund."

Spearheaded by a committee composed of Mrs. Chester Leonard, Mrs. Leon Morton and Mrs. Buren Luther, a fund under the above designation has been established at the First National Bank in Asheboro to pay for the treatments which he will need.

General contributions will be accepted to this fund. Some money has already come in and the youth of the New Hope church on last Monday night went trick or treating for this worthy cause and brought in \$41.64.

Also, on Saturday, Nov. 2, ladies of the church will hold a bake sale at Albert Lanier's store in New Hope and at Brack's Furniture Store in Denton, with the receipts from the sale going to the fund.

Tremendous hospital and medical bills were incurred during his stays at the Asheboro and Greensboro hospitals, much of which time he spent in intensive care. All of these bills have not yet been paid but the important and immediate concern of Danny's friends in the New Hope church is that he gets the treatments which he needs to walk again. It is expected that he will need the treatments for perhaps a year.

Danny Hoover's childhood was not a pleasant one, except for the three years he spent in the home of his friends in the New Hope community and a period of time at the home of Mrs. Ebb Ledwell in the Jackson Creek community. His mother died when he was fifteen months old and since that he did not receive the love and care which a child normally gets.

But Mr. and Mrs. Dyle Cagle learned to love the curly headed, freckled-faced boy during the three years he stayed in their home and their interest and concern for him has continued since that time. That is why they were standing by to lend assistance when he met with his unfortunate mishap.

The people of the New Hope Methodist Church and community have now joined the Cagles in their desire to be of assistance to this young man who is still tousel – headed and whose smile is disarming.

As he sat in the presence of those who love him and are caring for his welfare, he said in utter sincerity, "the Lord has really been good to me. Whenever I get well I hope that I will be able to talk with somebody else and bring them to the Lord."

Contributions to the Danny Hoover fund will be accepted by members of the fund committee, other members of the New Hope congregation or may be deposited at the First National bank in Asheboro.

Trinity Couple Win State Honor

Nov. 5, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. Glenn M. Thomas, Rt. 2, Trinity, who were recently named the State Grange Young

Couple of the Year, are preparing for national competition which will be held Nov. 16 in Peoria, Ill.

They will leave the High Point Greensboro Airport on Nov. 13 to attend the national grange convention where they will compete with young couples from other states for the determination of the national winner.

Members of the Pomona Grange of Randolph County and of the subordinate grange at Trinity, their names were submitted by their subordinate organization, the Trinity Grange, and went to the state organization with the approval of the county organization, the Pomona Grange.

Selected by a panel of judges from the state group, the announcement of their selection and their presentation as the State Grange Young Couple of the Year was made on Oct. 23 during the annual convention of the North Carolina State Grange which was being held in Goldsboro.

They were introduced to the grange convention by Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, State Grange Master, who made the announcement of their selection.

Natives of Alamance County, Mr. Thomas from the Bethany community and Mrs. Thomas from Hawfields, the couple are comparatively new grange members, having only joined the Trinity Grange three years ago.

But both of them have been active since becoming grange members. In their subordinate grange Mr. Thomas last year was overseer and this year has been lecturer. Mrs. Thomas was home economics chairman last year and this year represents Ceres, one of the three graces of the grange. Both of them were instrumental in getting the square dances started by the Trinity Grange and Mrs. Thomas has been identified with the youth activities of the grange. She also worked with the March of Dimes drive as a part of her grange activities.

On the county level Mr. Thomas has served on the executive committee of the Pomona Grange and as youth chairman while Mrs. Thomas has served as the home economics chairman.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church in Thomasville, he has served as a deacon, president of Men's Work and president of the young couples class while she has served as treasurer of her circle and as flower chairman for the church.

In the school area he is serving as president of the Trindale P.T.S.A., a consolidated organization for the five schools of the Archdale - Trinity area while she is a substitute teacher in the county school system, and is active in the homemakers club of that area.

The couple are the parents of two children, Angela Marie, 10, and Joseph Matthew, 8. Mrs. Thomas is the former Helen Crowder. Mr. Thomas, 33, is a graduate of Graham High School while Mrs. Thomas, 30, is a graduate of Alexander - Wilson High School.

Mr. Thomas is a service man for the operation department of the Duke Power Sub-Station in High Point while Mrs. Thomas, outside of her part time duties as substitute teacher, is a housewife, sewing, baking, freezing, canning and performing the other duties of her household.

Since the couple live on a lot in the thickly settled Trinity area, they were questioned as to their selection as the State Grange Young Couple of the Year. But they quickly pointed out that the grange is no longer a farm organization but a community development service.

Nevertheless, Randolph County is proud of their selection for this state - wide honor and achievement, congratulates

them wholeheartedly and wishes for them success as they prepare to depart for the national competition which faces them.

Double Tragedy Hits Piney Ridge

Nov. 6, 1968 - Piney Ridge community, a Negro section on Route 1, Seagrove, between Erect and Seagrove, is recovering from a double tragedy which has hit their community in recent days.

First a veteran resident of the community, Eugene E. Greene, died on Oct. 23 at the age of 73. A veteran of World I, he had spent his life in the Piney Ridge community and was a respected resident of the community.

A large crowd attended his funeral at the Piney Ridge Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 27, in the new church building in which he had manifested a great interest and where some of his children were serving in official capacities.

Near the end of his funeral service one of his two daughters Mrs. Virginia Cassady, suffered an attack and was dead upon arrival at the Randolph Hospital.

Thus on Wednesday, Oct. 30, friends, neighbors, relatives and church people again gathered at the Piney Ridge church to pay their respects to Mrs. Cassady, just one week following the death of her father. She was 48 years of age at the time of her death.

Again a large crowd gathered, to pay tribute to a friend, a neighbor and a fellow church member.

Virginia Cassady was an active member of the Piney Ridge church and loyally supported all of its programs. She was Sunday School treasurer, kindergarten teacher, an usher for eight years, and a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

She was a member and the treasurer of the Piney Ridge Homemakers Club and she participated each year in the March of Dimes drive in the Piney Ridge community.

Among those coming to pay their respects at the final rites were several ministers, the employer to whom she had rendered faithful service for several years, the home economics agent of Randolph County and the county March of Dimes chairman.

Both Virginia Cassady and her father, Eugene E. Greene, will be missed in the Piney Ridge community. The community was stunned by the double loss which they have sustained. It will be some time before the people rally themselves and fill vacancies which have been made by the passing of these two substantial citizens.

Celebration Honors Them On Fiftieth Anniversary

Nov. 7, 1968 - Charles E. Glasgow, a retired State Highway employee, and his wife, the former Lula Williams, were honored Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3 on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Open house from three o'clock until five o'clock was held at their home in Central Falls. Hostesses for the occasion were their two daughters, Mrs. Russell Kirkman, the former Jewel Glasgow, who lives next door to her parents, and Mrs. Ed Troy of Greensboro, the former Mary Glasgow.

Other members of their immediate family, who participated in the anniversary celebration, included their sons-in-law's, their four grandchildren, Mrs. Harry Hughes, Miss Diane Troy, Miss Beth Troy, and Tommy Kirkman, their grandson-

in-law, Harry Hughes, and their little great-granddaughter, Angie Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow were married Oct. 12, 1918 at the home of the officiating Justice of the Peace, J. A. (Jimmy) Neighbors. They were prevented however, from the observance of their anniversary at the time of its occurrence due to a trip to Florida with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Troy, who were also celebrating their anniversary. Both Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Troy, were married on the same date.

Mr. Glasgow, age 72, was born near Worthville, then lived near Julian and came back to the vicinity between Worthville and Central Falls before his family moved to the vicinity of the South Carolina line where his father engaged in sawmilling. His schooling was obtained at Payne's School, between Shiloh Methodist Church and Liberty, before the family moved away from Randolph County. His parents were Danny and Edna Hodson Glasgow.

He entered the Army in 1917 from Anson County and was still serving with the military forces at the time of his marriage.

Mrs. Glasgow, also 72, was born in Ramseur, the daughter of Adam and Camie Hall Williams. The family moved to Central Falls when Mrs. Glasgow was a small child and she has lived there since that time. She attended the Central Falls School.

Although they lived in the same general vicinity during their younger days, their acquaintance developed when Mr. Glasgow came to Central Falls from the sawmill operations near South Carolina to see another girl. After an interval he came back, this time to see the girl he was later to marry.

They were accompanied to their marriage site by Mrs. Glasgow's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Williams. The short trip from Central Falls to Mr. Neighbors' home in North Asheboro was made in Mr. Williams' 1916 Model T. Ford.

The couple lived the first years of their married life with Mrs. Glasgow's parents. Her father died in 1924 and fifteen years ago they moved to the home in which they are now living. However, Mrs. Glasgow's mother, who died in 1961 at the age of 89, continued to live with her daughter and son-in-law until her death.

Mr. Glasgow, who retired as a maintenance foreman with the State Highway Commission in 1961, said he had had only three bosses during his lifetime, his father with whom he worked at the the sawmilling operations, Uncle Sam during his service in the Army, and the highway department. His employment as a highway employee continued for 40 years.

Mrs. Glasgow was dressed for her anniversary observance in a Navy Blue double knit dress and wore a corsage consisting of gold carnations. Her outfit for the wedding 50 years ago was a grey coat suit with white kid, high-top button shoes.

Charlie and Lula Glasgow are respected residents of Central Falls where they have spent all the years of their married life. As evidence of the respect and esteem in which they are held, their friends and neighbors came on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3, to honor them on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Highest Scouting Award Presented To Chuck Reavis

Nov. 11, 1968 – Charles Alan (Chuck) Reavis, 13-year-old member of Scout Troop No. 524, received the Eagle Scout Award in ceremonies Sunday morning, Nov. 10, at First Baptist Church in Asheboro.

Presentation of this highest award in scouting was made by Homer (Smokey) Eggers, scout executive of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts, and occurred during the morning worship service of the church.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alan Reavis, 924 Redding Rd., Asheboro, Chuck Reavis is the second member of his family to receive the Eagle Scout Award. His brother, Steve, received the award in Feb., 1964 as a member of the same scout troop and also at the age of 13.

It was his brother who escorted the young Eagle Award recipient to the rostrum for the presentation Sunday morning, Mike Cox, Eagle Scout, escorted the parents while Mike Miller, another Eagle Scout, escorted the Scoutmaster of Troop No. 524, Cliff Richardson.

Members of Scout Troop No. 524, which is sponsored by First Baptist Church, stood in salute while Mrs. Reavis pinned the Eagle Scout emblem on her son. Rev. J. B. Gibson, the church pastor, presided over the service.

Chuck Reavis joined Scout Troop No. 524 in Nov., 1965 at the age of eleven. Besides working off the required number of merit badges, he has mostly finished with five additional badges which will entitle him to the Eagle Palm. He is also aspiring for the God and Country Award.

Senior Patrol Leader of Scout troop No. 524, last July he was voted by the members of his troop into the Order of the Arrow, a distinction which comes through membership in the Tali Taktaki honorary Lodge, a scouting brotherhood organization. He is making plans to attend the national Scouting jamboree to be held next year at Faragut State Park in Idaho.

He is an eight grade student at South Asheboro Junior High School, a member of the school band and a member of the church which sponsors his scout troop.

J. Alan Reavis, father these two Eagle Scouts, formerly served for five years as the Scoutmaster of the troop in which his sons have achieved the highest honor in scouting. He was Scoutmaster at the time his oldest son received the Eagle Award and also at the time his youngest son joined the troop. Presently he is serving as a Scoutmaster's Roundtable Commissioner.

Church Initiates Unusual Service

Nov. 12, 1968 – An unusual observance, "I Love America Sunday," occurred at the Ramseur Christian Church Sunday, Nov. 10.

Initiated by Rev. Don Sweitzer, pastor of the church, the service was held "to publicly declare our faith in the American way of life and to the constituted government by which we live."

The observance came about because of the concern which the young pastor and his people had manifested toward the internal strife which has spread throughout the United States.

It was a patriotic service from start to finish, conducted by the minister who is a veteran of four years in the Air Force, a former member of the Marine Reserves and who will leave soon to prepare for his return to the military service, through the ranks of the chaplaincy.

All of the songs were patriotic and there was the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Special music by the choir consisted

of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" while a trio, composed of Mrs. C. K. Siler, Mrs. Herman Harris and Mrs. Brower Smith, sang "God Bless America."

Invited as special guests were representatives of the armed services. Present were First Sergeant Lloyd Hamby, of the Fourth Communications Company in Greensboro, representing the Marine Corps, and Technical Sergeant Don Dixon, an Air Force recruiter from High Point, whose territory covers the Ramseur area.

Also present as a special guest was Ramseur mayor Bill Wright.

Governor Dan K. Moore, to whom an invitation to attend had been extended, sent a letter expressing his regrets while an aide of Congressman James C. Gardner wrote to explain the Congressman's inability to be present.

Veterans of the armed services who were in the congregation Sunday morning were recognized and these included those serving in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict and those serving during peace time.

The pastor spoke on the subject: "Christians and Constituted Authority." He said that we are not to practice civil disobedience and urged that change be by democratic process. As citizens, he said, we are to be subject to the civil authorities.

Following the morning service a buffet luncheon was held in the fellowship hall of the new educational building which was opened for use in Apr. of this year.

Rev. Don Sweitzer, who became pastor of the church over two years ago, will conclude his pastorage on the first Sunday in Dec. He will then enroll at the Los Angeles Baptist Seminary to complete his training for a chaplaincy in the armed services.

A native of Reading, Pa., the minister is married to the former Nancy Leonard, of Lexington. They are the parents of two sons, David, 4, and Jonathan, who will be 3 years old in Jan.

Rev. Mr. Sweitzer was serving in the Air Force when he was called to the ministry. He prepared himself for the ministry at the Piedmont Bible College in Winston Salem.

Soldier Understands Why He's At War In Vietnam

Nov. 13, 1968 - A Route 4, Asheboro youth, who left for Vietnam six months following his enlistment in the Army, reflects on his tenure of service in the war zone and conditions at home in a couple of poems which he recently mailed his parents.

Private First Class Philip G. Saunders, who joined the Army on his 18th birthday, has told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Saunders, that he "understands now why I am over here, if you and daddy were over here, you'd do all you could to help."

But the young Army volunteer, who was called out to help quell the rioting in New York and Washington, D. C. before he left for overseas duty, doesn't understand the disturbances and the lack of support for the fighting men back home.

After volunteering for military duty and leaving his home on Jan. 9, Saunders underwent basic training for eight weeks at Ft. Bragg and then was subjected to further training at Ft. Dix, N. J. and Ft. Gordon, Ga. before going to Viet Nam on July 9.

His point of departure was from Oakland, Calif. And his Company B, 40th Signal Battalion, has its headquarters at

Cam-Rah-Bey. However, his tour of duty has thus far revolved around Phu Bai Phil, a native of Montgomery County, attended the Seagrove High School prior to his enlistment. Member of the First Baptist Church at Seagrove, he was a likeable, easy going young man and had a host of friends in the area in which he lived.

His first poem, "U. S. Fighting Man," is as follows: "When people riot in a town, we have to fix what they tear down. Other countries ask us around, when they use us, they put us down. For other countries we fight and die, for us they won't lift an eye. Our own people run us down, they act scared when we go to town. We are now fighting a smart foe, this enemy every one should know. What do we get in return, a street riot when we return. If only the American people knew, what hell we go through, just to keep them in a safe land. That's us, the U. S. fighting men."

His second poem, "I Want to Go Home," is as follows: "Before I left I would always roam. Now I'm sorry, I want to go home. I took home for granted, before I went away. But now I understand, I want to go home to stay. We had problems when I was home, I caused the trouble, and I wanted to roam. Now I'll be glad to go home to stay."

"I love my family, God made it this way. I'm sorry for the way I wanted to roam. I'll make it all up when I come home. Say a prayer for me so that from God I'll never roam. And remember I love you and I want to go home. If something happens and I should die. I'll go home to heaven, up in the sky."

Birthday Celebration Held For Mrs. Ernest Hughes

Nov. 18, 1968 - Mrs. Ernest Hughes a resident of Asheboro for the past fifty four years, was honored Sunday, Nov. 17, on the occasion of her 83rd birthday.

Members of her family, which included four generation, gathered at the home of her son, E. Wayne Hughes, 603 Home Ave. for a buffet luncheon, after which friends called during the afternoon.

Joining with Mrs. Hughes and her son and daughter-in-law in the birthday observance was her daughter, Mrs. Willie W. Boone, of Madison, the former Hazel Hughes, her son-in-law, two sisters and other family members.

Mrs. Hughes' grandchildren are Miss Carol Boone, Madison, Mrs. Houston Booth, Mayodan, and Mrs. Willis Brickhouse, Greensboro, while her great-grandchildren are Brian and Jeffrey Brickhouse and Steven Booth.

The former Effie Gaddis, Mrs. Hughes was born Nov. 20, 1885 in the Fuller's Mill section of western Randolph County. She married Walter Ernest Hughes on Dec. 23, 1903 and he died Dec. 27, 1950.

Her late husband served as a hardware salesman for McCrary-Redding Hardware in Asheboro and at the time of his death was associated with Cox-Lewis Hardware.

Since her husband's death she has lived with her son and daughter-in-law. Last June her two sisters, Misses Ethel and Eula Gaddis, who had lived in High Point for twenty nine years, came to Asheboro to make their home with Mrs. Hughes and her son and daughter-in-law.

Miss Ethel Gaddis, 76, and Miss Eula Gaddis, 72, and Mrs. Hughes are the only living members of their immediate family.

Mrs. Hughes, at the age of 83, is clear in mind and manifests an interest in her family, her church and her various friends. As a young girl she joined the Mount Zion

Methodist Church in the vicinity in which she was reared and retained her membership in this church until about five years ago when she moved her membership to the Central Methodist Church in Asheboro.

Her health is poor but she still enjoys visits from the pastor and the members of her church and from the friends who visit her from time to time. There were many gifts and birthday cards in evidence at the birthday celebration which was planned for her on the Sunday before her birthday.

Then too, she is enjoying very much the reunion with and the companionship of her two younger sisters, as they have come from High Point to live in the same house with her.

Rev. C. L. Grant, a retired Methodist minister living in Asheboro, was present for the birthday celebration and expressed the thanks for the meal which was served to those in attendance.

Couple Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Nov. 22, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. William A. Gales, of 500 Greensboro St., were honored Sunday, Nov. 17, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Gales has served as an Asheboro undertaker for 20 years, operating the Gales Funeral Home at his local residence.

Hostess for the anniversary celebration was Mrs. Clyde Foust, assisted by members of the Junior Usher Board at St. John's Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Gales is a member.

Mrs. Foust greeted the guests at the door. Mrs. Albert Henley presided over the punch bowl and Mrs. Mamie Whitner served the cake.

William Alexander Gales is a native of Franklin County and lived in Granville and Vance Counties and in Atlantic City, N. J. before coming to Asheboro in Nov., 1947.

Mrs. Gales, the former Clelly Jones, was born in the Knightdale section of Wake County and was living in Atlantic City, N. J., at the time of her marriage.

The couple came from Atlantic City to Durham for their marriage on Nov. 13, 1943. Nine days later Mr. Gales entered the military service and served with the Army overseas during World War II.

Mr. Gales served an apprenticeship with the Shepherd Funeral Home in Henderson before his military service and following his discharge attended Eckle's College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia, Pa. Not having had the privilege of attending school much during his boyhood days, Mr. Gales attended school later and graduated from high school at the age of 25.

Mrs. Gales graduated from Rosewald School in Wake County and later attended a vocational school in Atlantic City, N. J. Since living in Asheboro she has made slip covers and other items of this nature.

Mr. Gales has been active in Boy Scout work for several years and once served as chairman of the advancement committee. Mrs. Gales is active at St. John's Baptist Church, serves as treasurer of the usher board, on the finance committee and is a member of the missionary circle.

Two brothers of Mrs. Gales, Leroy and William Jones, of Durham, and four of her sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Dunn, Mrs. Cora McLeod and Mrs. Christine Johnson of Durham, and Miss Mozelle Jones, of Raleigh, attended the anniversary celebration. Another sister, Mrs. Aldonia Young, Atlantic City, N. J., called to congratulate the couple while Bennie E.

Gales, of Wilmington, brother of Mr. Gales, sent the couple a congratulatory telegram.

Leroy Jones, Mrs. Gales' oldest brother, served for eight years as valet to the late President Roosevelt, prior to his election to the presidency. Her sister, Miss Mozelle Jones, has been a member of the faculty at the state School for the Blind for 29 years.

Besides the out-of-town guests from Durham and Raleigh, other guests came from Greensboro and Monroe.

Homemaker Club President Planning For Open House

Nov. 28, 1968 – The president of a county homemaker's club and her husband are the proud owners of the third "demonstration house" to be sponsored this year by the county extension service.

Open house for this newest house, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Isley, will be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1, from three o'clock until five o'clock.

Mrs. Sarah W. Durante, home economics extension agent, assisted Mr. and Mrs. Isley in the planning and construction of their new home and will participate in its open house Sunday afternoon.

The public is invited to join in viewing the features of the new house during the time of the open house event. The house is located on Route 2, Ramseur, on Highway 49 just outside of the Ramseur town limits.

A brick veneer home with a carport, the house also includes two bedrooms, a den, utility room, birch paneled kitchen, ceramic tile bath with dressing table, and living room with fireplace.

The living room, document gold in color with matching wall to wall carpeting, has built-in book cases and a raised hearth. The living room walls are sheetrock.

Birch paneling is on the walls of the kitchen and hall and other kitchen features include built-in ironing board, stainless steel sink and built-in oven and surface unit. The floor is covered with inlaid linoleum.

The utility area and back porch, painted in Lexington green, is useful with its sink, cabinets, linen and storage closets. The floor in this area is also covered in inlaid linoleum.

The front middle bedroom, Edgewater blue in color, is covered with inlaid linoleum while the front end bedroom, painted Celery green, has carpeting on its floor.

Edgewater blue is also the color used in the bathroom fixtures.

A soft shade of gold (provincial) is the color in the den where the floor is covered with inlaid linoleum.

Mrs. Isley, the former Essie Waddell, is a native of the Holly Spring community where she was born as one of the 12 children of Johnny Waddell and Martha Chestnut Waddell. She was reared on a farm and learned early in life the value of hard work and thriftiness.

She was first married to James Goldston who died 12 years ago. She came to Ramseur at the time of her first marriage and has lived here for the past 34 years.

President of the Ramseur Homemaker's Club for the past six years, she has never missed a meeting of the club since its organization 16 years ago.

She is a member of McCrary's Chapel Methodist Church and a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. For 11 years she was employed at the cafeteria at the Ramseur Elementary School.

Following the death of her first husband, she was married to Rufus Isley, of the Parks Cross Roads section. He is a member of the Cox's Chapel Methodist Church.

Besides their new home in Ramseur, the couple own a farm outside of Ramseur and Mr. Isley also does farming for Alton Craven.

As a prelude to the open house event on Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Isley has invited all of her brothers and sisters to her new home on Thanksgiving Day and is cooking dinner for all of them. Nine of them are still living and all, except one, are expected to be her guests on Thanksgiving Day.

A superstitious tradition which had been impressed upon Mrs. Isley since childhood was cleared away when the house was occupied on Nov. 14 and now everything is in readiness for the Thanksgiving guests and those who will come on the following Sunday.

Thanksgiving Was Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Nov. 29, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harper, familiarly known to a great many Asheboro people, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. The couple reside at 113 Sterling St.

They were married on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1918, a few days after the signing of the armistice which brought World War I to a close.

Mr. Harper had been called up for service with the Army and was scheduled to leave on Nov. 15. After the signing of the armistice, the couple went ahead with plans for their marriage.

They were married by Justice of Peace J. A. (Jimmy) Neighbors, who was known as the "Marrying Squire."

It was a rainy day and they were transported from their homes in Asheboro to the home of the officiating magistrate, about three miles north of town, in a 1916 Model T. Sedan, owned and driven by Albert Parrish who operated a taxi or vehicle for hire.

The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Parrish and M. U. Canoy, son-in-law of the Justice of the peace, and the vows were spoken while the couple sat in the back seat of the Model T. Sedan.

After the ceremony Mr. Parrish, the owner of the car, had to go to Ramseur for a fare, so the newly married couple went along with him as a sort of a honeymoon trip.

William Elmer Harper, 70, was born across from the Maple Springs Baptist Church near Seagrove, the son of James Marion Harper and Carolina Wallace Harper. He attended the Blaylock school and the school at Seagrove. One of his teachers at the Blaylock school was Mrs. Annie Redding McCain, a well known Asheboro resident still living here at 133 N. Elm St. At the age of sixteen he came with his family to Asheboro to work at the Acme Hosiery Mill.

Mrs. Harper, 66, is the former Eugenia (Jeannie) Plummer, daughter of Robert Plummer and Minnie Welborn Plummer. She was born in the area just north of Asheboro and attended the Asheboro school on South Fayetteville St. which has just been sold at auction. She recalls playing in the one story school building which preceded the building she attended but which was not in use when she started to school.

Elmer Harper became attracted to the girl he was later to marry as both of them attended a corn shucking at the home of Charlie Moody. Later their courtship would include

attendance at the Asheboro Friends Meeting, where both of them still hold their membership, and to the revival meetings at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, walking the distance of two and more miles to and from the latter place.

Practically all of their married life has been spent on North Fayetteville St., just beyond the city limits. Their present home is only a short distance off of this street.

Six children were born to their marriage but only two survive. Mrs. Edith Harper Bowman, their oldest child, died in 1956 and Ernest Harper their fourth child, died in 1962. Betty Anne, four and one half years old, died in 1935 while Martha, their last child, died at birth.

Their two living children are James Harper, Lake Wales, Fla., and Mrs. Kathleen Harper Wells, Des. Moines, Iowa. Seven grandchildren and one great – grandchild, Eric Bowman, sixteen months – old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bowman, complete the family circle.

After working at Acme Hosiery Mill for 29 years and at the Asheboro Hosiery Mill for 20 years, Mr. Harper retired June 12, 1962. Mrs. Harper after ten years of employment at Hudson – Belk Department Store in Asheboro, retired about the same time.

No formal observance marked the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harper. Only a quiet Thanksgiving dinner with family members took note of the event.

Their marriage on that rainy Thanksgiving Day fifty years ago has brought sadness and tears, especially in the deaths of their four children. But the heartaches have been exceeded by the happier times and both of them were reconciled as they approached the day of their anniversary with anticipation towards its significance.

They had looked forward to the coming of their golden day and with pleasure they had recalled their courtship and the years which had unfolded since that time. Their friends rejoice with them as they have come to this important milestone in their lives.

Businessman, Minister Head Liberty Campaign

Dec. 2, 1968 – A businessman and a minister have been named to head the March of Dimes drive in Liberty for the 1969 campaign, according to Rev. Jimmy Norred, Randolph County drive director.

Conducting the annual drive for funds during the month of Jan. will be Jim Parker, president of the Liberty Oil Company, and Rev. J. A. Seaboch, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church.

Last year's drive in Liberty was headed by Rev. Avery Brown, who at that time was pastor of the Liberty Christian Church. Receipts from the 1968 effort amounted to \$1,267.87.

The co-chairman for this year's drive are both members of the Liberty Lions Club. Mr. Parker is a native of Johnston County while the Rev. Mr. Seaboch originates from Catwba County.

Parker came to Liberty on Nov. 1, 1967 from Burlington where he was associated with the Phillips Petroleum Company. He attended Atlantic Christian College and is a graduate of East Carolina College.

He is married to the former Jo Ann Creech, of Selma, and they are the parents of two children, Wendy, 6, and Jim Jr.,

who is nearly two. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are affiliated with First Baptist Church in Liberty.

The Rev. Mr. Seaboch came to Liberty five years ago this coming Jan. A graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College and Southern Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., his former fields of service were at Salisbury, Savannah, Ga. and Senoia, Ga. serving two parishes at the latter place. His family consists of his wife, two sons and four grandchildren. One son Richard, is a teacher at China Grove while the other son, Steve is attending a mortuary school at Louisville, Ky.

Students Give School Novel 'Money Turkey'

Dec. 5, 1968 - Junior High students at Faith Christian School presented Rev. Richard E. Gray with a "Money Turkey" Wednesday afternoon before the school closed down for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Rev. Mr. Gray is pastor of Faith Baptist Church, the sponsoring agency for the private school which was opened last fall. Facilities of the church are used in the conduct of the school.

The students, numbering twenty from the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, had planned the Thanksgiving offering since the beginning of school, without the knowledge of the recipient, the Rev. Mr. Gray.

Their method of presentation was a novel one, with the body of the "Money Turkey" being completely covered with the bronze coins or pennies. The wings and breast were covered with silver coins, the tail and feathers featured the greenbacks, the main tail feather consisting of a ten dollar bill, and the bow tie was made out of a one dollar bill. The turkey sat on a nest full of silver and checks.

Total value of the turkey amounted to more than \$160 and this money will be applied towards the construction of a new school building which is planned by the church and school authorities. It may be that the turkey will be allowed to set on the nest until Christmas, perhaps hatching more money for the proposed new building for the school.

A meeting of the men of the church, pertaining to the construction of the new building, was held at the church Sunday evening at the conclusion of the evening service.

Other recent gifts to the school have come from the Wheel Camper Inc., Centerville Michigan. Fish Lake Bible Church, Sturgis, Michigan, and a gift from a missionary in Lebanon who had received a copy of the church paper.

Florist Is Open Under New Owners

Dec. 11, 1968 - Owners and operators of the American Beauty Florist, where open house was held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, are two young women who were born and reared in Randolph county.

However, when they came to Asheboro on Oct. 15 to begin the operation of the florist, Mrs. Ruby Martin was living in Sanford and her sister, Mrs. Dean Marsh, was a resident of Spartanburg, S.C.

Located at 2509 South Fayetteville St., the American Beauty Florist replaces Bullard's Florist which ceased its operations on Oct. 1.

Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Parks, Route 1, Seagrove, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Marsh were born and reared in the area between Seagrove and Erect and attended the Seagrove school. They have two brothers,

Ray Parks, Route 5, Asheboro, and Henry Parks, Central Falls, They are the granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Parks, of Seagrove.

Their husbands, Bill Martin and Bobby Marsh, are both natives of Carthage. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of a daughter, Leondia, who has enrolled at South Asheboro Junior High School, while Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are the parents of a son, Bobby Ray, who is a student at the Guy B. Teachey Elementary School.

Before coming to Asheboro to begin the operation of American Beauty Florist, Mrs. Martin was employed as a designer at Frank's Florist in Sanford for two and one half years. She attended the American Floral of Arts School in Chicago.

Assisting Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Mar. in the establishment of their new floral business and participating in the open house event on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, was Gene Norwood, manager of Frank's Florist in Sanford, who was recently voted by floral groups as one of the top ten floral designers in North Carolina.

On Friday before the day of open house, a new addition to the physical plant of American Beauty Florist was completed and is being used as a large display room. For the current season the display room features an elegant showing of Christmas designs.

The florist in general will prepare arrangements of cut flowers as well as artificial ones, will feature funeral arrangements and cater to parties, wedding and banquets.

Refreshments were served at the open house occasion on Sunday afternoon and those attending registered for door prizes.

Open House Held At New Parsonage

Dec. 11, 1968 - Open house for the parsonage of Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church at 328 Watkins St. in Asheboro was held Sunday, Dec. 8, from two o'clock until six, with the pastor, his wife and various members of the congregation entertaining those people who called during the appointed hours.

The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Levi J. Evans Jr., and their little daughter, Sharon Levette, moved into the parsonage residence on last Aug. 22. However, on Nov. 1, the Rev. Mr. Evans began his third year as the Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Zion pastor.

This is the first home for the minister to be established by the congregation in the history of the Wesley Chapel church. The church began its ministry in Asheboro in 1932.

A comparatively new dwelling, the six-room brick parsonage was purchased at a cost of \$15,000. The house was formerly occupied by Bryant Headen, a former Asheboro policeman who is now a postal employee in Greensboro.

In addition to the purchase of the parsonage, improvements have also been made in the physical structure of the Wesley Chapel church, including new flooring and a new bulletin board.

A native of Golsboro, the Rev. Mr. Evan graduated from Dillard High School in his home town and from Livingston College in Salisbury. In June, 1969, he will graduate from Hood Theological Seminary, an affiliated institution of Livingstone College.

Mrs. Evans, the former Annie Robinson, is a native of Rutherford County. She is also a graduate of Livingstone

College. Her father and a brother-in-law are also ministers in the A.M.E. Zion Church.

In connection with open house at the Wesley chapel A.M.E. Zion parsonage, members of the congregation issued the following statement: "In addition to the material gains, the spiritual growth of our members is evident. This can possibly be attributed to the fact that we are constantly reminded that our witness for Christ must extend beyond the walls and grounds of our church. All of us have been made aware of the personal witness we can make for Christ in our own way. To these ends nearly all of us are striving."

"We realize that these accomplishments may seem small to some of you, but to the community of Asheboro, and especially the members of Wesley Chapel, this is news that merits attention. To us this is work in kingdom building and merits letting To us this is work in kingdom building and merits letting Zion know of our progress."

"It is not often that a minister accomplishes so much in such a short period of time, however, Rev. Mr. Evans has given Wesley Chapel the spiritual guidance that would promote such progress. We, the members, think very highly of him and his family. Because of our many recent accomplishments, we feel that even greater progress will be made in the future."

Sandwiches, cookies and Russian Tea were served at the open house event. An official dedication of the parsonage is planned at a later date, with the Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church coming for this occasion.

Grange Holds Its Annual Rural-Urban Get-Together

Dec. 18, 1968 – Farmer Grange members and their urban guests came together Saturday evening, Dec. 14, for the annual "rural-urban understanding meeting" of the local grange.

A dinner event and a festive occasion for the members of the Farmer Grange and their guests, the meeting featured an address by A. J. Woody, manager of the Asheboro office of Carolina Power and Light Company.

The grange hall was lavishly decorated for rural-urban night this year, perhaps more so than in previous years. This is an annual task for Mrs. Carl Kearns and Mrs. Herbert P. Kearns.

At the entrance was a nativity scene with lighted candles, with boughs of greenery throughout the hall and two lighted Christmas trees at the stage.

A Christmas angel in gold, holding a Christmas bouquet of red balls and green streamers, served as a backdrop on the stage.

The small tables, from which the people ate the bountiful meal which was served buffet style, were covered with red and green, centered with hurricane lights encircled with greenery. At the head table the centerpiece was a brass candelabra with holly and red candles.

The food table was centered with an arrangement of green holly and red carnations, with lighted candles.

Mrs. G. C. Castelloe Jr., wife of the Farmer school principal, was in charge of the food arrangements, a duty which she has also performed in previous years. As usual, she did a superb job.

The program for the meeting was handled by R. C. Adams, lecturer for the grange, and he also served as

master of ceremonies in the absence of Alton Wall, grange master, who was ill and unable to be present.

Because of his participation in promoting the rural-urban meetings at Farmer Mr. Adams was presented with a special award at the meeting of the state grange in Goldsboro in Oct.

Special music at the dinner meeting in Farmer Saturday evening was presented by Miss Elaine Balderson, soloist, accompanied by Miss Lynn Adams at the piano. Both girls are students at Farmer High School.

Other musicians entertaining the group were a semi-professional duo composed of J. Kenneth (Ken) McDowell, vocalist, and Larry Davis, guitarist. McDowell, a 1960 graduate of Farmer High School and a former resident of the community, was well received by his home folks.

Long-Time Randolph Resident Honored

Dec. 18, 1968 – K. W. (Kinney) Hulin, a Randolph County resident for approximately thirty years, was honored Sunday, Dec. 15, on the occasion of his 84th birthday. He resides at 2211 Newell St. in North Asheboro.

Honored by his wife, the former Bonier Allred, six daughters and two step-daughters, family members presents for the birthday occasion numbered forty-four. The date of his birth is Dec. 18.

His daughters, all of whom were present, are Mrs. Howard Morton and Mrs. J. B. Welch, High Point, Mrs. Charlie Pierce, Ft. Mills, S. C., Mrs. Ralph Zimmerman, Wilmington, Mrs. Carl Gilmore, Greensboro, and Mrs. Marshall Spencer, Route 4, Asheboro.

Step – daughters present were Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, Route 2, Troy, and Mrs. Leola Presnell, Central Falls. Another step – daughter, Mrs. Edna Young, Nashville, Tenn. was not present.

Also among those in attendance was Mr. Hulin's pastor at the Central Falls Methodist Church, Rev. Dewey Bailey. He offered the prayer before the eating of the buffet meal during the noon hour.

A native of the Lovejoy community in Montgomery County, Mr. Hulin is the son of the late John Hulin and Frances Haltom Hulin. He attended the Shiloh school near his birthplace and also the school at Bombay.

After Mr. Hulin left the home of his childhood, his parents and other members of the family moved to Central Falls, from which place his father entered the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Mr. Hulin's present wife, who is his fourth one, is a native of the Central Falls community and during her younger days mingled with members of Mr. Hulin's family while they lived in Central Falls. However, she did not know Mr. Hulin until before their marriage over eighteen years ago.

His first wife was the former Mattie Russell, who was the mother of his first five daughters, Mesdames Gilmore, Welch, Zimmerman, Pierce and Morton, while his second wife was the former Esther Robbins Wright by whom he had no children. His third wife was the former Clara Pritchard and they were the parents of his youngest daughter, Mrs. Spencer.

Besides his residence in his native Montgomery county and his sojourn in Randolph County, Mr. Hulin lived for a time in Scotland County. He has engaged in farming but worked mostly as a carpenter.

Couple Celebrate Their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Dec. 23, 1968 – Baxter Cleveland Rich, son of a pioneer Randolph County brickmaker, and his wife, the former Maud Lee Smith, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Friday, Dec. 20, at their South Cox Street Extension home.

No formal celebration marked the occasion, with the couple spending the day of their anniversary in quiet contemplation at home and with their adopted son, Rex Rich, and his family who live in an adjoining residence.

Eighty two years of age, Baxter Rich was born at the old Rich homeplace, near the Panther Creek Baptist Church, the youngest of seven children of Henry Clay Rich and Sarah Shepherd Rich.

When just a small boy he moved with his family to a home on South Cox St., but his father continued to operate the farm from which they moved, located at the lower end of the Cox Road.

Before moving to town his father operated a brick kiln at the farm after the crops were in each fall and then established a brick yard in Asheboro after leaving the farm.

All of the Rich sons, however, did not work at the brick yard. On early Monday mornings some of them, accompanied by a sister, would return to the farm to cultivate the crops, coming back to Asheboro on Friday evenings or on Saturdays. The sister went along to do the cooking and among those going to work at the farm would be the youngest Rich son, Baxter.

Baxter Rich attended the school in Asheboro and at the time of his marriage was engaged, along with one of his brothers, Otis Rich, in the operation of a gasoline engine wood saw.

His wife, who will be 79 years of age next Feb. 10, was also born down the Cox Road, near where the Guy B. Teachey Elementary School is now located. She was the youngest of eight children born to Albert Smith and Cornelia Vestal Smith.

Her father was a Confederate soldier who was wounded during the Civil War conflict. Her middle name came from the commander of the southern forces, General Robert E. Lee. She attended the Brower's School, to which she walked three miles through the snow, rain and sleet.

After a courtship of four years, which began at a sanctified tent meeting in Asheboro, the couple were married Dec. 20, 1908 at the home of the bride. Rev. J. H. Stowe, a Methodist protestant minister, performed the ceremony which was delayed for three hours so that he could conduct a funeral.

Homer Allen, who later went to Texas, and Mrs. Rich's sister, Nettie Smith, "stood up" for the couple at the Sunday afternoon ceremony and afterwards both couples drove around by Brower's Chapel Methodist Protestant Church in their buggies and then came to Asheboro to the home of Mr. Rich's mother for a wedding supper. One of his sisters, Minnie Kirkpatrick, came in from Kansas because of the wedding. Mr. Rich's father had died several years earlier.

After about three years of residence with his mother the couple moved to the home in which they are still living. Mr. Rich has worked at various positions, including a job at his brother Elmer's brick yard, furniture and chair factories, and also engaged in the raising of chickens and the growing of tobacco. He retired from public work in 1952.

Their adopted son is the child of one of Mrs. Rich's brothers. She and Mr. Rich took him at his mother's death when he was only one week old. He and his wife, the former Doris Yow, are the parents of two children, Carlene and Richard, who spend much time with their grandparents next door.

Mr. Rich is a member of Grace Methodist Church while Mrs. Rich has been a member of Brower's Chapel Methodist Church since she was eleven years old. However, she is a regular attendant of the First Wesleyan Church in Asheboro.

All members of their immediate families, their brothers and sisters, are now deceased. Mr. Rich's brother, Otis died recently at the age of 88. Two other brothers, Elmer and John W. Rich, have died in recent years at advanced ages.

Seagrove Lions Pay Honor To Member

Dec. 24, 1968 –Seagrove Lions Club members and district officials honored a fellow member for "faithful and unselfish service" at the club's meeting on Dec. 19.

Philmore (Phil) Graves, who has been sick now for many months, was presented with a bronze plaque "in recognition of his more than twenty two years of faithful and unselfish service to Lions work and especially for his service to the blind people of his area."

The ailing club member was presented with the plaque by District Governor Lacy M. Presnell Jr., as his fellow club members rose to their feet in a spontaneous tribute to his service to the club and community.

The district governor was eloquent in his brief address of presentation. He told the club members, the district officials and the visitors that "we have come to pay tribute to the leadership of Phil Graves."

Besides the district governor, others on hand for the presentation ceremony included A. O. White, deputy governor, Edgar Stevens, district cabinet secretary and treasurer, Q. G. McKeel, district eye bank chairman, Julius Williams, zone chairman, and Rev. L. M. Presnell former member of the Seagrove club.

It was an emotion packed ceremony of presentation and many members were visible affected when Phil Graves stood to thank them personally for their tribute to him and to reiterate his determination to continue to help the blind people of his area.

Phil Graves has worked on the Boy's Home project at Lake Waccamaw, donating to them a potter's wheel and clay at his own expense, and he has engaged in other projects in which his club has been involved.

But it has been with the blind people that he has particularly occupied himself. He regularly carried them to the summer picnics and Christmas parties sponsored by the county Lions Clubs and this past Christmas party was perhaps the first one he has missed. His illness prevented him from going and taking his guests as usual.

Fellow club members say that he did not confine himself to just taking the blind guests to the picnics and Christmas parties. They say that he visited them at other times throughout the year, to inquire as to their welfare and to see if there was anything he could do for them.

Member after member told this reporter of his devotion to the Lions Club and its various projects. One member said that some people only work on a project if it is convenient but that the real contribution, as exemplified by Phil Graves,

is when you have to make a sacrifice. He said, referring to Phil,"he was always right in there to do his part."

Philmore Graves is a lifelong Seagrove resident. He and his wife, the former Nell Cole, are associated with the J. B. Cole Pottery and several years ago started the Graves Candle shop. His father, D. R. Graves, is an aged Seagrove resident. At the Lions meeting at which he was honored, he was accompanied by his brother. Harwood Graves.

The presentation of the bronze plaque to Phil Graves was a complete surprise to him. However, the people down town knew about it, were happy that his services were going to be recognized and were hopeful that his health would permit him to be present to receive the honor which was being bestowed upon him.

It was noticed that the ladies who prepared the meal for the Lions meeting left off their duties in the kitchen and stood in the doorway while this dedicated Lions Club member was being honored. Everybody in Seagrove, it seems, felt that Phil Graves deserved the tribute which was extended to him.

Cagles Celebrate Fiftieth Among Family And Friends

Dec. 26, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vance Cagle celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 22, at their home on Route 1, Seagrove, with members of their family and a few friends joining with them for the occasion.

Among those on hand for the anniversary observance were Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. (Duck) McNeill, who went with Mr. and Mrs. Cagle when they got married 51 years ago, and A. C. (Bige) Lowdermilk, 84, the Justice of Peace who performed their marriage ceremony.

Asked how much he charged Mr. Cagle for performing the ceremony, Mr. Lowdermilk said "whenever I married a pretty good citizen I didn't charge him anything."

Mr. and Mrs. Cagle and Mr. and Mrs. McNeill rode in separate buggies to the home of the officiating magistrate on that cold Sunday morning, Dec. 23, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill were not married at that time but did follow Mr. and Mrs. Cagle in matrimony the following Mar.

Their courtship had begun three or four years earlier at a revival meeting at the Mt. Zion Pilgrim Holiness Church, located close to the home where Mrs. Cagle was reared. Asked why he went to the Mt. Zion Church, since it was located some distance from his home, Mr. Cagle said "I was just looking around."

Henry Vance Cagle was born in the same vicinity in which he still lives, the son of Alfred Cagle and Lucy Jane Garner Cagle. His maternal grandfather, Peter Garner, served in the Home Guard during the Civil War and was killed in the performance of his duties. Mr. Cagle still has the billfold which his grandfather carried at the time of his death.

Mrs. Cagle, the former Mettie Myrtle Hancock, was born in the upper edge of Moore County, the daughter of Joel Hancock and Frances Kearns Hancock. She attended the Mt. Zion school, a log building with a large fireplace.

Mr. Cagle attended the New Center school but went to work at a sawmill at the age of thirteen and one-half years for wages amounting to 35 cents a day.

Besides sawmilling he worked for 19 years at a cloth mill in Robbins. Now 72 years of age, he retired for four years, but has recently gone back to work at the Why Not Upholstering Co. Mrs. Cagle is also 72 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Cagle are the parents of six children, Mrs. Ben Chriscoe, Seagrove, Wade Cagle and Mrs. Mexie Moore, Asheboro, Mrs. Gene Cranford, Route 3, Asheboro, Tracy Cagle, Route 1, Seagrove, and Vernon Cagle, High Point.

Active members of the Union Grove Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Cagle are well known in the community where they have spent most of their lives.

Henry Cagle, without much formal education, is still alert, well informed and able to cope with any situation. Although good hearted and kind, he is a strong partisan and ready with a sharp retort whenever his political views are challenged.

A man who has lived beside of him for 21 years said of him on the day of the anniversary celebration,"I have never lived by a better neighbor. He is one of the finest men I have ever known.

A Big Christmas: Mom, Dad, 14 Kids

Dec. 27, 1968 – One of the largest single family gatherings in Randolph County during the Christmas season occurred Christmas eve when Mr. and Mrs. William Oscar Smith, Route 1, Asheboro, and their fourteen children got together at the Grantville Community Building.

Also present were sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Although all of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith live in Randolph County, this was the first time they remember getting together at the same time. Two other occasions in recent years have brought most of the family members together, one occasion which was the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Smith two years ago, but at both of these times at least one of the fourteen children was absent.

But all of them were present for the family occasion Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, which the 52nd wedding anniversary of this couple who came to Randolph County nearly forty nine years ago. Both of them were born and reared in Stokes County, arriving in Randolph County on the first day of the year 1920. Only one of their fourteen living children was born at the time they moved here.

In addition to their fourteen living children, three other children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, two dying in infancy and one at the age of eight months.

Their living children are Mrs. Henry (Opal) Kirkman, Rt. 1, Franklinville; Mrs. Vernon (Mabel) Burrow, Asheboro; Mrs. Ralph (Myrtle) Craven, Asheboro; Raymond Smith, Rt. 5, Asheboro; Paul Smith, Rt. 1, Asheboro; Harold Smith, Asheboro; Roger Smith, Rt. 1, Asheboro; Mrs. Merritt (Virginia) Cox, Ramseur; J. W. Smith, Rt. 1, Asheboro; Mrs. Jack (Elizabeth) Gearren, Rt. 2, Asheboro; Mrs. J. V. (Doris) Henson, Jr., Rt. 1, Asheboro; Mrs. J. W. (Betty) Parks, Asheboro; Mrs. Clay (Barbara) Davis, Rt. 1 Seagrove; Mrs. Ralph (Faye) York, Asheboro.

Mrs. Smith, 70 years of age, did not go to the hospital for the births of any of her seventeen children, most of whom were delivered by a mid-wife. Mr. Smith, the father of this large family of children, is 72 years of age.

It was a happy occasion when Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith and their fourteen children finally got together for a complete reunion. The Grantville Community Building rang with laughter and children's play as this large family met to honor their parents and to fellowship with each other.