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1969**Many Randolph Residents Reside At Methodist Home**

Jan. 1, 1969 – Death this past week thinned the ranks of Randolph County people living at The Methodist Home and its affiliated institution, the Wesley Nursing Center, in Charlotte, with three former county residents dying within a week of each other.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, Charlie Edwards died in a Charlotte hospital. Formerly of Archdale, he lived first at The Methodist Home and then at Wesley Nursing Center before his final illness. He was buried on last Tuesday in the cemetery at the Flag Springs Methodist Church, southeast of Asheboro.

Jimmy Bunch, long time Asheboro postal employee, resided at The Methodist Home and was in seemingly good spirits and health when this reporter visited the home on Monday before Christmas. He died on Wednesday at the home of a sister-in-law in Asheboro. He was 84 years of age.

Another Archdale resident, Mrs. Nettie Pritchard Keerans, had lived at The Methodist Home for some time. Eighty seven years of age, she died on Friday.

Other Randolph County people who are members of The Methodist Home in Charlotte are Mrs. Dorothy Nance Speegle, Mrs. L. Q. Yow, Mrs. J. K. Gelbach, Mrs. L. D. Burkhead, Mrs. Lizzie Hoover, Mrs. Noah Duncan, Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, Miss Emma Walker and Walter Voncannon, the latter two residing presently at the nursing center.

These members, most of whom were visited by this reporter on his visit, were well and happy except for the sadness which they felt because of the death of their fellow member, Mr. Edwards. This visit occurred before the deaths of Mr. Bunch and Mrs. Keerans.

All of them asked to be remembered to friends back home and expressed appreciation for Christmas cards, gifts and other remembrances from their friends in Asheboro and Randolph County.

North Asheboro Pastor Leaves For Mission

Jan. 1, 1969 – A North Asheboro pastor, Rev. Hoover E. Smith, will leave Jan. 2 to accompany a group of North Carolina ministers on approaching mission in Haiti, Puerto Rico and a couple of islands in the Caribbean area.

All of the eight ministers who will make the trip are members of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Church and arrangements for the mission have been made by the conference Secretary of Missions, Rev. Harold Rickman.

The ministers will fly from Charlotte to Miami, Fla., then to Haiti where they will attend the annual conference of the mission stations at Port-au-Prince.

At the conclusion of the conference they will visit the mission stations down the east coast, up the west coast and will be ferried across the mountains in a small plane back to Port-au-Prince.

They will fly then by jet plane to San Juan, Puerto Rico, from which place they will go out in teams preaching to the people through interpreters and ministering unto them.

Before bringing their preaching mission to a close and returning on Jan. 18, the ministers will spend brief periods

on the islands of St. Thomas and St. Corix, British owned possessions where they will be speaking directly to the people in their own tongue.

The Neighbors Grove minister estimates that the ministers going on the mission will be holding several services daily besides working in the mission hospitals and dispensaries.

Christmas Day Was Their Fiftieth Wedding Date

Jan. 1, 1969 – A Christmas wedding untied Mr. and Mrs. William Emmett Nixon, Route 1, Franklinville, in marriage fifty years ago.

In comemoration of their golden wedding anniversary their four sons and daughters-in-law honored them at a reception

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 29, at the fellowship hall of the Bethany Methodist Church.

Their sons are Everett Nixon, Randleman, Richard Nixon, Route 3, Randleman, John Nixon and Charles (Chuck) Nixon, of Route 1, Franklinville.

Emmett Nixon, age 72, was born north of Millboro, a very short distance from where he is now residing, the son of John C. Nixon and Joann Brown Nixon. He attended the Millboro School which at that time was one of the largest rural schools in the area. Mr. Nixon recalls that there were approximately two hundred students enrolled in the two-teacher school.

He also remembers that Millboro was quite thriving in his boyhood days, there being located within its confines two stores and a chair factory in addition to Millboro shipping center for the mills at Worthville and Central Falls.

Mrs. Nixon, age 70, is the former Hettie Ella Davis, the daughter of Henry Davis and Elizabeth Richardson Davis. She was born in the western part of the country, in the Tabernacle Township area, but moved with her parents to the area south of Grays Chapel when she was young. She attended the Pierce's school, near the Westfield Baptist Church, in the vicinity in which she was born for one year and after that went to the old Grays Chapel School.

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon acquainted probably at the spelling matches which used to be held at the Grays Chapel school. After a courtship of four or five years they rode in an open oneseater rubber-tired buggy in the early hours of that Christmas evening fifty years ago to the home of Justice of the Peace G. W. (Bub) Pugh where they were united in marriage.

Besides their four sons the couple have nine grandchildren. Other members of Mr. Nixon's family include two brothers, Guy and Clifford Nixon, and two sisters, Mrs. E. C. Glasgow and Mrs. L. J. Davis, while Mrs. Nixon also has two brothers, Albert Davis and Lewis Davis, and two sisters, Mrs. Raymond Allred and Mrs. Isaac Allred, living. A sister, Mrs. Gaston Lineberry, and a brother, L. J. (Lone) Davis, are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon are members of the Bethany Methodist Church where they received their friends and relatives at the reception which honored them on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Nixon served as an election judge in the Central Falls voting precinct until illness curtailed his activities in the past election.

Floyd Hancocks Honored On Golden Anniversary

Jan. 1, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Henry Hancock, Route 1, Seagrove, were honored Sunday afternoon, Dec. 29, at the grange hall in Seagrove at an occasion which commemorated their golden wedding anniversary.

The couple was married on the day after Christmas at the bride's home in High Point, the date being Dec. 26, 1918.

Their six living children were hosts at the open house event which was held in the grange hall in their honor, however, one son, Rev. Ray Hancock, of Morton, Ill, was unable to be present.

The other five children are Paul Hancock and Mrs. Bob (Rachel) Cagle, Asheboro, Mrs. Curtis (Leona) Albright, Route 2, Seagrove, Mrs. Vernon (Lottie) Purvis, Route 2, Bennett, and Earl Hancock, Route 4, Asheboro.

Their fifty years of marriage has not been without sorrow, with two of their children being deceased. One son, Lester Lee, was run over by an automobile and killed at the age of eight while a daughter, Mrs. Elsie (Vitis Allene) Reeder died before she reached the age of thirty.

Mr. Hancock, who will be 72 years of age on Jan. 5, was born in the upper part of Moore County near the Mt. Zion Pilgrim Holiness Church. He attended the Mt. Zion school. His parents were Henry Hancock and Odelia King Hancock. Mr. Hancock was working in High Point at the time of his marriage.

Mrs. Hancock, age 70, the former Addie Shepherd, was living with her family in High Point at the time of her marriage. She attended the Friendship and Shoffner schools in Alamance County. Her parents were William Shepherd and Martha Ingle Shepherd.

The couple, who lived across town from each other in High Point, got acquainted while working at the same silk mill in that city. Their courting was done mostly on the job. However, at other times Mr. Hancock either walked across town to see his girl or rode the streetcar. On the evening of the wedding he rode with the preacher who performed the ceremony.

After living in High Point for twenty years they moved to the vicinity near which Mr. Hancock was born, purchasing a 13 – room house formerly owned by Clinton Auman. Although their children are all gone, they still live in the big house which is located northeast of Why Not.

Mr. Hancock worked at the mill in Robbins for several years after coming back from High Point and also at Klopman Mills and at a mill in Lexington before retiring just before his 65th birthday. He suffered a stroke six years ago but is in generally good health at this time. Mrs. Hancock is real active, having recovered from a broken leg which she sustained several months ago.

The couple attends the Bethel Church of God between Seagrove and Robbins.

Their son in Illionis, who could not attend their anniversary celebration, visited them in Aug. He could not come at this time because of the birth of his only grandchild and the seventh great-grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Hancock. Their grandchildren number thirteen.

Rest Home Under New Management

Jan. 2, 1969 – Randolph Rest Home, operated for the past ten years by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Burrow, has changed hands, effective Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrow came to the institution on Oct. 25, 1958 when it was known as the Randolph County Home. At that time it was operated by the county and Mr. and Mrs. Burrow served as its superintendents.

On July 1, 1961 the county home was changed into the Randolph Rest Home and leased by the county to Mr. and Mrs. Burrow.

Succeeding Mr. and Mrs. Burrow as managers of Randolph Rest Home will be their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson. The Wilsons partially assumed the operation of the rest home a few months ago but the change of management became official Jan. 1.

Mrs. Wilson, the former Lou Burrow, came with her parents to reside at the home when she was fifteen years of age. She and her husband are the parents of three children, Pam, 8, Deanie, 5, and Angie, 2.

Besides Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Burrow are the parents of five other children, Clayton Burrow, who is married and away from home, Anita, 18, David, 14, John, 11, and Kenneth, 4.

It was because of their younger children that Mr. and Mrs. Burrow felt impressed to relinquish the management of the home. They felt that their growing boys would lead a more normal existence in a different environment.

However, they still plan to care for the aged and infirm to a limited degree. The home in which they will reside on Highway 64 east is being enlarged to care for five patients.

Randolph Rest Home, since being licensed by the State Welfare Department in 1961, has had a capacity for thirty one patients. There were forty – four people at the county home when the Burrows took over in 1958.

Several of the more mentally disturbed patients were transferred to the State Hospital at Raleigh when the county home was dissolved. Only a small number, perhaps eight or nine, remain out of the forty – four people who were at the home in 1958. One resident, with the longest tenure of residency, stayed at the county home when it was located west of Asheboro over a half of a century ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrow, recalling the change from the county home to the rest home, said the residents had been much happier with the rest home status. According to the Burrows, "they really feel like they are paying their own way, the check comes to them and they are allowed some for expenses."

Much credit, however, is due to Mr. and Mrs. Burrow for the attitude and the evident satisfaction of the people for whom they have cared for the past ten years. Mrs. Burrow said "they feel like it is their home and we have tried to make them feel like that." Further expressing the mutual regard, she said "we feel close to them and they feel close to us."

"Capt. Burrow," as the genial manager of the rest home has been known to his friends, and his industrious wife, Mabel, has had patience with the residents of Randolph Rest Home and many of them are disturbed because of their leaving.

Last Sept. the Burrows honored the residents of the home and their families at a picnic dinner on the lawn. Nearly two hundred people were in attendance. It is hope to make this an annual affair.

Upon leaving Mr. and Mrs. Burrow express a deep sense of appreciation for the various people and agencies who have made their task easier. They are appreciative of the kindness which has been bestowed upon them and the

residents of the home by the welfare department, the health department, the hospital, the doctors, the ministers, the County Commissioners, the Jaycees, Christmas Cheer and other people and groups too numerous to mention.

They deliberated a long time and prayed much about the matter of their departure. But once the decision was made, Mrs. Burrow expressed it like this, "we feel like we came in the will of the Lord and we feel like we are leaving in the will of the Lord." The people of Randolph county owe this dedicated couple a vote of thanks for their services to the aged, the infirm and the people who needed someone to care for them.

Large Group Of Workers Attend Kick-Off Dinner For March of Dimes

Jan. 2, 1969 – March of Dimes workers for the 1969 fund raising campaign in Randolph County, nearly 50 in number, attended the kick-off supper recently at Seafood Lodge in Asheboro.

It was the largest group to come together to initiate plans for the annual drive which will continue through the month of Jan.

Consisting of community chairmen and other personnel, they came from all sections of Randolph County.

Besides making plans for the local drive and distributing materials to the community chairmen, the meeting at Seafood Lodge ended with the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation receiving a plaque from the national organization "for distinguished voluntary leadership in the fight against crippling disease."

Presented to Ralph Bulla, local chapter chairman, by Jack McGee, North Carolina Central District Representative for the March of Dimes, the presentation was based on the Randolph County chapter having consistently led in per capita giving to the March of Dimes drive among the county chapter throughout the state, in addition to other areas of service.

Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, county drive director, conducted the kick-off meeting and told of the program of The national Foundation-March of Dimes in its fight against birth defects through research, medical care, professional and public health education, the same basic approach that led to the victory over polio.

He announced that \$3,605.92 was spent in Randolph County last year by the local chapter for hearing aids, corsets, orthopedic shoes and other supplies, repair of equipment and amortization of rocking beds, chest respirators and an iron lung, hospitalization of birth defects patients, donation to the Birth Defects Treatment Center at Chapel Hill, and for other phases of the program being carried on by the Randolph County chapter.

Hillard Nance, co-director, displayed the materials to be used in the drive; Ralph Cox, former director, explained various fund raising methods; and Joe Church, treasurer, discussed the matter of financial reports. The district representative showed the drive film "They Shall Not Be Forgotten" and discussed in general the program of The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

Other drive personnel and community chairmen present for the kick-off meeting included Mrs. Joe Church, Joe Morrison, Mrs. Josephine Ewing, Wayne Hughes, Mrs. Hillard Nance, Mrs. David Hughes, and Rev. Marvin Chapman, Asheboro; Mrs. H. L. Richardson and Colen Richardson, Flag Springs; Elvin Murray, Mrs. Nathan Cox

and Mrs. Odell Brown, Coleridge; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Byrd, Grantville; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCaskill, Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. King, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown, Randleman; Leon Brady and Rev. Hayes Ritter, Pleasant Grove; Mrs. Sulon Hill, Central Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Loman, Rev. J. S. Seaboch and Jim Parker, Liberty; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Small, Tabernacle; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kearns and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bevan, Pleasant Hill; Mrs. Tommy Williams and Mrs. Floy Williams, Staley; Mrs. Sherman Maness and Mrs. G. P. Bray, Ramseur; Martin Overton, Sophia, New Market and Hillsville; Harold Wayne Peele, Cedar Square and Glenola; Earl Small, Level Cross; Miss Nancy Spencer and J. C. Reeder, Seagrove; and Robert L. Stephenson, Archdale.

For Fourth Year In Row, Jaycees To Sponsor Drive

Jan. 8, 1969 – For the fourth consecutive year the Randleman Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the March of Dimes drive in that city.

This year, as in the past three years, young Jaycee members and their wives will conduct the annual drive throughout the month of Jan.

Co-chairmen for the 1969 drive will be Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCaskill and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown.

These young couples have already made initial plans, which include the placing of coil collectors in the places of business, a Mothers' March, the soliciting of the merchants and the industries, possibly a bake sale, a road block and other activities.

Bobby McCaskill is a comparatively new Jaycee member, joining the club last Oct., but Jerry Brown is a charter member. However, he underwent a leave of absence while serving in the armed forces, coming back as an active member last Sept.

McCaskill, married to the former Billie Memory, is employed in the office of T. & A. Trucking Co. in Greensboro in the office of Pilot Life Insurance Co.

The Browns, who are the parents of a 17 months-old son, Dale, are members of First Methodist Church in Randleman, while the McCaskills attend the Level Cross Baptist Church, in which community Bobby was reared.

Last year's March of Dimes receipts in Randleman amounted to \$966.50, the year before they were \$1,271 and for the first year of the Jaycee sponsorship a total of \$845.13 was raised.

Other Jaycee co-chairmen have been Mr. and Mrs. Guy Steed, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. Woody Robbins.

Biggest Supper, Auction Of All Planned Sunday

Jan. 16, 1969 – Five years ago Clendon Richardson, Randolph County's most afflicted polio patient, became the March of Dimes drive chairman for his home community of Ulah – Flag Springs.

His first drive consisted of a gospel singing and some personal solicitation that raised \$305.

Four years ago he added a supper and auction sale to his March of Dimes activities and his receipts increased to \$950.

He continued this type of activity in the years to follow and last year he reported a total amount of \$1,908.50 for the annual drive.

This year he is planning an even bigger supper and auction sale than in previous years. The annual event is planned for the Grantville Community Building Saturday evening, Jan. 18.

The supper, which will begin at 5 p. m., will consist of hamburger steak instead of chicken stew as in previous years. Plates will sell for \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children.

Steaks for the supper are being donated by Everett Dula well known Randolph County citizen, and the cooking will be done by Carl Steed and Red Mills.

Nearly 150 merchants and manufacturers have donated items to be sold at the auction sale which is scheduled to begin at 7 p. m. This does not include the 15 or more who have contributed toward the supper and the community ladies who are baking cakes both for the supper and the sale.

A quilt, made by Mrs. Jimmy Ingold and her daughter, Patricia, will be given away. Tickets on the quilt are being sold by members of the Grantville 4-H Club.

Auctioneer for the fifth straight year of Clendon Richardson's auction sale will be Randolph County's well known Dewitt King. At the auction sale on Saturday night he will be selling items for every need, household, car, personal and otherwise. Secretary for the sale will be Miss Amanda Greene, also a polio patient.

Clendon's first March of Dimes project, his gospel singing, is already behind him and for the past two weeks he and his mother have been busy picking up the merchandise for the auction and making plans for the supper.

Everything is about ready for the big night, with Clendon and his friends hoping that the weatherman will cooperate for the occasion.

Clendon Richardson was an active 14-year-old boy when he was stricken with polio. As a result of the attack, he was almost completely paralyzed.

He was grateful for the help which he received from the March of Dimes during the time of his illness and the help which he has received during the years of his rehabilitation.

For many years now he has been trying to repay the March of Dimes by assisting with the continuing care of other polio patients and by helping to raise funds for research, hospitalization, the care and treatment of children born with birth defects.

Eighth Annual Singing For Dimes March Planned

Jan. 20, 1969 – The 8th annual Comer Family Singing for the March of Dimes drive will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 25, at the Brower School in Erect, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Featuring the singing of Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Comer, Rt. 2 Seagrove, and their 12 children, this annual event has attracted a great deal of interest throughout the years of its existence and each year the Brower school auditorium has been filled to capacity.

This year, even before the singing was scheduled, the people began asking "when is the Comer Family Singing?"

Mr. Comer is now 76 years of age, his wife is 72. Their children in the order of their birth are Mrs. Ollie Williamson, Mrs. Colon Kennedy, Mrs. Fred Yow, Tracy Comer, Bill

Comer, Ted Comer, Mrs. Clarence Caviness, Mrs. J. B. Ritter, Mrs. Fred Caviness, Mrs. Jack Upton, Carroll Comer and Arnold Comer. One daughter, Mrs. Mattie Needham, is deceased.

For many years the Comer family has been singing together as a group. But their sponsorship of the March of Dimes singing has perhaps become the most outstanding appearance as a family group.

Their singing, somewhat old fashioned in style, brings memories of bygone days to the elderly but at the same time is wholesome, refreshing and invigorating to the more youthful.

Besides their singing at Brower there will be an auction sale of cakes, pies and other items. A quilt, made by Mrs. Comer and her daughters, will be given away.

There will be no admission charge to the singing. However, a free will offering will be taken for the March of Dimes. The public is invited to attend.

Employee Honored For 35 Years Work

Jan. 23, 1969 – A total of 3,237 years of employment with Klopman Mills has been compiled by one hundred and twenty six employees of the Central Falls Plant.

These employees, with twenty years or more of employment, have all spent their entire time at the Central Falls Plant, except for two employees who transferred from other Klopman Mills plants.

One employee, Vernon Wood, will receive his 40-year service pin in Aug. He will be the first employee of the Central Falls Plant to achieve this record of service.

Another employee, Roy Coble, has completed thirty six years of employment at the plant.

The most recent recipient of a 35-year service pin was Emory P. Tillotson, weave sample man, who reached the 35th year of employment on Jan. 10. Preceding him in the attainment of the 35th year of employment was Clinton J. Allen, plant manager, who was awarded his 35-year service pin on Apr. 1, 1968.

Other employees with thirty five years of service are Emmett Davis, Claude Poole, Ruby York, Virgil Hardin, Ina Myrick, Fairlee Kirkman, Mary Jones, Lonnie Wood, and Clay Munday.

Another employee with thirty five years of service, Fred Davis, retired at the end of last year.

All of the above employees, except Vernon Wood and Clay Munday, began their employment at the Central Falls Plant which has been operated by Burlington-Klopman since 1932,

The mill itself, which is now a filament plant with throwing and weaving processes, began as the Central Falls Manufacturing Company, a cotton mill, in 1881. At the time it was taken over by Klopman's predecessor, Burlington Mills, the mill was operated as the Pennsylvania Cotton Mill.

In addition to the employees with thirty five years or more of employment at the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills, other employment records have been compiled as follows; 14 employees with 30-34 years of employment; 30 employees with 25-29 years of employment; and 69 employees with 20-24 years of employment.

Other employees, whose three years or more of employment entitles them to participation in the plant's profit sharing plan, number over seventy five per cent of the personnel at the Central Falls Plant.

Couple Honored On Their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Jan. 24, 1969 – Master Sergeant and Mrs. Ernest E. (Bill) Hooker were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Jan. 19 at the Armfield Heights Baptist Church.

Friends and family members called at the fellowship rooms of the church from 4 p. m. until 6 p. m. to honor this couple who were married Jan. 19, 1944 in Dillon, S. C.

The couple and their 13-year-old son, Dougald Eugene, reside at 1146 South Park Drive.

Sergeant Hooker retired from the United States Air Force in 1961, after 24 years of service in the Air Force and the Army. Twenty-one years of his service were spent in the Pacific area, Iceland, Germany and other parts of Europe.

Bill Hooker enlisted in the Army in 1939, two years after his graduation from Asheboro High School. He had quit school at the age of fourteen to work in a local hosiery mill but returned after six years for the completion of his high school studies.

A native of Greensboro, he came to Asheboro at the age of five. His parents were Sam and Louise Hooker.

Mrs. Hooker, the former Erma Lee Clark, is a native of Asheboro, the daughter of the late Dougald and Tallie Lee Davis Clark.

Following the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hooker, the bridegroom left the next evening for Ft. Dix, N. J. where he was awaiting shipment for overseas duty and from which place he left six weeks later for New Guinea and other parts of the Pacific area.

Later in the military career of Sergeant Hooker, while he was serving in Germany during the air lift of Berlin in 1948, his wife joined him for the tour of duty. It was during this period they adopted their son at the age of 17 months and brought him back to the United States with them at the conclusion of Sergeant Hooker's tenure of service in that place.

After Sergeant Hooker's retirement in 1961 the family lived in Florida for five and one-half years before moving back to Asheboro. They are active members of the Armfield Heights Baptist Church where their silver wedding anniversary reception was held.

Sergeant Hooker is a member of the Balfour Masonic Lodge No. 188, the 32nd Degree Consistory in Greensboro and the Disabled American Veterans organization. Mrs. Hooker is a Red Cross Volunteer at The Randolph Hospital and a member of the Green Thumb Garden Club.

Among those present for the anniversary reception were Mrs. Hooker's sister, Mrs. Ervin Lloyd, and her brothers, Vann Clark and Tommy Clark, of Asheboro. Another brother, Jack Clark, of Aberdeen, was not in attendance. Also present were Sergeant Hooker's sister-in-law, Mrs. Maxton Hooker, of Randleman, and her son, Max Stanton.

Sergeant and Mrs. Hooker's pastor, Rev. Charlie Miller, and his wife were also in attendance, along with Rev. David Blue, pastor of Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church where family members of Mrs. Hooker attend, and Attorney John R. Ingram, district deputy grandmaster of the Masonic organization.

Hostesses for the silver wedding were Mrs. Vann Clark and Mrs. Ervin Lloyd.

Pleasant Ridge Rededicates Church Sanctuary

Jan. 29, 1969 – The congregation of the Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ (Congregational Christian) sanctuary Sunday morning, Jan. 26, in addition to dedicating new educational facilities and various gifts which have been given to the church.

Besides the addition of a new wing for educational purposes on the south side, other portions of the church plant have undergone a complete renovation.

The chancel area of the church was changed to provide a more suitable atmosphere for worship, with the front of the church extended to include two small rooms on either side of the entrance and a wide porch supported by four large columns of Southern manorial style.

A steeple, which is lighted from dusk to dawn, has been erected, the outside walls of the older part of the building have been insulated and brick-veneered and its roof completely covered with new shingles.

The old and the new have been blended together in the sanctuary to affect one of the most beautiful worship assemblies in this section.

Beginning with the chancel space a new altar, given by the Women's Fellowship, was placed in the recessed area, before a dossel of Juniper green velveteen. The choir loft was lowered and the area which contains the organ and piano was brought to the floor level.

New sheetrock was placed overhead and a new floor of greenish gold wall-to-wall carpeting has complemented the retention of the stained glass memorial windows, the oak pews and the original construction of wainscoting which has been sanded, refinished and painted.

The rewiring of the sanctuary with new indirect lighting casts a soft glow over the beautiful simplicity of the entire worship area.

New paneling has been installed in the hallway of the old wing and also in the new addition which consists of six class rooms and two bathrooms.

Estimated cost of the new addition, renovation of the older portion of the new purchases of furniture and fixtures has been placed at \$70,000.

A survey and planning committee, which later became the building committee, was composed of Page Craven, chairman; Mrs. J. C. Newell, secretary; and Mrs. Victor Reid, O. Carl Brown and Theodore Cox.

A chancel committee, composed of Miss Emma Allen, chairman; Mrs. Craven Shoemaker and Mrs. Harry Stewart, outlined the changes and improvements in the worship area.

Rev. Bill J. Traylor, a native of Randolph County, Ala., has served as pastor of the church during this period of extensive restoration and construction. He assumed the church pastorate in June, 1965.

The pastor led the congregation in rededicating the memorial gifts. He spoke to the large assembled group on "A Chosen and Sanctified House for the Lord."

Memorial gifts included the lectern which was given in memory of Archie Rumley by the family; the cross in memory of Fred Craven by his wife Mrs. Edith P. Craven; the candlesticks in memory of Oscar Henson and J. E. Henson by Mrs. Oscar Henson; the offering plates in memory of Walter Cox by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Cox; a memorial window in memory of Charles Williams by his son, Barry Williams; and a memorial window in member of

Mrs. Farabelle Craven by her husband, Carl Craven and children.

Hand rails on the steps of the church were given by the V. C. Cox family. The flowers on the altar at the service of dedication were given in memory of Rev. H. V. Cox Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cox and Freda.

The Pleasant Ridge Christian Church had its beginning in 1842, with Rev. Thomas C. Moffitt as its founder. Other churches in this area which were organized by the Rev. Mr. Moffitt included the Pleasant Grove, Christian Union, Parks Cross Roads, and Shiloh Christian Churches.

Organization of the church took place in 1850 with the following members comprising its membership list: William Brown Sr., William R. Brown, Adam Brown, Mary Brown, Jane Brown, Elizabeth Henson, Sophia McDaniel and Rachel Williams.

The original log building has been replaced by two other buildings, including the building which has just been renovated. Decision to construct the last building was made in 1913. However, various additions including the construction of Sunday School rooms a parsonage and fellowship hall, have taken place since that time.

Pastors of the church throughout the years of its existence have included D. T. Deans, W. R. Brown, Malcom L. Hurley, Peter P. Humble, J. S. Lawrence, H. A. Albright, H. T. Moffitt, W. W. Hayworth, J. W. Patton, J. H. Wright, J. R. Comer, J. W. Parker, R. L. Williams, Leon Edgar Smith, T. E. White, J. E. McCauley, A. T. Banks, P. T. Klapp, Carr Gerring, T. J. Greene, John M. Allred, J. Frank Apple, G. C. Craven, D. M. Spence, W. T. Madren, Clyde L. Fields, Max B. Vestal, Lynwood Hubbard and the present pastor, Bill J. Tavior.

Memorial windows, installed in 1952, were given in memory of Private First Class Harvey L. Hemphill, Lou Bray Cox, J. Rossie Davis, Althea Davis, Eli Willard Brown, Sarah Frances Brown, Etta M. Cox, William Ernest Beane, Angeline Scott Beane, Marvin Carl Groce, Lula I. Newell, Everett Cox and Frances Cox. Previous memorial windows had been installed in memory of Rev. W. R. Brown and Servilia E. Brown.

A wealth of history envelops the Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ (Congregational Christian), located on Route 1, Ramseur. Many events have transpired since its beginning over 126 years ago. But the height of its progress has been reached in the renovation of the church building, the addition of the new educational facilities and the beautification of the worship area.

Five Generations Present On Her 88th Birthday

Jan. 30, 1969 – Five generations were present for the 88th birthday celebration of a Route 2, Seagrove resident, Mrs. Amy Dunn Brewer, which was held Sunday, Jan. 26, at the home of a daughter in Troy.

These five generations included Mrs. Brewer, whose birthday occurred Jan. 24, her daughter, Mrs. Asa Davis, Route 1, Star her granddaughter, Mrs. Bill Comer, her great-granddaughter, Mrs. Jerry Beane, and her ten months-old great-great-grandson, Brian Beane, of Route 2, Seagrove.

Two more daughters of Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. R. G. Nelson, of Troy, at whose home the birthday celebration was held, and Mrs. Walter Hancock, Route 2, Seagrove, and her son, Kennie Brewer, Route 2, Seagrove, were present for the

picnic style dinner which honored Mrs. Brewer in the basement area of the Nelson residence.

Also on hand were Mrs. Brewer's eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, in addition to the one great-great grandchild.

Mrs. Brewer, a Moore County native, was born reared and lived in the Dover Baptist Church area until she broke up housekeeping over twenty years ago. Since that time she has lived among her children and sometimes stays with her grandchildren.

Her husband, the late P. K. (Peter Kennie) Brewer died July 16, 1920, with three of her children still very small. Seven days later her son, Kennie, was born. Her other son, Martin, who was two years older, died in 1939 at the age of twenty one.

Mrs. Brewer has received considerable credit for keeping her family together after the death of her husband, maintaining a livelihood for them and rearing them to maturity.

Now, as she stays among her children and grandchildren, she assists in light household duties and is both mentally and physically alert. According to a granddaughter, she is a devout fisherwoman and spends hours at this favorite pastime.

Her son, Kennie, an active member of the Dover Baptist Church, paid tribute to his mother at the birthday celebration. He said "by the grace of God, he has left mother with us all of these years" and he expressed thanks to the Divine Providence for her life and her services.

Mrs. Brewer was born as one of twelve children. Her only surviving sister, Mrs. Hannah Davis, Route 2, Seagrove, was present for her birthday celebration. Other members of her immediate family still living are two brothers, Thomas Dunn, Live Oak, Fla., and Robert Dunn, Lakeland, Fla.

Family members in attendance at the birthday occasion, which is an annual event, included Mr. and Mrs. Kennie Brewer and daughters, Sharon and Celia, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McDaniel, Miss Teally Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. (Bill) Comer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Beane and son, Brian, Paul Comer, Mrs. Hannah Davis, Mrs. Ruby Davis and daughter, Mildred, Route 2, Seagrove; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Davis and children, Harold, Carol and Kay, Red Springs; Mrs. Asa Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis and son, Kevin, Route 1, Star; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis and daughter, Sherry, Troy; Mrs. Luther Smith and children, Larry, Carolyn and David Davis, and Randy Smith, Boone; and Alex McCaskill, Biscoe.

Asked Sunday if she had reached her 88th birthday, Mrs. Brewer quickly answered "yes and I'm two days on another one."

Church Honors 95 Members For Attendance During '68

Feb. 3, 1969 – Ninety-five attendance pins for the Sunday School year of 1958, more than one third of the school's enrollment, were presented Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Antioch Christian Church, Route 1, Seagrove.

Total years of attendance compiled by the recipients of the awards amount to four hundred and one years.

The highest awards went to twelve people who have not missed a Sunday in the past nine years.

However, some of these people have actually gone without missing a Sunday more years than that.

Presentation of the attendance pins only began nine years ago and prior to that time the perfect Sunday School attendance records were not kept.

Enrollment in the Sunday school is 275, with an average attendance of 213 for the year 1968.

In order to receive a perfect attendance pin, each member has to attend Sunday School every Sunday. An exception to this was made on Sunday, Jan. 14, 1968 when snow and sleet was on the ground and other Sunday Schools in the area cancelled their services on that Sunday.

But on that Sunday, even though attendance at Antioch was excused, there were 144 in attendance at Sunday school.

Oldest member of the Sunday School at Antioch to receive an attendance award was Mrs. Rosa Cox, 80, who received an attendance pin for six years of perfect attendance.

Youngest members of the school to receive attendance pins were two-year-old Steve Welborn, who received a one-year pin, and Sandra Marley, also two years of age, who received a two-year pin.

Entire families receiving attendance pins for 1968 included the families of Clifford Hayes, Kelly Needham, Jesse Ritter, Raymond Kiser, Robert Ritter, Lillian Needham, Yancy Hayes and Margie Kiser.

In commending the attendance award recipients for "their faithfulness unto God," Ronnie Kiser, Sunday School superintendent, quoted two scriptures, one of which was "I was glad when they said unto me, come into the House of the Lord."

Then, referring to the number of children who received awards, he quoted "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Even though it rained hard on the the day attendance pins were presented, a total of 231 people attended Sunday School on that day. One the previous Sunday 217 people were present and on the Sunday before that there were 203 in attendance.

Due to the overflow of scholars for the past several years a building program has been in progress at the Antioch church and soon a new addition consisting of several new Sunday School rooms will be occupied.

Attendance pins were presented at Antioch Christian church on Sunday, Feb. 2, as follows: one year, Barry Cox, Steve Welborn, Ether Asbill, Royce Kiser, and Leona Mae Hayes.

Two year attendance pins, Sheron Norwood, Lendis Hayes, Holly Hayes, Chris Kiser, Jerry Kiser, Carolyn Cox, Dale Ritter, Sandra Marley, Mary Lou Hayes, Stephen Hayes, Jeffrey Hayes, Wanda Cox, Betty Macon, Nathan Stout, Debbie Cox, Donna Kiser and James Ritter.

Three-year attendance pins, Cindy Asbill, Susan Asbill, Joyce Stout, Darlene Kiser and Royce Stout.

Four-year attendance pins, Karen Hayes, Addie Kiser, Ruby Ritter, Joseph Hayes, Patricia Asbill, Hilda Welborn, Marty Moore, Raymond Kiser, Terry Moore, Vivian Needham, Joan Macon. Sandra Kiser, and Timothy Hayes.

Five-year attendance pins, Gene Marley, Margie Kiser, Phil Owens, Bruce Hayes, Neal Kiser, Reece Needham, Michael Macon, Tammy Needham, Martin Needham, Joe Needham, and Bill Welborn.

Six-year attendance pins, Lexie Cox, Rosa Cox, Sheila Ritter, Lillian Needham, Hazel Ritter, Stanley Welborn, Lucy

Hayes, Lewis Ritter, Vicky Hayes, Lucy Needham, Emma Ritter, Elvin Ritter, Robin Welborn, and Beulah Hayes.

Seven-year attendance pins, Dora Kiser, Henry Ritter, Helen Kiser, Debbie Kiser, Jimmy Needham, Cynthia Kiser, Beulah Deaton, Rebecca Kiser, Anita Needham, Jesse Ritter, James Kiser, and Debbie Moore.

Eight-year attendance pins, Clifford Hayes, Kelly Needham, Gerald Hayes, Cathy Asbill, Grace Ritter, and Shirley Asbill.

Nine-year attendance pins, Dianne Hayes, Dale Deaton, Nancy Asbill, Lessie Ritter, Lewis Ritter, Gladys Ritter, Margaret Hayes, Yancy Hayes, Wanda Ritter, Tessie Ritter, Robert Ritter and Vertle Ritter.

Union Grove Baptists Dedicate New Sanctuary

Feb. 6, 1969 – Union Grove Baptist Church, steeped in the principles and precepts of the early church, held a service of dedication for a magnificent new sanctuary Sunday morning, Feb. 2, beginning at 11 o'clock.

Speaker for the occasion was Dr. W. Perry Crouch, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Presiding over the service was the pastor, Rev. F. A. Lunsford, whose own message of dedication was contained in the program brochure which was prepared for the service of dedication.

A buffet luncheon in the fellowship hall followed the morning service, with open house for the new sanctuary being held in the afternoon from three o'clock until five.

The new sanctuary addition, with a seating capacity of 550 in the auditorium, 50 in the choir loft and space for additional seats in the auditorium, was designed by Thomas P. Heritage Associates of Greensboro, and constructed by S. E. Trogon and Sons Inc., of Asheboro.

The new addition has a large choir room, adjacent robe space and a large pastor's study. The baptistery is flanked by large dressing rooms and two large organ chambers.

The overall size of the addition is 58 feet and 4 inches by 124 feet and 8 inches and is connected to the existing educational building. Space for both an organ and a piano are provided beside the pulpit. There are three entrances to the large vestibule and ample toilet facilities are provided.

The structure is of solid masonry construction with steel trusses and is of a modified Georgian design. The windows in the sanctuary were donated by members of the congregation.

The building is heated by a zoned hot water system and is completely air conditioned. One feature of interest is the large Palladian window located in the southern elevation.

Working with the pastor in the planning and construction of the new building were the board of deacons, composed of Alton Garner, chairman; Colon McNeill, treasurer; and Talton Cagle, Charlie Jordan, Lacy Beane, Bill Hussey, and Clyde Stutts, and the board of trustees, composed of Vernon McNeill, William Luck and Alva Freeman.

Estimated cost of the new structure has been placed at \$130,000. This does not include cost of remodeling the former sanctuary structure, in which three adult departments, a church office and a nursery will be located.

Union Grove Meeting House came into existence in 1885 but it was two years later, in Sept., 1887, that Elder J. L. Smith and T. M. Baldwin met as a presbytery at the Meeting House to examine 55 members dismissed from the

Baptist Church at Fork Creek, located three miles to the east, with a view of organizing a separate independent Baptist Church.

According to the old records which are still preserved by the Union Grove Church, they "found them in sound faith, doctrine and principles of the gospel" and constituted them into the church which held the service of dedication for its beautiful new sanctuary on Sunday, Feb. 2.

One of the first items for business for the new church back in 1887 was the adoption of "rules of decorum." One of these rules was that "no member of this church shall make, vend or use ardent spirits as a beverage without being dealt with according to the decisions of the church.

An amendment later stated that "no male member shall absent himself from the church three times in succession without a valid excuse." A later amendment stated that the "roll of members shall be called at each meeting and absentees marked.

The soundness of faith, doctrine and principles of the gospel, which brought the first church into existence, still holds forth at the current version of the Union Grove Baptist Church and is responsible for the progress which has marked the years of its ministry.

Colon Way Honored By Bible Class

Feb. 7, 1969 – A heart warming tribute was paid to Colon Way by this fellow members of the Lloyd Bible Class at Central Methodist Church Sunday morning, Feb. 2.

The usually talkative Asheboro citizen was completely surprised and speechless as member after member of the class rose to express their appreciation for his services and to relate anecdotes of their association with him.

A charter member of the class which had its beginning in 1927, he has served as the class treasurer for the past 32 years.

He was presented by the class president, A. J. Woody, with a certificate of appreciation which read "The Lloyd Bible Class of Central United Methodist Church, Asheboro, N. C. presents this certificate to Colon Way for 32 years as class treasurer and to express our gratitude for his good natured personality that lifts our spirits and warms our hearts each Sunday morning."

He was also presented with a gold electric watch with the proper engraving by J. B. Tollison, a teacher of the class.

The entire teaching period of the class, after the roll had been marked and the offering taken, was occupied with the tribute to the 63-year-old class member.

As the various members began offering their words of praise, Colon at first thought they were referring to Bob Lloyd, a former long time teacher of the class. Then, as they continued talking, he said to himself "That sounds like they are talking about me."

He was so overwhelmed that he practically remained speechless throughout the presentations and the picture making which followed. A day or so later when he had become his normal self, he said "I wish I could have straightened up and made a decent picture."

He also said, in referring to his group, "it is one of the best classes in the United States, I love them everyone. It was the most wonderful day of my life.

Colon Way has always been present each and every time the class meets. He has a word of praise for each member of the class as they congregate each Sunday morning. He

is an inspiration to all those with whom he comes in contact.

Born at Brower's Mill in the lower section of the county, where his grandfather James Milton Brower was the miller, he came with his parents, Arthur and Della Brower was the miller, he came with his parents, Arthur and Della Brower Way, to Asheboro at the age of six months.

He worked in his parents' grocery store on East Salisbury St. as a boy and while he was going to school. For many years he has operated the store himself along with a cousin.

Married to the former Ida Phillips, they are the parents of one son, Jimmy. They also have a granddaughter, Patricia Annette.

Other charter members of the Lloyd Bible Class present for the honoring of Colon Way were Bob Lloyd, Howard Craven, Dal Rich, and Raymond Cain.

Streets Not Taken Over By State As Promised – Residents Caught

Feb. 10, 1969 – Residents of Sewell Drive, Clegg Ave. and Jordan Ave., located in Hill Top Acres Subdivision in North Asheboro are up in arms about the condition of the streets on which they live.

One of the streets, Sewell Drive, has 158 holes by actual count in one short block, some of which are seven inches deep.

The other two streets are without proper drainage, resulting in excessive flooding throughout the area during a rain.

The streets were not built according to the requirements of the State Highway Commission and therefore have not been placed on the State maintained system.

Policy of the State highway Commission is to accept subdivision streets only after they have been constructed to State standards. If not built to State standards, it is necessary for the property owners to pay the cost of bringing them up to standard.

Property owners on the three streets in question, however, say that the owners and developers of the land assured them the streets would be taken over by the State.

But now, since the development has been sold out except for two houses and one lot and nothing has been done, the people living on the streets feel that the owners and developers knew beforehand that the State would not take over the streets.

One resident expressed the feelings of most of the property owners on the streets when he said "we've been trapped."

People living in the subdivision, which is located across from the large Burlington Socks plant, say they were told the State would take over the streets as soon as four houses were built on each street.

They also say that the developers told them when they purchased their lots or houses, whichever the case happened to be, that the State would also pave the streets.

The State, on the other hand, contends that the streets do not meet minimum standards for subdivision streets and therefore cannot be added to the secondary road system.

On Oct. 27, 1967 an estimate from the local highway office stated that the cost of bringing the streets up to standards would be \$7,000. this included grading, a gravel surface of four inches deep, unobstructed 60 – foot right of

ways, culverts, driveway pipes, side ditches and drainage easements.

Another estimate of cost on June 12, 1968 amounted to \$4,599 but only included grading, road culverts and stone placement 2 feet wide and four inches deep. This estimate did not include the cost of driveway culverts and utility adjustments. A further estimate on this date gave \$5,600 as the estimated cost of paving the streets.

This latest communication from the local highway office suggested, in view of the heavy secondary road construction program in Randolph County, that residents of the three streets consider having the work done by a private contractor.

The property owners, however, feel that the prices given them by private contractors are too high. They also feel that as taxpayers they are entitled to some benefit from the taxes which they pay.

Thirty-two homes are affected by the deterioration of the streets in question, with an estimated average valuation of \$15,000 for each home. Owners of the houses figure they pay altogether some \$6,400 in county taxes each year.

The State highway group, after its investigation of the streets, stated that the streets vary in width, ditch to ditch, from 27 feet to 35 feet, whereas the minimum width according to State specifications is 36 feet from ditch to ditch.

It was also stated by the highway people that the streets were sparsely covered with less than one inch of stone, were not constructed in the center of the right of way, driveway pipes were not properly laid, side ditches ponded water and several culverts were undersize and improperly laid.

A tour of the streets bear out the State's complaints and a view of the condition of the streets actually make them appear mild. Sewell Drive has the roughest terrain because of the holes and it is on this street that entrance to the other streets are gained, unless a private drive on the east side of the subdivision is used.

But the other two streets, Jordan Ave. and Clegg Ave., have perhaps fared more badly in flooding and the ponding of water because of their sloping and being situated on a lower level.

Property owners on the three streets, with considerable bitterness toward those who sold them their lots and houses under the impression that the State would take over the streets, are still seeking some sort of relief from the dilemma in which they find themselves.

They are presently formulating another petition to the State Highway Commission, hoping to work out some kind of arrangement under which their streets will be taken over and maintained by the State.

Although the people on Sewell Drive, Clegg Ave. and Jordan Ave. perhaps feel that this has only happened to them, it might be consoling to them to know that it is happening all over Randolph County.

Many people have built homes in subdivisions throughout the county, being told by developers that when four houses were erected the State would take over and maintain their streets. They have learned with bitter disappointment that this is not the case.

The local highway office has a filing cabinet full of subdivisions in which the streets have been built to specifications, and the State Highway Commission can't take over the streets and maintain them.

The only solution offered is that a subdivision ordinance be adopted for Randolph County, under which provision it would be required that streets in subdivisions be constructed to specifications set forth by the State Highway Commission.

Barefoot Jaypee Married Them

Feb. 10, 1969 – Married on Feb. 9, 1901 by a barefooted magistrate, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Freeman observed their 68th wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 9, at Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home where Mr. Freeman is recovering from a recent stroke.

Before his illness which occurred last Dec. 9, Mr. Freeman was in good shape physically, according to his age, and was able to do light chores at his Route 2, Randleman farm.

He became 93 years of age last Nov. 11. His wife, the former Sarah Katherine Cagle, is 85 years of age.

Both natives of the Steeds and Ether sections of Montgomery County, the couple were married about ten o'clock at night, after the officiating magistrate, Willis Freeman, had already pulled his shoes off.

Mrs. Freeman slipped away from home and got married against her father's wishes. Mr. Freeman came by after dark, picked her up in his one-seated buggy and reached the magistrate's home, evidently after he had prepared for bed.

The magistrate came out of the house, without his shoes, told them "you needn't get out of the buggy" and performed their marriage ceremony as he stood on the porch of his home.

Mrs. Freeman was recovering from a bout of typhoid fever at the time of her marriage, during which seige a younger sister had died of the same disease. Because of this her weight had dropped to 85 pounds and her hair, which had come out during her illness, had only grown back two inches.

She was married at the age of 17, seven years younger than her husband. This reporter said "he must have waited for you" and Mrs. Freeman, whose wit is about as sharp as her husband's, retorted "he couldn't get anybody else."

Although recovering from a severe stroke, Mr. Freeman still has his memory and can recall the days prior to his marriage. Asked how long he and Mrs. Freeman courted?, he said he didn't do no courting, I just seen her in passing." This was in reference to her father's objection to their seeing each other and his refusal to let Mr. Freeman come to the house.

Mr. Freeman has been well known as a syrup maker, having operated a mill for nearly 50 years before he quit the season before last. For many years he did custom grinding throughout the Montgomery County countryside, using a portable outfit.

He quit at the insistence of his family but still supervised the operations this past season with his sons doing the work.

Despite his age he still keeps a pair of mules and his last chore before the illness struck him last Dec. 9 was to go to the barn and feed his mules.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have worked hard throughout their lives and taught their children to work. Mrs. Freeman recalled on the day of her anniversary that she used to make soap, "a barrel full at a time."

They are the parents of 15 children, 13 of whom are still living. Their children are Mrs. Pearl Brim, A. W. Freeman, Mrs. Alese Cole and Fentriss Freeman, Asheboro; Mrs. Ila Maie Cole, Seagrove; Mrs. Nina Lee, Norristown, Pa.; Lloyd Freeman, Titusville, Fla.; Mrs. Nell Hicks, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands; Mrs. Alice Osborne, Pleasant Garden; Mrs. Mary Posey, Barney Freeman, Raymond Freeman and Talmadge Freeman, Rt. 2, Randleman.

One son, Willard Freeman, was killed in an automobile accident in 1932 while another child died at birth.

No children have had greater respect for their parents than the children of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Freeman. Even though their oldest child is only four years away from the three score years and ten mark of her life, she and her brothers and sisters respect and still obey the parents who reared them to the years of their maturity.

One of the daughters, Mrs. Talmage Cole, made a cake for them on the day of their anniversary while a granddaughter, Mrs. Bobby Yates, decorated it and placed 68 candles on it.

Mrs. Freeman is lonesome while her husband of 68 years is away at the nursing home. A son and daughter stay with her and her other children are constantly looking after her needs and her welfare, but a vacancy still exists because of the absence of the man with whom she rode in that one-seated buggy to their marriage site 68 years ago. She said his being away "leaves me by myself

Dwight Trogdons Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary

Feb. 11, 1969 - Mr. and Mrs. Dwight M. Trogdon, Route 3, Randleman, a well known couple in the area in which they have spent their lives, were honored Sunday, Feb. 2, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Their eight children were hosts at a reception at the fellowship hall of the Bethany Methodist Church, from two until four o'clock.

Honoring their parents were E. P. Trogdon II, Route 3, Randleman, Thomas H. Trogdon, Mrs. Lloyd (Dixie) Martindale, and Dwight Trogdon, Jr., Route 1, Franklinville, Mrs. Alvin (Imogene) Pritchard, Asheboro, Mrs. John (Betty) Taylor, Greensboro, Kelly Trogdon, Salisbury, and Mrs. Landis (Frances) Smith, Colfax.

All of their 24 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren were in attendance at the reception except for five grandsons who are in military service.

Among those parents were their pastor at the Bethany church, Rev. Mitchell Murrow, Mrs. Ollie Julian, Route 1, Franklinville, a sister of Mr. Trogdon, Mrs. Gertrude Osborne, Route 7, Greensboro, a sister of Mrs. Trogdon and the Rev. W. A. Way, 82, of Greensboro, who performed their marriage ceremony at his home in Randleman on Feb. 4, 1919.

The Rev. Mr. Way, along with their children, stood with Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon as they greeted the more than 275 people who came to pay their respects at the golden wedding anniversary reception.

Mr. Trogdon, who was 71 years of age on the day after he observed his fiftieth wedding anniversary, was born and reared on Polecat Creek, near New Salem. His parents were E. P. (Parris) Trogdon and Emma Ferree Trogdon. He was a first cousin of the late Attorney A. I. Ferree, of Asheboro.

He attended the one-teacher schools at New Salem and Julian's Grove, crossing creeks to attend both schools. He changed from the New Salem school to Julian's Grove because Polecat Creek over which he went to New Salem was wider of the two creeks.

Mrs. Trogdon, 69, is the former Ila Brown, daughter of J. Tom Brown and Dora Williams Brown. Mrs. Trogdon's father is still living at the age of 94 and resides at Clapp's Nursing Home in Pleasant Garden.

She was reared three miles south of Mr. Trogdon's home, in the vicinity of Millboro where she went to school.

The couple attended the same church during the years of their childhood and, according to Mrs. Trogdon, started courting before my Mama wanted me to."

While courting Mr. Trogdon first went "afoot" the three-mile distance between their homes, then he became the proud owner of a "nice rubber-tired buggy" but was driving an automobile before the days of their courtship ended in their marriage.

After a short stay at her home after their marriage, they came to the place where they have lived since, on the road from Randleman to Red Cross.

It was here they cleared the ground and first built a two-room house, later adding on two rooms before their home burned and they had to start over again.

But they persevered, reared their eight children and Mr. Trogdon still remains one of the prosperous farmers of his area.

Despite his passing of the three score years and ten mark of his life, he raised 800 bushels of corn and 450 bushels of wheat and barley last year, keeps 17 brood sows and engages in other general farming.

Randleman To Raise Funds For Fire Fighting Wagon

Feb. 11, 1969 - Randleman Volunteer Fire Department, serving Randleman and vicinity for more than 30 years, is planning a public fish fry on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the fire station.

Proceeds from the supper will be applied toward the purchase of a water wagon, a piece of equipment which is vitally needed by the Randleman Volunteer Fire Department.

The supper will begin at 5 p. m. and continue until everyone has been served. Take home plates will be available. Advance tickets are available and will be sold at the door for \$1.25

Many improvements have been made in the Randleman department since its beginning with a two-wheel pull cart over 30 years ago.

First there was the purchase of the 1947 fire truck, costing \$5,000 and which is still in use. This was a project of the Randleman Lions Club.

This first regular fire truck is still in use but has been joined by a modern 1967 American La France fire truck which updated the town's equipment to a considerable degree. This latter truck was purchased for nearly \$28,000.

This truck was purchased with city funds and came almost simultaneously with the building of a new fire station by the city. Previously the fire station had been housed in a leased building located next to the city hall. The new building is located at South Main St., at the rear of the city hall.

A building constructed of brick and block, it consists of two bays with automatic doors, bedroom, office, kitchen and

two bathrooms. The building is heated by gas and is air conditioned.

Randleman number for fire calls is 2424. It is a new number and although listed in the directory a man recently called the old number and because of this, his barn and other buildings burned to the ground.

When the number is called it rings the phones of the fire chief, the assistant chief, the fire captain and the fire station. While they prepare and leave for the fire their wives call a listing of two more firemen, whose wives in turn continue the calling until every fireman has been notified. As the men reach the fire station a location of the fire and other directions are posted on blackboards.

The Randleman Fire Department is completely volunteer. None of its members are paid for their services. The department is not restricted to the city limits in the answering of fire calls.

Officers of the department are fire chief, Worth Greeson; assistant chief, Arthur Presnell; captains, Eddie Presnell and Clyde Woodell; lieutenants, Donald Allred, James Mason and Joe Presnell; mechanic, Ronald Vickers; and department secretary, Larry Allred.

Other members are Guy Steed, Robert Stillwell, Dan Stout, Jimmy Stevens, Frank Woodell, David Hill, Doc Hampton, Wayne Hancock, Bill Brown, Bill Kidd, Don Norris, Gray Cashatt, Charles Gregson, Howard Yow, Donnie Presnell, James Woodell, Buddy Ivey and George Robertson.

The department meets on the first and third Tuesday nights at the fire station, for training programs and other business pertaining to the department.

At the time of the purchase of the new truck members participated in a special training program for 14 weeks, becoming familiar with the new equipment and other procedures of fire fighting.

Members are especially anxious to secure a water wagon to add to the equipment of their department. They feel that it will be of invaluable aid in their calls outside of the town's limits.

It is felt that perhaps Circle Inn would not have burned down if sufficient water had been available for the combating of this fire. It is estimated that a water wagon will cost nearly \$5,000.

Randleman firemen are dedicated and spending endless hours in preparation and planning for the protection of their town's citizens and those of the surrounding countryside. The people of the area can show their appreciation by supporting the public fish fry which is being sponsored on Saturday, Feb. 15.

A Valentine's Day Tribute To Mrs. Laura S. Worth

Feb. 13, 1969 – A warm Valentine's Day tribute to Mrs. Laura S. Worth, secretary emeritus of the Randolph County Historical Society and long-time county historian, has been paid by a former Sunday school student, Mrs. Margaret Crocker Jarrell.

Mrs. Jarrell, a lifelong resident of this community, offers her tribute in the form of a little story, filled with gratitude and appreciation and entitled "The Little Biscuit Cutter."

Much could be said about the life, services and achievements of Mrs. Laura S. Worth but let Mrs. Jarrell and the little biscuit cutter speak for themselves.

"About 47 years ago when I was a child of six and my sister was three, we would get ready for Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church which was across the street from the Randolph County Courthouse.

"We loved to go there but first we'd leave home early and go to the home of my teacher, Mrs. Hal Worth, who lived in the old yellow frame house next to the courthouse. Mrs. Worth would give us a warm welcome into her home.

"I remember the warm fire and the old wicker rocking chair I loved to sit in, and the magazines we would look at. I'm sure they must have been McCall's because they had paper dolls in them which she saved for me.

"Mrs. Worth would say "Mr. Worth and I are having breakfast, just sit and wait. Soon she's be back with a tray and say, children won't you have some little biscuits? They were small and had little dents in them like our ritz crackers to day. I use to wonder how she made them, because my mother's biscuits were big fat ones.

"Mrs. Worth would then walk to church with us. We loved her very much for all the nice things she did for us. Especially at Christmas."

"The years passed and we moved to another part of town and I didn't see Mrs. Worth for quite a few years. I had married and had a family of my own and one day I met her coming from the courthouse where she worked and we renewed our friendship."

"I spoke of the little biscuits and how I remembered her kindness and her home. She said honey, I'm so surprised and happy that you remember. My husband and home are gone but I still have the little cutter that I started housekeeping with."

"Through the years I've visited Mrs. Worth and tried in small ways to repay her kindness to a shy little girl. We spoke often of the old times and I wanted so much to ask for the little biscuit cutter but just couldn't."

"Near Christmas three years ago I carried her some holly and cedar and she asked me if I'd like to have the little cutter, and I was so happy to get it. Then I saw the six sharp prongs inside that made the little dents I remembered so well. It is sort of rusty from years of disuse but is a treasured possession of mine to pass on to my grandchildren."

"My good teacher and friend, Mrs. Worth, is now a patient at Robbins Rest Home on Old Main Street and is 94 years young. When I visited her on Christmas Day in Randolph Hospital she asked me to write this little story just as I felt it. She thinks I am the only one that remembers her but I'm sure many more do.

"To me this is the spirit of Christian living to do all the good and kindness we can do, because we just do not know how much they may mean to someone in years to come.

"Mrs. Worth will be remembered as county historian for many years where she has a room filled with Asheboro and Randolph County history in the library at Asheboro."

"I'm very thankful for my oldest teacher and friend who taught me much, and I try in my small way to teach others in my Sunday School class of older adults, the things she and life has taught me."

She asked me to write this for her Valentine Day's gift.

Coleridge Volunteer Firemen's Aim – Fast, Effective Service

Feb. 19, 1969 – Coleridge volunteer firemen continue to raise funds for the updating of their equipment and the

building of their department for effective service in their community and surrounding territories.

Next Saturday, Feb. 22, a fish and barbecue supper will be held at the fire station, beginning at 5 p.m. Plates will sell for \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

Since last Mar. these suppers have been held once a month, except for the month of Dec.

Another fund raising project currently underway is plans for the giving away of a garden tractor, along with a 32 inch mover, on Apr. 26. Donations on the winning of this tractor are being accepted at the present time.

On this same date another supper, at which chicken will be served, will be held. Drawing for the tractor will be held at 8 p. m. However, those holding tickets are not required to be present.

It has been nearly two years since the idea of a fire department for Coleridge originated. First definite move occurred when Alton Gray and Charles Davis went to Rocky Mount to see about the purchase of a secondhand truck. A short while later, accompanied by Keith Marley, they went back and brought the vehicle to Coleridge.

They began answering calls even though they were not officially organized until Dec. 16, 1967. At this time Bill Welborn was named fire chief; Thurman Teague was named assistant chief; Keith Marley was named captain; and Larry Joyce was named secretary and treasurer.

A board of directors consists of Bill Welborn, Charles Davis, Larry Joyce, Jessie Ritter, Robert Ritter, Alton Gray and Amos Needham.

Other firemen are Elvin Murray, Ralph Reeder, Jimmy Cheek, Bill Welch, Clyde Welch, Bobby Kidd, Roger Chrisco, Gene Marley, Bobby Macon, Gayle Lawson, Larry McAlister, Edsel Needham, Jimmy Wright, John Powers, Henry Hayes, and Clyde Scott.

A building for the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department, consisting of two bays, kitchen facilities, rest rooms and a large dining area, was completed last July. Land on which the building is located was donated by Alton Gray and Julian Brady.

Firemen have participated in extended training courses, both locally and at Randolph Technical Institute, since forming their volunteer organization.

Since beginning their efforts toward effecting a volunteer fire department for Coleridge and vicinity, firemen have been encouraged greatly by the support and cooperation which they have received, both from the projects which they have sponsored and the individual donations they have received.

Since they first canvassed the community, two people together, they have been pleased at the response which has met their efforts. One fireman recalls how overwhelmed he was upon receiving a \$50 donations from a man who asked "is that in line with everybody else?" It seems that this particular donor had earlier lost a barn by fire.

A water truck was donated by Coble Dairy soon after the beginning of the Coleridge department. It is planned to use the funds from the garden tractor project for the purchase of a pumper to use with the water truck, thus enabling the firemen to fight two fires at the same time.

Credit is also given to the ladies auxiliary which assists with the public suppers. One fireman remarked, "if it wasn't for the ladies, we couldn't operate."

Forty-two fire calls have been answered since the official organization of the fire department and this does not

include several calls which were answered prior to that time.

The last call, before the writing of this article, was to the home of Lendis Hayes in the Erect section. The call came just before 4 a. m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11. Although it was extremely cold, all but two of the firemen answered the call.

Woosley Marleys Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary

Feb. 19, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. Woosley E. Marley, devoted residents of Ramseur where they have spent their lives, were honored Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19 at an occasion which commemorated their 50th wedding anniversary.

A reception for them in the fellowship hall of their church, the Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, was hosted by their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marley, Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marley, Fuquay – Varina; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dorsett and Mrs. Joe Harris Marley, Ramseur.

Woosley Edwin Marley who will be 77 years of age Apr. 1, came to Ramseur with his parents, William H. Marley and Cellia Ann Whitehead, and the other members of his family at the age of 11.

He was born near the Concord Methodist Church cemetery in the vicinity of Coleridge and in the first years of his life attended The Lodge School, an institution which held classes on the lower floor of a Masonic Hall.

After coming to Ramseur he graduated from high school, and taught school for two years before attending Elon College for a similar period. He was associated with his brother, Vaughn H. Marley, in a general mercantile business at the time of his marriage.

Mrs. Marley, age 68, is the former Beulah Whitehead, daughter of Joe Charles Whitehead and Lizzie Bowden Whitehead. She was born on the south end of Olive Street in Ramseur, the same street on which her husband's family home had a side entrance on the other end.

She too graduated from Ramseur High School and was employed as a clerk at the Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad Station in Ramseur at the time of her marriage. She remained in this position for 17 years.

The couple were married Feb. 14, 1919 at the home of the bride. Her pastor at the Ramseur Baptist Church, Rev. J. C. Rivenbark, officiated, assisted by Mr. Marley's pastor at the Ramseur Methodist Church, the Rev. Walter Smith.

Mr. Marley has been an active member of the Methodist church in Ramseur for 65 years. Mrs. Marley joined this church about a year after her marriage and she, too, has been very active in the matters of the church.

A month prior to their wedding Mr. Marley had been discharged from service in the Army, having been stationed at Camp Hancock in Georgia. He said they were married after his discharge "as quick as I could buy a suit of clothes."

Following their marriage 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Marley were driven to Greensboro in the Hudson automobile of Mr. Marley's brother-in-law, from which place they entrained for a honeymoon trip to Roanoke, Va. Since she was employed by the railroad, Mrs. Marley explained that she was "riding on a pass."

Mr. and Mrs. Marley came back to Ramseur to reside with his mother in the same house in which the family lived when he came to Ramseur at the age of 11. They are still

residing there. Mrs. Marley, born and reared on the other end, said, "I have never got off of this street."

Before their own three sons were born, Mr. Marley's nephew, Charles C. Dorsett came to reside with them at the age of two and one-half years upon the death of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dorsett. They have regarded him the same as their own sons Joe Harris, who died in 1953, and their twin sons, Bill and Bob.

The couple have eight grandsons, including the two sons of their nephew, and one granddaughter.

In addition to their church activities, both Mr. and Mrs. Marley have been prominent in other phases of their town's activities.

Mr. Marley joined the Marietta Masonic Lodge the same year he was married, has served in all of the offices of this order and has been extended a life membership. He has also been active in the organization of Veterans of World War I.

Mrs. Marley is a charter member of the Ramseur Garden Club, the Ramseur Book Club, and the Eastern Star, having been continually active in all of these groups and has served as the treasurer of the Eastern Star organization for more than 15 years. She has also been active in the ladies auxiliary of Veterans of World War I.

But far more significant than their positions of responsibility have been their concern for the welfare of the town and its residents, their dedication to its improvement and the exemplary conduct of their lives before and among the people of the town in which they have lived.

Among those in attendance at their golden wedding anniversary reception were Mr. Marley's 83-year-old brother, Vaughn Marley, a well-known Randolph County newspaper correspondent, and his sister, Mrs. S. A. Caviness, 88, of Greensboro.

On Saturday evening, before their anniversary reception on the next afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Marley were the guests of their immediate family at a surprise dinner event at a Siler City restaurant. On this occasion the couple were presented with the engraved golden container, the gold table ware and the other symbols of their golden wedding anniversary.

Daughters Honor Parents On Fiftieth Anniversary

Feb. 24, 1969 - A Route 1, Julian couple, with strong Randolph County ties, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday afternoon, Feb. 23, at the fellowship hall of the Spring Garden Friends Meeting House in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown Lowe were honored by their seven daughters all of who live in Greensboro except one. Friends and relatives called from two o'clock until five.

After a varied career for the first 71 years of his life, Mr. Lowe received his license as a real estate broker in Oct., 1961 and has actively engaged himself in this capacity since that time.

Now 78 years of age, he retired from public employment in 1956. Since he does not drive an automobile, his wife, the former Lucy Dunbar Lowe, serves as his chauffeur as he operates his successful real estate business in a four-county area. She is 68 years of age.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lowe are natives of Randolph County and lived in the county until 1929.

Mr. Lowe was born in the Sophia area, west of the Marlboro Friends Meeting House. His parents, Thomas Lowe and Lillias Marriage Lowe, came there from the Back Creek Friends Meeting House area west of Asheboro.

His mother, a native of England, came to Randolph County from her Oskaloosa, Iowa home at the conclusion of the Civil War to teach the former slaves of the "Red House" area near Farmer how to read and write. She came as a paid representative of the Quaker Movement.

Mrs. Lowe's parents, Samuel Hobbs Lowe and Civilia Lewis Lowe, also lived near Farmer, near the Science Hill Friends Meeting House, where she was born. However, when she was small they moved to Trinity and then to Guilford County, close to the Springfield Friends Meeting.

Eight years before their own marriage on Feb. 12, 1919 Mrs. Lowe's mother and Mr. Lowe's father were united in marriage following the deaths of their first spouses.

Mr. Lowe did not have too many impressions about the very young girl who came to live at his father's home as his step-sister, except that "she was likeable." Also, he was not at home very much in those first years, since he served as a nursery salesman for J. Van Lindley nurseries in Greensboro and traveled in Anson County.

But he began to notice her when she was fifteen or sixteen and courted her until their marriage in the home in which they lived with her mother and his father.

They left the Marlboro Church community in 1929 and were living in Detroit, Mich. At the time of the stock market crash. With a wife and five children and without employment, Mr. Lowe brought his family to Batavia, Ohio where they lived for four years and he worked with the local municipality.

In 1933 they came to Guilford County where they have lived in various places since. This past summer they built a new residence in southeast Guilford County, about five miles from Randolph County, a move which was necessitated because their previous property was purchased for industrial purposes.

Five of their nine children were born in Randolph County, one in Ohio and the three youngest in Guilford County.

Their oldest son, Doyle H. Lowe, was killed in an automobile accident in 1955. Their other son, William T. Lowe, resides in Prescott, Ariz. And was unable to attend their golden wedding anniversary.

Their seven daughters, who were hostesses at their anniversary reception, are Mrs. E. H. Fraenzel, Lynchburg, Va.; and Mrs. F. M. Landreth, Mrs. Max Gardner, Mrs. W. L. Salmon Jr., Mrs. Ralph Kobs, Mrs. Dan Thompson, and Mrs. Don Thompson of Greensboro.

Their immediate family also includes 21 grandchildren.

For the reception in their honor Mrs. Lowe wore a gray print crepe dress, accented by a white collar. For her marriage 50 years ago, she wore a two-piece of Navy Blue, a white silk blouse, a blue velour hat and black high-top shoes.

Snow was on the ground when Mr. and Mrs. Lowe exchanged their marriage vows on Feb. 12, 1919. Present for their wedding, in addition to his father and her mother, were his sister, Muriel Lowe, Nannie Davis, and Abel Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe were members of the Marlboro Friends Meeting for many years, at which place their son is buried and where his parents are interred. However they now affiliate with the Jim Green Memorial Church, an independent church organization in Greensboro.

Randolph County relatives of Mr. Lowe include a sister, Mable Farlow, and first cousins Winslow Walker, Eugene Walker, Ed Poole, Oscar Poole and George Helper. First cousins of Mrs. Lowe locally are Worth Lowe, Jack Lowe, Mrs. Walter Bunch, and former resident, Mrs. Lizzie Hoover, now a resident of The Methodist Home in Charlotte.

Open House Commemorates Their Silver Anniversary

Feb. 26, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Weaver, 617 Dublin Road, held open house for relatives and friends Sunday afternoon, Feb. 23, to commemorate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Over a hundred people called at their residence from two o'clock until five.

The Weavers came to Asheboro in Dec., 1947. Mr. Weaver, a native of Cleveland County, was born and reared in the town of Lawndale. Mrs. Weaver, the former Nellie Cline, is a native of Forsyth County, the city of Winston – Salem.

Guests were greeted, upon their arrival at the Weaver residence, by Dallas D. Cline and daughter, Teresa, of Gaffney, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Price, Charlotte.

After being received by Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, they were invited into the dining room where they were served punch, decorated cake squares, mints and nuts.

The table was covered with a white linen cloth, handmade and with crocheted lace, with an underlayment of pink satin. In the center was a five-branched silver candelabra filled with snapdragons, snowdrift, white pompons and pink roses. Presiding at the punch bowl were Mrs. C. F. Reaves, of Salisbury, and Mrs. Bill Essick. Serving the cake squares were Mrs. Max Bulla and Mrs. W. K. Essick.

Assisting in serving were Mrs. Ed Ellis, Debra Ellis, Teresa Ellis, Inga and Tammy Essick, Dawn, Star and Teresa Cline, and Patty Bulla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cline, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Ivey McDaniel, Durham, registered the guests while goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Wright, Shelby, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady O. Cline, Winston – Salem.

Mrs. Weaver wore for the anniversary occasion a light blue linen dress with matching lace. Her corsage was white carnations, Mr. Weaver's boutonniere was also a white carnation.

In addition to the Asheboro people, guests came from High Point, Charlotte, Winston – Salem, Durham, Shelby, Salisbury and Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were married Feb. 24, 1944 in Norfolk, Va. They honeymooned in New York City.

A veteran of eight years in the U. S. Navy, Mr. Weaver served in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas and rose in grade to Chief Machinist's Mate.

Since coming to Asheboro he has been associated with Central Carolina Sales Co., Fetner – Moore and fifteen years ago opened his own appliance service shop, known as Weaver Repair Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are members of the Central United Methodist Church.

On Her 100th Birthday, Greetings From President

Feb. 27, 1969 – "Aunt Bet Gray," a Level Cross native, was in a high mood as she celebrated her 100th birthday Sunday, Feb. 23, at the home of a daughter in High Point.

She talked, she laughed, she played practical jokes and she told this reporter "I'm a little meaner today than common."

More formally Known as Mrs. J. Mally Gray, she reached her 100th birthday on Friday, Feb. 21 but was honored on the Sunday following by family and friends.

She was the guest of honor at a family dinner Sunday at the Jamestown Town Hall and afterwards received friends at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Joiner, in High Point.

Since the death of her husband in 1952, Mrs. Gray has resided with another daughter, Mrs. Vera S. Glenn, in Randleman.

Other children include two sons, Joseph O. Gray, of High Point, and J. Raymond Gray, of Port Chester, N. Y.

She was born as Gillie Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Samuel Franklin Brown and Luzadia Lamb Brown, and lived in Level Cross until her marriage when she and her husband moved to High Point. He was also a Level Cross native.

They came back to Level Cross upon his retirement and lived there until his death.

Among the greetings she received on her 100th birthday were those from President Richard Nixon and sixth District Congressman L. Richardson Poyer.

President Nixon said, "I wish to extend my warmest congratulations on the occasion of your birthday. Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending best wishes that health and happiness may always be yours."

Congressman and Mrs. Poyer, in a handwritten note, said "Happy, Happy birthday to dearest Mrs. Gray and we're so proud to live in the same county with a truly great lady like you. Our deepest admiration always."

A telephone call also came from a granddaughter, Mrs. Frank Studwell, in Amsterdam Holland.

For the birthday celebration family members came from Guilford College, Raleigh, Kinston, Virginia, Texas, and New York.

Another observance commemorating Mrs. Gray's birthday will be held Sunday afternoon, Mar. 2, at the home of Mrs. Glenn at 156 Poplar St. in Randleman, at which old friends from the Level Cross vicinity will be invited to call from two until five o'clock.

Mrs. Gray is the oldest member of the Level Cross Methodist Church, where she has been affiliated for the greater part of her life.

She is an active woman, washes the dishes, makes her own bed and sometimes flies in an airplane. Her daughter in High Point is planning a trip to the beach for her in the near future.

Her hobby is collecting dolls and she has more than a hundred of them.

She was in fine form as she mingled with her family at the dinner in her honor and as she greeted the old High Point friends at the home of her daughter.

Soon after this reporter began talking with her, she demanded "do you know what I have got in my pocketbook?" Thinking perhaps she had received money for her birthday, this impression was soon corrected when she said hilariously "a rat." It seems that one of her sons had given her a little furry mouse and she was making quite a joke of it.

Yes, she had a big time at her birthday celebration but said "you have never seen me when I wasn't happy."

She spent the night with the daughter in High Point because she wanted to go the airport with her son the next day when he returned to his home in Port Chester, N. Y.

Now He's 95 Years Old, But Old Days Remembered

Feb. 27, 1969 - Manuel Dawson Strider, a native of Union Township, reached the age of 95 on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Fifty - five years ago he brought his family to Franklinville so that they could find employment in the mill there.

He has stayed there except for three years when the family lived in Greensboro "in Hoover's time when we was about to perish to death."

Born two miles east of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, the son of Willis Strider and Tilda Ledwell Strider, he went to live in the home of his grandfather, Jacob Strider, at the time of his mother's death when he was 14 months old.

His grandfather's place was a mile south of the Mt. Lebanon church, about a mile and one-half from the Montgomery County line.

There he worked on his grandfather's farm, hired himself out for 25 cents a day and board, and rambled and hunted in the winter time.

Later he worked at a sawmill for "fifty cents a day and boarded myself." He married Mary Minnie Luther who is now deceased.

He lives with a daughter, Mrs. Matilda Hilliard, on Academy Street in Franklinville. Other children are Mrs. J. W. McDaniel, Magruder Strider and Clyde Strider, Franklinville; Colon Strider, Ocala, Fla.; Coy Strider and Mrs. Bessie Kiser, Greensboro; and Floyd Strider, Baltimore, Md.

Half-brothers of Mr. Strider are Nathan Strider, Star; Pink Strider, Seagrove; Gurney Strider, New London. A half sister, Naomi Sanders, is dead.

Each year now for several years the family of Mr. Strider have honored him on the occasion of his birthday. This annual event this year was held Sunday, Feb. 23, at the home of a granddaughter, Mrs. John R. Sykes, on Clark Avenue in Franklinville.

Among those in attendance was a 91-year-old cousin, Harris Ragsdale, who hunted possums with Mr. Strider when both of them were boyhood playmates in Union township near the Montgomery County line.

For several years Mr. Strider has been afflicted with defective eyesight. He is one of the regular attendants at the annual parties given by the Lions Clubs of Randolph County.

New Minister Installed At Seagrove And Ether

Feb. 28, 1969 - Rev. James D. Singletary Jr. was installed as pastor of the Seagrove and Ether congregational Christian Churches (United Church of Christ) Sunday evening, Feb. 23, in a service held at the Seagrove church.

The service was attended by members and friends of both the Seagrove and Ether churches, each having previously called the Rev. Mr. Singletary to be their minister and pastor.

He assumed the pastorate of the Seagrove-Ether parish the earlier part of Feb. He came to the Randolph

Montgomery churches from the Little Creek Church in Virginia Beach, Va., where he served as pastor for six years.

The service or installation was presided over by the Rev. Edwin M. Alcorn, Minister of the Western North Carolina Area, who was responsible for introducing the new minister initially to the congregations. The Rev. Mr. Alcorn challenged the Rev. Mr. Singletary with regard to his responsibility in the two churches.

Appearing on the program for the evening were two professors from the faculty of Elon College, one of the denomination's supported colleges.

Dr. W. W. Sloan, chairman of the Department of Biblical Studies, led in the offertory prayer, with Dr. Albert Gminder, chairman of the Department of Languages, reading the scripture for the service. Both professors had shared in the ministerial responsibilities of the churches by supplying them during the absence of a minister.

The service was co-presided over by Dr. George Dillinger, chairman of the Church and Ministry committee, who led in the charge to the Minister and the congregation.

The new minister was presented for installation by J. B. Slack, chairman of the joint board of deacons of the Seagrove and Ether churches.

Message for the evening was brought by the Rev. Donald Leonard, pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Asheboro. He took as his theme the title, "The Three, W's," worship, work and witness.

Following the ceremony the women of the churches, both Seagrove and Ether, held a reception in the educational building for the Rev. Mr. Singletary, his wife, Jacqueline, and daughter, Christine. Mrs. Singletary and daughter will join the minister on the parish at the beginning of summer.

Other ministers in attendance at the service of installation, in addition to those appearing on the program, were Rev. L. M. Presnell, retired minister, and Rev. Avery Brown, pastor of the United Church of Christ in Randleman.

Brammer Wins DSA Award

Mar. 3, 1969 - Otis (Mustard) Brammer, a workhorse of the Randleman Jaycee Club, received the club's third Distinguished Service Award Friday evening, after he had been elected president of the club on the previous evening.

He had served as chairman of 12 projects this past year, in addition to filling out an unexpired term as secretary. His most noteworthy project was perhaps heading up the highly successful Christmas parade for the town of Randleman. He even served as chairman of the Distinguished Service Award banquet, unaware that he was to be the recipient of the prized award.

State Senator Elton Edwards, of Greensboro, was the speaker for the banquet meeting. He was introduced by Richard Earl Johnson.

Distinguished Jaycee guests included Phil Evans, a vice president of the North Carolina Jaycee Club, and Kenneth Walker, Administrative National Director of the State Jaycee Club. Television and press representatives were also in attendance.

The "boss of the year" award, also an annual presentation of the Randleman club, sent to J. D. Huffstetter, general superintendent of the Randleman plant of J. P. Stevens Co. Inc. Nominated for the award by Jaycee Terry Coble, this presentation was based on the recipient's cooperation and interest in Jaycee activities.

A special award, also based on his interest and assistance in jaycee activities, went to Randleman business man, Jack Melvin, owner and operator of Melvin's Variety Store.

Senator Edwards, a former active member of the Jaycee organization, said "the Jaycees is the best organization I know to help young men become successful" and said it is "one of the finest civic organizations the country has ever known."

The D.S.A. award recipient, who said "this is the best thing I have ever won except the Jaycee presidency," is affectionately known to his friends and acquaintances as "Mustard."

A native of Leaksville, he attended school in Asheboro and graduated from Randleman high School. He joined the Randleman Jaycee Club about three years ago after moving back from Burlington.

An employee of General Electric Supply Company in Greensboro, he is married to the former Teresa Raby and the couple have a five-year old daughter, Gina.

Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award was made by Tremaine Fields, president of the Randleman Merchants Association.

Central Falls Baptist Church Has New Look

Mar. 5, 1969 – Central Falls Baptist Church, where consistent progress has been evidenced for the past few years, has a new look in the form and shape of a new steeple.

The towering new steeple, topped with a stainless steel cross, overlooks the village and bears witness to the ministry of the church which has served the community for over seventy five years.

The church voted nearly two years ago to construct a steeple and when the new structure was completed week before last it was clear of indebtedness.

In addition, a new roof was put on the church structure at the same time and all of the woodwork was painted.

Since the present pastor, Rev. J. C. Mangum, came to the church in Sept., 1933, other improvements have included the erection and occupancy of a new parsonage.

This building was occupied seven months after a building fund for its erection began and it was paid for fourteen months after its completion.

The new steeple and other recent improvements at the Central Falls church were handled by S. E. Trogdon and Sons, general contractors.

Trogdon was the contractor also for the construction of a new church building for Central Falls Baptists, in which the first worship service was held in May, 1955. A mortgage burning on this building was held six and one half years later.

The beginning of the Central Falls Baptist Church was in 1892 when a congregation began holding meetings in the old school house. A few years after that the first church building was erected, a short distance to the northeast of the present structure.

With their structures and improvements paid for, Baptists at Central Falls are not resting on their laurels. They have already begun plans towards the erection of a fellowship building.

The spiritual phase of their ministry is not being overlooked either. Last Sunday evening, Feb. 23, a missionary service was held in conjunction with the Clear

View and Cedar Falls Baptist Churches, with members of the Solid Rock Baptist Church also on hand.

Rev. Alvin E. (Bud) Spencer, missionary to Okinawa, was the speaker before a packed house. Twenty five people came forward for dedication and commitment.

A revival meeting the later part of Mar. is also planned, with Rev. Glenn Whitley, pastor of the Ramseur Baptist Church, as the speaker.

Sister Is Honored By Twins On her Birthday

Mar. 6, 1969 – Gratitude for the love and care extended them during their early childhood prompted twin sisters to visit an older sister in Randolph Rest Home Tuesday, Feb. 25, and honor her on her 84th birthday.

The mother of Mrs. Ella Harper Lloyd and Mrs. Esther Harper Owens, Asheboro twins, died when they were four years of age. They were left to the care of an older sister, Sabian Jane, who married Eli Colon Blake.

The older sister looked after the small twin girls, made their dresses by hand and took them to the maple Springs Baptist Church, located in the vicinity of their home near Seagrove, through the influence of their sister, the twins joined the Maple Springs church at the age of twelve.

Mrs. Blake's husband was a local preacher and in their small home near where the twins lived they taught the small girls truth, righteousness and the principles of the gospel. They also sang the old hymns at the organ which was a gift to Mrs. Blake from their father.

Their father, James Marion Harper remarried Nettie Purvis after the death of his first wife, Carolina Wallace Harper, and later brought his family to Asheboro.

Mrs. Blake, however, remained in the vicinity of the Maple Springs Church until the death of her husband when she and her daughter, Eddie Colon Blake Voncannon, came to Asheboro to reside. Her daughter died at the age of 34.

Since she has lived with her grandchildren, Ray Voncannon now of Shelby, and Mrs. Dell Voncannon Presnell, Asheboro, and her sisters. In ill health for many years she has resided at Randolph Rest Home for some time.

Her twin sisters, remembering the love she lavished upon them during their childhood after the death of their mother, have made every effort to repay her during the time of her affliction. On the evening of her birthday they prepared supper for her, including the birthday cake, and enjoyed a period of sisterly fellowship.

Another sister of Mrs. Blake is Mrs. Della Lloyd, of High Point, and two brothers are Elmer and Burnie Harper of Asheboro. Sisters dead are Mrs. Mary Ellen Boone and Mrs. Dorothy Burrows and deceased brothers are Oliver Harper and John Thomas Harper.

Three Are Now Enrolled In Baptist Bible Institute

Mar. 11, 1969 – Three men, called to the ministry from the Union Grove Baptist Church, left Monday, Mar. 10, to enroll at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute where they will prepare themselves for active service in response to the calls which they have received.

Clyde Stutts, Rt. 1, Seagrove, was the first to respond to the call for full time service, this occurring six months ago.

He was followed in this decision by Evan Hall Jr., Asheboro, and Garland Hall, Route 1, Ramseur, their calls coming during the month of Nov.

All three of the men credit their pastor at the Union Grove church, Rev. F. A. Lunsford, with having "as much to do with our calling as anybody else." One of them attributed it to "the gospel he preaches."

The pastor has encouraged and assisted them, helping them in their enrollment at Fruitland and holding special classes for them at the church from which they have gone out.

Clyde Stutts, oldest of the three at the age of 43, is a farmer who lives on the land on which he was born and reared. Son of Mrs. Ida Stutts and the late Hadley Stutts, he is married to the former Denzil Kearns. They are the parents of three children, Roger, 19, a student at Gardner-Webb College, Bobby 17, a student at Seagrove High School, and Lisa, 5.

He is a member of the board of deacons at the Union Grove church where he has been a member for over thirty years.

Evan Hall Jr., 19, son of Mrs. Oma Hall and the late Evan Hall Sr., is a native of Wheelwright, Ky., but lived in the Coleridge area before coming to the Seagrove area in 1966. He graduated from Seagrove High School in 1968 and was employed at Union Carbide Corp. in Asheboro before leaving for the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

Garland Hall, age 33, was reared on Route 4, Asheboro, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall. He graduated from Seagrove High School in 1955.

His wife is the former Barbara Ann Garner and they are the parents of four children, Vickie, 7, Sherri, 5, Bobby, 4, and Bruce, 2.

Formerly employed with Acme Hosiery Mills for eight years, he is now self-employed as a cabinet builder. He has been a member of the Union Grove church since 1960, is teacher of Junior Boys and active in the Royal Ambassador organization.

Since being called to the ministry the three men have spoken on occasion in their home church, with Clyde Stutts and Garland Hall also speaking in neighboring churches.

Their calling, their sincerity of conviction, and their determination to forge ahead despite the sacrificial efforts which will be required, have impressed the Union Grove congregation and their friends elsewhere. Many people will follow their progress with interest and with prayers for their success.

At the worship service at Union Grove on the Sunday before they left for the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, they were publicly recognized by the pastor and a special offering was taken for their benefit.

New Church Planned Where Baptist Movement Began

Mar. 12, 1969 - Shady Grove Baptist Church, organized over 130 years ago by followers of Rev. Shubal Stearns and the Sandy Creek movement, held a groundbreaking service Sunday, Mar. 9, for the erection of a new church building.

Participating were the pastor, Rev. C. W. Pierce, the chairman of the deacons, Coy Williams, members of the church congregation, and Rev. R. T. Smith, superintendent of missions for Randolph Baptist Association.

Departing from usual custom, the ground was broken with a plow which was guided by the pastor and two chairmen and pulled by the entire congregation. In this manner, by pulling together, they hope to construct a beautiful church edifice estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

Other members of the building committee, in addition to the chairman, are Dean Burgess, Mrs. Christine Edwards, Mrs. Magaline Wright, Miss Brenda Heileg, and Bill Rightsell, with the pastor as exofficio member.

Other members of the board of deacons, besides the chairman, are Dean Burgess, O. L. Edwards, Dennis York and Bill Rightsell.

The proposed new structure, to be built by veteran church builders S. E. Trogdon and Sons, will be of a contemporary design with a bell tower. Outside construction will be of brick with a masonry and paneled interior.

The sanctuary, with a seating capacity of 250, will feature exposed beams, a skylight overhead, and carpeting throughout.

Consisting also of eleven class rooms, fellowship hall, library-study combination, kitchen and rest room facilities, the entire structure will have approximately 6,500 square feet of floor space.

Designer of the proposed building is J. Hyatt Hammond Associates in Asheboro. Construction is expected to start by the first of next month.

With a sizeable amount in a building fund on hand, other financing is available from a sale of \$60,000 in church bonds. This sale of bonds, conducted in Jan., was a complete sell out in four days.

The Shady Grove people, cognizant of their part in the beginning of the Southern Baptist Movement, are enthusiastic over plans for a new building which will surely reflect their stature in the historical background of the church in the south.

The original portion of their present building, a small narrow structure, was completed in 1904. Two wings and five Sunday School rooms were added in 1940.

The first meeting house at the present site was built in 1874, a site which was selected because it was on a public road and near a strong spring of water.

Before that time the church was located about a half of a mile to the east, where a lonely wooded graveyard still marks the spot where the followers of Rev. Shubal Stearns came in 1836 after breaking off from the original Sandy Creek church which had been established several miles, to the northwest.

The Sandy Creek group had split, with the Calvinistic or Primitive Baptist group retaining control of the original church grounds and the other group, the Shubal Stearns followers who believed in systematic missionary activity, leaving to organize what later became the Shady Grove Baptist Church.

For many years the group who left the Sandy Creek grounds was also known as the Sandy creek Baptist Church but later took the name of Shady grove, derived from a school near which they located, to avoid confusion with the church from which they had withdrawn.

In later years, however, a Missionary Baptist Church came into existence at Sandy Creek and exists there today along with the church of Primitive belief.

But history notwithstanding, the Shady Grove Baptist Church, direct descendant of the original movement, is

replacing the boxlike structure in which it has worshipped all these many years.

A new contemporary building, a far cry from the meeting houses of its earlier years, will take form on the same site on which the present building is located.

But the spirit, the determination and the religious fervor which began with Rev. Shubal Stearns, his wife and those who came with him, 16 souls in all, at Sandy Creek in 1755, over two hundred years ago, still remains and will afford a continuation of the movement which has spread throughout the world.

Dedication Is held At Church Of Christ

Mar. 13, 1969 – Church dignitaries, former pastors, town people and out of town groups joined the First United Church of Christ in Ramseur Sunday afternoon, Mar. 9, for a service of dedication and open house.

The worship area of the newly occupied church-house was completely filled, with many of those who came having to be seated in the fellowship room in the basement.

Led by the church minister, Rev. Jimmy H. Norred, the service of dedication featured a sermon by Dr. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Southern Conference Minister of the United Church of Christ.

Participating in the service included Rev. Edwin Alcorn, Associational Minister for the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Church of Christ, and Rev. Harold Myers, Chairman of the Church Extension Committee for the Southern Conference.

Greeting were extended by Rev. Donald Leonard, organizing minister for the church, Rev. William Everhart, former interim minister, and Marion Smith, former supply lay minister.

Representing the Ramseur Ministerial Association was the Rev. Glen Whitley, pastor of the Ramseur Baptist Church.

At the outset of the service W. R. Burgess Jr., chairman of the building committee, presented the keys of the building to Russell Craven, chairman of the board of trustees.

A short history of the church was presented by Mrs. Ray Kirkman.

When the church pastor, Jimmy Norred, opened the service of dedication with the statement, "this is a happy day for us," he was not making an overstatement.

Since the First United Church of Christ in Ramseur was organized three years and nine months ago, on June 13, 1965, principal services have been held in the town hall. Mid-week services, choir practice, youth meetings, ladies meetings and committee meetings have been held in the homes of the church members.

At the time of organization 43 charter members joined the church.

The new church-house, which was occupied on Dec. 15, 1968, is located on 4.2 acres of land on Oak Street. It is of modern design, 3,400 square feet of floor space, with brick slate rock and glass forming the front exterior of the worship room.

The first floor consists of the worship area with a seating capacity of 125; church office, hall, three church-school class rooms and one bath room; and one class room with a large walk-in closet which doubles as a choir room. The worship area can also be adjusted for two rooms.

In the basement with direct lighting there is the fellowship room with fireplace patio and adjoining kitchen, storage

room, two bathrooms, two classrooms, hall and pastor study.

Rear of the church –house is level and will be maintained as a recreational area. The acreage of land on which the building is located provides ample space for parking and is adequate for a future church site.

Builders of the church were Raymond Brown and Forrest Teague.

The pastor was right when he referred to the transfer from the town hall to the beautiful new facilities of the church-house as "a joyous occasion." The inconveniences of worship facilities which the congregation has borne during their first three and one half years of existence were behind them and they could now look forward to growth and progress for the years ahead.

Helping to further expedite their ministry was the presentation to them of a check for \$5,300 from the Church Builders' Club of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Presenting the check was the chairman of the Church Extension Committee, Rev. Harold Myers and on the receiving end was Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, pastor. Chairman of the board of trustees, Russell Craven and W. R. Burgess, Jr., chairman of the building committee.

Parents Anxiously Await Two Sons' Kidney Transplant

Mar. 18, 1969 – There was laughter, good natured banter, friendly arguments, children playing and much family fellowship Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Asbill of Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Most of their ten children were present, and many of their daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

But underneath the merriment, there was also unshed tears, heartache and anxiety for the welfare of two sons who will participate in a kidney transplant at Duke Hospital on Wednesday.

Paul Asbill, 26-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Asbill, has been ill for nearly three years with a severe kidney ailment. About a year ago he began using an artificial kidney machine and last May was put on the machine as a regular routine. It was only with the use of this machine that he has managed to stay alive.

When his need for a kidney became known, all of his nine brothers and sisters volunteered to give him one. At that time only one sister had an identical kidney but the sugar content in her kidneys prohibited a transplant. In addition, she was also pregnant.

Doctors then gave the afflicted young man the impression that he must wait for a transplant after the death of some person with a matching organ.

But when his sister with the identical kidney gave birth to her child they began again with tests on her, still with the idea of her making the transplant. But a hidden factor in her kidney still prevented her from being a donor.

It was then that another sister and two brothers entered into the picture. Although not completely identical doctors say that continued research has taught them that the transplant can still be successful.

Of the three others tested, Paul's next oldest brother, Boyce, age 30, was selected as the logical one. He resides at 356 Kimberly Drive in Asheboro.

Boyce, his wife Betty, and their five-year-old son, Marty, left the home of his parents early Sunday afternoon to go to

Durham for his admittance at Duke Hospital, where doctors will begin the preparation for the transplant on Wednesday.

Paul and his wife, Glenda left early Monday morning for Duke where Paul will use the artificial machine on his regular schedule and then await the transplant on Wednesday.

On Wednesday the parents and the other brothers and sisters - Claude, Wade, Edna, Elsie, Betty, Harold, Donald and Jeanette—will be on hand for the operation which they know will make the difference in the future existence of their son and brother who has been sick for so long.

There was hope and optimism in their hearts as they came together Sunday afternoon just prior to Boyce's departure.

The 67-year-old father, with whom the sick son worked the farm prior to his illness, spoke of "our crops" and the preparation he has made for them. He's looking for his son to return and again work the land from which they gain their livelihood.

Then Paul's pretty little daughter, 2-year-old Apr., has been saying "Paul's not going to be sick anymore," referring to her father.

With a skilled team of doctors performing the lengthy operation and an equally strong team of Asbills on hand, including the wives of the participants, the parents and the brothers and sisters, Paul and Boyce Asbill will have a lot going for them as they submit to the kidney transplant on Wednesday at Duke Hospital.

He's Now Walking, Thanks To Friends

Mar. 18, 1969 - The people of the New Hope Methodist Church, located on Rt. 3, Denton, have helped an injured young man get on his feet again.

Danny Hoover, 23, was a patient in a Sanford rest home, suffering from the effects of an automobile accident which occurred last year two days after Easter.

His right arm and leg were paralyzed. After his accident he was unconscious for several weeks and had spent considerable time in intensive care.

Then his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Dyle Cagle, Rt. 3, Denton, and the members of the New Hope church entered the picture and things began to change.

Danny Hoover had lived in Cagle's home during his childhood, had become attached to Mr. and Mrs. Cagle and their family and they to him. But after leaving their home his life took a bad turn and at the time of the accident he was an embittered young man.

The Cagle's visited him in the rest home at Sanford, secured for him the services of a local chiropractor and also arranged for his transfer back to their home, where he had once known love, care, and a family relationship.

His mother had died when he was a small child and he had never known parental care and the normal enjoyments of family life.

Upon coming back to the Cagle residence and among the New Hope people who had loved him previously, his attitude began to change and improvements were soon noted in the paralyzed portions of his wrecked and mangled body.

A committee from the New Hope church, composed of Mrs. Chester Leonard, chairman; Mrs. Buren Luther and Mrs. Leon Morton, was formed to raise money to assist Mr. and Mrs. Cagle in the financial responsibilities which came in providing for his care and treatment.

Two bake sales were held, appeals for funds were placed in various business establishments and the story of Danny Hoover was carried in the columns of The Courier - Tribune.

Response was good and a total of \$903.25 was deposited in the Danny Hoover Fund at the First National Bank in Asheboro. This included \$150 from the Golden Cross Fund of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and two amounts from anonymous donors, one for \$100 and another for \$32.30.

When the treatments began last fall the young man was in a wheel chair. At Christmas time he was getting about with a walker. Now he is able to get about with a cane. At one time in his illness he weighed 60 pounds. Now he weighs 134 pounds.

He is humble and appreciative for what people have done. He said "God has given me the will power and the faith and the spirit to get well again. I want to thank each person that contributed the money to the fund that I would be able to get well again."

Mrs. Leonard, the chairman of the Danny Hoover Fund, said "I had strong faith that a lot of people would help. We are thrilled at the way things went. We will never be able to thank everyone enough."

The New Hope people, under the leadership of Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Luther and Mrs. Morton, carried on the fund raising campaign despite the fact they are in the process of erecting a new church building and need funds for that project. But as Mrs. Leonard said "we can't sidestep one thing for another."

The church and the people have once more manifested their compassion for a human soul and young Danny Hoover is learning to walk again as a result of it.

Children Honor Parents On Fiftieth Anniversary

Mar. 20, 1969 - A Rt. 2, Seagrove couple, residing in Moore County but living within a mile of the Randolph and Montgomery County lines, reached the fiftieth year of their marriage Sunday, Mar. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bean were honored on the afternoon of their anniversary date at an open house at the fellowship hall of Union Grove Baptist Church. From two o'clock until four o'clock a large number of the community, friends from the outside and family members called to pay their respects.

Extending to them this honor on the occasion of their anniversary were their seven sons and their daughter, their daughters-in-law and their son-in-law.

Their children are Edward Bean, Nashville, Tenn., Boyd Bean, Bear, Del., near Wilmington, Melvin Bean, Rt. 1, Carthage, Mrs. Colon McNeill, Harold Bean, Ray Bean, Franklin Bean and Kelly Bean, Rt. 2, Seagrove.

The beautiful three-tiered cake, which was a feature of the open house event, was prepared by Mrs. Edward Bean for the golden wedding anniversary of her husband's parents.

Mrs. Ollie Bean, the former Ava Estella Cagle, was dressed in navy for the anniversary occasion, with a bronze orchid pinned at her shoulder.

Fifty years ago, at about the same time on another Sunday afternoon, she also wore a blue dress, with a white collar and cuffs, and black and white high-top shoes at the time of her marriage to Mr. Bean.

The couple were married Mar. 16, 1919 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. R. Comer, near where the Asbury Baptist Church is now located.

Mrs. Bean had told her husband "not to tell anybody" about their wedding but when they arrived at the minister's residence with mule and buggy "the whole porch was lined with their friends. Because of this the couple did not get out, so were married while seated in the buggy.

About a year and half earlier, on their first date, Mr. Bean was also traveling with mule and buggy. On this occasion they attended a fiddler's convention at the Mt. Zion school which Mrs. Bean had attended in her childhood. This was first a log building with fireplace but later a more modern two room building.

Mrs. Bean, 68, was reared in "hollering distance" of where she and Mr. Bean still reside, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cagle.

Her husband, John Ollie Bean, 71, was born in the Steeds Community of Montgomery County, west of Little River. He was one of nine children of Oliver Duckery (Duck) Bean and Talitha Ann Cornelison Bean.

He attended school at Piney Grove, a one-teacher institution located near the Sugg's Creek Primitive Baptist Church, and at Ether. He stayed at home until his marriage, working on his father's farm, raising cotton and other farm products.

All of his brothers and sisters are still living, one of whom is J. W. Bean, chairman of the North Carolina Industrial Commission. All of them were in attendance at the occasion at which Mr. Bean and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bean lived less than a year in Montgomery County before they moved to the community in which she was reared. They purchased a place, next to the one where they now live, and lived there until coming to their present home in 1946.

However, they retained ownership of the first property they bought and until illness forced his retirement two years ago Mr. Bean farmed both places. He was regarded as one of the more progressive farmers in the area in which he lives.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Bean's children, including the two from out of the state, participated in the open house event in their honor. Another son, Willie, was born to their union but died at the age of eight months. Their family also included 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Two Brothers' Transplant Of Kidney Successful

Mar. 21, 1969 - Paul Asbill, young Rt. 1, Seagrove resident, is doing fine after receiving a kidney transplant from his brother, Boyce Asbill of Asheboro, at Duke Hospital on Wednesday.

This information comes from family members who have been in constant attendance at the hospital since just before the four and one-half hour period of surgery.

Even with the time involved, doctors say that it was one of the fastest kidney transplants on record.

According to information received from members of the family, the kidney which Paul Asbill received from his brother began functioning 30 seconds after it was connected and has been in operation since that time.

Prior to that time he had been receiving service from an artificial kidney machine at the Duke Hospital for about a

year. He has not been on the kidney machine since the operation of the kidney transplant.

On hand for the surgical operation were the wives of the participants and their eight brothers and sisters.

On Thursday most of the brothers and sisters returned to Durham to visit with Boyce Asbill but were not allowed to see Paul who is a patient in the intensive care section. Only his wife, Glenda, was permitted to see him for a brief time.

It is said that the doctors who performed the operation are well pleased with the results of the transplant

Memories Linger Of Community Called Edgar

Mar. 21, 1969 - Only memories remain of the former flourishing little community of Edgar, a flag station and post office located on the High Point and Asheboro Railroad between Sophia and Glenola.

The only visible signs remaining are the old postoffice and store building, the little shed where caskets were kept and sold, and the old fertilizer building where the farmers came twice a year to receive their supply.

Started as Cox's Siding in the early 1900's or earlier, the train schedule at one time was six times daily, three southbound trains and three trains going back north. This temporary name came from Elwood Cox who owned much of the land in the vicinity.

At one time also, in the height of its activity, there were two general stores, a saw mill, a grist mill, cotton gin and blacksmith shop.

The first store and postoffice was opened by Quince Beckerdite, Elias Spencer and Spencer's son-in-law, Frank Wall, who married Elias' daughter, Cornie. Frank Wall was Edgar's first postmaster.

It is believed that Edgar was named for Frank Wall's brother, Edgar, who was deceased.

The store was later operated by Elias Spencer's brother, Cornelius (C.S) Spencer, who also served as postmaster. Other postmasters were E. E. Spencer, Vance Wall and Ora Loflin.

Two daughters of C. S. Spencer, Mrs. Lillie Wall and Miss Theresa Spencer, still live in Edgar, with Miss Theresa Spencer residing in the home where her grandparents, Isaac and Asenath Spencer, lived. Another daughter, Mrs. Vada S. Myrick, lives in Greensboro.

Mrs. Wall and Miss Spencer recall that their father as storekeeper also "carried caskets" and kept them in a small shed beside of the store building. Mrs. Wall remembers being sent back to the store one night after it had been closed and said because of the caskets, "I didn't lose any time getting away."

Miss Spencer, who was more brave, remembers that she and a cousin once got in the caskets and "measured themselves."

It was recalled by the ladies that their grandmother, Asenath Spencer, after the death of their grandfather, Isaac Spencer, sold a right of way to the railroad company for \$90. The money was used to purchase a suit of clothes for one of the several sons in the family and also to buy a horse.

Their sister, Mrs. Myrick, who once worked in the store and postoffice, recalls many incidents during the heyday of the busy little community of Edgar.

She remembers that Edgar was the destination for many Quaker preachers and visitors from Indiana and

Pennsylvania who came by train to attend special meetings at nearby Marlboro Friends meetinghouse and the Conservative Meeting at New Hope.

She also said that it was an interesting event to see Mrs. Lillias Marriage Lowe, wife of Thomas Lowe, coming in from a visit with her relatives in London, England. She recalls too the beautifully dressed Mrs. Lizzie Hobbs, who lived in the big house now occupied by Mrs. Carr Redding, coming in to catch the noon train for shopping in High Point.

Whenever the train didn't stop, the mail bag was hung from a crane which stood near enough for the railway clerk to be able to hook it into the car as the train rolled by. However, most of the time the train stopped for freight or passengers. When passengers got off the train it stopped but those people who wanted to get on the train flagged it to a stop.

Mrs. Althea Brown, veteran Courier Tribune correspondent who initiated this article and furnished much of the material for it, remembers well the days when Edgar was more flourishing than it is now.

Her father, N. H. Farlow, along with N. E. Davis and A. W. (Add) Davis, formed a company which established a sawmill, grist mill and cotton gin in Edgar, of which concern N. H. Farlow was the manager.

Mrs. Brown recalls that another store, besides the one mentioned earlier in this story, was started by Robert Spencer and his sister, Eliza Spencer, who lived about five miles away near Cedar Square.

Eliza Spencer walked the distance from their home morning and evening, occasionally spending the night with friends. She also bought produce in the community, chickens, eggs, dry beans, peas, peanuts, dried fruit, wheat or whatever her brother could haul in a covered wagon to Greensboro and exchange for store goods.

Some of the prices back then were as follows: eggs, 10 cents a dozen; fryers, 25 cents each; hens, 30 cents each; dried fruit, 5 cents a pound; sugar, 3 cents a pound; tobacco, 5 cents a plug; and coffee, 10 cents a pound.

Wheat, corn, eggs and rabbits were taken in exchange for merchandise. Brown sugar was sold by weight and scooped from a barrel. Molasses was bought by the barrel also and this was drawn out and sold by measurement. Coffee came in whole grain and was sold by weight. Candy came in an assortment of shapes, flavors and colors in large wooden buckets.

A blacksmith shop was run by Sid Kennedy and later operated by Bob Vickory.

A building for fertilizer stood near the building which housed the first general store and postoffice. This building has now been moved directly in front of the old postoffice building and almost obscures the traditional front of this building.

Some drummers who sold to the Edgar stores stayed at the C. S. Spencer home but most of them stayed at the A. W. (Add) Davis home, located a short distance to the southeast. This house was known as the "Drummers Boarding House."

The Add Davis home is still owned by a daughter, Miss Clara Davis, who lives next door with a brother, Parl Davis. Another member of this family, Mrs. Zorado Loflin, lives across the way.

The rural route from the Sophia postoffice came into existence, it took in the Edgar area and the postoffice there was abolished. This happened about 1920 and after the

postoffice was discontinued the store goods were also sold out. A few years later the train quit stopping.

Names familiar to the Edgar area during its period of activity and since were Beeson, Davis, Spencer, Barker, Hill, Cox, Osborne, Steed, Farlowe, Klass, Jones, Vickory, Lowe, Robbins, McGee, Wall, Newlin, Ridge, Walker and many others.

Only the memory of old Edgar lingers, in the hearts and minds of Althea Brown, Lillie Wall, Vada Myrick, Theresa Spencer, Clara Davis, Hessie Davis and other long time residents who recall with fondness their association with the flag station, the train stops and the postoffice where folks came from all around to get the mail.

Annual Father; Son Banquet Held

Mar. 25, 1969 – The 14th annual Father and son banquet of the Seagrove Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was held Friday evening in the school cafeteria.

Featured speaker was Bobby Walls, State FFA president and a freshman at North Carolina State University at Raleigh. A resident of Fuquay-Varina, the youthful president's farming interests include tobacco and feeder pigs.

Bobby Stutts, president of the Seagrove chapter, presided over the banquet session in a vigorous manner.

From his president's table and its important guests, he called across the room to the vice president's table, presided over by Glenn Trogdon, and asked "Mr. Vice president, are all officers at their stations?"

The vice president replied "Mr. President, I shall call the roll of officers and find out whether they are at their stations and report back to you, Mr. President."

Then the various stations, manned by the secretary, Richard Cagle, the treasurer, Darrell Pierce, the reporter, Donald Gatlin, the sentinel, Roger Chriscoe, and the advisor, Homer T. Boling, reported in and the annual banquet was underway.

Others participating in the opening ceremony include Seagrove Mayor Bobby Voncannon, who responded to the welcome which was given by the chapter president; Miss Rebecca Gray, president of the FHA chapter, who extended greetings from the sister organization; and Clyde Stutts, father of the chapter president, who gave the invocation.

A delicious meal, prepared by the cafeteria personnel and served by members of the sister organization, was enjoyed by chapter members, their fathers and other guests.

Various guests were introduced by Darrell Pierce and included C. V. Tart, assistant State supervisor for the FFA organization, and Ronald Pearson, vice president of the State FFA organization.

Both the outgoing chapter sweetheart, Annette Chriscoe, and the incoming chapter sweetheart, Nancy Asbill, were introduced and responded briefly to their presentations. These introductions were made by Roger Chriscoe and Jimmy Lanier, respectively.

Chapter awards, presented by the local FFA advisor, were made as follows: chapter leadership, public speaking, agricultural business and chapter star farmer, Bobby Stutts; chapter scholarship, farm safety, natural resource development, and poultry farming, Arnold Luther; home improvement, Randy Trogdon; soil and water management, Donald Beck; agricultural mechanics, Terry Ferree; farm and home electrification, Mike Lamb; crop farming, Bobby

Deaton; forestry, Craig Boyles; and star greenhand, Max Asbill.

Greenhand pins, presented by Glenn Trogdon, were given to Boyd Cox, Charles Ferree, Ray Garner, Bobby Chriscoe, Jr., Leonard Reeder, Ronnie Rice, Elton Voncannon, Tim Luther, Donald Hussey, Glenn Miller, Danny King, John Mills, Dwaine Beane, Steve Mills, Max Asbill, Ray Lineberry, Michael Varner, Darrell Voncannon, Mike Lamb, Eddie Lineberry, Mike McPherson, Eugene Swaney, David Graves, Mordicia Leach and Max Brown.

Chapter farmer pins, presented by Donald Gatlin, were given to Martin Needham, Gary Ledwell, Ray McCashill, Ray Thomas, Randy Trogdon, Ronald Moran, Randy Cox, Jerry King, Allen Copple, Larry Williams, Tommy Gillispie, Sidney McNeill, C. E. Teague, Jimmy Sikes, Ricky Asbill, Donald Beck, Mike Lucas, William Dickson, and Gary Callicutt.

Church Presents Awards For Attendance To 100

Mar. 26, 1969 – One hundred members of the Sunday School at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church were presented with attendance awards at an assembly period Sunday morning, Mar. 23.

The attendance pins represented an aggregate total of 711 years of Sunday School attendance.

Requirements for an attendance award at the neighbors Grove church, based on the nation requirements, specifies an attendance at Sunday school for 50 Sundays out of the calendar year.

Several other students of the Neighbors Grove Sunday School qualified for the 50-Sunday attendance record but did not accept an award because their attendance was not perfect.

One student of the school, nine-year-old Eric Davidson, has never missed a Sunday throughout his entire lifetime. He was taken to Sunday School the first Sunday after his birth and has never missed since that time. He received a 9-year pin on the awards Sunday.

Two other students, 17-year old Tim Smith and 16-year old Jerry Swaney, received 16-year and 15-year pins respectively.

Charles Cranford, veteran superintendent of the Sunday School, received the highest award, a 21-year pin. He was followed by Clarence Allred, long time member of the church who received an 18-year pin and Mrs. Edith Smith, church organist, who received a 17-year pin.

Other attendance awards were received as follows: 16 years, Mrs. Vettie Walker and Tim Smith; 15 years, Mrs. Eva Pritchard, veteran church treasurer, and Jerry Swaney; 14 years, Mrs. Martha Hall, Mrs. A. M. Jordan, Mrs. Betty Jordan, Mrs. Kathleen Swaney, and Dock Swaney; and 13 years, Lester Bulla, Mrs. Lucille Davidson and Rev. Sam Parker.

Twelve years, Mrs. Mary Lamb, Mrs. Ethel McNeil, and Mrs. Emma Parker; 11 years, Wilson Davidson, Causey Jennings, Albert McNeil and Clarence Smith; 10 years, Silas Hill, Timmy Jordan, Mrs. Inez Jennings, Mike Jennings, Louretta Lovin, Mrs. J. O. Pritchard, and Shelia Rich; and 9 years, Eric Davidson, Leon Furr, Pam Parker, Steve Pritchard, Roger Smith, John Storey and Worth Walker; and 8 years, Karen Jennings, Bobby Jordan, David Jordan, Ernest Ray Jordan, Maurice Lovin and Pam Starcher.

Seven years, Dolores Allred, Mrs. Dorothy Allred, Marty Allred, Paul Hill, Tommy Hill, Mark Jordan, Steve Jordan, Mrs. Bertha Russell, Sherry Russell and Mrs. Annie Starcher; six years, Darlene Hall, Don Hill, Mrs. Lucille Jordan, Ray Jordan, Tina Jordan, E. A. Moffitt, and Denise Lovin; 5 years, Clay Hall, Mrs. Annie Hill, Mrs. Estelle Saunders, Judy Saunders, Sandra Saunders, and Geresa Saunders; 4 years, Rufus Furr, Mrs. Jewel Hill, Mrs. Myrtle Phillips and Rodney Rutledge.

Three years, Marinda Brown, Lloyd Russell, Kieth Seabolt, Howard Strider and Todd Swaney; 2 years, W. C. Brower, Carolyn Canoy, Steve Kinney, Audrey Miller, Mrs. Joan Miller, George Miller, Mrs. John Rich, Lisa Seabolt, Mrs. Edith Seabolt, Mrs. Judy Trogdon, and Anita Yow; and one year, Dean Brown, Jewel Brown, Len Camp, Linda Camp, Larice Canoy, Dolores Cox, Perry Hill, Larry Moore, Michael Miller, Wayne Sharpe, Mrs. Hoover Smith, Rev. Hoover Smith, Stephen Trogdon and Vernon Trogdon.

Two Randolph Soldiers Are Wounded In Vietnam

Mar. 27, 1969 – A story of two Randolph County service men wounded in Vietnam also reveals their devotion to the cause for which they were fighting, their consideration for the members of their family and their regard for the men with whom they serve.

According to information available, both men, Army Sergeant Larry H. Burgess and Marine Lance Corporal Phil Pritchard, were wounded on approximately the same day, Mar. 6 or 7.

Sgt. Burgess, 25, son of Mrs. W. Charm (Myrtle) Burgess, Rt. 2, Ramseur, was injured engaging the enemy in hostile action while serving with the Army's 25th Infantry, mechanized Division, in the vicinity of Chu Chi.

He received multiple wounds in his left leg, left arm, right hand, his face and right eye, with the eye wound the most severe. He is being treated for his injuries at the field hospital in Chu Chi.

L. Cpl. Pritchard, 20, of 2001 Pleasant St., North Asheboro, was wounded in action near the demilitarized zone in northern Vietnam.

He was hit with shrapnel and sustained injuries in the stomach, right side of head and two other places. He is presently being treated at a hospital in Japan but expects to be brought to a hospital in Camp Lejeune next week.

Mrs. Burgess was notified by military authorities about her son's injuries ten days after he had been wounded. This was not done earlier due to his personal request but since there was a patch on his eye, the authorities felt they should go ahead and make the notification. However, since that time L. Cpl. Pritchard had been wounded serving in Vietnam. Since his first wounds were minor, compared to the more serious wounds sustained by some of his fellow Marines, he refused to accept Purple Heart awards the first two times he was injured. Three Purple Heart awards would have automatically relieved him of duty in the war zone.

Sgt. Burgess, who was inducted in the Army in Oct., 1967, was employed at Ramseur Inter-Lock Knitting Co. before beginning his service with the army. His tenure of duty in Vietnam had been scheduled to end on Apr. 21.

L. Cpl. Pritchard also entered the military service in Oct., 1967, at the time of his enlistment in the Marine Corps. His tour of duty in Vietnam had only four or five weeks to go at

the time he was injured. He is a former student at Asheboro High School.

God And Country Award Presented Asheboro Scout

Mar. 27, 1969 – A 15-year-old North Asheboro scout, Kyles Wallace, was presented with the God and Country Award during the morning worship service Sunday, Mar. 23, at Calvary Methodist church.

Presented by the church pastor, Rev. Joe Daniels, the young scout was attended by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wallace, Route 6, Asheboro.

Also participating in the presentation were Kyles' scoutmaster, Donald Welch, of Scout Troop No. 521, and Irvin Burrows, of Asheboro, a neighborhood commissioner. Scout Troop No. 521 is sponsored by the Calvary Church.

Besides the God and Country Emblem, a letter from John W. Gattis, Director of Ministries with Junior Highs, of the Board Of Education of The United Methodist Church, was also presented to the God and Country Award recipient.

A lapel pin, a miniature replica of the God and Country Award, was presented to the father of the young scout.

The god and Country Award was presented to Kyles Wallace after a year of participating in a scheduled program of church activities. This program was carried on under the supervision and with the cooperation of the Calvary minister.

The minister, in his words of presentation, said "this award does not come lightly" and referred to it as "the greatest achievement in scouting except perhaps for the Eagle Award."

Kyles Wallace, a member of the troop for three years, holds the rank of First Class Scout, which is the lowest rank that is eligible to receive the God and Country Award.

He is a 10th graded student at Asheboro Senior High School and a member of the track team. He is also a member of the Calvary church. He has an older brother, Craig, 17, who is a former scout.

In addition to his immediate family, various other relatives attended the presentation ceremony and following the morning service were invited to the Wallace home for luncheon.

Worthville Lions Club Holds Its "Charter Night"

Mar. 31, 1969 – Charter Night for the Worthville Lions Club was held Saturday evening, Mar. 29, in the community building, following organization of the club on Feb. 11.

Joining in the observance were members of the sponsoring Franklinville Lions Club and their wives and representatives from the clubs at Gray's Chapel and Liberty.

Besides the district governor, Lacy M. Presnell Jr., and his wife, also present were deputy district governor, A. O. White Jr., of Randleman, and zone chairman, Julius Williams, of Asheboro.

Also on hand were district governor candidates Joe Glynn, of Greensboro, and Dan Wimberly, of Reidsville.

An eloquent speaker for the occasion was the blind Judge Coleman C. Cates, of Burlington. A prominent Lion himself, he described Lionism as "tremendous in its scope and tremendous in its activities."

Presiding over the banquet session was Buel Creason, president of the Franklinville Lions club. The invocation was delivered by Rev. William Dingus, a member of the Franklinville club and pastor of the Methodist Church in Franklinville.

Ten years ago a member of the Franklinville club Clyde Williams, visited in Worthville and found interest there in the organization of a Lions Club, Even though a decade passed, this led eventually to the forming of the Worthville Lions Club.

Because of this interest in the organization of the Worthville club, Clyde Williams was presented at the charter night meeting with an extension award No. 1 by District Governor Presnell.

Lion Otus Thomas, also of the Franklinville club, assisted too in the organization of the Worthville club and for this interest was presented with extension award No. 3 by the district governor at the charter night meeting. Lion Thomas had previously assisted in the formation of the clubs at Gray's Chapel and Central Falls.

Presentation of the charter to the Worthville club was made by District Governor Presnell and accepting it on behalf of the club was the president, James Ray (Jim) Wright. Earlier in the meeting, President Wright had extended the address of welcome.

Other officers of the club are first vice president, Gerald D. Thompson; second vice president, John W. Callicutt; third vice president, Junius Kirkman; secretary, William A. Kirkman; treasurer, Richard E. Duggins; Lion tamer, John H. Davis; and tail twister, Jesse Gunter.

Directors are Bennie A. Ange, Robert E. Hinson, Thomas E. Tysinger, and Wilbur T. Owens.

Other charter members, besides the officers and directors, are Ben W. Allen, James R. Bobo, Alfred R. Britt, John W. Davis, William W. Epps, Jimmie W. Hill, Glenn F. Hudson, Lloyd M. Luck, Bobby J. Player, Harvey L. Porter, Charles J. York, Carl W. Dalton, R. D. (Dunk) Duggins, Aldie G. Jessup, Bob L. Johnson, Roland Luck, Johnny Oliver and Jake C. Pugh.

She's Firm, Resolute On Her 84th Birthday

Apr. 1, 1969 – Mrs. E. V. Jessup, forthright and resolute, was honored Sunday, Mar. 30, on the occasion of her 84th birthday.

A native of Surry County, she resides at 203 Church St. in Randleman. Her birth date came on Mar. 29.

A religious woman and firm disciplinarian, Mrs. Jessup said "I have never had on a dress above my knees. I have never had on a bathing suit and I have never looked at a television.

Speaking further of the latter resolution, she also said "if I live to be a hundred, I'll never look at one."

She also had a message for Henry King, Courier-Tribune columnist. She said "tell Henry King I want to talk with him about those mini skirts."

Family members of Mrs. Jessup came together at the Worthville Community Building for a birthday dinner in her honor.

One of her sons, Leffard Jessup, Rt. 2, Mount Airy, a Baptist minister, offered the prayer and expressed thanks for the meal.

Other children in attendance included Mrs. Clara Davis, Rt. 1, Sophia, Mrs. Essie Allred, Worthville, Ora Jessup, Rt. 2, Randleman, and George Erastus Jessup, Asheboro.

One son, Randall Jessup, of South Hill, Va., was not present at the birthday celebration.

One son, Lester Howard Jessup, was killed in World War II, another son, Earlie Ray Jessup, died at the age of 20 and a daughter, Mrs. Nina Bessie Johnson, was killed about 20 years ago in New Orleans, La. Two children died in infancy.

In addition to her children, Mrs. Jessup reared two grandchildren, Pat Johnson and Roy Johnson, children of her deceased daughter. However, she now lives alone at her home in Randleman.

The former Nancy Jane Lynch, of Surry county, she, her husband and children came to Randolph County in 1923. According to Mrs. Jessup, they came to Randolph County "to raise tobacco and didn't do much at it." She said "we could have done as good if we had stayed in Surry."

She recalls her girlhood days when she "worked on a farm, pulled a crosscut saw, sawed crossties and worked for twenty cents a day." She also hoed corn for the same price. She married in 1902.

"I still do all of my work with the help of the Lord," she said. She had earlier said "me and the Lord live together in a house in Randleman." She describes herself as a "born again Christian."

She is forthright and resolute but also religious and committed to the care and protection of her Lord. Her life has been filled with hard work, beginning as a very young girl, and her life has been filled with sorrow, coming from the deaths of her husband and five of her children.

But she is not beaten down. Instead, she is vigorous and stands unrelenting against what she regards as the evils of the world. On her 84th birthday she remains undaunted and is a refreshing person with whom to converse.

High Falls Fireman Plan Singing To Raise Funds

Apr. 7, 1969 – Members of the High Falls Volunteer Fire Department, which was organized 12 years ago, are planning a fund raising event for Saturday, Apr. 12, at the High Falls Elementary School.

Planned is a chicken stew supper and a gospel singing afterwards, with the supper to begin at 5 p.m. and the singing scheduled to get underway at 7:30.

To be held in the school cafeteria, the supper has been priced at \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children.

The singing, to be held in the auditorium, will feature the Harris Brown Family of Asheboro, and the High Falls Quartet consisting of Miss Carolyn Kidd, J. C. Russell, and Frank and Jack Kennedy, twins.

Other singers from the area will include a group from the High Falls Methodist Church, the Fall Creek Quartet and the Rock Hill Friends Church Quartet.

There will be no admission charge for the singing. However, an offering will be received for the benefit of the fire department.

The High Falls Volunteer Fire Department was the first department in the county to receive a fire truck through funds derived from tax revenue.

Receipt of the truck was contingent on the building, the site on which it was placed, the organization of the department and the purchase of other equipment being provided by the people of High Falls and the surrounding countryside.

Since the purchase of the truck at High Falls other fire trucks have been purchased, one each year, for the departments at Robbins, Carthage, West End, Eagle Springs, Cameron, Vass, Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Pine Bluff and Crestline.

Another volunteer fire department, the 13th for the county, is now being organized at Whispering Pines.

Two years ago the High Falls firemen updated their department considerably by the purchase of a water truck which has a capacity of 1,400 gallons. This water truck was purchased from Civil Defense and was equipped for something over \$2,000. Its value is estimated at \$10,000.

The firemen are well pleased with the adequacy of this newest vehicle which has been added to their department, especially since the capacity of their original truck is only 500 gallons. However, since the county has nearly made the rounds in the purchase of trucks for the various departments, High Falls is about due for a replacement of the truck which they received twelve years ago.

Another addition to their equipment has been a portable pump for their fire truck. They anticipate using the funds from the supper and singing next Saturday night for the purchase of a siren for the fire station and for air packs.

Other suppers have been held in previous years to secure the funds which were needed to build the fire station and to purchase equipment which they needed. Also, the department sponsors a horse show each year on the first Saturday in June.

Operating in a 10-mile radius, the High Falls Volunteer Fire Department meets twice a month on the second and fourth Monday nights. The first meeting in the month is utilized for business while the fourth Monday night is used as a working session, keeping the equipment in repair etc.

Officers of the volunteer fire department are Billy Joe Brady, chief; Larry Martindale, assistant chief; and Joe Vaughn, secretary and treasurer.

Other members of the department are Frank Kennedy, Jack Upchurch, Jackie Upchurch, Raymond Vaughn Jr., Darrell Upchurch, Ted Forrest, Grady Mashburn, Bob Mashburn, Leighton Brown, Gurney Wilson, Earlie Brady, Gilbert Purvis, Vernon Purvis, Harold Upchurch, Ed Shields, Bob Brewer, Francis Brewer, Jackie Brewer, Freddie Upchurch, Jerry Upchurch, Jack Kennedy, Clinton Seawell, Roy Parker, Donald Seawell, Jerry Crabtree, Larry Upchurch, and Vincent Kennedy.

Four Generations Present At 93rd Birthday Party

Apr. 8, 1969 – Seven daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren honored Mrs. Mary Lillie Handy at a birthday celebration on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Handy, a native of Floyd, Va., was 93 years old on Apr. 1. The birthday celebration was held in the fellowship hall at Fayetteville Street Baptist Church.

Another daughter, Mrs. Anna Carnell, of Suffolk, Va., was not present for the birthday celebration and neither was Mrs. Handy's only surviving son, Tommy Handy, of Lexington.

Two sons, Delmar Handy, Mount Airy, and Grant Handy, Rt. 3, Asheboro, and two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Howell and Miss Della Handy, are deceased while another son died in infancy.

The seven daughters, who honored their mother on her birthday, included Mr. O. W. Flynt and Mrs. J. H. Burrow, Asheboro, Mrs. Bill Draughn, Rt. 7, Asheboro, Mrs. Jake Draughn, Dobson, Mrs. Earl Weatherman, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Woodrow Whitlow and Miss Minnie Handy, Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Handy, who presently resides with Mrs. Flynt, came to Randolph County about 1930. She was living in Stuart, Va. At the time she came to this county. She is the widow of Sparger Handy who died in 1951.

A pretty white-haired woman, Mrs. Handy enjoyed the birthday celebration in her honor. She appeared in good spirits as she greeted and mingled with the four generations who came to celebrate with her the 93rd observance of her birth.

A large celebration also marked her 90th birthday and another one is planned for her 95th year. The birthdays in between are celebrated at smaller family groups.

They Now Have New Home Thanks To Their Neighbors

Apr. 14, 1969 – James and Bessie Goins, whose house and all of its furnishings burned last Aug., are back at their old home site at 721 Brady Ave., warm and comfortable in a dwelling which was provided for them by neighbors, friends and people of the community.

Long time residents of the West Bend community, the financial circumstances and general knowledge of James and Bessie Goins was not sufficient to enable them to replace the house which burned and to furnish it.

Their neighbors and friends, particularly Wayne Briles, James McGee, Charles Kesler, J. E. Whisnant, Joe Shoate and Tom Hill, stepped into the picture and began a movement to get another house for the couple who had been burned out.

A house located six miles west of Asheboro was made available to them for the moving and appeal for funds to move it was made.

The house was moved in Oct. and the work toward getting it livable began. The masonry work and other services were donated by William Holloway, a brick mason. Next door neighbors Wayne Briles and James McGee laid linoleum on all of the floors and painted the inside of the building.

Three rooms of the four-room dwelling were furnished, mostly with items donated, and the other room was installed with bath facilities.

Although James and Bessie moved the Saturday before Christmas, work has continued on getting the house in shape and now efforts are being made to improve the grounds.

Members of the committee working to provide James and Bessie Goins with a new home wish to give special credit to the West Bend Methodist Church, the Hopewell Friends Meeting and the Calvary Baptist Church for their assistance and financial help. They say that without the help of these three churches, the project would not have been a success. However, they are very appreciative to everyone who assisted in any way.

Those working on the project say that in addition to the donated items and free labor nearly \$1,300 was spent in the providing of a home for the unfortunate couple.

Asked for their reaction, James said "we think the world of it" while Bessie simply said "I like it."

At the time of the fire and the loss of the house and its furnishings, an appeal was made through the columns of The Courier-Tribune for donations towards the project.

Minister's Retired, But Continues To Serve Church

Apr. 15, 1969 – A quiet spoken Randolph County native, whose active ministry in the Congregational Christian denominations extended over a period of 25 years, continues to serve the church despite his official retirement over two years ago.

Rev. Lacy M. Presnell, who resides with his wife at 607 West Wainman Ave. Asheboro, presently serves in a supply capacity at two Randolph County churches; in addition to participating in funerals and other special services. He observed his 67th birthday today.

For several years prior to his retirement, he served as the pastor-at-large for the Western North Carolina conference of the congregational Christian church besides serving in a part time pastoral capacity at the same time.

His responsibility was filling pulpits for 40 churches in the conference during pastoral vacancies, in which responsibility he was assisted by student ministers. He became a familiar figure in denominational circles during the years he served as pastor-at-large.

Members of his denomination and others had learned of him earlier through his pastorate of churches in Randolph County and surrounding counties.

Churches where he has served as pastor have been at Seagrove, Pleasant Grove, Liberty, Sophia, Flint Hill, Bailey's Grove and Spoon's Chapel in Randolph County, Smithwood in Alamance County, Needham's Grove in Moore County, and Biscoe and Ether in Montgomery County. Some of these churches he served as pastor simultaneously.

Many other churches he has served in supply capacity, including the Pleasant Cross Christian Church which he has served as supply pastor since the death of the Rev. Kenneth Ferree. He is currently in the process of relinquishing the supply pastorate of the Pleasant Union Christian Church.

He also remains in a standby position to assist the associational minister of the Western Association of the united Church of Christ, whose duties are similar to those he formerly held but covering a larger area in the merged church group.

It was at the Needham's Grove church in Moore County that he first began his pastoral duties following his decision to enter the ministry and after he had prepared himself in response to the call which he had received.

This was a small church and when he went there as pastor it was about to "fall in" both literally and figuratively. The church's organization was in a state of deterioration and its front porch was badly in need of repair.

Lacy Presnell was born at the little flag station of Michfield, north of Seagrove, where his father, Marion Jackson (Jack) Presnell, ran a store bought crossties and sold fertilizer. He first attended the one-teacher school at Rock Spring.

His parents moved to Bennett where he attended school for a year but came back to the Seagrove vicinity where he spent most of his earlier years. But it was back to Bennett for his marriage to the former Evie Cheek, a native of that vicinity, in 1920.

Reared a Methodist, Presnell recalls with a chuckle that he "married into" the Christian church. His wife was reared in the vicinity of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church and following their marriage Mr. Presnell also affiliated himself with that church.

It was from the Pleasant Grove church that he answered the call of the ministry in 1936. At that time he had engaged himself in business, had run a store and was operating a filling station.

Not having completed his formal education, he immediately enrolled at Elon College to secure the necessary requirements and to prepare himself for the ministry. In order to maintain the support of his wife and their three children he worked at night in Robbins. He did not accept the pastorate of a church until he had completed the courses equivalent to a degree and the preparation which was necessary for his ordination which occurred in 1943.

The three children of the Rev. and Mrs. Presnell are Mrs. Arvie Stout, Pittsboro, Mrs. Ray Stuart, Bowie, Md., and Lacy M. Presnell Jr., who is superintendent of the Randolph County School system. The couple have six grandchildren.

Presnell is a member of the Asheboro Civitan Club and serves as its chaplain. He first became a member of the Civitan Club when he went to the pastorate in Sophia. But while in Liberty and Seagrove he was a member of the Lions Club at those places.

At one time during his active ministry he served for two years as president of the Western North Carolina conference of the Congregational Christian Church.

Despite his official retirement, Lacy Presnell remains part of the Randolph county scene. Because of this the people will profit and will continue to gain inspiration from his quiet but effective ministry.

She Establishes Church At Mother's Birthplace

Apr. 18, 1969 – A young Negro woman from Washington, D. C. Has established a church at the birth place of her mother, located in the upper section of the Piney Ridge community and in the lower part of Grant Township.

An attractive structure housing the Redeemed Church of God, has been erected through the efforts of the church founder, Elder C. D. Pugh.

Elder Pugh, a native of Greensboro, first began holding services in her mother's old home next to the new building in 1964. Construction began on the church building last May and the first service in the new structure was held on the first Sunday in Nov. last year.

Elder Pugh's mother Mrs. Alva Green Brown, was born and reared in the Piney Ridge community, the daughter of Robert Green, a former school teacher.

Asked why she established a church in the rather remote area in which it is located on Route 1, Seagrove. Elder Pugh said "this is where the Lord sent me. I was commissioned by God to come here."

She feels that if it had not been the Lord's will that she establish the church, she would not have been able to accomplish what she has, especially since her organization consists of only a handful of members. There are only three or four people in her church group no working members except herself.

The building, estimated in value at \$8,000, is of block construction with a brick front and paneling on the inside.

Not completely finished, the building also consists of choir room and bath facilities.

Contractor for the structure was Rev. David Strickland, of Siler City, a cousin of Elder Pugh, and much of the labor was donated. People in the community were joined by volunteers from Greensboro, Raleigh, Washington, D. C. and elsewhere in the construction of the new church building.

Elder Pugh, whose educational background includes attendance at Lincoln Academy in Kings Mountain, Armstrong High School in Washington, D. C. and seminary study at Shaw University at Raleigh, has been a minister for nine years. She served as an evangelist before organizing the Redeemed church of God and has continued to hold meetings elsewhere since that time. Her church is an affiliate of the United Holy Church of America, Inc.

Since coming here she has served as the corresponding secretary of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Chatham County and vicinity and for two years conducted a radio program over Radio Station WNCA in Siler City.

She resides with her daughter, Veronica, a senior at Seagrove High School, in the former home of her mother next door to the church.

It was prophesied a quarter of a century ago that a holiness church would be organized in the Piney Ridge community. The erection of the Redeemed Church of God has fulfilled that prophecy.

After 46 Years In School Veteran Teacher Retires

Apr. 22, 1969 – A veteran Randolph County teacher, who wanted "to quit while I am healthy and still able to enjoy life," has retired after 46 years of service.

George T. Gunter, age 68, quit on Mar. 4, at the end of the sixth month. A resident of Trinity since 1943, his teaching career covered many areas of Randolph County despite his last 21 years being spent at the Davis-Townsend School in Davidson County.

He planned to quit in the spring of 1965, even turned in his resignation and gave up the 8th grade which he had taught for so many years. But as the next school year neared, he was persuaded to teach again. The last three years he taught the 6th grade.

Immediately upon his retirement, he and his wife went on a three weeks tour of Florida. They have now returned to their comparatively new home on Merle Drive in Trinity where they will start a garden, rest, take it easy and do whatever they want to do. Mrs. Gunter had previously retired after several years of employment at Belk-Beck Department Store in High Point.

George Gunter began his teaching career at Seagrove at the beginning of the school year 1922-23. It was in a tall, one-story wooden building, near the present site of the Seagrove Christian Church and he recalls that he taught 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes in the mornings and history, science and spelling classes in the afternoons.

He interrupted his teaching the next year to receive his second year of instruction at Elon College. Years later, in 1938, he received his degree at High Point College after securing his credits in summer school sessions.

His second year of teaching was at the Mt. Olivet School in Brower Township, located about two miles from the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Wrenn, whose daughter, Eva, would later become his wife.

Since Miss Wrenn's brother and sister attended his classes, he waited until school was out to begin his courtship. However, their acquaintance had begun earlier during their attendance at Liberty High School where Mr. Gunter was graduated in 1921. Their marriage occurred Sept. 30, 1926 just before he began teaching at the school in Coleridge.

In between Mt. Olivet and Coleridge he had taught at the Parks Cross Roads School, southeast of Ramseur.

Then it was back to Mt. Olivet for another year, Central Falls, New Hope, Ulah back to New Hope to initiate a new building, Cedar Falls, then to the new school at Brower, near the old Mt. Olivet School, after that, in 1943, he moved to Trinity for five years at the school there before beginning his long tenure of service at the Davis-Townsend School in Davidson County.

He recalls with pleasure his principalship of the new schools at New Hope and Brower, especially the later place in which community his wife was reared and where her relatives lived.

These two new school buildings were a contrast to some of the dilapidated buildings in which he had previously taught.

The Mt. Olivet school building formerly housed the academy which was situated there. It was a two-story building in which a Masonic Lodge held meetings in the upstairs room. A similar situation existed in the old school building at which he taught in Coleridge.

George Gunter's parents, John L. Gunter and Snoda Brown Gunter, were living in Sanford at the time of his birth. But his mother came back to the Holly Spring—Pleasant Ridge vicinity to the home of his grandfather, John C. Brown, for his birth. His great-grandfather was the Rev. W. R. Brown.

The Gunters moved back to Randolph County when he was about six years old and his first schooling was at the Center School, located between the Holly Springs Friends Meeting House and "Hinshaw Town," a school also known as Rabbit's Gnaw.

This school was a one room building which was partitioned into two rooms before the community built a two-story building, using the upper room as a meeting for the farmer's union.

Early in his school days George Gunter decided upon the career which he was to follow throughout his working years. He attributes his decision to the influence of some of his former teachers, among which were John Pearce, Wilbur Scotten, Moleta Neese and Myrtle R. Cox.

Some of the people at Elon College, during his first year there, talked with him about entering the ministry but George Gunter did not want to become "a man-made minister" and continued his preparation for teaching instead.

But throughout his lifetime he has made a notable contribution to the church, beginning in his boyhood days when he attended the Sunday School at the Pleasant Ridge Congregational Christian Church and where he affiliated in membership at the age of 14.

He continued his membership at Pleasant Ridge until 1958, even though he attended the services at Trinity Methodist Church upon moving there in 1943. However, before officially uniting with the church he began teaching a class of returned war veterans in 1945 and has continued teaching this class which was recently named the George

Gunter Class. Since uniting with the church he has also served as superintendent of the Sunday School.

But his prominence and outstanding service on a broader was achieved in the denomination with which he affiliated as a young lad over a half a century ago.

For 16 years he served as secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Church, for two years he served as president of the conference and although a layman he served for one year in the capacity of pastor-at-large.

Dedication and service have been his trademarks, to the students who have benefited from his guidance and instruction and the church groups who have received his assistance.

Another absorption has been his wife, their children, Helen Wrenn, now Mrs. Delmas H. Core, Greensboro; George Jr., who died in 1959; Pattie Lee, now Mrs. Kent Brendle, Boonville; and James Millard, of Archdale.

Liberty Couple Honored On Their 51st Anniversary

Apr. 28, 1969 — Mr. and Mrs. W. Clyde Jones, long time residents of Liberty, were honored Sunday afternoon Apr. 20, at an informal open house period commemorating their 51st wedding anniversary.

Friends, neighbors and church people called at their home at 120 North Fayetteville St., from three until four o'clock. However, when the designated hour for closing came, the people were still coming.

The occasion was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Jones until about two hours before their friends started coming. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Showerman of Greensboro, who planned the honor for her parents, only told them about it when they arrived in the early afternoon from their home in Greensboro.

Their minister, Rev. Clegg Avett, had announced the event at the morning worship service at liberty's First Methodist Church but the couple had stayed at home that morning in anticipation of their daughter's coming and did not hear the announcement.

Assisting in the arrangement for the anniversary observance were the couple's only grandchild and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lane, also of Greensboro. Completing the immediate family circle and on hand for the occasion were their two great-grandchildren, Kim and Joseph Lane.

Adding to the activity of the afternoon was the installing of the new medical doctor in an office building which Mr. Jones owns on an adjoining lot. The Jones residence is located directly across the street from the First Methodist Church, in the uptown area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have lived in this uptown residence for all but about ten years of their marriage. Mr. Jones formerly operated a grocery store in Liberty and also worked for many years as building superintendent for the Liberty High School. He retired about ten years ago.

He was born on Rt. 1, Liberty in the vicinity of the Randolph Methodist Church. He attended the school at Melancthon. He is 76 years of age.

Mrs. Jones, 71, the former Daisy Peaden, is a native of Greensboro and was living there at the time of her marriage to Mr. Jones. Their marriage 51 years ago, occurred at the home of her parents.

The respect with which they are held in the town in which they have lived these many years was evidenced by the

people who came on short notice to honor them at the time of their 51st wedding anniversary.

Piney Ridge Methodists Install New Church Pews

Apr. 30, 1969 – Piney Ridge Methodist Church took another step last week towards the updating of their facilities when new pews were installed in the new church structure.

The pews, 21 in number, were purchased from funds made available to the Piney Ridge church from the Randolph County Methodist Area Mission Society. The county Methodist organization gave \$2,500 to the Piney Ridge church for the purchase of the pews.

This was the largest gift which has been received by the Piney Ridge congregation since they began their long, tedious efforts to build a new church and to equip and furnish it.

For some months now they have occupied the new building which replaced the structure which had been used since 1892. They decided to build a new church despite some opposition of conference officials who wanted them to consolidate with neighboring churches.

They went into the new building without heat for the Sunday School rooms. This was their first objective and since entering the building they have been able to heat it throughout.

Other minor needs have been taken care of and the purchase of the new pews, a gift from the mission group, has overcome a major need in the life of the Piney Ridge congregation. Prior to this they had used the benches from the old building.

Other needs paramount in the completion of the facilities at the church is the installation of bathroom fixtures, the obtaining of water for the church and the landscaping of the church grounds.

Other large gifts to the building program has been a \$1,000 from a former resident of the vicinity and \$600 from the conference prior to the latest merger. Other smaller gifts have been numerous and have been appreciated by the people of the church who have given consistently towards the building of their new church.

Eighty-eight year old Chatham Spinks, who has attended the church for 60 years and more, remembers when a brush arbor was used as a place of worship before the erection of the building in 1892. At that time the people worshipped in the old Piney Ridge school building during the winter months.

Chatham Spinks was present last Sunday morning for the breaking in of the new pews. He prayed "we thank Thee for the brightness of another Sabbath day." This aged Negro, who lives two miles away, walks to church each Sunday morning unless some motorist stops and picks him up.

Twenty of the new pews were placed in the main part of the church auditorium while the remaining bench was placed in the "amen corner" where Chatham Spinks and some of the others sit on each Sunday morning.

Dream Of Historic Site Unfilled

Apr. 30, 1969 – Victor Parker, Quaker genealogist, Hoover family historian an operator of historic Parker's Mill in western Randolph County for 33 years, died last week without seeing one of his fondest dreams realized.

He had worked for many years toward the preservation of the old Hoover Cemetery near Jackson Creek, in which was buried Andrew Hoover, great-great- great-grandfather of President Herbert Hoover and first American ancestor of 31st president of the United States.

In 1928 and 1929 he collaborated with a brother of Herbert Hoover and members of his staff in erecting a monument to the grave of Andrew Hoover and clearing the wooded graveyard which contains 23 other graves in addition to the grave of Andrew Hoover. For many years he also maintained the care of the old cemetery.

But sickness and age took its toll and in the latter years of his life, "Vick" Parker was not even able to visit the old cemetery located a mile or so from his home. It was with some effort that this correspondent was able to reach the cemetery three years ago in the company of some of the residents of that area. At that time the cemetery was almost non-existent except for a few markers in the thickly wooded area.

"Vick" Parker had hoped to gain recognition of the cemetery as a historical site in North Carolina, one which would be preserved by the State, and that a road would be built to the site now located a mile or so from the main road.

It was a proud event-in-the life of Mr. Parker when he accompanied Miss Routh Fesler, Mr. Hoover's secretary, to the grave site in the summer before the presidential election in the fall of 1928. During this period Mr. Parker received correspondence concerning the cemetery from Miss Fesler, the presidential nominee himself and after the election from Theodore J. Hoover, and from Lawrence Richey, secretary to the President.

Andrew Hoover, the Randolph county ancestor of Herbert Hoover, was born in Germany as Andreas Huber in 1723 and arrived in America at Philadelphia in 1788. He came to Maryland in 1746 and in 1763 Anglicized his name to Andrew Hoover. He came to North Carolina and Randolph County about 1774 and died here in 1794.

After he discontinued the operation of Parker's Mill on Uwharrie River in 1915, Victor Parker and his wife continued to live in the bend of the road next to the mill and operated a store until the time of his death. A Quaker for all of his life, his funeral service was held at the Science Hill Friends Meeting but his remains were interred in the older Quaker cemetery at Back Creek Friends Meeting House.

He was a staunch Republican and a man interested in the history and traditions of the county in which he was born, lived and died.

Jaycees Install Brammer As Prexy

Apr. 30, 1969 – With the waters of old camp Nawaka roaring in the background, officers of the Randleman Jaycee Club were installed in the unusual setting at the former Girl Scout camp Saturday evening, Apr. 26.

In the old building near the falls, following a cook – out supper, the new officials were installed by Darrell Dennis, a former president of the club.

Wives of the members were guests for the occasion. A dance, at which Lewis and the Kembrells furnished music, followed the program of installation.

Installed were Otis Brammer, president; Jerry Brown, internal vice president; Colvin Craven, external vice president; Gary Wood, secretary; Danny Lovell, treasurer; Clay Routh, club director; and Terry Coble, state director, Don Allred, also a club director, was not in attendance.

Before he had the new officers repeat their oath of office, with their hands upraised and their wives standing beside them, installing officer referred to the Randleman Club as the "best club across the state."

Newly installed president Brammer continued in this vein as he accepted the duties and responsibilities of the club. He said "Randleman Jaycees are set to be the No. 1 club in North Carolina next year" and also referred to the newly installed officers as the "best bunch of officers a club could have."

Prior to the installation the Spoke award, given to a first year member who has done an outstanding job, was presented to Gary Wood who will serve as secretary for this coming year.

The Spark Plug award, given to a senior member who has contributed the most during the past year, was presented to the president designate, Otis Brammer.

Wasting no time about getting down to the business of the next year, the new president called a board meeting for May 2 at his home, inviting everyone who wished to attend.

Seagrove Homeplace Site Of Hayes Family Reunion

May 8, 1969 – The annual reunion of the Hayes family was held Sunday, Apr. 27, at the old John Hayes homeplace on Rt. 1, Seagrove, now owned by the widow of John Hayes' son Burgess.

The reunion began 13 years ago as a gathering of the family of John and Alemeda Fesmire Hayes, to whom were born four sons and eight daughters.

However, before the death of John Hayes in 1940 the family had met yearly on the occasion of his birthday.

But in recent years the reunion organization has expanded to include the descendants of Calvin Hayes, the father of John Hayes and the original member of the Hayes family to settle in the community in which the reunion is held.

Married twice, Calvin Hayes came to Brower Township from Chatham County. His 13 children were James, Nelson, Reuben, Addie Jane, John, Hannah, Simon Charlie, Job, Assenith, Jeremiah, George, Sarah, and Michael.

He was a farmer, raising hogs, sheep and cattle. It seems that sheep was his money crop and he sold the wool from them at a wool gin in Alamance county. During the Civil War hew was exempt from military service because of his employment in a saltpeter plant.

Thirteen grandchildren of Calvin (Cal) Hayes attended the reunion of the clan on Sunday, Apr. 27, at the beautiful rural residence of which the John Hayes family lived and later the Burgess Hayes family.

They were Mrs. Ina Saunders, Route 1, Seagrove, daughter of Rev. Nelson Hayes; Mrs. Sarah Murray, Franklinville, Mrs. Cora Gatiin, Mrs. Berta Kiser and Andrew Hayes, Route 1, Seagrove, children of John Hayes; Mrs. Dottie Kiser, Mrs. Abbie Deaton, Mrs. Lillie Macon, and James Hayes; Route 1, Seagrove, and Dewey Hayes, Philadelphia, Pa., children of Reuben Hayes; and Willie Hayes, Route 1, Ramseur, Lester Hayes, Columbia, S.C., and Fletcher Hayes, Route 2. Summerfield, children of George Hayes.

Lester Hayes had compiled a biographical sketch of Calvin Hayes, his wives, children and grandchildren which he made available to family members attending the reunion session.

Three quotations of Calvin Hayes were printed in the biographical booklet. They are shown herein as follows:

"If lightning flashes under the North star it will rain in 24 hours."

Have a place for everything and have everything in its place; then when you need anything you will know where to find it."

"I have raised boys all the way from a drunkard to a preacher, and if I had to choose, for truth and honesty, I would have to choose the drunkard over the preacher."

Cecil Deaton, son of Abbie Hayes Deaton, grandson of Reuben Hayes and great grandson of Calvin Hayes, presided over the reunion session.

Over 1,000 People Attend Union Grove Memorial Day

May 12, 1969 – It was an old – fashioned memorial day service which was held Sunday, May 4, at the Union Grove Baptist Church except that it was held in the new \$100,000 sanctuary which has been occupied in recent months by the church congregation.

An estimated 1,000 people or more attended the annual service which is held each year on the first Sunday in May. The wide, spacious auditorium, with its bricked interior, its multi-colored windows and its Colonial-type pews, was completely filled, in addition to extra chairs placed in the aisles and many people sitting in the vestibule and standing on the outside.

The Sunday School attendance was 315, but as the worship hour neared people with past and present contacts came from all directions to swell the memorial day service to an overflowing attendance.

The choir, under the direction of Bobby Maness, rendered a special number "When All of God's Children Get Home" and the pastor, Rev. F. A. Lunsford, preached the memorial message. An outside singing group, the well known Gathsemame Quartet, also presented a program prior to and just immediately after the message by the pastor.

Memorialized during the service were five persons from the Union Grove congregation, namely Mrs. Janet McNeill, Elbert Allen, Dalton Dunlap, Oscar Williamson, and Mrs. Oscar Williamson, whose funeral service was scheduled the day following the memorial service.

Flowers were placed in the church auditorium in memory of Pearl B. Cooper by his wife and children and in the vestibule in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McNeill by the children.

Colon McNeill, church treasurer, reported on expenditures for the cemetery and told of the efforts towards its maintenance. An offering was taken for the upkeep of the cemetery during the next intervening period.

Organization of the Union Grove Baptist Church occurred in 1885. Formerly another church, the Christian Union Church existed across the road from the Union Grove church and on land occupied by the cemetery.

When the Christian Union Church was disbanded the land reverted back to the heirs of Raeford Hancock who had given in the land for the building of the church. This land was owned by Mrs. Maggie Presnell, daughter of Raeford Hancock, until recent years when negotiations with Mrs. Presnell resulted in the Union Grove Baptist Church acquiring the land on which the large cemetery exists.

Land for the Union Grove Baptist Church was given by Hogan Hancock, father of Raeford Hancock, and grandfather of Mrs. Presnell.

The Memorial Day service culminated with dinner on the grounds, on a long table especially built for that purpose.

Parade Of Fashions Highlights FHA Banquet

May 13, 1969 – A grand parade of fashions highlighted the traditional banquet of the Seagrove Chapter of Future Homemakers of America Friday evening, May 9, in the school cafeteria.

In one of the more colorful programs presented by the FHA members, 31 lovely girls modeled 1969 fashions of the four seasons.

Complementing the presentation was singing from a group composed of Karen Beane, Susan Cagle, Sarah Caudill, Cynthia Kiser, Darlene Kiser, Debbie Woodell, Jeanette Farlow, Karen Auman and Shirley Asbill, with Audrey Hiatt as accompanist.

Models were Ann Allen, Nancy Asbill, Cheryl Ashworth, Louise Auman, Romona Auman, Mary Bone, Phyllis Cagle, Judy Causey, Shirley Cole, Jeannie Cooper, Denise Cox, Sandy Elliott, Pat Garner, Ann Graves, Jean Graves, Sandra Graves, Rebecca Gray, Linda Harris, Pam Hodge, Patricia Ingold, Marie King, Sue Ledwell, Deborah Lucas, Delia McNeill, Sherri McNeill, Trudy Scott, Joannie Tucker, Pat Williams, Wanda Williams, Jeannie Yow, and Neta Yow.

Narrator for the program was Dianne Auman who assumed the presidency of the chapter in the installation of officers for the 1969-70 school year, conducted by the 1968-69 president Rebecca Gray.

Other officers installed, in addition to the president, were vice – president, Anne Graves; secretary, Jean Graves; treasurer, Shirley Asbill; reporter, Nancy Asbill; historian, Sarah Caudill; parliamentarian, Susan Cagle; song leader, Ramona Auman; pianist, Audrey Hiatt; chaplain, Cynthia Kiser; recreation leader, Trudy Scott; and advisor, Mrs. Wade Harris.

Rebecca Gray, following the example set by her predecessors in the FHA presidency, was selected as the FHA'er of the year and was crowned in a ceremony in which Glenn Trogdon, vice president of the Seagrove Chapter of the Future Farmers of American, participated.

Members of the FFA chapter, under the direction of their advisor, Homer Boling, served the delicious meal prepared by the cafeteria staff and consisting of Salisbury steak, potato salad in lettuce cups, buttered baby lima beans, relish tray, clover leaf rolls, butter, strawberry short cake and iced tea.

The capable FHA president, Rebecca Gray, officiated at the opening ceremony, with Shirley Cole extending the address of welcome. The response was by Mrs. Lawrence Yow and the invocation by Jennie Yow.

Guests, introduced by Sandra Graves, included John Chilton, assistant principal of the high school; Mrs. Gladys Harmon, school secretary; Mrs. Wayne Frye, mother of the 1967-68 FHA president; and Ralph Bulla, Courier-Tribune reporter.

Greetings came from the FFA chapter, represented by Glenn Trogdon, and Janice Frye, the former FHA president. Chapter mothers, introduced by Louise Auman, included Mrs. Hubert Auman, Mrs. Mary D. Boling, Mrs. Ferman

Cole, Mrs. Neal Cooper, Mrs. W. C. Cox, Mrs. Willie Gillispie, Mrs. Lacy Scott, Jr., and Mrs. Jimmy Ingold.

Junior degree recipients were presented by Marie King, chapter degree recipients by Pam Hodge and FHA'ers of Month by Jean Graves. The latter group included Rebecca Gray, Cheryl Ashworth, Ann Allen, Patricia Ingold, Sarah Auman, Marie King, Dera Woodell, and Judy Gillispie.

Mothers and daughters, dressed in their Sunday best for the annual occasion, mostly wore the traditional Mothers' Day corsages of red and white roses and carnations.

But the impressive moment of the Mother – Daughter Banquet came when the retiring president turned over the reins of office to the newly elected one. Rebecca Gray thanked her co-workers, praised the veteran FHA advisor, Mrs. Wade Harris, and said of her successor "I leave you in good hands," The diminutive incoming president, "excited, scared and humble," pledged her efforts for the new year, asked for the cooperation of her fellow members and led them in the repeating of the FHA creed.

Mt. Zion Methodist Church Holds Annual Memorial Day

May 14, 1969 – Attendance at annual Memorial Day services at Mt. Zion Methodist Church Sunday, May 11, increased seven or eight times what it was on the previous Sunday.

A small congregation in the lower edge of Randolph County, in the Bennett – Howard's Mill area, attendance on the previous Sunday was 31. It was estimated that from 200 to 250 people were present for the memorial service Sunday.

A former pastor, Rev. Foster Loflin, and his wife, of Route 2, Hiddenite, came back for the annual service. Rev. Loflin, who was pastor some five years back, spoke at the 11 o'clock worship service. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Thomas F. Pritchard.

A definite date for the beginning of the Mt. Zion church is not known. But word has been passed through older residents of the community that it had its beginning in a brush arbor around 1840.

After that a plank building with dirt floor and "shut" windows was built, a short distance from the present building, and faced to the south.

Some 20 or more years later a second building was begun and perhaps not completely finished for several years. E. S. (Pink) Powers, one of the older residents of the community, said this second building was begun before 1888. However, it is possible that it was started as far back as 1860.

This second building, which is still in use today, was erected on hewn sills which are still in good shape. These sills were hewn by Jack Powers, father of E. S. Powers, who used a broad axe in cutting them.

Rafters in this building, which still support the roof, were put together with wooden pins. Lumber for the building was cut on the west side of the river and brought across Waddell's Ferry to the church site.

The building was remodeled extensively around 15 years ago. The outside portion was bricked up, the rear of the church was partitioned off for four classrooms, two on the lower floor and two in a balcony which was constructed, and a belfry was erected.

Forced air heating was installed, replacing the big stove which formerly stood in the middle of the room, and the pulpit and choir area was raised.

A building fund at the church has been started and presently amounts to \$1,293.09. It is hoped to build some additional Sunday School facilities and perhaps a fellowship hall.

Eli Jones is superintendent of the Sunday School. His father, the late Elwood Jones, also served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 30 years.

Two brothers, Bill and Harold Hussey, have gone out from the church to become superintendents of larger Sunday Schools. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Hussey, bulwarks of the Mt. Zion church in earlier years, Bill is presently serving as superintendent of the Sunday School at the Union Grove Baptist Church and his brother, Harold, is serving as superintendent of the Sunday School at the Tabernacle Methodist Church in Robbins.

Two of the older members of the Mt. Zion church were in attendance at the annual Memorial Day service. They were Mrs. Bertha Horner Williamson, 79, of Route 1, Bear Creek, and Mrs. Alpha Caviness Brady, 80, of Route 2, Bennett.

Mrs. Williamson joined the Mt. Zion church some 45 years ago at the time of her marriage but has been a member of a Methodist Church since she was 15. Mrs. Brady joined the Mt. Zion church at the age of 13 and has been a member there since that time. Mrs. Brady attends the church regularly but Mrs. Williamson only comes on Memorial Day or on other special occasions.

The church, situated on a beautiful site, has the cemetery located directly in front of the church structure. It was in the cemetery that the annual memorial service came to a close. Dinner on the grounds followed.

Civitan Present Annual Awards

May 16, 1969 – Level Cross Civitan celebrated their fifth birthday Tuesday evening, May 13, at the temporary community building on Highway 220.

There was a birthday cake and each former president of the club, along with the current one, lighted a candle and spoke feelingly of his association with the club and what it has meant to the Level cross community.

Guests for the evening were the Civitan Lieutenant Governor Curtis Farlow and his wife, wives of the local Civitan and Steve Woodson, Raleigh, a representative of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, who was guest speaker.

Junior Hunt received the "Civitan of the Year" award while Mrs. Elizabeth Petty, wife of Lee Petty and mother of Richard Petty, was presented the "Citizen of the year award."

Mrs. Petty was present and along with other women from the Level Cross Methodist Church served the meal for the anniversary dinner.

Other awards and gifts were presented to club members for their activity in connection with the recent horse show which was sponsored by the club.

Ron Davis, president, presided over the meeting and lighted the fifth candle. Former presidents, lighting a candle and speaking in the order of their tenure of office, were Earl Small, Harvey Adams, N. R. Skeen and Bill Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Compton Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. George Allen were recognized due to the Messrs. Barnes and Allen having become the newest members of the club. Mrs. Barnes prepared the cake which was enjoyed by club members and their guests at the conclusion of the meeting.

Reference was made by the Lieutenant Governor to the Level Cross club being honored at a recent Civitan meeting

as one of eight clubs in North Carolina District West receiving the Governor's Honor Award.

Permanent Grave Markers Now In Marlboro Cemetery

May 19, 1969 – A great-granddaughter of James and Patience Davis, originators of a well known Davis family in the Glenola-Cedar Square area, is happy that the marker to their graves has been permanently placed in the well kept cemetery at Marlboro Friends Meeting House.

Mrs. Lizzie Steed, Route 3, High Point, age 80, had been disturbed that the graves of her ancestors remained in a cultivated field, with the plow coming closer and closer each time the field was planted.

Formerly the graves were covered with rocks and a marker identified their last resting place. But the rocks disappeared and one corner of the marker was broken off.

Since their deaths had occurred many years ago, James Davis in 1805 and Patience Davis in 1813, Lizzie Steed was reasonably sure that nothing remained of their mortal bodies. She felt that only the small white marble monument to their graves was of significance.

So, she instituted a move to have the marker placed in the beautiful cemetery at Marlboro, where the descendants of James and Patience Davis have been interred.

She requested and secured permission from the officials at the Marlboro Friends Meeting House and then enlisted the aid of her cousin and nearby neighbor, Branson Davis, for the actual removal of the monument and its transfer to the Marlboro cemetery.

Branson Davis, a great-great-grandson of James and Patience Davis, took the monument to a local dealer, had it repaired and cleaned, then brought it to Marlboro where it was placed on a base. In the latter task he was assisted by two more great-great-grandsons of James and Patience Davis, Cleo Steed, son of Mrs. Steed, and Wilfred Davis.

The small monument, still a striking piece of workmanship despite the ravages of time and misuse, was placed beside of the grave of Mrs. Steed's mother, Sarah Tamer Coltrane Davis. Other graves in the plot are Mrs. Steed's father, Reuben Davis, and Reuben's first wife, Nancy Coltrane Davis.

Completing the lineage in the family of Mrs. Steed is her grandparents, David and Caroline Davis, with David Davis being the son of James and Patience Davis and the father of Reuben Davis.

Other children of David and Caroline Davis, in addition to Reuben Davis were Eleazer Davis, Jesse Davis, Madison Davis, Nathan Maxwell Davis, Stanton Davis, and Elizabeth Davis Cox. These six brothers and one sister comprise the ancestry of many members of the Davis family who reside in the Sophia, Glenola and Cedar Square areas and other places as well.

Mrs. Lizzie Steed is the only family member of her generation living except for Mrs. Sallie Earington, daughter of Stanton Davis, who resides in Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Earington will be 90 years old next Nov.

Branson Davis, who assisted with the monument removal project, is a grandson of Madison Davis, Mrs. Althea Farlow Brown, Courier-Tribune correspondent and family historian, is a granddaughter of Elizabeth Davis Cox, sister of Madison Davis, Reuben Davis and the other four members of the David and Caroline Davis family.

According to Will Coltrane, who has always lived among members of the Davis family, James and Patience Davis were buried on a site where it was first planned to build the Marlboro Friends Meeting House. This story was told to Mr. Coltrane as a child on up and has been substantiated by other residents of the community.

It is not known why the Meeting House was eventually built some miles to the southwest of their graves unless there were more Friends located in that area. One person said, perhaps facetiously, that the Davis' wanted the church built in their area and the Farlowes, also a large family, wanted it built at the place where it now stands.

It is thought that James and Patience Davis were buried on land which belonged to the Davis family, about a mile west of the homesite of David and Caroline Davis. However, recent generations have known the site to be the Henry Beeson farm, now owned and farmed by his great-grandson, Howard Beeson.

Since the removal of the monument, no evidence of the graves of James and Patience Davis remains. But Mrs. Lizzie Steed is no longer disturbed about the neglect of the graves of her ancestors. The symbol of their existence has been secured among the remains of other loved ones and Mrs. Steed said "I am happy about it."

New Sanctuary Cornerstone Set At Central Methodist

May 20, 1969 – Cornerstone for Central United Methodist Church's new half-million dollar sanctuary was laid Sunday morning at the conclusion of a cornerstone service which was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. Calvin Leonard.

The laying of the cornerstone came fresh after the successful completion of the "Faith is the Victory crusade" during which \$300,000 was raised to enable the congregation to go into the new building debt free when it is finished.

The cornerstone service was held in the chapel, at which time eleven letters to the 2609 congregation of the church were read. These letters were placed in a copper box, along with other valuable documents, and sealed in the cornerstone.

Writing letters to the congregation one hundred years hence were Miss Susan Brown, president of Senior High MYF; Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Director of Children; Charles Crowell, president of Methodist Men; Mrs. Tom Davis, president of Woman's Society of Christian Service, Rupert Trollinger, chairman of the building committee; and Wayne Abernathy, general superintendent of the Sunday School.

Also, Merton Branson, chairman of the official board; Marshall Williams, chairmen of the "Faith is the Victory Crusade"; Richard Moore, chairman of the board of trustees; Hal H. Walker, lay leader; and Asheboro mayor Robert L. Reese, representing both the City of Asheboro and the church.

Other documents placed in the copper box included a Bible, The Methodist Hymnal, the Discipline, church periodicals, names of the Official Board, the building committee of the church and a roll of all church members.

After the holding of the cornerstone service in the chapel, the congregation followed the pastor and the choir to the building site where the laying of the cornerstone occurred.

Assisting with the placing of the copper box in the cornerstone and the laying of the stone were Wade Barker, superintendent of the building project, and S. E. Trogdon,

Jr., representing the general contractors, S. E. Trogdon and Sons, Inc.

Estimated cost of the new sanctuary is \$520,000, plus the furnishings.

Riverside Baptist Church Holds Baptismal In River

May 20, 1969 – As the early believers were baptized in the river of Jordan, so were the converts of the Riverside Baptist Church baptized in the river on Sunday, May 11. The church is located in lower Randolph County, on Route 1, Seagrove.

The revival meeting, at which they had found Christ, had been over for some weeks and others who had been converted in the same meeting had received the rite of baptism in the baptistery at another church.

But these twelve chose to wait until they could be immersed in the river of flowing water, similar to those who were immersed in the days of Christ.

However, it was still chilly despite the bright sunshine which penetrated the spreading trees that lined the riverside.

It was a beautiful baptismal site, reached after traveling about a mile on a wood's road which led off of a dead end road in the vicinity east of the Riverside church. In earlier years the dead-end road had crossed the river at Waddell's Ferry.

The quiet baptismal area, far from the noise, the hue and cry of human habitation, was grassy and cleaned for the occasion. There was no rubbish or debris. The water flowed silently at the point of immersion but a short distance below you could hear the sound as it broke against the rocks.

The choir sang "Shall We Gather At the River" and the soft-spoken pastor, Rev. W. E. Eaton, read the appropriate scriptures. A visiting minister to the congregation but a resident of the general area, Rev. David Chriscoe, led in prayer.

Pastor and candidates for baptism climbed down the river embankment to the water level, then joined hands as they made their way upstream for the giving and the receiving of the baptismal rite.

The sacredness and stillness of the occasion was broken only by the intonation of the minister as he repeated "I baptize thee, my brother, I baptize thee, my sister in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, Amen."

Hands again clasped, the pastor and the newly baptized members came from the river and the choir appropriately sang "I've Been changed, My Life Has Been Made Anew,"

The pastor and baptismal celebrants went to a nearby farmhouse to change their clothing, with the congregation lingering near the river in neighborly fashion. Some of the men were dressed in overalls.

It was an occasion stripped of pretense and was a genuine reminder of the baptizings which occurred in olden times in the River of Jordan.

Large Group Attends Annual Phillips Family Reunion

May 22, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. Avery Phillips, their 11 children, some of their 39 grandchildren and 76 great-grandchildren, and other family members held the annual reunion of the clan Sunday, May 18 at the Phillips home in

the bend of the road, located on Rt. 1, Ramseur, directly north of the Deep River Baptist Church near Coleridge.

The large family group ate their picnic luncheon on the shaded lawn of the well kept country residence, with a large oak tree and several maple trees protecting the home from the sunshine as well as the rain.

Avery Phillips was 85 years old last May 3, his wife, the former Annie Jane Phillips, will be 86 years of age on June 4. They were married 65 years ago last Apr. 3.

Mr. Phillips is a native of Moore County but lived next to Mrs. Phillips who was reared in Chatham County. Although they were reared in adjoining counties, only a rail fence, ten rails high, separated their homes which were located in the vicinity of the Fall Creek Baptist and the Prosperity Friends Meeting House.

They knew each other from childhood and started courting at about the age of 15. Although Mr. Phillips admitted that he might have "peeped" through the fence prior to that time.

After their marriage they established their home in Chatham County and lived there until coming to the Coleridge vicinity in 1919. All of their 11 children, except two, were born before coming to Randolph County. They have lived at the home in which they still reside since coming to this county except for a few years when they resided in Greensboro.

Baptists for most of their lives, they have been members of three churches, Fall Creek Baptist Church, Lebanon Baptist Church in Greensboro, and Deep River Baptist Church in Coleridge.

Their children are, in the order of their birth, Mrs. Carol (Verta) Poole, Route 1, Ramseur, Mrs. Lawrence (Ethel) Bush, Greensboro, Wiley Phillips, Asheboro, Lawrence Phillips, Greensboro, Mrs. Terry (Flossie) Herring, Carolina Beach, Mrs. Lacy (Mary) Allred, Greensboro, Mrs. Thurman (Vera) Cox, Route 1, Ramseur, Mrs. Bernard (Virginia) Bray, Raeford, Mrs. Willis (Ollie) Temple, who resides at home with her parents, Mrs. Kermit (Clara Mae) Carmac, Route 1, Ramseur, and Mrs. Will (Lonnar) Ward, Route 2, Ramseur.

The Phillips home, in which the family has resided for most of the last 50 years, has recently undergone a complete renovation, with the old home being made lovely, convenient and comfortable. This has been done by the daughter and son-in-law who reside with the elderly couple. New furnishings have been mingled with old ones to make the home a most attractive place in which to live.

On the bedroom wall of the quarters in which Mr. and Mrs. Phillips stay is a picture of Mrs. Phillips' mother and her two triplet sisters. Mrs. Phillips mother gave birth to ten children, one less than her daughter.

One outstanding characteristic of the large Phillips family is their affection and regard for each other and the devotion and respect which the children show toward their parents. Asked recently by her doctor as she left the hospital after a confinement if she had anyone to look after her, Mrs. Phillips told him "yes, I have nine nurses," referring to her nine daughters.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have a keen sense of humor. They seem to have a good time and Mrs. Phillips said "we enjoy living better all the time and we expect to enjoy it even better when we leave this world."

Asked once how he fed so many children, Mr. Phillips reminded his questioner that he not only had to feed them but also provide them with clothes. He said that he used to

buy cheese by the hoop and that they ate so much molasses that he got a mill and made his own. Asked by this reporter what occupation he had followed, he said "looking at a mule."

Members Of Class Of 1940 Hold Reunion At Randleman

May 26, 1969 – Members of the 1940 graduating class at Randleman High School held a reunion Saturday evening, May 17, in the basement at First Methodist Church in Randleman.

This was the first get-together of the class in 28 years, since they held a reunion the year following their graduation.

Forty-seven members of the class, which numbered 72 at the time of the graduation, were present for this class reunion. Three members of the class are deceased.

A committee composed of Mrs. Peggy Bunting Ferree, Mrs. Clara Routh Bulla, Mrs. Johnsie Heath Brown, Mrs. Frances Helms Hinshaw, and Charles (Bud) Lassister made arrangements for the class reunion.

James Hanner stood in for the class president, George Christenberry, who was unable to be present, and welcomed his former classmates to the reunion.

The other class officers, Joe Pickard, vice president; secretary, Mrs. Clara Routh Bulla; and treasurer, Mrs. Frances Helms Hinshaw, were in attendance at the reunion.

Gray Cashett offered the opening prayer and the class roll was called. Greetings were read from some class members who were unable to be present. Communications were also received from the 1940 principal, H. H. Hamilton, and from former teachers Miss Nina Garrett, Mrs. Virginia Harrison Monroe, and M. C. Carpenter.

The class history, the prophecy and last will and testament were presented at the reunion, the same as they were 29 years ago at the time of graduation.

A memorial for the three deceased members, Mrs. Gertrude Richardson Fogleman, Arthur (Bud) Cross and Neal Farlow, was offered. The group decided to place the floral arrangement which decorated the table on the grave of Mrs. Fogleman who had died just one year before the date of the reunion.

Jack Byrd, of Savannah, Ga., was the only out-of-state class member to attend the reunion.

A committee, to plan for the next reunion five years hence was named as follows: Mrs. Peggy Bunting Ferree, chairman, Charles (Bud) Lassister, Mrs. Clara Routh Bulla, Mrs. Johnsie Heath Brown, Mrs. Frances Helms Hinshaw, and Arthur (Doc) Russell.

The dismissal prayer was by Denver Hayes. Refreshments were served following the adjournment.

Other class members present, in addition to those names already mentioned, were Donna Lee Adams Edwards, Dorothy Beane Coleman, Lacy Allen Curtis Quinn, Isabel Ward Hinshaw, Gwendolyn Templeton Graves, Volastia Smith Fields, Ruth Ellen Groce Bradley, Doris Farlow Burge, Mina Allred Cole, Nellie Allred Noel, Hazel Millikan Davis, Ina Lee Millikan White, Theresa Farlow, Mildred Hancock Robbins, Beulah Surratt Farlow, Ila Mae Robbins Beane and Betsy Dobson Richardson.

Also, Mary Louise Talley East, Alice Ruth Kirkman Russell, Dora Wall Thompson, Allene Bennett Dameron, Annie Vickory Wicker, Dorothea Williams Shaw, Mary

Kennedy Doyle, Lucille Daniels Butler, Mary Frances Bulla Alexander, Mary Farlow Wicker, Nellie Redding Harris, C. D. Heath, James Whitesell, Leonard Staley, Bill Brown, Arthur (Ossie) Davis, Albert Doyle, William White and Tremaine Fields.

Six couples in the class were united in marriage following the day of graduation, four of whom were present for the class reunion. They were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (Doc) Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Tremaine Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Doyle, and Mr. and Mrs. William White.

Minister's Home Open House Held By Back Creek Friends

May 27, 1969 – Back Creek Friends Meeting, organized nearly 185 years ago, held open house Sunday afternoon, May 25, for the first minister's home to be erected in the long history of the Meeting House.

The new parsonage building of semi – Colonial design, was constructed on land, a 26 acre tract, which was deeded to the Meeting in 1787 and paid for in "pounds and shillings."

Organization of the Meeting occurred in 1785, with its name probably coming from a nearby creek. Following the deeding of the land in 1787, a Meeting House was erected two years later. Meetings at first had been held in the homes of the community. A Monthly Meeting was established in 1792 and the official history of Back Creek Friends Meeting began.

Now, more than a century and three quarters later, after many difficulties to maintain its existence, the Back Creek Friends Meeting has moved forward in the erection of an adequate dwelling for its Minister, George McDowell.

The new structure, containing 1,856 square feet of heated area, sets on a knoll parallel to the Meeting House, overlooking the westerly direction and the Back Creek Cemetery across the rural paved road, where the dead of many generations lie.

A brick – veneered, one story building with a front porch, carport and patio, the new parsonage includes within its interior dimensions a living room, kitchen – dinette-den combination, three bedrooms, two baths, foyer, hall, utility room and pastor's study. The dwelling is heated electrically.

The study and den are paneled, with the later room containing a fireplace with upraised hearth. Carpeting is laid on the floors in the living room, foyer, bedrooms and pastor's study. The kitchen, with its birch cabinets, has built-in appliances, including a combination freezer-refrigerator.

Contractor for the building was S. A. Lowe, Jr., a fifth generation member of his family to be active in the Back Creek Friends Meeting. He also served as a member of the building committee. Other members were Norman Miller, Mrs. Harold Spoon, and Tommy Walker.

Estimated valuation of the building is \$25,000. However, due to donated materials and labor, the cost to the Meeting did not come near this figure.

Back Creek Friends Meeting located five miles west of Asheboro, is the oldest Monthly Meeting in the Southern Quarter of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends. But, during the Civil War period, it almost ceased to exist. It was only through the faith and perseverance of a few that it was kept alive. A new meeting House was erected in 1901.

A resurgence of interest and attendance was evidenced some ten or fifteen years ago. A building program in 1958

and 1952 brought about an addition and the renovation of the Meeting House. These improvements have been followed by the even more significant erection of a permanent home for the Minister of the Meeting.

But it is in the rambling graveyard across the road where the real basis for the present progress at Back Creek is found. For it is there the mortal remains of the early members who held the meeting together during the hard struggles remain. Since the restoration and beautification of the cemetery several years ago, only the markers with a name or initial remain. The others, known only to God, were removed. However, the vacant places in the old part indicate the places where the early pioneers were interred.

Names reflecting the history of Randolph County, such as Hoover, Henley, Lowe, Poole, Barnes, Miller, Winslow, Fentress, Hill, Williams, and many others are found in the old cemetery, with perhaps the Hoover name predominating. Ancestors of President Herbert Hoover were members of the Meeting and in the cemetery is the grave of a country doctor, Dr. Barney Nixon, 1808-1858, who could perhaps be an ancestor of our present Quaker President Richard Nixon.

It was these people, from out of the past, who maintained the existence of Back Creek Friends Meeting, but it has been their descendants and a newer group who have joined them that have built the modern new parsonage which was opened on Sunday afternoon May 25.

It will be this latter group who will perpetuate the history of Back Creek Friends Meeting and continue the progress which has been started.

Committee Will Assist Sending 4-H'ers To India

May 27, 1969 – An International Farm Youth Exchange Steering Committee was formed in Asheboro Thursday night to assist in the cost of sending a Randolph County 4-H delegate to India for a six months period.

A recent announcement told of the selection of Larry Hancock, Rt. 1, Seagrove, to represent his county, State and nation in the International Farm youth Exchange.

Organized by the National 4-H Club Foundation in 1948 as a means of promoting better understanding between participating countries through cultural exchange, more than 4,000 young people from 69 countries and the United States have participated since the beginning of the program.

The IFYE Finance Steering Committee Coordinated by Richard Freeman, Randolph County 4-H Advisor, is composed of Ralph Bulla and Mrs. Lester Byrd, co-chairmen, and Mrs. George Whitaker, Jr., Mrs. C. B. Spencer, Jr., Rev. James Singletary, Wiley Auman, and Larry Hancock's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hancock.

The county's portion of the expense involved in sending the IFYE delegate to India which will be raised by the finance steering committee is \$500. Another \$500 is contributed by the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund, with the remainder of the cost or approximately \$2,000 being furnished by the National 4-H Club Foundation.

IFYE delegates are nominated by the county involved and the state 4-H staff, with applications being approved at both levels. Final selection is made by the national 4-H Club – Foundation.

During the six months period in the countries to which the IFYE delegates go, they live with a number of families,

staying with each family from two to four weeks. The delegates live the normal existence of the host families, who are asked not to make special plans for entertainment or other special hospitality.

Larry Hancock, who is the second IFYE delegate to be selected from Randolph County since the program began in 1948, will stay in India from Sept., 1969 through Mar. 1970. The first IFYE delegate from this county was Nancy Jean Kearns who went to Israel in 1957.

This is the latest in an impressive list of honors which Larry Hancock has received during his 4-H career, which began in 1958. He was named state winner in the Home Grounds Beautification project in 1962, and state and national winner in 4-H Achievement in 1965. He was selected for membership in the North Carolina 4-H Honor Club in 1963. Also, in 1963 he was named as state winner in the 4-H Electric Demonstration Contest.

Married 50 Years Now, They Enjoy Golden Years

May 29, 1969 – The latter years in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jordan, who were honored recently on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, have become perhaps their most fruitful and enjoyable ones.

Mr. Jordan retired from active employment about 13 years ago and since that time he and Mrs. Jordan have traveled to Florida and other places, have spent time with the Indians in Cherokee and the fishermen in Morehead City and engaged in various other activities of an enjoyable and fruitful nature.

Directly following a family luncheon on Sunday, May 18, at the youth building of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church in North Asheboro where their children honored them on their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan then left for their summer home in Morehead City.

After spending several days there, to allow Mr. Jordan to follow the pursuit of fishing, they returned and will remain at their 115 E. Green St. home in North Asheboro for a week. While at home Mr. Jordan will work for a few days with the Jordan Sheet Metal and Plumbing Co., which he operated as Jordan's Tin Shop before his retirement several years ago.

On June 1, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan will leave again, this time to Cherokee where they maintained another home for five years. While there Mrs. Jordan will conduct the annual Bible School session for the Cherokee Wesleyan church, a task which she has been performing for the past 15 years.

Formerly they spent more time on the Cherokee Reservation than they do now. But increasing age and health deterioration have slowed their activities in that area. Their last trip to Cherokee was at Christmas time when they took Christmas treats to the children at the church there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are active members of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church and engage regularly in its activities while at their home in North Asheboro.

Mrs. Jordan has been a member of the Neighbors Grove church for approximately 55 years, has held practically every position in the church and has taught in the Sunday School for about 45 years. She said she had taught every class in the school except "The old men's class" and had been asked at one time to take that one.

The former Gertrude Brown, she is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown, who came close to

celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary before the death of Mr. Brown.

She was born in the area near Central Falls and attended the schools at Gold Hill, Central Falls and Asheboro.

Mr. Jordan, son of Ellis Jordan and Francena McNeill Jordan, was born in the section east of Seagrove but his family moved to North Asheboro when he was small. He attended the school at Spero.

The couple were married May 17, 1919 at the home of the officiating magistrate, Squire J. A. (Jimmy) Neighbors. They lived in Asheboro for awhile before coming back to North Asheboro, where both of them had been reared.

Mr. Jordan worked at chair factories in Asheboro before going to work for his brother-in-law, S. T. Brown, at the tin business which he later operated on his own.

Their children, who honored them on their anniversary, are Ernest Ray Jordan, of the home, Wesley Jordan, Morehead City, Miss Frances Jordan, Greensboro, Mrs. J. E. Rich, Jr. and David Jordan, North Asheboro. They have 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Layman Elected President Of Methodist Mission Unit

May 29, 1969 – A well known Asheboro church layman was named president of the Randolph Area Methodist Society at its spring session Sunday afternoon, May 25, at the Legend Park Methodist Church.

He was E. Wayne Hughes, of Central Methodist Church, and he succeeded Rev. Donald Beatty, of West Bend Methodist Church, who had served for two years. Hughes had served as vice president for the past two years.

Earl Taylor, of First Methodist Church, Asheboro, was reelected as one of the two vice presidents, with the vacancy being filled by Rev. Robert Early, pastor of Jordan Memorial Methodist Church in Ramseur.

Hilliard Nance also of Central Methodist Church, was elected secretary, succeeding James Hanner, First Methodist Church, Randleman, who retired after two years of service.

E. C. Routh, of Franklinville Methodist Church, was reelected as treasurer.

The mission society, composed of Randolph County Methodist Churches within the High Point District, was formed several years ago for the purpose assisting in the erection of new churches and the strengthening the churches already in existence.

The host church, Legend Park, has received a considerable amount of aid from the Randolph Area Methodist Mission Society and the pastor, Rev. Bill Stamey, in his welcoming remarks Sunday afternoon expressed the thanks of the church for this help.

In his annual report, the treasurer announced that a total of \$2,616 had been paid on the Legend Park church for the past year, including a \$468 payment and \$2,148 for the clearing of the entire indebtedness on the church.

Other disbursements, as reported by the treasurer, included \$600 to first Methodist Church in Randleman for a community youth program; \$2,500 to Piney Ridge Methodist Church for new pews and pulpit furniture; \$3,000 to Mt. Vernon Methodist Church for application to a new cemetery; and 2,500 to New Union Methodist Church for application on a new church building, including both sanctuary and educational plant.

No applications for funds were received at this meeting, however, reference was made to a future request which will be received from St. Luke's Methodist Church in Asheboro.

Present for the meeting and participating in its proceedings was Dr. P. L. Shore, Superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church. Incidentally, he also played the piano for the congregational singing.

The new president of the mission society is perhaps best known in church circles as the chairman of the board of ushers at his church, the former president of the Methodist Church Ushers Conference (nine state area), a usher instructor at Lake Junaluska for the past seven years and for the usher workshops which he has held in this area.

He is also a member of the official board at Central Methodist Church and is a member and past president of the Asheboro Lions Club.

Noteburning Marks End Of Debt For New Market

June 2, 1969 – The last payment was made, words of praise and commendation were spoken, there was a symbolic burning of the note, and then the people of the New Market community settled down for homemade ice cream and cake and the enjoyment of a community building entirely free of debt.

This joyous event came a little more than five years after they first met to coordinate their efforts in the erection of a place which would serve all of the people of New Market.

The idea of a building came first from the New Market Grange, then the Civitan Club was asked to share equal responsibility in the initial efforts and the home demonstration club was asked to give proportionately.

Each of the first two groups, the Grange and the Civitans, came up with \$1,000 each for the purchase of the 4-acre tract of land on which the building was constructed, the home demonstration club added \$100 and the remaining \$1,900 was subscribed quickly by the residents of the community.

The New Market Development Club was formed to coordinate the activities of all of the various groups and it has been this organization which has carried the project to a successful completion.

With the last payment on hand, the New Market people came to the community building Monday evening, Mar. 26, for the presentation of a check of \$1,500 to Drew Smith, the holder of the note for \$10,000 which was originally borrowed.

Major portion of the amount was raised during the past five years through public suppers, the regular serving of meals to the Civitan Club and other groups, the holding of a spring festival and square dances, all of these events including the combined efforts of the Grange, the Civitan club, the home demonstration club, the 4-H Club, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

But when the amount of indebtedness got down to \$1,500, a solicitation was made and approximately \$2,000 was received to more than clear the building of all of its indebtedness. Gilbert Davis, treasurer for the New Market Development Club, reported that a total of \$22,235.53 passed through the treasurer's books through the duration of the project.

For their efforts in community development the New Market club placed first in Randolph County for the years 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1969 and also won honors in the

competition of the Northern Piedmont Area Development Association.

Martin Overton, president of the New Market Development Club, was master of ceremonies for the mortgage – clearing meeting Monday evening and presented the \$1,500 check to Drew Smith, Bill Payne, former principal of New Market school, was speaker for the occasion.

Emily Pugh, who was grange master at the time the idea of a building originated, gave the history of the efforts to erect a community building in New Market. Mrs. Pugh has been closely associated with the building project since its origination.

She singled out three men, Branson Davis, chairman of the building committee, and committee members Colbert Beeson and Drew Smith, "who have been outstanding in their dedication."

Also appearing on the program was Mrs. Colbert Beeson, chairman of fund raising, who cited the various efforts which went into the raising of the money to pay for the building. Mrs. Beeson also served for three years as the president of the community development organization, being the first permanent president of that body.

Recognition was also accorded another president of the development group R. S. (Sonny) Davis.

Two pertinent statements made by Mrs. Pugh in her address, one at the beginning and the other one at the end, gives a proper summation to the efforts of the people in New Market.

She said, in the beginning, "there is no limit to what a community can do if it works together with one purpose in mind."

Veteran School Teacher Retires After 40 Years

June 5, 1969 – Cecil A. Cox, principal and teacher, retired at the end of this school year, after 40 years of continuous service.

For 32 years he served as a school principal, 6 years at Providence High School, a school in northern Randolph County which has been discontinued for several years, 14 years at Coleridge, and 12 years at Ramseur.

The last eight years of his career, all of which has been spent in Randolph County, was at Coleridge where he taught science and mathematics. He lives at Route 1, Ramseur.

His educational back ground includes attendance at the Parks Cross Roads School in his native community, Ramseur High School, Elon College and graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

After he left the principal's post at Ramseur, he went back to Woman's College and took three courses in modern science to upgrade his science teaching.

He served as a school principal during the years when the job covered many capacities – teacher, coach, secretary, bus driver, Sunday and holiday custodian.

He mowed school yards in the summer months, using his own mower, and he also set out trees to beautify the grounds. The maple trees at the old Providence school site and the maple trees at the Coleridge School bear evidence to his work in this respect.

Born of Quaker ancestry on a farm on Route 1, Ramseur, his parents were S. Clark Cox and Mary York Cox. His wife Evelyn Williams Cox, is a high school sweetheart who has taught with her husband for 32 years.

Their two daughters, Mrs. Roger D. (Beverly) Stout, of High Point, and Mrs. Billy G. (Emily) Johnson, of Raleigh, also became teachers.

A nephew, Darrell Williams, lived with the Cox family and attended school at Ramseur. Presently he is sales manager of United Brass in the Chicago Plant.

Active in the professional organizations of his calling, Cecil A. Cox is a former president of the Randolph County N. C. E. A., vice president of the Northwestern District School Masters Club and president and charter member of the Randolph County School Masters Club.

He served as president of the Coleridge P. T. A. for two years and is now a member of educational associations and North Carolina Principals Association

He coached basketball and baseball at the Providence and Coleridge Schools and helped to organize the first Randolph County Tournament which was held in Randleman in 1931.

A member of the Coleridge Lions Club, he has been active in Lions work in both Coleridge and Ramseur where he formerly belonged and held the office of vice president.

He has worked with Scouts, served as Scoutmaster at Coleridge, and coached the American Legion Baseball Team at Asheboro for two years. Before the days of organized baseball, he worked with the youth in summer baseball and used to place his Coleridge team in competition with the Ramseur team of the late R. C. White also a well known school man.

His own playing days included a family team, comprised of he and his eight brothers, his college days at Elon, teams in the Deep River League and Central Carolina League, and with some industrial teams in High Point.

He was a baseball pitcher and some of his former teammates still call him "Deacon," recalling the games which they played together many years ago.

At one time Cecil Cox considered becoming a minister. But he felt there was a need for dedicated teachers and devoted his efforts towards influencing the youth.

He has been an advisor and a counselor and has often been called to assist with the problems of others. Sometimes it is former students who want to consult him about their own children, sometimes it is about a practical matter, another time it is a student, maybe just to borrow some money, and again it is an adult taking a course who needs help or a college student who needs some assistance in the acquiring of his degree.

He is rewarded often by former students stopping by or writing to let him know about their families and other accomplishments.

His formal church relationship began at about the age of nine when he joined the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church. He is now a member of Jordan Memorial Methodist Church in Ramseur where he has served as lay leader, Sunday School teacher and superintendent, chairman of the board, president of the choir, delegate to conference and in other capacities.

Cecil Cox's farm, Oakland Acres, is located on land which originally came to his family through a land grant.

He has developed the property and beautified the surroundings. He has rooted and grafted many of the trees and plants. He also specializes in Camellias and Azaleas and is a former member of the Men's Camellia Club in Greensboro.

In recent years he has been raising Black Angus cows on his Oakland Acres farm. Today he and his two sons-in-law are very proud of their registered Black Angus herd which roam the fields along Highway No. 22, on which the farm is located, and the western boundary line of Deep River.

With his retirement, he hopes to continue the improvement of the herd and to work with his flowers. But his interest will also remain, as it has been throughout his lifetime, with education in Randolph County. Because he feels that many things are taught that are not in statistics and that these intangibles things keep Randolph County a place where people like to live and work.

Cecil Cox had not only given 40 years to teaching but he has also given himself. Two high school annuals, one at Coleridge and one at Ramseur, have been dedicated to him. Both of them expressed this same thought: "For his unselfishness and devotion to our school, for his kindness to each student and patient understanding of our problems.

In his quiet, unassuming way, Cecil Cox has touched many lives in the three schools in which he has served and the communities in which they have been located. His 40 years of teaching and school administrative work will rank as a monumental landmark in the school system of Randolph County.

They Were Married In 1917 Celebrate 52nd Anniversary

June 10, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. Randle Martin Hurley, who reared 12 children in the extreme southwest section of Randolph County, were honored May 31 on the occasion of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

The couple, who live on Rt. 2, Troy, near the Montgomery County line, were honored by their children at a reception at the fire station in Ulah.

Their children are Ted Hurley, Seagrove, Miss Melvia, Hurley, Mrs. Fenton (Kathleen) Beane and Mrs. J. P. (Maxilee) Callicutt, Asheboro, Mrs. George (Onnie) Callicutt, J. T. Hurley, and David Hurley, Tr. 2, Troy, Arthur Hurley, Rt. 2, Asheboro, Mrs. Graham (Gladys Ruth) Scott and Mrs. Ernest (Doris) Shaw, Rt. 5, Asheboro, Eugene Clyatt Hurley, Rt. 7, Asheboro, and Dempsey Hurley, Tr. 3, Asheboro.

Still another child, Tula Ray, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hurley but died at the age of four months.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley live in a house which originally belonged to Mr. Hurley's grand-father, Sam Hurley. Over 100 years old, the house leans to the east because of a cyclone which struck it on the west side many years ago.

It is a picturesque old house, setting on a knoll with a sloped lawn. The old rock chimney is completely covered with ivy and in the yard is a weeping willow tree and a large walnut tree. There is a pond across the road. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley have lived there since 1920.

Mr. Hurley, age 74, was born just across the Montgomery county line, the son of Andrew and Lutetia Callicutt Hurley. He walked across the mountain about four miles to the Flint Hill school, jumping the branch and crossing the creek on rocks until a footlog was placed across the latter stream.

He worked on the farm, "hewed" out crossties and hoed corn for 25 cents a day and his meal.

Mrs. Hurley, age 68, the former Martha Tero Honney was also born in Montgomery County, the daughter of Eli Honney and Amy Latham Honney.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley were married May 30, 1917 in Troy. They traveled the 7 miles to their marriage site in a buggy which was owned by Mrs. Hurley's father.

They were accompanied by Mrs. Hurley's brother, Harvey Honney, who according to Mrs. Hurley said "he would hook up for us if we would let him go with us."

Mr. Honney, now of Darlington, S. C., was present for the anniversary celebration along with Mrs. Hurley's sister, Mrs. Arlie Hall, of Asheboro.

Since the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hurley, he has farmed, worked for the State Highway Commission for 13 years with the City of Asheboro. Since his retirement 8 years ago he has raised hogs, sheep, bought and traded cows and farmed on a small scale.

Ashed how they had reared their large family, Mrs. Hurley said "we taught them to work and they raised themselves."

But the family had their cow, their hogs, they picked blackberries, set out apple trees, had several grape and scuppernong vines, and other items which provided food for their table. One summer the family canned 100 half-gallon cans of blackberries.

Mr. Hurley recalls one period, when he was only making 75 cents an hour, he was able to save \$500.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Hurley live in a remote section of Randolph County, they would not consider leaving the area in which they have spent most of the years of their married life. Their home is located below the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, where they have attended since coming to the vicinity in which they live.

In speaking of her six sons and six daughters, Mrs. Hurley said "I raised them as good as I could." It appears she did a good job, considering their integrity, their industriousness and their contributions to the communities in which they live.

Ancient Art Of Pottery Has A New Practitioner

June 11, 1969 – A new potter, Morris Brown, has joined the established pottery makers, the Coles, the Owens, the Seagrove Pottery, and Jugtown, in the lower section of Randolph County and upper Moore County.

Brown, a 28-year-old brickmason, is presently making pottery part time but hopes someday to enter the business fulltime.

A resident of Rt. 1, Seagrove, he first became interested in making pottery about 13 years ago while taking a course in ceramics at a school in Sanford, Fla.

But he left it off after moving to Robbins in 1958 and did not take it up again until about 3 years ago when he married and moved into the area in which he now lives, on a rural dirt road, No. 2875, a mile south of the Erect-Bennett road and east of the Riverside Baptist Church.

This road is a few miles from the more established potteries and coming to the vicinity where pottery is made renewed Morris Brown's interest in the art. He married the former Betty Hussey and they, along with a small daughter, live in the vicinity of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hussey.

He started off with an electric kiln but soon built two which he fires on the outside. His turning was started and he still continues in the basement of his home.

He specializes in the salt glaze which is characteristic of the stone ware which "Grandma" used for her churning. In

fact, he makes churns along with a variety of pitchers, cups, bowls, jugs, vases, mugs and wares of other designs.

Salt glaze is a hard, vitreous surface produced on ware by salt which is thrown into the chamber of the kiln when the temperature is between 2174 degrees F. and 2345 degrees F.

He is also trying out some color glazes and experimenting with a combination of dark clay and light clay for a two-toned substance.

A recent piece of ware which he turned and fired, of dark velvety color, has been placed on exhibit at the library in Robbins. Other pieces of his ware have recently been sold to a representative from the Smithsonian Institute.

Other innovations in Brown's pottery making has been the use of slabs instead of lighter in his firing of the kilns, the use of a blower underneath the kiln to increase the heat and also a one-step firing in the glazing process. The established process is done with two firings.

Morris Brown's problem in selling his ware has been that he lives off of the beaten path and nobody knows where to find him. But it is anticipated that will soon be corrected when a map is printed pinpointing the location of all potteries in the two-county area, including the pottery of Morris Brown.

This is being done through the interest of Walter and Dorothy Auman at Seagrove pottery and the other craftsmen in the area.

Already, even before the map is issued, those interested in pottery are finding their way to this newest pottery. As this reporter left the Brown residence, four students from Duke University, whose homes were in California, Oregon, and Georgia, came to see the salt glazed ware.

Directed there by Mrs. Auman, they told the young potter "you're harder to find than the others."

They're Married Then Graduate

June 11, 1969 – Two noteworthy events in the life of Arrington Jackson (Jack) Laughlin, a 1964 Asheboro High School graduate, occurred on Sunday, June 1.

Jack Laughlin, who now resides in Greenville, was married on Sunday morning at 11:30 to Miss Nancy Riddle, of Asheville.

The ceremony was preformed at the Pinetown Baptist Church, with his father, Rev. Charles F. Laughlin, a native of Randolph County, officiating.

On Sunday afternoon at 5:30, six hours later, Jack Laughlin was graduated from East Carolina University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree. His new wife also received a degree at the same time in Spanish.

Jack graduated from this local high school while his father was serving as pastor of the Oakwood Park Baptist Church. His father is a native of the Cedar Falls area but has been living in Greenville since leaving Asheboro.

The younger Laughlin, who is under contract to teach in the Goldsboro City School System next school year, was an honor student at East Carolina University and on the Dean's List at the time of his graduating. His wife, who served as a Marshall for a previous graduation class, will also teach in the Goldsboro schools next year.

John Charles Hugh Laughlin, another son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Laughlin, is presently a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

This son, who is married to the former Janet Trogdon, of Asheboro, was valedictorian of the 1960 graduating class at

Asheboro High School and graduated from Wake Forest University two years ago.

New Hope Methodists Open New Church

June 11, 1969 – New Hope United Methodist Church, located on Rt. 3, Denton, will occupy a new brick building on Sunday, June 15, replacing the 85-year-old frame structure which had been remodeled, added to and otherwise changed over the years.

The first place of worship for this southwestern Randolph County church was a log structure and its organization dates back to Dec. 5, 1830 when an acre of land was deeded to the trustees of New Hope Methodist Episcopal Church by Hampton Hopkins.

On Nov. 2, 1953 an additional two acres of land was deeded to the church by Temple Cranford.

The new Colonial – type building sets high alongside of the old building, across the road from the old New Hope School building, and its gleaming white columns, steeple and spire towers above the surrounding countryside.

It was a sad day for some especially the older members, on last Sunday, June 8, as the congregation gathered for the last worship service in the old building in which nearly three generations had worshipped. But it will be a time of rejoicing for all members on Sunday June 15, when they enter into the new structure for which they have long worked, prayed, and sacrificially given.

For this first Sunday in the new building the church school will meet at 9:45 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m. The pastor, Bill Poole, will bring the message.

A fellowship period and picnic luncheon will be held during the noon hour, followed by an afternoon service at 1:45. Former ministers and district superintendents have been invited to this service. Special singing will be rendered by the quartets and youth groups of the church.

In Sept., 1962, a building fund was started by the New Hope Methodist Church and in Mar., 1963 there was an expression in the church concerning the erection of a new building.

The next year a building committee was elected by the quarterly conference, composed of Dyle Cagle, chairman, A. I. (Jack) Smith, Buren Luther, Val Hogan, A. L. Cranford, Mrs. Worth Shaw and Mrs. Laurin Cranford. Upon the death of Mr. Smith, his son, Roy was named to the vacancy on the committee.

The church voted officially to build a new church building on July 28, 1968 and J. H. Callicutt was selected as the general contractor. Construction began in Aug. of that year.

Prior to the decision to begin construction, Mr. and Mrs. Buren Luther had deeded to the church an acre of land to allow sufficient space on which to locate the building. They had previously given a half of an acre for additional cemetery space.

Another gift of land, over a half of an acre, adjoining the gift of land from Mr. and Mrs. Luther, was also given by Mrs. A. I. (Jack) Smith and children in memory of the deceased building committee member.

The new brick and block structure is 40 feet wide, 97 feet long and has a full basement, in which are located the Sunday school class rooms, an assembly room, rest rooms, furnace room and utility area.

In the upstairs area is the auditorium, office, large class room and clockroom or all purpose room off of the

vestibule. A stairway also leads off of the vestibule in the basement.

The interior of the sanctuary area is constructed of wainscoting, sheetrock and suspended acoustical ceiling from which hang ten Colonial-type light fixtures. Red carpeting covers the aisles, the chancel, choir and pulpit area.

Sturdy new pews, finished in light oak, have been placed in the auditorium and choir area. Seating capacity is estimated to be 230 and more.

A new piano, purchased by the Methodist Youth Fellowship, has been placed in the new sanctuary, along with a new organ which was purchased by Mrs. Dyle Cagle in honor of her husband who rendered faithful service as superintendent of the Sunday School and in other capacities, including the chairmanship of the building committee.

The new pews were purchased by the W. Reid Cagle family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cagle, Dyle Cranford, Frances Cranford, Mr. and Mrs. Laurin Cranford, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Frye, Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Hardister, Mr. and Mrs. Taft Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Hooker, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Jennings, the Harmon Johnson family, George D. Lanier, Mrs. Chester Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Loflin, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Shaw, Mrs. Earl Shaw, the Frank Shaw family, Gus Shaw grandchildren, Lon Shaw family, Mrs. Roy Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Shaw, children of Worth Shaw, Mrs. A. I. (Jack) Smith, James Frye, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harvell, Mr. and Mrs. Von Hogan, Mrs. Delia Cranford, Mrs. M. C. Hogan, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Val Hogan.

The stained glass windows lending worshipful beauty to the church auditorium, were given in memory of A. I. (Jack) Smith, Lewis Milton Cranford, Etta Sheets Cranford, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stafford, Harold W. Cranford, W. Reid Cagle, Amy L. Hogan, Gus L. Shaw, Robert S. Lanier, Ellawese Shaw, I. Oscar and Mollie Hoover, and J. M. Shaw, and in honor of Betty Cranford Cagle, Manley C. Hogan. Tishie C. Shaw, and Mrs. Robert S. Lanier.

The grounds around the new building have been landscaped and a wide, curved entrance has been poured from the driveway to the front steps.

Estimated cost of the new building, including the purchase of the pews, has been placed at \$70,000, more or less. Mrs. Laurin Cranford, who has rendered efficient service as treasurer of the building fund, reports that \$40,000 has been paid into the fund since it was started in 1962.

The remaining amount will be borrowed from an Asheboro savings and loan company. It is hoped, before the loan is secured, that less than \$30,000 will have to be borrowed. The church has gone into its building program with no outside help promised or given.

The adequate new structure of the New Hope United Methodist Church, located in the central portion of the township, is in striking contrast to the 85 year-old building which still stands and to the first log building which was erected after the land was secured in 1830.

But that is characteristic of the New Hope congregation, as they have moved forward to fulfill their mission and minister not only to the people of their community but through their church to the people of the uttermost parts of the earth.

They Remember Year 1894 When School Burned Down

June 13, 1969 – Two men who 75 years ago witnessed the burning down of the Pleasant Grove school were present at the third reunion of former students Sunday afternoon, June 8, at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

In fact, Millard L. Brady, Route 1, Bennett, 77, and Moses Lee (Bess) Brady, Greensboro, 81, were perhaps involved, indirectly or otherwise, with the burning down of the small, frame structure which housed the Pleasant Grove students before the turn of the century.

It was about the year 1894 and it was the custom for the teacher before the closing of the school in the afternoons to appoint some students to be responsible for starting the fire the next morning.

For this particular morning Millard Brady received the appointment, perhaps along with his cousin, "Bess" Brady, and some others. However, "Bess" Brady doesn't seem to be sure that he was appointed on this particular occasion. But in any event, he was present at the time.

Anyway, Millard Brady and whoever helped him filled the long wood stove the next morning with pine knots. Soon there was a roaring fire and the stove pipe which went up through the gum ceiling got red hot. Shortly after school started, the small building caught on fire.

The teacher, Joe Phillips, told the boys in the school to empty their dinner pails, carry them to the spring and bring back water to put the fire out. Somehow or other, the boys didn't get back from the spring before the building had burned down.

Millard Brady, a dead-pan humorist, and basically, frank, said he didn't like the idea of putting the food from his dinner pail out on the grounds for exposure to the ants.

After the fire, the school which started in 1882 was held in the Farmer's Alliance Building until its discontinuation in 1932. However, an extra room was added when it became a two – teacher school.

Officers of the school reunion are Albert Jones; president; Charles C. Cheek, vice president; Claudie Moore, secretary and treasure; and planning committee, Kermit Brady and H. H. Powers.

For the third reunion session the welcoming remarks were made by Mrs. Lois Brady Scott. A memorial service was held for two students, Eula Brady Jones and Waldo Ward, and two teachers, Mrs. B. H. Powers and Mrs. Bertie W. Hoover.

Prizes were awarded to Millard Brady and Moses L. (Bess) Brady, the oldest former students in attendance, and to Ivey Hammer, Jr., the youngest former student.

A reunion program and brochure was printed through the courtesy of the secretary, Claudie Moore. A buffet supper was held in the fellowship hall following the program. The reunion will be held the same time and place next year.

Present were two former teachers, B. H. Powers and Mrs. Blanche Cheek Moffitt.

Annual Reunion Of Millers, Hills

June 16, 1969 – Mt. View Independent Methodist Church was the scene of the annual Miller – Hill reunion Sunday, June 15 at its location west of Asheboro.

The reunion held since 1948, is headed up by the following officers: Waymon Trotter, president; Bryce Robbins, vice president; Mrs. Clara Hill Henderson,

secretary and treasurer; and Historians, Mrs. Alma Purvis and Charlie Harrelson.

It has been held regularly at the Mt. View church conference for several years and has operated independently under the ministry of Rev. Austin Frye. A minister for the past 20 years, Rev. Mr. Frye came out of the Fairview Methodist Church near Trinity. In addition to his evangelistic and ministerial activities, he is employed as employment manager at High Point Fabric Plant an affiliate of Burlington Industries.

The church is thriving, has a good group of young people and is presently thinking in terms of a new sanctuary. It is planned to remodel the present sanctuary into Sunday School rooms. Five classes comprise the Sunday School but the present building only has two class rooms.

Rev. Mr. Frye preached on the Sunday morning of the reunion, with several members of the Miller and Hill families in attendance. A picnic dinner followed on the church grounds.

Married Fifty Years Ago While Seated In A Buggy

June 20, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Leonidas Williamson, who were married 50 years ago while seated in a buggy, were honored Sunday afternoon, June 15, on the occasion of their golden anniversary.

Their nine children held open house for them at the fellowship hall at the Union Grove Baptist Church from 2 to 4 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson live on Rt. 2, Seagrove in Moore County, about a mile or so from the Randolph County line.

Mr. Williamson, 71, was born in Randolph County, on Fork Creek north of the Union Grove church, the son of John Williamson and Maggie McNeill Williamson. His parents moved to the place he is now living when he was five. They cleared the 131 acres of land which was purchased for \$135. They cleared a new ground every spring.

Mrs. Williamson, 68, is the former Nora Pearl Comer, daughter of Lewis Philip (Bud) Comer and Laura Sheffield Comer. She was born in Moore County, south of the area in which Mr. Williamson lived. Both of them attended the Moody School.

They were married June 15, 1919 at the home of Magistrate Henry Scott near the Needham's Grove Christian Church. They were accompanied by two other couples, also traveling in one seated buggies. It was Sunday morning and there was a big crowd seated on the front porch of the officiating magistrate. So, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson were married while seated in the buggy.

They first stayed at Mr. Williamson's home, then they moved around before coming back in 1936, at which time they purchased the place at which he had been reared. Mr. Williamson has always farmed, except for two years as a young boy when he worked at the cotton mill in Central Falls for four cents an hour.

The couple have made "molasses" for 25 years and Mr. Williamson has another big cane crop for this year. Mrs. Williamson recalls that one season they made 1,300 gallons of molasses.

Twelve children, 9 boys and 3 girls, have been born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Williamson. Their first three children, all sons, became deceased soon after birth except for one who died at the age of 10.

Their other children are Leon Williamson, Arnold Williamson, and Mrs. Carlie (Tula) Albright, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Herbert Williamson, Jimmy Williamson and Mrs. Eligah (Blanche) Sheffield, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Ottis Williamson, Asheboro, Weldon Williamson, Rt. 4, Asheboro, and Mrs. Raymond (Carletta) Welch, Rt. 1, Robbins

The house in which Mr. and Mrs. Williamson live is located at the end of the road and was built in 1903. It is shaded by some big oak trees. There is also a large weeping willow tree.

Water is now piped to their house but formerly they carried it from a spring. They used to keep their milk and butter in a box at the spring.

Since they have reduced their farming operations, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson take it fairly easy these days, except for making molasses in the summer and Mr. Williamson killing a few hogs in the winter. Due to this slowdown, they spend much time fishing, a hobby which both of them enjoy very much.

It is quite and peaceful where the Williamsons live and they are not letting the hurry and bother of this world's frenzied activities worry them. As this reporter came to talk with them, they were shelling peas, looking at television and enjoying themselves.

Grantville 4-H Banquet Is Held

June 24, 1969 - The second annual banquet, sponsored by the Grantville 4-H Club, was held Saturday evening, June 21, at the community building.

Held to stimulate interest and to give parents a better understanding of the activities of the club members, their parents and other guests were in attendance.

Following the meal, the program for the evening was presented by Miss Lucy Tedder, one of the adult Leaders.

Speaker was L. D. (Glen) Davis, of Albuquerque, N. M., who was present at a 4-H Adult Leader Forum at the National 4-H Club center in Washington, D. C. in Mar., 1966, along with Miss Tedder and other adult leaders throughout the country.

Present at the 4-H banquet with the speaker were his wife and two children, Fred, 15, and June, 13. The family, guests of Miss Tedder while in this vicinity, were on vacation at the time of the Grantville meeting. Mr. Davis discussed 4-H activities in his part of the country and showed slides of scenic places in New Mexico.

Ronald Ingold, Grantville 4-H Club president, presided over the banquet session. Jeanie Rhoades led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Reece Beane gave the invocation.

Each club member introduced his or her guest while special guests were presented by Charles Byrd. Introduction of the club leaders was made by Chris Frazier. Leaders, in addition to Miss Tedder, are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Byrd and Mrs. Ames Hayes.

Special guests in attendance were Miss Drue Williams, assistant home agent and 4-H Advisor, Larry Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Hussey and daughters, and Ralph Bulla.

Announcement was made during the meeting of the achievements of the Grantville club at the district demonstrations in Boone.

Winning red ribbons in poultry were Ronald and Terry Ingold, who also won blue ribbons in the electric

demonstration. Patricia Ingold and Annette King also won blue ribbons in the electric demonstration and Patricia was also a district winner in egg cookery.

Chris Frazier won a blue ribbon in rural civic defense and Nancy Hayes was a district winner in home improvement.

Reece Beane was elected to the office of vice president for the district and retiring from the office of president for the district was Charles Byrd, who presided over the assembly session at Boone.

For three years in succession the Grantville 4-H Club has been named the most improved club in county 4-H circles.

At the conclusion of the second banquet, as a dismissal of the meeting, the 4-H pledge was led by Terry Ingold.

Officers of the Grantville 4-H Club are Ronald Ingold, president; Chris Frazier, vice president; Patricia Ingold, secretary and treasurer; Nancy Hayes, reporter; Terry Ingold, historian; Jeanie Rhoades, song leader; and Tina Jones, recreational leader.

Other members are Reece Beane, Charles Byrd, Cathy Cox, Carolyn Jones, Junior Jones, Barry Needham, Mike Ritch, Mike Staley, Paula Smith, Jettie Crook, Jeffrey Rhoades, Annette King, Amy Cox, and Mark Hayes.

Waiters for the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tedder and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wayne King.

After 56 Years Teaching, She Plans Retirement

June 26, 1969 - Miss Leanna Stuart, who said "teaching is the theme and thought of my life," has retired from teaching after 53 years.

She retired at the end of this school year, at the Tabernacle School, where she had spent the last six years. Four years prior to that she taught at Archdale.

Fifteen years of her long career were spent as a missionary and teacher in the West Indies.

Other places at which she has taught have included Alamance County, Chatham County, Guilford County, Kentucky and Indiana.

She is saddened at the thought of not teaching any more, this has been her entire life. She said "it is like a limb which has been cut off."

For the time being she has made no plans for the future and expects to stay at least for a while in the home of Mrs. Alice Hall, Route 2, Asheboro, where she has lived since becoming a member of the faculty at Tabernacle.

First she needs to get adjusted to the idea of not teaching. At the age of 75, she said, "I sure did hate to give up my world of teaching. It crushed me." But time had caught up with this remarkable woman, even though she still shows no sign of it. She will be 76 years of age on July 5.

Her years in the West Indies were the wonderful ones of her life and it is there where her memories and her thoughts go back and it is there where her heart turns.

She first went to the Grand Cayman Island in the West Indies in 1931 and remained there for five years before her first furlough. This island, 300 miles south of Cuba, is under British control.

Before going to Grand Cayman her career had started as an assistant intermediate teacher at the Hawfields school in Alamance County.

Other schools included Ossipee, Cross Roads, Spring and Sylvan in Alamance County, Flint Ridge in Chatham County, Buffalo and Greensboro in Guilford County, colleges in Kingswood, Ky. And Frankfort, Ind. Where she

taught and served as dean of women, and Richmond, Ind. Where she also assumed pastoral duties.

During her furlough she traveled in deputation work, after which she spent five months on Antigua, and island southeast of Puerto Rico, before going to the Dutch Island of Saba.

Saba, six miles in circumference and 3,000 feet in height, was surrounded by water so deep that a ship was not able to anchor. Passengers to Saba had to disembark from the ship to small boats for the remainder of the journey to the island.

Three towns were on the island of Saba, all at different levels. Ascent to each town was reached by stairs. You either walked or rode a horse frequently while on Saba. For the five years she was on Grand Cayman a bicycle was her means of transportation.

Life was not all work for Miss Stuart while serving as a missionary in the West Indies. She often went deep sea fishing, and once caught a 40 inch dolphin from a sail boat.

She was never seasick or airsick and during her years as missionary she survived three hurricanes, three earthquakes and other perilous situations. A woman of tall stature, her health was excellent until last Nov. when she chipped an elbow and had to undergo surgery.

Her mission in the West Indies included teaching, preaching, practical nursing and whatever need arose. She served as a representative of the Pilgrim Holiness denomination, now the Wesleyan Church.

In addition to serving on the island of Grand Cayman, Antigua, and Saba, she also served at St. Croix, American Virgin Islands, and Jamaica Island, West Indies.

Miss Stuart said that her 15 years in the West Indies were the most challenging of her life. This was due because the people there "grabbed for schooling like a drowning man for a straw." In comparison, she said "you have spongers here, you have to squeeze them.

This sensible woman, whose life has been full of compassion, has still been a firm disciplinarian, both in her mission school and in the secular institutions at which she has taught. Although she spent 15 years of her life serving the people of the West Indies, she still did not hesitate to call in the police when her religious services were disturbed and neither did she hesitate to use a whip on the scholars who were unruly in her Sunday schools.

These disciplinary methods did not undermine her influence in the islands where she was beloved. She receives continuous correspondence from her friends and former pupils there. It is still her dream to go back and visit among the people.

Her disciplinary rules have also been effective in the public schools here and elsewhere. She said that she kept order by applying "memory syrup, spanking hash, slap salad, leather soup and hickory tea." When parents objected to her methods, she "let them talk it out, had prayer and asked the Lord to help me deal with them."

She disciplined when it was necessary but relations with her classes were good, as evidenced by the "pop corn popping" which she and the class enjoyed about every six weeks, at which time she would serve coolade or some other drink. She taught the 4th grade and had 39 students the last year she taught.

Upon her return from the West Indies in 1945, she served for two years as dean of women at Southern Pilgrim College at Kernersville and then, due to the illness of her

mother, she came back to her native Alamance County and taught for eleven years at the Alexander – Wilson School.

She was born near Snow Camp in Alamance County and came with her family to the Hawfields community as a young girl. She attended school with the former Governor and Senator W. Kerr Scott and his wife, lived a mile from their home, and recalls that she often trotted the present Governor Robert W. Scott on her knees when he was a little boy.

At the last faculty meeting at the Tabernacle School she was presented with a silver tray "in appreciation for many years of service."

Miss Leanna Stuart is an easy person with whom to talk but whatever the conversation it usually reverts back to her life in the West Indies and her wonderful world of teaching.

"The Lord opened up a lot of doors," said this fine woman. Her motto is "God' delay isn't always denial" and her favorite scripture is "In all ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct thy paths."

Another scripture, quoted by her, is "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." It would appear that the steps of Miss Leanna Stuart have been ordered in many directions and in the path of dedication, service and righteousness.

Ritter Family Reunion Sees Officers Elected

June 26, 1969 – Organization of the Ritter reunion took place Sunday, June 22, at the Mitchell Maness residence on Route 2, Robbins, east of the Needham's Grove Christian Church and in the vicinity of Smyrna Methodist Church.

Officers were named as follows: Elmer Ritter, president; Theodore Ritter, vice president; Grover Ritter, secretary; Vernie Ritter, treasurer; and Eli Ritter, entertainment.

The idea of a Ritter reunion originated last year when members of the William Lewis Ritter family and others got together in honor of the 62nd birthday of Elmer Ritter, son of W. L. Ritter and Minnie Maness Ritter.

Other members of the W. L. Ritter family at that time were Theodore Ritter, Fletcher Ritter, Albert Ritter, Mrs. Mitchell (Rosie) Maness, and Mattie Ritter, all of whom were present at the family gathering on Sunday, June 22, except Albert Ritter who had died during the year.

At the meeting this year the family gathering branched out beyond the W. L. Ritter family and in other family members, including the Gilmer Ritter family and other family groups.

Gilmer Ritter is a first cousin of Elmer Ritter and his brothers and sisters. All of them are grandchildren of John Spinks Ritter.

Two ministers, Rev. Wilbur Eaton, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, and Rev. John Casey, pastor of Smyrna Methodist Church, participated in a brief devotional service at the family gathering, along with Archie Maness, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Maness.

Three sets of identical twins, all great – grandchildren William Lewis Ritter, were present at the reunion. They were Helen and Ellen Garner, 13 year – old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas J. Garner, Robbins, Tammy and Terrie Maness, 4 year – old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Maness, Route 2 Seagrove, and Darrell and Farrell Ritter, 3 year – old sons of Mr. and Mrs. June Ritter, Route 2, Bennett.

The reunion next year will be on the 4th Sunday in June at Ritters's Pond, owned by members of the Gilmer Ritter family, located behind the Smyrna Methodist Church.

A picnic luncheon was spread on the tables on the back lawn at the residence, opposite from the large pond on the east side of the house.

Young Evangelist Begins Tent Ministry For Christ

July 2, 1969 – Richard J. (Dickie) Trogdon, a young evangelist who has been called to the tent ministry, held a dedicational service for his equipment Sunday afternoon, June 29, at his home Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Preaching for the service in the practically new tent, set up temporarily on the lawn at the Trogdon residence, was Rev. Leroy Hunt, pastor of the Grace and New Union Methodist Churches.

It was the Rev. Mr. Hunt, while assistant pastor of the Worthville Methodist Church, who expressed concern for the soul of Richard Trogdon over three years ago and led him to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time Richard Trogdon was living a life of sin and was on the verge of becoming an alcoholic. The Rev. Mr. Hunt visited him, told him about Jesus and along with the people at Worthville Methodist Church called his name in prayer at a Wednesday night prayer service. The following Sunday morning he accepted Christ at the morning worship service at the church.

Six months or so later he was called to the ministry and since that time has preached in various pulpits in his community and other places. He was first licensed to preach in the Methodist Church but later affiliated himself with the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church.

His first public ministry occurred in the Sunday morning worship services at the new Salem and Worthville Methodist Churches, preaching in the 9 a. m. service at New Salem and in the 11 a.m. service at Worthville. He recalls that he was nervous in the first service "before I prayed but after the prayer knew that was where I belonged."

Other churches at which he has preached has included the Bethany, Grace, New Union and New Hope Methodist Churches, the White Hall Evangelical Methodist Church, and the Fayetteville Street, Forest Park, Red Cross, White's Memorial and Worthville Baptist Churches.

Richard Trogdon feels that he has been called to win souls for Jesus, he says, "I know my calling and I know my election," and his immediate calling, he feels, is to the tent ministry. For this phase of his ministry he has been planning since last Apr.

He started off without a cent but since has acquired the equipment he needs, valued at more than \$2,000, and his additional money in his ministry account.

In addition to the new tent, other items of equipment include chairs, a bus, lighting system, piano, public speaking system, benches, signs, pulpit, and circulars with which to advertise his first preaching mission.

His first tent revival will take place July 21-26 at the vacant lot on Highway 64, located between the Asheboro High School stadium and the Asheboro Municipal Golf Course.

The revival services will begin at 7 p.m. each evening of the series. In addition to the messages by Richard Trogdon, special singing will be rendered by the Malcom Strider Trio, the Brower Sisters and Mrs. Carol Saunders with her

accordion, all of whom sang at the dedicational service on Sunday afternoon, June 29.

Richard Trogdon was reared between Worthville and Millboro, in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ward. He graduated from Randleman High School. He is married to the former Barbara Routh and they are the parents of four children, Ricky, 7, Cindy, 6, Krista, 4, and Aaron, 2, with another child expected in Aug.

This young evangelist is employed with Acme-McCrary Corp, in Asheboro. He is grateful to the employees of this company, to the members of the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, to the friends from the Bennett area who assisted at a benefit supper, and to the various individuals and groups who have helped him to prepare for the tent ministry which he will launch on July 21. He said "the people have been wonderful to me."

Having proved himself in the community in which he grew to manhood and the area which knew him in his sin, he now goes forth to other areas to pursue the calling which he has received - the winning of souls to Jesus Christ.

Curtis Farlow Of Sophia District Civitan Of Year

July 3, 1969 – Civitan Lieutenant Governor Curtis C. Farlow, who was recently named the outstanding Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina District West, was further honored on Friday evening, June 20, by his home club of New Market.

He received from the new Market club, of which he is a charter member, an honor key award for outstanding service to the club and the community.

A native of the Sophia area in which the club functions, he is the first recipient of such an award from the New Market Civitan Club, which he formerly served as president.

Curtis Farlow's year service as Lieutenant Governor for Area No. 5, of North Carolina District West, is almost over. He appeared before the Grantville Civitan Club on Thursday evening, June 19, for the installation of new officers and performed the same function at the New Market club on the following evening.

Only two more appearances, in Kernersville and Thomasville, remain and then his official duties will be over, Except he has accepted new duties, the coordination of fund raising for the district, for the new year.

It has been a busy year for this Sophia native, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Farlow. He has made over 70 appearances before the 16 clubs of the district, covering areas in Randolph, Davidson, Forsyth, Surry and Stokes Counties. He has spoken at least twice before all of the club in his district and he has traveled over 3,000 miles in the performance of his official duties.

His winning of the "Civitan of the Year" award at the recent convention of North Carolina District West in Winston-Salem, for which he received a large bronze plaque, was based on the addition of a new club for his area, the number of clubs and the size of the area which he has served, the increase in membership, the number of projects undertaken and the awards which were won by the clubs in Area No. 5.

An employee of United Brass Works Inc. in Randleman, Farlow lives in Sophia. His family consists of this wife, the former Rebecca Ellington, of Climax, and there children, Ricky, 15, Pam, 12, and Jeff, 7.

The special award to this outstanding Civitan member by the new market club was presented by his brother, Theron Farlow, retiring president of the club.

New officers for the club, installed by their fellow member, the Lieutenant Governor of Area No. 5, were Cecil (Whitey) Plumlee, president; Joe Burton, president-elect; Sidney Cashett, vice president; Edwin Beeson, secretary; Herbert Baker, Jr., treasurer; and Joe Ridge, sergeant-at-arms.

Other awards, in addition to the special award to the Lieutenant Governor, went to Theron Farlow as "Civitan of the Year: for the New Market club and to Elmer Beeson for his excellence in fruit cake sales.

Grantville Club Installs Officers

July 3, 1969 – The Grantville Civitan Club began its second year of service Thursday evening, June 19, with the installation of new officers.

The main project for the first year of the club's existence has been the building of a recreational area at the Grantville Community Building, consisting of a court with facilities for basketball, tennis and volley ball.

Now completed, except for paving, the area will be available to the youth of the community. Expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000, the value of the new facilities will probably exceed \$3,000.

The difference is reflected in donated labor, particularly the bulldozing equipment and labor which has been donated by Zim Hinshaw, the club secretary.

Dairyman Lewis Pritchard assumed the office of club president, succeeding Carl Needham who has served during the initial period.

Other officers named for the new year included Joe Frazier, president – elect; Donnie Pugh, vice president; Zim Hinshaw, secretary; Harold James, treasurer; and Carl Needham, George Cockerham and Tony White, board members.

Installation of the officers was conducted by Curtis C. Farlow, Sophia, Lieutenant Governor for Area No. 5 of Civitan District West. He also installed a new member, Marvin Cox.

Awards were presented to Harold James, for selling 286 pounds of fruit cake, more than anyone else; Zim Hinshaw, for signing up 16 members and other unselfish service to the club; and Rev. Jimmy Norred, club chaplain, for distinguished service to the community.

Perfect attendance awards recipients were announced as being Carl Needham and Zim Hinshaw.

The retiring president, Carl Needham, transferred the president's pin to his successor, Lewis Pritchard, and also turned over to him the bell and the gavel.

The new president presented his predecessor with a plaque, in recognition "for all that he has helped us to accomplish and with deep appreciation for all that he has done,; and to Joe Frazier he presented the president – elect's Pin.

One Of Randolph's Oldest Celebrates 96th Birthday

July 7, 1969 – Robert Harris (Robbie) Moffitt, who has outlived the other members of his generation, celebrated his 96th birthday Monday, July 7, at his home on Rt. 1, Ramseur. He is one of Randolph County's oldest residents.

He still lives near the site of the half log and half frame house in which he was born July 7, 1873. He remembers that one room in the house had a fireplace with a rock hearth four feet long.

Robbie Moffitt's father was Aaron Moffitt, a Civil War veteran, who was first married to the former Rebecca Moon. Upon her death he then married her older sister, Polly Moon.

Two children, a son and daughter, were born to the first marriage and two sons, Robbie and his younger brother, Willie, were born to the last marriage.

The son by the first marriage was accidentally killed in a hunting accident when he was 18 years of age but the other three children, the two brothers and their half sister, lived together for several years following the death of their parents.

Robbie Moffitt married first at the age of 37. His brother, Willie, who was four years younger, did not marry until he was around 42 years of age.

As their children came along, however, the two brothers divided their households, with Willie and his family staying in the two-story house which had replaced the original family residence and Robbie and his family moving into a new house which was erected a short distance to the north. Robbie and his wife had three children while Willie and his wife were the parents of five children, including twin daughters.

A closeness had existed between the two brothers since their early childhood and this relationship was brought even closer due to them marrying sisters. Robbie's wife was the former Minnie Craven and Willie's wife was the former Bessie Craven.

The brothers farmed, sometimes raised a crop of wheat which "threshed out at a 1,000 bushels," and also operated a sawmill. They ran their sawmill, a steam outfit, for 33 years, with Robbie working as the fireman and Willie as the Sawyer. They sawed the lumber with which their two homes were built.

Robbie Moffitt has been active in church affairs throughout his lifetime. He was first a member of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church but has been identified with the Maple Springs Methodist Church for over 30 years. He served for many years as choir leader at Maple Springs and has assisted in the singing at other churches. He still loves to sing. However, his church attendance over the past year has been limited due to his health.

The first of Robbie Moffitt's family to die, after the death of his parents and his half-brother, was his half-sister, Julia, who never married. His brother, Willie, died in Jan., 1964 and Willie's wife died soon thereafter. Robbie's wife died in Feb., 1965.

Now, Robbie Moffitt in his aged and infirm condition is being cared for by his three children, just as he cared for his mother and brother after the early death of his father and just as he and his brother cared for their half sister in the declining years of her life.

His son, Everett Moffitt, lives with his father at the old homeplace. His daughters, Mrs. Guye (Rosie) Albright and Mrs. Sam W. (Donzie) Webster, both of Rt. 1, Ramseur, reside near their father and assist their brother in looking after him.

Once Striving Community Of Streiby Fading From The Randolph Scene

July 8, 1969 – "The old folks died out and the young folks got away." This statement, coming from 81 – year – old Arther H. Hill, tells the story of Strieby once a thriving Negro settlement in southwest Randolph County, between High Pine and the area south of Farmer.

Only Arther Hill and a daughter still live in the heart of Strieby, with a few others on the outside.

The post office is gone, the school is gone, one deserted house remains, in addition to the dwelling of Arther Hill, and the chimney of another house still stands.

But still remaining, to preserve the existence of this once active little community, is the Strieby United Church of Christ, formerly known as the Strieby Congregational Church.

The church building is perhaps a hundred years old. It is an unpainted frame structure settling on rock pillars, but Sunday School is held regularly each Sunday. Twenty or more people attend in warm weather but cold or more inclement weather cuts the attendance down.

Preaching is held once a month, on the fourth Sunday, and the church alternates with five other churches in holding a fifth Sunday union service. On these occasions, which occur over a year apart. Strieby comes alive with people and is a reminder of the days when things happened in the community.

The post office at Strieby is believed to have been started in 1890. Its name was derived from an official of the old mine in the Uwharrie section with the same name, the gentleman for whom the post office was named having come from New York. It is also said that this same person built the Strieby church.

The community once had 25 or 30 houses in the area surrounding the church. Only Arther Hill's house, on the east side of the church, remains, except for the abandoned house which is in a dilapidated condition.

Julia McLeod Simmons, an original Strieby resident, lives with her husband, Sylvester Simmons, in an isolated area west of the church. Living on the main road, about three quarters of a mile from the church, are other former Strieby residents, Birtes, Winston and Harrison Smitherman, three brothers, their sister, Sarah Jane Lassiter and her husband, George, Callie Henley, Will and Vella Lassiter.

Other people who attend the Strieby church consider themselves as residents of the community but live some distance away on the river.

The original Strieby, covering the area in the vicinity of the church, is located on a dead-end road, six-tenths of a mile from the main road. The only visible sign is the highway marker which points the way.

Many of the Strieby residents, past and present, were descendants of Granny Prissy (Pricilla) Hill, who died in 1911 at the age of 118 years. Her grave is located in the sloping cemetery at the rear of the old church buildings, where many of the former Strieby residents lie.

Arther Hill remembers the aged Negro woman, a former slave and blind in her latter years, as she groped her way to church each Sunday morning, using a stick to feel her way and guide her direction. She was active in the church and he recalls that "whatever she said, that about went."

The first postmaster this remaining resident of Strieby remembers was Henry Ruffin Walden, with the facilities located in a small one - room building just south of the church. Mail at that time came in once a week on horseback from Troy.

Other Negro postmasters were Timey McLeod, sister of Henry Ruffin Walden, and after her death her son, Jeremiah McLeod, became the postmaster. His son, Alvin Shaw, has operated a general store in the vicinity for many years.

Eligah Shaw was succeeded by Walter Parks, a well known native of the area, who presently operates an appliance business between Asheboro and Ulah.

The last postmaster was Bud Shaw, a local watchmaker, who died a few years ago or earlier. Since then the people have received their mail on Rural Route 5, Asheboro.

Before the post was moved out of the immediate Strieby area, a store was operated in the same building. Prior to that time another store was operated by Jim Redwine.

Arther Hill recalls the big meetings which used to be held at the Strieby church. He said "back then we had meetings."

Mrs. Walter Parks, wife of the former Strieby postmaster, also recalls the revival meeting at the Strieby church which she and other white people often attended.

Mrs. Parks used to stay in the home of black residents in the absence of her husband and said they were good neighbors and friends.

She also remembers the Fourth of July celebrations in Strieby, when the greased pig was caught, lemonade was sold and other activities were held to commemorate the national holiday.

The Strieby school was discontinued over 30 years ago and moved to the Red house school near Farmer. The school while in Strieby was operated in a building at the rear of the church and also in the church itself. In addition to the county operated school, an extended school period in the earlier years of the school was sponsored by the Congregational Society of the church's denomination.

A former teacher of the school, Mrs. O. W. Hawkins, of Burlington, now 91 years of age, started the last union meeting at the Strieby church. Mrs. Hawkins' husband is a former pastor at the church. She taught at the school in 1905 and also came back at a later date.

"When the older ones die, the children eventually leave," said Archer Hill. All of his children left and one came back to her childhood home. The abandoned house belonged to the Julius (Juke) Hill family and after Mr. Hill's death the other members of the family left. The only one left, Archer Hill and his daughter, Marie, in the immediate Strieby area. Asked if he too would leave, Mr. Hill, whose wife died in 1962, said "no, I'm too old now. Names on the markers in the quiet grassy cemetery are Smitherman, Hill, Lassiter, Walden, McLeod, Loftin, Redwine, Nettle, Fisher, and Jones. The decedents of these people whose bodies lie in the graveyard have gone from Strieby, many of them to the northern area.

It is not expected that they will return unless their mortal remains are eventually moved back, to rest beside the people who once lived in the community which is now desolate.

Relatives, Friends Honor Couple On 50th Anniversary

July 15, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jay Williams, Route 5, Asheboro, natives and lifelong residents of the Pisgah – High Pine area, were honored by their son and three daughters Sunday afternoon, July 13, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Open house was held at their home from two to five p.m. Friends, neighbors and relatives called throughout the afternoon to honor this couple who have always lived in the community.

Mr. Williams was born on the land on which he and his wife still live, in a log cabin at a different site, the son of Doris Monroe Williams and Martha Vuncannon Williams. He was the only son in a family of three girls. The home is located on the High Pine road.

At the early age of 11, he began working at a sawmill and continued in this line of work until his retirement about eight years ago. His specialty in sawmilling was hauling logs. For one group of sawmill men he recalls contract log hauling which cut out 4,000,000 feet of lumber.

He also engaged in farming and at the time of his marriage he was working at his father's roller mill, located one half of a mile from where Mrs. Williams lived.

She is the former Emma Parks, daughter of Avis Parks and Della Vuncannon Parks, and she was reared on the Pisgah road, about three miles from the home of Mr. Williams. Born in a family which consisted of two sons and seven daughters, she attended the Kings Mountain school, a one - teacher school which was constructed out of lumber from the old Rocky Ridge school.

During the courtship of this couple, Mr. Williams walked the three miles through a woody road to her home.

But for their marriage on June 19, 1919 they rode with mule and buggy to the home of the officiating magistrate, Sherman Ridge, in Asheboro. It was on a Wednesday afternoon and Mr. Williams got his father to do the grinding at the mill while he was away getting married.

While uptown in Asheboro, probably while Mr. Williams was securing the marriage license, Mrs. Williams recalls that the mule which was hitched to their buggy got scared of the train.

Prior to their marriage Mr. Williams served in the Army during World War I and was slated for overseas duty in Siberia before the war broke. He would have already been gone except that he took the measles at Camp Humphrey near Washington, D. C. just before he was to leave and the war ended before he recovered.

The couple lived in an old house at Cox's Mill, which Mr. Williams and his father operated, with his grandmother for five years before buying a place near High Pine church. They came back to his father's house about 30 years ago at the time of his father's death and cared for both his mother and grandmother until their deaths.

Two homes have been burned at this place. The first home to burn occurred before Mr. Williams' marriage and was the house which replaced the log house in which he was born. The second house, a two story residence in which Mr. and Mrs. Williams lived, burned six years ago last Dec., with all of their furnishings lost except for one piece of furniture.

Even though this happened after more than forty three years of marriage, the couple started over and are seemingly very happy in their more modern home which is adequately constructed and furnished. Mr. Williams will be 74 years of age on July 18 while Mrs. Williams is 66 years of age. They are active members of High Pine Wesleyan Church, located down the road from their residence and which they have attended throughout their lifetime.

Their children, who honored them on their golden wedding anniversary, are Mr. H. S. (Allene) Little and A. J. Williams,

Jr., Route 5, Asheboro, Mrs. Frank (Leta) Rice, Route 4, Asheboro, Mrs. Charles (Martha) Crofts, Greensboro, and Mrs. Donald (Thelma) Miller, Asheboro. There are 10 grandchildren.

String Music Ringing Out At Friday Night Singfest

July 17, 1969 - String music is providing a source of entertainment on Friday nights for the people of the "Brown Town" area on Rt. 1, Bennett, near the Chatham County line.

Regularly, since last Mar., the musicians have been congregating on the last work night of the week to play and sing at Little Floyd Brown's store.

Diminutive Floyd Brown, who operated the store until three years ago when he accepted a job at public employment, said "if I have to work on Saturday they usually play until 1 o'clock; if I don't they quit earlier."

Floyd lives alone at the Billy Brown home place across the road from the store since the death of his mother a few years ago. His father W. A. (Billy) Brown, died several years before that. The store was operated for many years by members of the family until it was closed three years ago.

But now, everything pertaining to merchandise has been cleared from the store except the old wood stove to provide space for the musicians and those who come to listen. A couple of couches have been placed in the small store building for the listeners.

A string band, sometimes reduced and sometimes increased, is composed of Johnny Hutchens, violin and guitar, Parney Edwards, 5-string banjo, Lloyd Garner, banjo, Jim Chilton, Vernon Kimrey and Diffie Stout, guitars, and Diffie's daughter, 15 year old Judy Stout, who sings and plays the mandolin.

But last Friday night the band was increased by Lloyd Garner, banjo, Gary Moran, Floyd's nephew, guitar, and Odell Brown and son, Stan and Tracy Marley, guitars.

After considerable tuning they played "I ain't going to be treated this way," "Boil them cabbage down," and other lively tunes.

Pretty Judy Stout sang "The Darkest Day." "Women of the World," and "You Ain't Woman Enough," Vern Kimrey sang "Cabin Home on the Hill," "Milwaukee, Here I Come," "I'm Going Back to Oklahoma." "Run Mollie Run," and the song taken from the local film "The Killers Three." One of the spectators, Kay Jessup, a niece of Floyd Brown, was persuaded to render a tap dance.

But this was just the beginning of last Friday night's program of sting music. This correspondent passed by the little store building much later in the night and the music and singing was still going full blast. If anything the number of spectators had increased. Perhaps Floyd Brown was scheduled to work at Sam Rankin's plant in Ramseur the next day and they were going to keep him until 1 o'clock.

The weekly sessions of string music has meant much to Floyd Brown and the other residents of "Brown Town." Living on the outer edge of two counties, they enjoy coming together on Friday nights to listen to the music and the singing.

Colon Buntings Celebrate Their Fiftieth Anniversary

July 24, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. Colon M. Bunting, long time residents of Asheboro, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, July 20, at their home at 960 Lee St.

Their seven children honored them at open house from two until five p. m. during which time many of their friends and relatives called to pay respects to the honored couple and their family.

Their children are Mrs. Robert L. (Martha) Arnold, Decatur, Ga.; Mrs. J. J. (Ava) Holcombe, Charlotte; Mrs. Frank (Colleen) Bodsford and Mrs. Jane O'Connor, Ramseur; Mrs. Charles E. (Betty Jean) Crowell and William H. Bunting, Asheboro; and James R. Bunting, Greensboro.

Colon Makepeace Bunting, a car dealer in Asheboro for over 30 years, was born west of Asheboro but came to town with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Jane Ledwell Bunting, and other members of his family at the age of four following the death of his father, William Hicks Bunting.

He was a member of the North Carolina National Guard, Company K. and served with this company during the uprising on the Mexican Border in 1916. He was called again to active duty at the beginning of World War I and trained for overseas duty at Greenville, S. C.

He served in England, Belgium and France and as a platoon sergeant participated in the breaking of the famed Hindenburg Line towards the conclusion of the war.

At the time of his marriage he was working with the Asheboro Motor Company, located at the present site of C. W. Henley Co. and operated by the late Sheriff S. L. Hayworth and his son, Gus Hayworth. The company was selling Model T. Fords at the time.

Mrs. Bunting, the former Fannie Etta Bonkemeyer, was born near Central Falls, one of 14 children born to George Randolph Bonkemeyer and Nannie Hughes Bonkemeyer. She lived in Central Falls and attended the school there until coming to Asheboro at the age of 15 to work at Acme Hosiery Mill.

Lucy, one of her sisters, came with her to Asheboro and they boarded at the same place. Other sisters had preceded them and were already employed in Asheboro. Later, their parents moved to Asheboro and lived at the old Fisher place on Sunset Avenue but were living near High Point at the time of Mrs. Bunting's marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunting were married July 16, 1919 at the home of one of Mrs. Bunting's sisters, Mrs. C. P. Styers, on South Cox Street. Lucy, the sister who came to Asheboro with Mrs. Bunting to work, was also in attendance. The officiating minister was Dr. C. L. Whitaker, pastor of the Asheboro Methodist Protestant Church, now known as Central Methodist Church.

The couple left after their wedding by automobile for High Point where they planned to catch the train for a honeymoon trip to Moore's Spring. But the automobile for hire, in which Otis Rich was carrying them to High Point, broke down before they reached the home of Mrs. Bunting's parents, six miles south of High Point.

They walked the rest of the way to the home of her parents. But, as a further obstacle to their honeymoon, it started raining, and rained for ten days straight and they were not able to leave for the remainder of their honeymoon trip.

Mrs. Bunting recalls that while stranded in the home of her parents because of the rain they went out and got some

fruit jars and canned beans while they were waiting for it to stop raining.

They came back to Asheboro, and moved to their present home 34 four years ago and have lived there since. Since his retirement six years ago, Mr. Bunting has grown shrubbery on the lot at the rear of his home. He'll be 73 years old on Aug. 15, Mrs. Bunting will be 71 years of age on Aug. 27.

The couple have 7 grand-children, one of whom, Lyn Arnold, has followed in his grandfather's footsteps and has served overseas with the Army in Vietnam.

As unusual feature of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bunting was the attendance of Mrs. Bunting's seven living sisters, Mrs. Boniar Hulin, North Asheboro, Mrs. Dora Plummer, Spencer, Mrs. Lucy Lackey, Clemmons, Mrs. Willie Desern, Raleigh, Mrs. Annie Allen and Mrs. Ruth Gibbs, Greensboro, and Mrs. Jewel McAdams, Colonial Heights, Va.

A close knit group throughout the years of their lives, these sisters were saddened in 1968 because of the death of Mrs. Rosabelle Styers, at whose home Mr. and Mrs. Bunting were married 50 years ago. Another sister, Lillie, a twin of Willie, died at an early age. Two brothers who grew to maturity have also passed away, Jesse Bonkemeyer in 1956 and Leonard Bonkemeyer in 1958. Two other brothers, Ross and George, died at an early age.

But the Bonkemeyer sisters came together on Sunday afternoon, July 20, as they have so many times in the past, to honor Mr. and Mrs. Bunting and to join with them in the observance of their golden year of marriage.

A niece, Mrs. Faye Trexler, of Salisbury, was present to represent her deceased mother, Mrs. Styers, and also in attendance was a sister-in-law, Mrs. Martha Bonkemeyer Redding, of Greensboro.

War Victim's Mother Presented Medals

July 25, 1969 – The mother of a Vietnam War casualty received awards commemorating his service in a quiet ceremony Saturday morning, July 19, at her home on Route 7, Asheboro.

Mrs. Elsie Trotter Hill, whose son, Cpl. Mickey William Hill, was killed in action in Vietnam on Mar. 21, received the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge which her son has been awarded posthumously.

Prior to his death, he had been awarded the national Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Sharpshooter Badge with rifle bar and the marksman Badge with machine gun and automatic rifle bars.

The awards were presented to Mrs. Hill by Lieutenant William J. Roberts, AG Casualty Survivors Assistance Officer, representing the Commanding General Third United States Army.

Besides the dead youth's mother, other members of his family present for the presentation of the awards included his sisters, Mrs. Wendell Briles and Miss Gail Hill, his brother – in – law, his niece, Karen Elaine Briles, and an aunt, Miss Florence Trotter, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Hill.

The modest but well kept home in which Mickey Hill grew to young manhood, located just off the old Farmer Road, was filled with memories Saturday morning as those closest

to him came together to receive the emblems of his service and his sacrifice.

Nearly five months had passed since his death on the battlefield in Vietnam and the return of his body for burial in the cemetery at the Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church west of Asheboro, in the vicinity where he had been born 20 years ago last Dec. 15.

The death of his father, Willard William Hill, when Mickey was nearly six years of age was recalled and the family's moving nearer Asheboro where he was graduated from high school in 1967.

Mention was made of his activity with a softball team in the city leagues, his employment with Klopman Mills before he was drafted into the Army on July 23, 1968, his basic training at Ft. Bragg and his advanced training at Ft. Polk, La.

Most precious and also poignant were the memories of his last visit home before he left for the Vietnam duty on last Dec. 18. His family celebrated Christmas Day on Dec. 15, his 20th birthday, and his mother and his sisters hold that day as one of the bright memories of their loved one. The birthday of his sister, India Briles, had occurred the day before.

Memories of his letters from Vietnam were also shared. Sometimes he wrote twice a day, "He was real good to write," according to a member of his family and a letter he wrote the day before he was killed arrived on the same day his body was returned for burial.

He told his mother in a letter that "they were having it rough, the enemy was hitting almost every night." But he told her not to worry because he had faith in the Lord.

In another letter he said "tell everybody hello and keep smiling because I am fighting for them and at least everybody can smile for me." He also told about playing horseshoes in his spare time and he related that he was saving his money to buy a new car when he returned.

He also wrote "Mother you are the most wonderful mother that any young man could ever want to have and I pray for you every night and thank God for the nice things that you have done for me."

Memories of Cpl. Mickey Hill flooded the small home when the Army Lieutenant and the members of his staff came to present the emblems of this young soldier's bravery and his contribution to the cause of freedom.

Mrs. Barnes Reaches 102; Comments On Moon-Walk

July 25, 1969 – Mrs. Deborah Lucinda Barnes celebrated her 102nd birthday last Wednesday and had some pretty firm remarks to make about man walking on the moon.

She said emphatically, "I don't believe they ought to be doing what they are doing. I ain't got no use for that. That is doing wrong."

Since her last birthday the body of this Rt. 2, Asheboro woman has grown a little weaker, according to the daughter – in – law who cares for her, but as evidenced by the above remarks her mind is still alert and she still has her opinion.

She is quick as a cricket and doesn't miss a thing. Since she cannot see, this reporter's arrival was announced and she immediately said, "has he creeped around again?"

The last visit had been made a year ago but she still remembered.

Greeting and congratulations on her natal day came from Gov. Robert W. Scott, who sent a telegram, and from U. S.

Sen. B. Everett Jordan and U. S. Rep. Nick Galifianakis, Congressman for this district.

She rises early in the morning and has breakfast with the family. She goes back to bed for a rest period during the morning but gets up again for lunch.

She remains in the living room in the afternoon, with the exception that someone will come to visit but sometimes lies on a couch for her rest period.

She is still able to walk to her bedroom alone when she retires at night.

For the noon meal on her 102nd birthday, she repeated the Lord's Prayer for the words of grace.

When a grandson visited her, she repeated, word for word, all of the verses of the old ballad, "Naomi Wise."

One son, Wayman Barnes and his family lives with her in the house to which she came over 80 years ago, three years following her marriage to Thomas Wilson Barnes.

Before the day was over, her other surviving children came to pay their respects: her two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Smith, who lives up the road from her mother, and Mrs. Eunice McPherson of Asheboro; and her other son, Emory Barnes, also of Asheboro.

Six of her children are dead, one since her last birthday.

Her husband has been dead for many years.

She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Hunt Hoover and is a birthright member of Back Creek Friends Meeting, in which vicinity she has spent her life.

She has lived strictly and even to this day feels impelled to explain the consumption of a small portion of Dr. Pepper at set intervals throughout the day. She told this reporter again on her 102nd birthday that she had asked four preachers and each one of them had assured her it was quite proper to drink this beverage. That is her only indulgence.

Her words seemed prophetic, in view of various conditions throughout the world, when she asked: "It is getting to be a serious time, isn't it?"

Then she talked in a lighter view, particularly concerning the possibility of remarriage. Someone had evidently said something along that line and she could not seem to get it off of her mind.

She stated she would not marry again if somebody came up with two or three millionaires and said "anybody that had as good a man as I had would not want another one."

She seems to feel pride in the fact that she has lived as long as she has, saying "if the Good man had took care of others like He has me wouldn't it have been a time?"

Deborah Barnes has lived simply, worked hard and pioneered the way for the generations who have followed her. She has kept the faith and has never deviated from the way of righteousness.

She is confident of her reward. The only Scripture she quoted during the visit of this reporter was:

"You have been faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things.

Recording Randolph's History: Labor of Love

July 28, 1969 – Mrs. Laura S. Worth, county historian for a good many years, was 95 years old Wednesday.

Although a native of Lexington, she has spent most of her life in Randolph County.

She has been and is still considered a strong advocate of the historical, educational and cultural development of the county.

She helped to organize the Randolph Historical Society in 1911 and until recently was its secretary.

During the days of WPA she was hired to pursue a historical project for Randolph County and in this capacity searched the old vault in the courthouse for records of historical significance. This was in the early 1930's.

Upon the completion of this project she was asked to continue her efforts by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.

She has been moved from room to room in the old part of the courthouse and in the annex, as she has sought to obtain information pertaining to the early residents and institutions of Randolph County. Sometime she has even sat in the hall, giving up her space for other needed facilities.

Since the opening of the new library on Worth Street she has occupied a room in that building.

Due to illness and three stays in the hospital since the first of the year she has not been to her room at the library since last Sept.

But she hopes to get back in the near future, "as soon as I am equal to it," for two or three days a week at least. She's still answering her mail, however, and responding to inquiries from out-of-state people concerning their ancestry and giving other desired information.

Just last week she received a letter from a man in Bethesda, Md., asking for information concerning Andrew Hoover, an ancestor of President Herbert Hoover, and other information pertaining to the old graveyard, the grist mill and the Hoover family reunion. He had been referred to her by a lady in Davenport, Calif.

The former Laura Cornelia Stimson, she was reared in the home of her paternal grandparents in Lexington, following the death of both parents by the time she was 11.

She finished school at the Lexington Seminary, an institution which operated as a public facility and for pay.

When Mrs. Worth was 17 her grandmother died and she came to live with a paternal aunt, Mrs. Robert P. Dicks, and five cousins in Randleman.

After living in Randleman for several years she took an examination to teach from W. C. Hammer, then superintendent of school, and accepted a job teaching in the Randleman School. The faculty of the school consisted of two teachers and a principal.

She taught in the Randleman school for five terms and then came to Asheboro in the fall of 1904 to teach in the Asheboro Graded School. This was in the old frame building at South Fayetteville and Academy Streets. She taught here until 1912.

Describing the town of 65 years ago, she said: "Asheboro was a village and had a lovely social life." She also spoke of the "happy years" she spent in Randleman with her aunt and cousins.

Upon the death of her aunt she taught school in Chapel Hill for two years. While there her marriage to Hal M. Worth, of Asheboro, occurred in 1914. Mr. Worth was a member of a family which achieved state-wide prominence during the early days of Asheboro's development. He was related to Gov. Jonathan Worth and also a member of the family for which Worthville was named.

Mrs. Worth and her husband lived on Worth Street next to the courthouse. Mr. Worth died in 1932 and Mrs. Worth lived there until the place was sold and the house removed in 1937.

After that she lived first in Central Hotel and then in the Ashlyn Hotel before moving into the Robbins Rest home at 227 N. Main Street in Mar. 1967.

"I had a good dose of history from my grandmother," said Mrs. Worth in explaining her instinct for the historical aspects of the area in which we live.

Congressman Hammer, her first superintendent of schools, also encouraged her to write history.

But mainly, according to this dedicated woman, "I was just naturally interested in history."

Her efforts towards searching out and preserving Randolph County has been a labor of love and not done for the small numeration which she has received.

Her eyesight has been impaired now for several years. But that has not deterred her from doing the work she liked to do and to which she has devoted all these many years.

Mrs. Worth, who had planned to observe her birthday in her usual quiet manner, was surprised to learn on the Saturday before that Mrs. Jennie Belle Robbins, proprietor of the rest home, had planned to hold open house on Sunday afternoon in her honor. Old friends and former students called and refreshments were served.

Twelfth Annual Reunion Of Hussey Family Held

July 29, 1969 – The beautifully landscaped home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lambert, Route 2, Robbins, located on a rural dirt road in upper Moore county, was the scene of the 12th annual reunion of the Hussey family Sunday, July 20.

Long tables were placed on the shaded front lawn of the spacious surroundings, including the well formed lake in the northeast portion of the home site.

It was a typical reunion site, complete with the music, the chairs, the tables, the ham and other items of food, and the tubs of lemonade.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Lambert in hosting the annual occasion were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lambert, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lambert.

Mrs. H. E. Lambert, the former Ella Hussey, is a member of the Dock Hussey family.

Her brothers and sisters include Mrs. Pearl Hussey, Webster (Webb), Carl, Coy and McKinley Hussey.

Vernon Brady, as usual, was master of ceremonies for the reunion session. Rev. Windell Crisp, of Asheboro, was one of the speakers for the occasion. Music was furnished by Clarence Caviness and his string band.

Many family members were recognized, including the oldest mother, Mrs. Carrie Williams, 71, the youngest mother, Mrs. Shirley Bruce, 20, and the mother with the most children, Mrs. John D. Hussey, with five children in attendance.

The youngest grandmother, Mrs. Marie Bodsford, 42, was recognized, also the youngest child, Donna Bruce, 14 months – old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Bruce, and the oldest man, Charlie Hussey, 79.

Recognition was also extended to the youngest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lambert, who have been married for two years, and to the couple who have been married the longest, Mr. and Mrs. Webster (Webb) Hussey, who have been married for 47 years.

A floral arrangement was placed on the table in memory of Bertie Hussey by his brothers and sisters.

The reunion will be held the first Sunday in June at the home of Newton Hussey.

Oliver Lambert, host for the 12th annual reunion of his mother's family, is sales manager for Nance Chevrolet Company in Asheboro. His wife, the former Allene Brewer, has served as a teacher's aid at Westmoore Elementary School and also drove a school bus. They are the parents of a son, Vance.

Community Church Has Growing Pains

July 30, 1969 – The Community Baptist Church, which started as a class in child evangelism about 15 years ago, has mushroomed in recent months to a thriving congregation with the need for a new building in which to worship.

Located on Route 2, Seagrove, near the Moore County line, the record attendance has gone to 131 since the upsurge of interest. Other attendance figures have hovered on both sides of 100.

A three – acre tract of land, twice the size of the present site, has been donated for the construction of a new building.

This tract of land, donated by Curtis Chriscoe, is a short distance up the road from the site of the present building, which had been given by the late Henry Chriscoe, father of Curtis Chriscoe.

Indicative of the interest and growth of the church group was noticeable in a baptizing which the church held Sunday afternoon, July 20, at Kemp's Mill, at which time 20 persons received the baptismal rite. There are still others waiting to be baptized.

Miss Beatrice Chriscoe, now Mrs. Wayman Cole, well known teacher of retarded children in Asheboro, was the originator of the religious movement in the Community Baptist Church area.

She started it off about 15 years ago with a class in child evangelism at the home of Mrs. Mattie Chriscoe, a resident of the community, who is now deceased.

Soon thereafter the adults of the community became interested also and asked Miss Chriscoe to conduct a class for them too. This she did in a brush arbor which was erected on the land of Mrs. Mattie Chriscoe. Various ministers of the area were invited to speak to this group.

A tabernacle – type building was built near the store which was operated by the donor, Henry Chriscoe, and services have been held through the ensuing years, particularly Sunday School. Miss Beatrice Chriscoe remained with them for four years but returned to her own church near Seagrove when people in the community qualified themselves to carry on the work.

At times the work has faltered and only a very small group have assembled for the services at the little mission church. But the few who stayed held the church together to form a nucleus for the much larger group which is now coming.

The greater interest manifested itself less than a year ago, following the assumption of the work by Rev. David Chriscoe who became the pastor of the church a year ago. David Chriscoe is a native of the community and has spent most of his life there. Thirty members have been added to the church since he became the pastor.

Another pastor who has been faithful to the little church and the community is the Rev. Wilbur Eaton, now pastor of

Riverside Baptist church. He came to the church after Miss Beatrice Chriscoe relinquished her duties with the congregation.

Farrell Chriscoe, son of the late Henry Chriscoe and also a native of the community, has in the last eight months become the superintendent of the Sunday School. Before he accepted the position the record attendance stood at 55.

The adult group in the Sunday School, both young and old, is now undivided due to lack of space. This large group is taught by Mrs. Shirley Chriscoe Spencer, niece of Rev. David Chriscoe and granddaughter of Mrs. Mattie Chriscoe.

Shirley Spencer was converted in the child evangelism classes held many years ago and Mrs. Cole, her former teacher, and others have watched her develop in Christian stature and leadership. She has helped to hold the group together in lean times and in good ones. She has studied and prepared herself for service, and is proving an asset to the people with whom she has lived.

Mrs. Spencer said the "Lord is surely working with the church now, especially with our young people." She noted that three young men, Jerry Garner, Henry Parks and Allen Brittingham, who have served their country in Vietnam, are a part of the thriving church group. Two of them were among those receiving the rite of baptism on Sunday, July 20.

Farrell Chriscoe, the Sunday School superintendent, also touched on the work of the young people of the recent success of the church to "a group of young people doing what the Lord wanted us to do."

Three young men of the church, J. C. Sanders, Willie Clyde Garner and Graham Chriscoe, have been selected as deacons but not yet ordained. A building fund has been started and a \$40,000 structure is being discussed.

It was a refreshing sight to see these young people, as well as the small children and adults, as they converged on the church on Sunday morning, July 20. They came with enthusiasm, carrying their Bibles and going to the prayer room to ask God's help before they began the morning service.

The upsurge of activity at Community Baptist Church has changed the atmosphere of the community and affected the lives of those who live there.

Benners Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Aug. 1, 1969 – Family members and friends attended a reception Sunday afternoon, July 27, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Benner, who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

The anniversary event was held at their home, Rt. 2, Ramseur, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Hostesses were their daughter, Mrs. Allen (Judy Dianne) Burgess, who is their only child, and Mr. Benner's sister, Mrs. Belvin Curtis.

Their immediate family includes also their son-in-law and one grandson, Rodney Allen. Their daughter, son-in-law and grandson live on Rt. 6, Asheboro.

Mrs. Benner, the former Helen Ruth Kirkman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Kirkman, Rt. 2, Ramseur. She attended school in Ramseur.

Mr. Benner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Benner, Rt. 1, Franklinville. He attended the school at Franklinville.

The couple were married July 27, 1944 in Asheboro, following an acquaintance which developed at Randolph Mills in Franklinville where both were employed.

Mrs. Benner is still employed at the plant in Franklinville but her husband for the past ten years has worked as a representative of the Charlotte Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., working out of Siler City.

They are members of Patterson Grove Christian Church where Mr. Benner serves as a teacher in the Sunday School.

For the anniversary reception Mrs. Benner wore a coral taffeta dress, with a corsage of white carnations. Mr. Benner wore a white carnation as a boutonniere.

Design Of Church Fits Surroundings

Aug. 1, 1969 – The warmth and friendliness of the people and the natural surrounding in which it is located dictated the design for the sanctuary of the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church Rt. 2, Trinity, which was occupied by the congregation for the first time on Sunday morning, July 27.

But before the first formal of the new structure, the worship service was held in church performed two functions in the new building which are vital in the life of any congregation.

On Saturday morning, July 26, the funeral service for Mrs. Bessie Peace, a member of the church, was held in the new auditorium. It had been Mrs. Peace's desire that she would see and worship in the new structure before she died. But the first service of any kind was the final rites held in her memory.

That evening, on the same day, Miss Ruth Redding, a young woman who had grown to maturity in the sanctity and percepts of the Mount Vernon church, was united in marriage to Tommy Land.

The basic design for the new Mt. Vernon church sanctuary was first conceived approximately eight years ago. At that time the congregation, its building committee and the architect commenced studies on a master plan for a complete new educational and worship structure.

After a program had been established on congregational needs, a master plan was developed to permit the ultimate plan to be built in stages. The first stage, a portion of the educational unit, was erected in 1953. This area provided classroom space with an area for worship. In 1968 the congregation decided to proceed with the second phase, the sanctuary, in which the first worship service was held on July 27.

The site for this structure is a relatively level area surrounded by stately oaks. The trees plus the warmth and friendliness of the congregation dictated the design. If the structure must be categorized, it could perhaps be considered contemporary.

The front of the sanctuary is clear glass protected by an extension of the main roof, which is supported by laminated wood arches. The floor of the entrance, plus a covered walk along the south side of the sanctuary which leads to the educational unit, is a diagonal herring bone pattern of brick. All exterior colors are warm tones of red and brown.

Through the glass on the front, one is given a view of the Narthex, commonly known as the vestibule, with its brick floor and walls and the natural finished elm paneling on the wall separating the Narthex from the nave, or what is more familiarly known as the auditorium of the church.

Featured on the chancel wall behind the central altar is a 14-foot high wooden cross mounted on a background of textured gold vinyl. The same vinyl appears on panels incorporated in the altar, the communion rail and over the main doors between the Nave and the Narthex.

The entire plant has been air conditioned.

Architect was Robert W. Conner, A.I.A., of High Point. Builder was Dean Mitchell, also of High Point.

Members of the building committee consisted of Worth White, chairman, Cone Spencer, Herbert Jarrett, Jerry Hill, Ronald White, George David, Thomas Redding, Darrell Peace and Larry Peace.

Contract price for the building of the new sanctuary was \$110,000. This does not include the furnishings or the architect's fee. Cost of the educational unit, which was occupied in Oct., 1963, was \$64,000.

The first church building at Mt. Vernon was erected in 1879-80, following the consolidation of two congregations who were worshipping in the Glenco and Carraway School houses. Two more buildings, erected in 1907 and 1924, were used for worship before the erection of the present educational unit in 1963.

Rev. Benny Killian, a young minister who came to the pastorate of the church from the Waynesville District in June, preached the sermon in the first worship service held in the extraordinarily designed structure.

Thus, in two days the primary functions of a church had taken place in the new sanctuary, the memorializing of a deceased member, the hearing of the marriage vows, the general worship service and the rite of baptism. Mt. Vernon was making full use of the building which had been geared to the characteristics of the fine people who comprise the church and the community.

Summeys Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Aug. 4, 1969 – A 79-year-old veteran of World War I, Ernest Lee Summey, and his 68-year-old wife, residents of Rt. 1, Trinity, were honored Sunday, Aug. 3, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Honoring them at open house at the American Legion Hall in Denton, from three until five p. m., were Mrs. Summey's brothers and sisters and her nieces and nephews. The couple have no children.

The couple were married July 31, 1919 at the home of the officiating justice of peace, Marcus Wood, who lived in the Tabernacle Township area where both had lived.

They became engaged before Mr. Summey went to France to fight in World War I, following an acquaintance and courtship which developed as they met at wheat threshings, corn shuckings and church. According to Mrs. Summey, "he went with a threshing machine."

Although Mr. Summey was in the trenches when the war broke, his difficulties became worse after peace was declared. After the war was over he contracted flu, measles, pneumonia and the mumps. He did not get back to the states until July of the next year, following the Armistice on Nov. 11.

Worse still, he received no mail from home for over a year. He said, under the circumstances, he "didn't know whether there was any America or not." His father died while he was gone and he was not aware of it until he returned.

Upon returning he immediately went to High Point where Mrs. Summey, then Miss Bessie Ella Trotter, was working in a textile plant. He was told that she was back in her

home section, attending a revival meeting. He had an idea where she was and went to the Westfield Baptist Church where they were reunited. Their marriage followed shortly thereafter.

Son of Fran Summey and Maria Hughes Summey, Ernest Lee Summey was born at Jones Mine, a small post office located near the gold mine by that name in Tabernacle Township. His father worked at the mine. Mr. Summey attended the one-teacher school called Gibson's Academy.

Daughter of William Trotter and Queen Varner Trotter, Mrs. Summey lived in various places in the area but attended Taw's College, also a one-teacher institution attended by many Tabernacle Township residents in the earlier days. She later attended the two -story frame building at Tabernacle.

They walked to their wedding site on the night they were married and later went to his home in the area. If they had a wedding trip, it was some time after their marriage when they went to Badin on a Model T. truck along with other people in the community. The dam there had just been built.

Most of their married life has been spent in Summey Town, a section in which many people by that name live. But about ten years ago they moved out on the main road, near the Tabernacle Methodist Church, where it is more convenient if one of them became sick or needed help.

Minister And Family Leave Ramseur After Nine Years

Aug. 5, 1969 - The people of the Ramseur community will join with the congregation of the Ramseur Wesleyan Church in regretting the departure of Rev. R. J. Hobbs, after a fruitful ministry of nine years at the church there.

He will leave on Aug. 18 along with his wife and daughter, for Kernersville, where he will become dean of students at Southern pilgrim College, a representative of the school in the Southern Zone, and a teacher in the theology department.

His farewell message to the church, which he has faithfully served for the past nine years, will come at the Sunday morning worship service on Aug. 17.

His purpose at the Ramseur church as been "to minister unto the people with the Wesleyan interpretation of the scriptures." This has resulted in an increase in membership, with several adults and young people coming into the church on the Sunday two weeks before his departure.

The material gains have been evident also. The indebtedness has been paid off, two additional tracts of land have been purchased for future expansion, the church auditorium and several Sunday School rooms have been air conditioned, the overhead insulated, and the initiation of a building fund for the erection of an educational plant.

But perhaps Rev. Mr. Hobbs ministry has been felt more deeply in the spirit among the members of is congregation and his reception in downtown Ramseur.

There has not only been a spirit of unity among the congregation and their pastor but also a cooperativeness with the congregation and the people of other churches in the Ramseur vicinity.

Rev. Mr. Hobbs and his congregation have joined with the other churches in holding union services and he has been a member of both Ramseur and Asheboro ministerial associations.

Also, when Mr. Hobbs visited the Holy Land on a tour in 1967, his trip was sponsored not only by the members of his own congregation but also by the business people and other interested folks in the vicinity.

Rev. Rossie James Hobbs has had an unusual ministry, in that he was 35 years of age when he began his formal training for the call which he had received.

A native of Greensboro, he had quit school in the seventh grade and started to work in a textile plant in Greensboro. He was only 14 years of age at the time. Afterwards, he sold flour, had a bread route and was operating a grocery store in Asheboro when he went into the active ministry.

He grew up in the Palm Street Christian Church in Greensboro, where he will soon hold a series of revival services, but was attending the Second Pilgrim Holiness Church in 1945.

He remained at Draper for six years and then went to a pastorate in Mebane where he remained for seven years.

In 1946 he enrolled as a student at the Southern Pilgrim College in Kernersville, where he was to begin the difficult task of acquiring his high school credits, his initial work in college and his work on the Bachelor of Theology degree which he received in 1954.

During this period, while a student, he served for four years as dean of men at the school.

At the conclusion of his pastorate in Mebane, he left the active pastorate for two years and enrolled at Owosso College in Owosso, Michigan where he received the bachelor of Science degree in 1960, just prior to coming to the pastorate of the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church, now the Ramseur Wesleyan Church.

While at Owosso College, he also served as dean of men and held many preaching engagements on weekends.

When he went back to school in 1946 to begin his preparation for the ministry, his family included his wife and five children. Two of his children were fellow students while he was at Southern Pilgrim College and his youngest son was a classmate while he was at Owosso College.

After beginning his schooling in 1946, a daughter, Esther, his sixth child, was born. Next year she will enter high school and in all probability will enroll in the high school department at Southern Pilgrim College where he will be serving as dean of men and as a teacher in the theology department.

The Rev. Mr. Hobbs said he was able to complete his training for the ministry, despite the handicaps, because of the cooperation and help he received from his wife, the former Ruby Mae Medley, of Greensboro,

The obstacles were many but the experiences have been invaluable. His work in the textile mill as a young man, his years as a salesman on the road, and his persistence in the years of schooling, with the obligations of a large family upon him, have seasoned this man of God and prepared him for the responsibilities of the divine calling which he has received.

His nine years at the Ramseur church have been profitable ones, both for him and the people he has served. His ministry has been a rich one and has touched many lives. The people of the town hate to see him go.

Antioch Church Honors Minister

Aug 8, 1969 - A revered Randolph County minister was honored by his church Sunday on the occasion of his 83rd birthday.

The Antioch Baptist Church, located south of Asheboro, presented the Rev. G. F. Settlemyre with a gift, a love offering and then gathered on the church lawn for a picnic luncheon.

Making the presentation of the tokens of love and esteem was Fred Cockman, an official of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Settlemyre came to the church around 11 years ago. Soon after his coming the mission group was organized into the Antioch Baptist Church. He has served as its pastor since that time.

A minister for approximately 50 years, the Rev. Mr. Settlemyre served for nearly 15 years as pastor of Central Falls Baptist Church. A new church building was erected at Central Falls during his pastorate.

Before coming to the mission group, which he organized into the Antioch Baptist Church, he served as the visitor for the Balfour Baptist Church.

A native of the Old Fort area, McDowell County, the Rev. Mr. Settlemyre was a minister in the Wesleyan Methodist denomination for nearly a quarter of a century before affiliating with the Baptist denomination. However, his father before him was a pioneer Baptist preacher.

At the time he was called to preach he was operating a barber shop in Forest City. His minister in the Wesleyan denomination took him to pastorates in Forest City, Hendersonville, and Guilford, Rockingham and Rutherford Counties.

His service with Baptists, before coming to Randolph County, was with churches in the Sandy Run and Green River Baptist Associations

His church at Antioch, described by him as a "good spiritual church," has prospered since he organized it. The original tract of land has tripled, eight Sunday School rooms have been built, and bath facilities have been installed in the church, along with a drinking fountain.

Five of his seven children attended the service at which he was honored, along with several other members of his family. They were Mrs. P. S. Dicks of Randleman, T. A. Settlemyre of Greensboro, Mrs. Alex Harris of Reidsville, W. D. Settlemyre of High Point and Charles Settlemyre of Raleigh.

The other two children, Mrs. H. P. Heggie of Greensboro and Mrs. W. L. Knight of Rt. 5, Greensboro, visited him later in the afternoon.

The Rev. Mr. Settlemyre and his second wife, the former Mae Parsons Brady, live at her home at 720 N. Main St., Randleman. Mrs. Settlemyre serves as pianist at his church.

His first wife and the mother of his children, the former Bertha Procter, died in 1959.

Asked if he planned to retire, this godly man said:

"I have prayed to the Lord that I wouldn't be put on the shelf.

Couple Observes 50th Anniversary

July 14, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin (Jim) Pugh, Rt. 1, Franklinville, were married on a Sunday morning fifty years ago – Aug. 10, 1919.

Directly after their marriage they attended revival services at Bethany Methodist Church and stayed for the dinner on the grounds and the all day services.

On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 10, fifty years later, they were honored in the fellowship hall of the same church on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Honoring them at an open house were their seven living children, Clarence Pugh and Vernace Pugh, Rt. 1, Franklinville; Mrs. Norman (Helen) Wallace, Mrs. Robert (Betty) Tesh, Mrs. James (Ernestine) Lineberry and Mrs. Everett (Janice) Dykes, Greensboro; and Mrs. Dan E. (Ida Mae) Stout, Randleman.

Their oldest daughter, Mrs. Walter (Frances) Allred, died in Jan., following a Christmas visit with her parents and in the home in which she spent her childhood.

The first time Mrs. Pugh, the former Urilla Mae Routh, remembers seeing Mr. Pugh was when his family moved into the community in which she lived and he passed by the Julian's Grove school standing on a load of hay.

He was 15, and their courtship began after he started attending the same school. Her folks had a cane mill and he also came around during molasses making time.

He was born in New Salem, the son of Samuel Amick Pugh and Ida Hayes Pugh. Both his grandfathers, Frank Pugh and Jimmy Hayes, were Civil War veterans.

Mrs. Pugh was born in the immediate vicinity of where the couple now live, the daughter of William Vernace Routh and Theodosia Jenkins Routh.

Before her marriage she taught school at Cedar Falls, near McLeansville in Guilford County, and at Julian's Grove where she first attended.

They were married at her home, with the Rev. J. A. Ledbetter, pastor of the Bethany church performing the marriage rites

She wore on the occasion a Navy blue suit, white georgette blouse and black, high-top shoes, an outfit which she purchased in Greensboro where she was working at the time.

Jim Pugh's cousin, Wes Ward, drove them in his automobile to the Bethany church where the word had already got around and they received the congratulations of their friends and neighbors, including the elderly choir leader of the church Jesse Julian.

They moved into an old two-story log house, situated on the same site on which they now live and a house in which she had lived once before her marriage.

They lived in this house until 1936 when they built the large dwelling in which they now live alone, since the departure of their children.

The house is situated in a shaded area, surrounded by oak trees and maples which they set out after they established their household.

Formerly a farmer, sawmill operator, and store owner, Mr. Pugh is partially retired but still assists his youngest son, Vernace, in extensive farming operations. His current interests also includes 30 or more White Face cows.

Mr. Pugh is 75 years old but looks younger and conducts himself in a virgorous manner. Mrs. Pugh is 72 years old. Their family included 14 grandchildren and two great – grandchildren.

For several years Mr. Pugh served as a tax appraiser for Randolph County.

Dinner Planned For Legislatures

Aug. 18, 1969 – Two State legislators, Rep. Richard S. Clark of Anson County, and Rep. Wade H. Penny, Jr., of Durham County, will be honored at a dinner meeting in Randolph County Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Pleasant Ridge Congregational Christian Church.

Rep. Clark is a former practicing attorney in Asheboro, living here for nine years.

Rep. Penny's maternal ancestors were Randolph County people. His mother was the former Pauline Brown of the Pleasant Ridge community.

Ladies of the church will prepare and serve the meal.

Memorial windows in the beautifully redecorated Pleasant Ridge sanctuary memorialize the lives of Rep. Penny's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Willard Brown, and his grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Brown.

The Rev. W. R. Brown was a well-known Christian minister in the early days of the Pleasant Ridge charter members at the time of its organization in 1942.

Rep. Clark's mother, Mrs. Harry G. Clark, lives in Asheboro. Rep. Clark and his family live in Monroe.

Rep. Penny and his family live in Durham.

The two representatives, each serving his second term in the legislature, distinguished themselves in the past session in the fight over interest rates: both advocated the lower rate of interest.

Other members of the Legislature from this area and other parts of North Carolina will be invited to attend the dinner.

Everyone Was There...First Time In Ten Years

Aug. 19, 1969 – A Rt 1, Asheboro couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bullard, had all of their family together this past weekend for the first time in ten years.

Included in their family group is a son who has seen service in Vietnam, two other sons who are still in the military service, and a daughter who lives in Pennsylvania.

Their oldest son, Tech. Sgt. James Bernice Bullard was in transit to his new assignment at the Beale Air Force Base in Yuba City, Calif. His previous duty was at Loring AFB in Limestone, Maine.

He was accompanied by his wife and their three children, Craig, Tena Kay and Lena Ann.

With 14 years of service in the Air Force, other duty assignments of Sgt. Bullard have included one year in Greenland and tours of duty at Fairchild AFB at Spokane, Wash., Lackbourne AFB at Columbus, Ohio, and Seymour-Johnson AFB in Goldsboro.

Sgt. Bullard's next oldest brother, Lacy Raymond Bullard, First Class Aviation Boatsman's Mate, has seen service in the U.S. Navy about as long as his older brother has been in the Air Force. He too has 14 years of service, lacking about six months as much service as his brother. He is 18 months younger.

The Boatsman's Mate son of Mr. and Mrs. Bullard was also in transit to new duty, except that he has served previously at the naval air station at Cubi Point in the Philippine Islands, to which place he is enroute once again.

His last duty was at the naval Air Station at Lemorre, Calif. and other assignments have been in Bermuda, Lakehurst, N. J. and duty on the USS Valley Forge and the USS Kitty Hawk.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bullard is 20 year-old Thomas Earl Bullard, who volunteered for a three year hitch in the Army at the age of 17. After receiving his training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., Ft. Bragg, N. C. and Ft. Sills, Okla., he went to Vietnam where he served an extended period of nineteen months at Plei Ku.

This youngest son completed his high school work after entering the Army. He had previously attended Franklinville

High School where his two older brothers had graduated. He is now employed at Klopman Mills in Ramseur.

The other member of the Bullard family, their daughter, Joyce Ann, who was turned down for military service because of her size, was also present for the family reunion. She is now Mrs. Robert E. Harman, of York, Pa., and she was accompanied by her son, Thomas Earl. Mrs. Harman met her husband while he was in service at Ft. Bragg.

The father of the Bullard sons, upon being asked about his military service, said that it was brief, three months with the Marines at Parris Island during World War II.

Mr. and Mrs. Bullard and family moved to Randolph County in 1952 from their native county of Richmond. They first lived at Franklinville where Mr. Bullard was employed at Randolph Mills. He is now employed at Klopman Mills in Ramseur.

Outdoor Chapel Now In Use At Central Falls Methodist

Aug. 19, 1969 – An outdoor chapel, erected on a sloping hillside, is being enjoyed by the young people of the Central Falls Methodist Church, as well as the older members of the congregation and the community as a whole.

Dedicated recently by the church pastor, Rev. Dewey A. Bailey, the erection of the chapel and other improvements to the area at the rear of the church have been effected by members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Improvements in the area began a year or so ago when the church purchased the land behind the church from Klopman Mills and developed a parking lot.

The young people of the church completed the landscaping of this property, built a rock wall, erected the chapel, installed picnic tables and swings and have now started the cleaning of the property across the stream with the permission of the mill officials.

They plan to build a bridge across the stream and develop a volley ball court on the other side.

It is a natural site, cleanly mowed, with the sloping hillside, the trees and the stream. When weather permits the MYF holds its Sunday evening services in the outdoor chapel and other meetings of the church are held there also. Recently the Junior Class camped overnight at the site.

Counselors of the MYF are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trogdon and Mrs. Earl Jenkins. Members are Pam and Wanda Carter, Janie and Johnny Hardin, Pam, Larry, Philip and Phyllis Jenkins, J. R. Harrelson, Shirley Rollins, Lorraine York and Larry Foust.

Assisting the young people in the successful completion of their project were Dewitt Kidd, Branson Cheek and Virgil Hardin. The rock wall was built by Branson Cheek who is a third generation member of a family noted for its rock masonry.

The beautifully landscaped site and its facilities for worship as well as play is a credit to the young people of the Central Falls Methodist Church and is a project of which the church and community generally are proud.

Wesleyan Crusade Set For Oct.

Aug. 22, 1969 – A Greater Asheboro and Randolph County Wesleyan Crusade is being planned for Oct. 19-26 in the Asheboro High School auditorium.

Approximately 24 Wesleyan churches in Asheboro, Randolph County and surrounding counties will be invited to participate.

These churches comprise the former Wesleyan Methodist and Pilgrim Holiness churches which existed in this area prior to the merger of the two church groups.

Rev. Paul F. Elliott, general evangelist of the Wesleyan Church, and Rev. J. W. Stiles, song evangelist, will conduct the services which will be held nightly.

A steering committee, selected from the participating churches, have been chosen as follows: John E. Storey, chairman; Rev. Hoover E. Smith, vice chairman; Rev. Bob Freeman, secretary; and Rev. James L. Denny, treasurer.

Serving as advisory members of the executive committee will be the following named committee chairmen: publicity, Ralph L. Bulla; choir and music, Rev. Dick Whitener and Bob Loman, co-chairmen; finance, to consist of the treasurers of local churches: counseling, Rev. Ronald Thompson and Rev. Garland McDowell, co-chairmen; youth, Rev. Bob Freeman; facilities and decorating, Rev. Floyd Miller, Rev. Robert Bogan and Mrs. John E. Storey; parking, Rev. Dick Whitener; nursery, Mrs. Wade Linebarrier; and prayer and pre-rally, Rev. David Shrum.

Two meetings in connection with the crusade have already been held, the organizational meeting on Aug. 11 and a meeting of the steering and advisory committees on Aug. 17.

Churches being invited to participate are Asheboro First, Asheboro Central, Foster Street, Neighbors Grove, Rushwood Park, Crestview, Brower's Memorial, Franklinville, Kildee, Liberty, Mt. Olive, Mt. Olivet, Ramseur, Randleman First, Midway, Sawyersville, Hoover's Grove, High Pine, and Archdale in Randolph and Siler City First and Hillbrook in Chatham County, and Robbins, High Falls and Mt. Zion in Moore County.

Randleman Group Returns From Tour

Aug. 25, 1969 – A young married couple, Ron and Cathy Davis, Rt. 1, Randleman, eight students and one other person returned Thursday, Aug. 21, from a seven country European tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, both school teachers, conducted the student tour for the Wholesale Tours of New York. It lasted for twenty one days.

Countries included on the tour were Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France and England. The tour began and ended at the Greensboro – High Point Airport, with the overseas flight beginning and ending in New York City.

Students making the educational tour were Rita Davis, Rt. 1, Randleman, Debra Hohn, Rt. 3, High Point, Dan Routh, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Wanda and Jane Cummings and David Richard, Guilford College, and Jan and Carol Griffith, Jamestown, three of whom, Jane Cummings, Carol Griffith and Rita Davis are college students.

Also making the tour was Miss Shirley Beeson, of Rt. 1, Sophia.

In New York the group joined three other student groups from Birmingham, Ala., Miami, Fla. And St. Louise, Mo. Their first stop, after flying over on a jet owned by the Dutch Airlines, was Amsterdam, Holland.

They changed to buses upon arriving in Holland but took a boat ride down the Rhine River in Germany and visited the

town of Heidelberg in Southern Germany. They were impressed by the picturesque castles along the river route.

In Switzerland they visited in Lucerne and Zurich and viewed the beautiful snowcapped Alps in the mountainous range. It was in Switzerland that they were delighted to be able to eat fried chicken, cooked Southern style.

They visited next in Innsbrook, Austria, site of the winter Olympics, and enjoyed the valley site surrounded by the mountainous range and the ski jumps.

They sailed into Venice, Italy by boat through the canals which take the place of streets and they saw St. Mark's Cathedral, the third largest in Europe. They spent two days in Rome, visited the Vatican City and St. Paul's Cathedral. The pope was out of the city but they heard the tape recording which blesses the people when he is away,

Retracing themselves to Switzerland, they visited Geneva and then went to France where they first visited Dijon, the mustard capital, before going to Paris where they spent almost three days.

They flew by British Airlines to London, England where they spent three days. The Queen was out of the city but they saw the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. They also visited Windsor Castle, summer home of the Queen.

They stayed overnight in New York City upon their return from England, before coming home Thursday evening in a wearied condition but elated over the tour which they had taken. They were met at the Greensboro High Point Airport by parents and other family members.

Couple Honored As Anniversary Draws Near

Aug. 27, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. Lolar P. Harris, who live on Rt. 1, Trinity, in the vicinity of Westfield Baptist Church, were honored at a family gathering Sunday, Aug. 24.

Held in connection with their approaching wedding anniversary on Sept. 8, the annual gathering of the family was moved up because of the departure of a grandson, Joe Barnes, who was leaving in two days for the Army.

Present were all of the couple's six children, namely Jim Harris, Brown Harris, and Mrs. John Barnes, Rt. 1, Trinity, Mrs. Fred Robbins and Mrs. Richard Coltrane, Rt. 2, Asheboro, and Mrs. Vaden Harris, Rt. 3, Asheboro.

Also present were 17 of their 19 grandchildren and 15 of their 20 great – grandchildren.

Married 63 years on Sept. 8, Mr. Harris is a native of the community in which they live while Mrs. Harris came from the Pleasant Grove church community, about three miles away. He is 82 years of age and she is 79 years old. They have lived in the vicinity since their marriage.

Mr. Harris, now retired, spent the years of his employment in saw mill work and farming. Although quitting the latter in recent years he still did not dispose of his two mules, Minnie and Jeff.

These two mules are close to his heart. He said "I have had mules all of my life." When living at home he said the family kept six mules using them for farming and hauling logs.

Larry Freeman, associated pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church and grandson – in – law of the honored couple, had the devotionals before the picnic dinner which honored Mr. and Mrs. Harris at the annual family gathering. He said "How wonderful it is for a family to be bound together with unity.

She has never Walked, But Completes School

Aug. 28, 1969 – As the recessional was played the 1969 graduates of Randolph Technical Institute marched out of the auditorium of the Guy B. Teachey Elementary School where the exercises had been held.

Bringing up the rear, at the very end of the line, was a gallant figure in a wheel chair, Miss Mary Louise York, who had fulfilled the requirements for a North Carolina certificate of high school equivalency.

As this young woman wheeled herself out of the auditorium behind the other graduates, perhaps only a few knew of the efforts which had been made in bringing her achievement to pass.

Mary Louise York, age 17, has never walked. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald York, Rt. 1, Asheboro, she was born with an open spine. Surgery was performed on her a few hours following her birth.

Mary Louise entered school at Franklinville at the age of six and remained in that school through the school year 1968. Taking her to school each morning and bringing her home each afternoon, with another trip to attend to her needs, kept Mr. and Mrs. York busy for the next few years. This necessitated a tight schedule, especially since both of them worked at public employment.

This schedule, which included Mary Louise's three brothers, Lynn 15, Craig, 14, and Tony, 11, except for the midday visit, worked pretty well as long as all of the children attended the Franklinville school.

Mary Louise was happy at the Franklinville school. She had many friends there and she often attended the ball games at the school. She is a girl of natural friendliness and has a smile for whomever she meets.

But last fall the Eastern Randolph High School opened and Mary Louise was scheduled for transfer to that school. This resulted in problems because of the distance involved and the impracticability of Mrs. York making the midday visit to the new school.

For awhile there was no solution and Mary Louise dropped out of school. But an uncle had availed himself of some of the courses at Randolph Tech and told Mary Louise about the advantages of the school. Her parents inquired into the matter, she took some placement tests and was enrolled as a student in Feb. of this year.

The school authorities fitted her into a schedule which her parents could live with and her program of studies included English, science, math, and algebra. She completed her studies the latter part of July and was eligible for the commencement exercises on Aug. 24.

Mary Louise missed being with the friends with whom she had formerly attended school and perhaps did not have quite as much fun as she would have had if she had continued in the Randolph County School System. But things would not have been the same at the new school and she would have had to make an adjustment.

But both she and her parents appreciated the kindness extended to them by the officials and faculty at Randolph Technical Institute and their consideration in working out schedules and arrangements which they could meet.

The York household has always been a busy one and now it is a lively one also. Two of Mary Louise's brothers, Lynn and Craig, along with a 25 year – old friend, Jimmy Weaver, have formed themselves into a "pop" band which

is called the Scenic Extension. Their tapes are played by the local radio station and they have performed at school and at parties.

On Tuesday, the first day of school, Mrs. York said it was the "first time in twelve years that I have missed the first day."

Mary Louise's future plans are indefinite but she is considering enrolling again at the Randolph Technical Institute, this time for a course in secretarial science.

But for the time being she and her parents have persevered well in bringing about her graduation with the high school equivalency. That is why those who know this handicapped young woman and the efforts which she and her parents have made felt lumps in their throats and tears in their eyes as she took her place among the other graduates and bravely followed them out of the commencement exercises on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 24.

Randleman Class Of 1949 Celebrates Anniversary

Aug. 28, 1969 – Twenty – eight members of the 1949 graduating class at Randleman High School and members of their families attended the 20th anniversary of their graduation Saturday evening, Aug. 23, in the First Methodist Church in Randleman.

Previous reunions were held one year following graduation and four years ago. The next reunion is planned in five years.

Class members present at this 20th reunion were Hubert Allred, Ruth Crotts Hayes, Olivia Davis Williams, Beatrice Farlowe Redding, Evelyn Farlow Brown, Kenneth Farlow, Joan Fields Long, Carol Fleming, Peggy Galyon Morris, Nancy Hayes, Geneva Hinshaw Staley, Mary Lou Moser Gregson, Betty Jo Pugh Allred and Ida Mae Pugh Stout.

Also, Thurman Pugh, Jo Reece Caudle, Margie Reynolds Pike, Mary Lois Richardson Burgess, Earl Small, Claude Snider, Barbara (Dolly) Spencer Redding, Gordon Spencer, Dan Stout, Bruce Trogdon, Bobby Wright, Joe Wright, Bobby Wood and Peggy Yow Brookshire.

Other members are Bernard Allred, Margaret Barker Mendenhall, Wayne Brown, Cherry Bullard Crotts, Miriam C. Byrd, Brownie Dawkins Cole, Mary Ferguson Swaney, Bernice Garner McDonald, James Gregson, Allen Hall, Cordelia Hanner Faben, Wilma Hollingsworth Wright, Annie Lee Hunt Bane, Sally Hylton Pugh, Sara Jarrell Wood, Richard Jarrett, Betty Jane Johnson Cain, Nina Kennedy Mint, Jimmy Kirkman, Benson Marsh, Mary Millikan Inman and LaRue Newby Talbert.

Also, Ann Parries Lineberry, Betty Jean Pugh, Mildred Redding Sueta, Mary Robbins Hall, Betty Sheppard Dyer, Hope Snider Duncan, Doris Tilley Simmons, David M. Traille, Betty Trogdon Taylor, Helen Underwood Macon, Alice Vickory Small, Reid Webster, Edna Wright Kivett, and Sara Helen Yow Evans.

One former teacher of the class, Mrs. Betty Hayes Hewett, was present for the class reunion, along with grade mothers Mrs. Troy Hall, Mrs. Dennis Moser, Mrs. Herbert Yow and Mrs. James Kirkman. One class mascot, Forrest L. Hall, was in attendance.

Three members of the class, Dan Stout and Ida Mae Pugh, Betty Jo Pugh and Hubert Allred, and Sara Jarrell and Bascom Wood, are married to each other. Two members, Reid Webster and David Traille, are career military personnel. One member, Bruce Trogdon, is a

cartoonist while another member, Hope Snider Duncan, is an artist.

Handling arrangements for the 1969 reunion were Earl Small, Betty Jo Pugh Allred, Mary Lou Moser Gregson, Peggy Yow Brookshire and Evelyn Farlow Brown. Named to plan for the next reunion were Earl Small, chairman, and Peggy Yow Brookshire, secretary.

Class members introduced their families and gave a brief account of their activity. Class superlatives were presented. Refreshments were served to the hundred and more people in attendance.

He Still Grows Big Watermelons

Sept. 1, 1969 – The watermelons are ripe again at the George Whitaker Sr. farm on Rt. 1, Climax, across from the Bethel Methodist Church in the Red Cross vicinity.

This well known watermelon grower started pulling them a few weeks ago and already some big ones have been brought up to the rural farm residence at which Whitaker and his wife reside.

A tobacco farmer for all of his life, Whitaker in latter years has turned his large tobacco allotment over to his son, Junior Whitaker, and has devoted most of his efforts to growing prize watermelons.

He sowed the seed in Apr., using tobacco fertilizer, and after they came up plowed them three times. But he said he must have hoed them a dozen times. Saying "I love to fool with them," he went down to the watermelon patch every day.

The results have been good and he is offering for sale some large, smooth, well rounded specimens. The smooth, well rounded appearance comes because Whitaker sets the melons up on the edge as soon as they come on the vine. Otherwise, they would grow flat and lopsided.

Some of the biggest melons in Whitaker's patch are found on four terraces which were installed on his farm many years ago. He thinks this is due to the thickness of the soil on the terraces.

Lifting the large watermelons is getting Whitaker down in the back and he is talking about stopping the growing of watermelons. But, in discussing the quitting of growing melons, he smiled and said "I believe I told you that last year."

Minister Accepts Call, To Leave Bennett Church

Sept. 2, 1969 – An unusual relationship between pastor and congregation came to an end Sunday morning, Aug. 31 when Rev. Hayes Ritter, a Moore County native, ended his pastorate at the Pleasant Grove Church, Rt. 1, Bennett.

He had served this lower Randolph County church for four years and during that time had endeared himself to the members of the congregation and to the people of the community.

Men, women, young people and children cried as they filed by to grasp the hand of the man who had ministered to them during his stay at their church. Some embraced him as they said their goodbyes.

Hayes Ritter preached the full gospel but he told it in a way that the people could understand. He never kept the people past the time to turn out and he never spoke from notes or an outline

But his ministry outside the pulpit perhaps touched more lives than when he stood behind the sacred desk. He went among the people and ministered to the troubled, the old and the sick. He hunted and fished with the men, he camped out with the young boys and he took the boys and girls skating and on other outings.

Many older people in the church and community, particularly the men, responded to his ministry, accepted Christ, were baptized and joined the church. The Sunday School attendance increased, more people stayed for the worship services and the church indebtedness was paid off.

One official of the church summed up his ministry at Pleasant Grove by saying "He pulled the people together."

Although he has accepted the church near Graham, he and his family will live for the time being in a newly erected home on Rt. 1, Robbins, near Howard's Mill. This home is located near the home of his 83 year old mother, Mrs. Arah Ritter, and the home in which he was reared. His father, Grant Ritter, is deceased.

Hayes Ritter only started preaching 15 years ago, following employment of 18 years in a textile mill in Robbins. He came out of the Smyrna Methodist Church, located in the community in which he was reared.

His pastorates have included Providence Chapel, Brown's Chapel and Needham's Grove Christian Churches in Moore County, New Center and Pleasant Grove Christian Churches in Randolph County, Shady Grove and Biscoe Christian Churches in Montgomery County.

He has held revival meetings in these three counties and also in Chatham and Lee Counties. He has held as many as 14 revival meetings in one year. He will hold a revival meeting at Southside Baptist Church in Biscoe this week, another one at the Hico church the next week and still another one at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church near High Falls the following week.

He is married to the former Gladys Hussey, also of Moore County, and they are the parents of seven children. Three sons, Charles, Tracy and Johnny, and a daughter, Mrs. Linda Luck, are away from home, one son, Benjamin, is in service, and two boys David and Russell, are still at home.

Couple Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary

Sept. 2, 1969 – Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brower Kirkman lived in many places following their marriage Sept. 3, 1919 but came back to their native Randolph County at the time of Mr. Kirkman's retirement from construction work seven years ago.

They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 31, with family and friends at a buffet luncheon at the Ruritan Shelter in Liberty. They reside on Rt. 1, Staley.

Both were born and reared in the vicinity of Randleman, Mr. Kirkman in the Worthville, Millboro and New Salem section and Mrs. Kirkman in the town and adjoining area.

Son of Thomas Kirkman and Dora Julian Kirkman, Mr. Kirkman attended school in New Salem and at the Locust Grove school near Millboro.

Mrs. Kirkman, the former Mary Belle Robbins, daughter of Benjamin Franklin (Ben) Robbins and Hannah Harper Robbins, attended the school in Randleman.

Although reared in the same vicinity the couple did not know each other until they became acquainted while both were employed at the Deep River plant of Randleman Cotton Mill. Mr. Kirkman's job was driving a filling wagon, pulled by two mules, in which he carried spindles, warps

and cloth from one plant to another. She made five dollars a week but he made over eighteen dollars because he "took in all of the weather."

During their courtship he drove from his home in New Salem to her home on the opposite side of Randleman in a buggy, drawn by a little black pony, he said he walked it a few times.

They were married in Bennettsville, S.C., being carried to their marriage site in a Model T. Ford by Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Trogdon.

Mr. Kirkman started his employment in construction work in 1922 and continued it until his retirement. The couple moved from place to place as the jobs changed and have lived in several places in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. For many years he was a supervisor for Fowler - Jones Construction Co.

Mrs. Kirkman said they enjoyed traveling, met some lovely people at the various places at which they lived but were glad to finally settle down at the Rt. 1, Staley farm which they had purchased several years earlier.

Their son, Lloyd Kirkman, their only child, and his wife moved to the farm several years before his parents and began the operation of a dairy.

"When he retired I went to work," said Mrs. Kirkman who went to work at a Siler City plant upon their return to this area. She retired this past June. She enjoyed her work at Siler City, saying "it was easier than house work."

Mrs. Kirkman is a member of the seventh Day Adventist Church in Asheboro. Her brother and sisters are Mrs. Grace Frazier, Mrs. Vance Dorsett, Wade and Robert Robbins, Rt. 3, Randleman, Mrs. Jim Braswell, Rockingham, and Pearlle Robbins, Gibsonville. Another brother, Jesse Robbins, died in 1928. Mr. Kirkman is the only member of his family living.

Ramseur Prides Itself On "Avenue Of Flags

Sept. 3, 1969 - Ramseur's Avenue of Flags, which were on display on Labor Day, is the result of the devoted efforts of a small group of men from the town's V.F.W. post No. 9335.

The galaxy of flags, 73 in all, comprise two miles of flags on Highway 64, one mile on each side, through the town limits from intersection to intersection.

Flown on nationally important holidays and other specially designated occasions, the flags have attracted attention not only from local residents but from people who pass along the highway from other areas.

A person from another State, upon learning the identity of the town from which a local resident came, said "you are from the town that has all the flags."

Besides Labor Day, other designated days on which the flags are flown are New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day.

The idea of maintaining an avenue of flags originated with the V.F.W. post in 1967, at which time Fid Coward was post commander. The discussion was led by Bill Rinehardt, a past commander of the post.

Various places of business, industries, individuals and the Boy Scouts cooperated with the idea by purchasing the flags for \$11 each. Members of the post installed the flag holders along the one mile stretch. The flags are staggered on each side of the highway and are about 60 feet apart.

Post members also maintain the area in which the flags are located, by keeping caps over the holders when the flags are not on display, by keeping the grass from growing over the holders and painting the curb to identify the locations. Some property owners maintain their own area and manifest great pride in the flag which flies before their residences.

On last Monday morning, Labor Day, five V.F.W. members got up at six a.m. to install the flags. These included David Webb, post commander, Fid Coward, Ernest McAlister, Paul Long and Ray Gilliland.

Robert Henley, usually faithful in the installation of the flags, was away when the flags were put up but was back when they were taken down at six in the afternoon.

Also on hand, as is usually the case, was Ellen (Pud) Gilliland, the young daughter of Ray Gilliland. Pud usually works right along with the men in putting the flags up and taking them down. The men put the flags up before leaving for work and take them down upon their return.

The flags are flown on each of the designated days except in rainy or stormy weather. Cold weather is not an exception and it is on these mornings that the efforts of the local V.F.W. members are more pronounced, as they brave the cold to insure that the flags are flown.

But their discomfort is more than rewarded by the feeling of pride and patriotism which is manifested by the people of Ramseur and the attention which is drawn to the town by passing motorists.

In Nov., 1967 Mayor Bill Wright and the Ramseur Board of Commissioners expressed appreciation for the "grand display along the Ramseur Avenue of Flags."

The flags, unfurled in the breeze, say to the people of North Carolina and to the people of the United States, as they pass long the highway, that here is one town which is glad that America is still free.

They've Been Married Quarter Of A Century

Sept. 4, 1969 - Open house from two to five p.m. honored Rev. and Mrs. Carlos M. King on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Aug. 31.

Hostess for the occasion was their daughter, Miss Priscilla Ruth King. The reception occurred at the new home of the couple on Rt. 1, Asheboro, on the Indian Head Road, a new area which Mr. King has developed.

Miss King greeted the guests upon their arrival and introduced them to her parents. Mrs. Dick Cook, Mount Airy, sister of Mr. King, presided at the guest register.

In the dining room the table, covered with a white lace cloth, was decorated at each corner with silver streamer ribbon and wedding bells. A silver candelabra with an epergne, in the center of the table, contained yellow, orange and white Shasta Pom Poms and orange delight roses. These were the same colors used in the wedding of Rev. and Mrs. King a quarter of a century ago.

The anniversary cake was four-tiered, all white with a scroll design and dropwork, decorated with white roses with silver leaves and sugar bells with silver trim. At the top were white satin bells, banked with an arch of pearl hearts.

Serving the cake, mints and nuts was Mrs. Kermit Metheny, High Point, another sister of Mr. King, assisted by Miss Lynn Thomas, Charlotte, Mrs. Floyd Hodges, Hendersonville, sister of Mrs. King poured the punch while Mrs. Herman Smith, Burlington, also a sister of Mrs. King,

assisted in various areas of the household during the open house period.

Mrs. Robert Fields, Asheboro, received the gifts and the table in this area was covered with silver and white and contained an arrangement of white chrysanthemums.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Campbell, Asheboro, said goodbye to the guests as they left by way of the sun deck which extends the entire length of the pretentious new dwelling and overlooks the Indian Head Spring for which the street was named.

Guest of honor at the anniversary event was Mrs. C. A. Evans, mother of Mrs. King.

Mrs. King wore for the occasion a light aqua dress of shantung silk, with short sleeves and A-line skirt. Her corsage was an angel delight orchid.

Miss King, the hostess, wore a dark aqua dress of silken wool and an orange glamellia corsage and corsages of white mums. Mr. King had a white rose for a boutonniere while Mr. Campbell wore a white carnation.

Rev. and Mrs. King were married Aug. 27, 1944 at the Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church. Mrs. King is the former Betty Emma Evans, daughter of Mrs. C. A. Evans and the late Cyrus Evans.

The Rev. Mr. King is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel King of Ararat, Va. He graduated from High point College, from the Holmes Theological Institute in Greenville, S.C. and has done graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

He is a minister in the Pentecostal holiness denomination and has held pastorates in Hendersonville, N.C., Erwin Tenn. and for a short while at Graham. He taught for several years in the school at Ramseur and is currently serving as guidance counselor at the Eastern Randolph High School.

Mrs. King attended East Tennessee State University, graduated from High Point College and received her Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

She taught for ten years at Lindley Park Elementary School in Asheboro and is in her second year at the North Asheboro Junior High School where she too serves as the guidance counselor.

Miss Ruth King, their daughter, is also a member of the faculty at the North Asheboro Junior High School.

Christmas Came Early; In Fact, On Labor Day

Sept. 8, 1969.- Christmas in Sept. occurred for the J. L. (Lawrence) Albright family on Labor Day, Monday evening, Sept. 1.

The celebration was complete with decorations, Santa Claus and gifts.

J. L. Albright Jr., had not observed Christmas with his brothers and sisters since 1946, just before his marriage to a California girl and his settling on the west coast.

He has been back a few times in the past 22 years but not at Christmastime. His family back here has got together each year at Christmas but without their younger brother on the west coast.

Upon learning that their brother and his family were coming in for a visit, the other members of the Albright family decided that they would have another Christmas celebration together, even if it had to be held ahead of the actual day.

They thought when they began their initial planning that it would be Christmas in Aug. but the visitors were delayed briefly en route and that brought the Yuletide celebration to the first day of Sept., Labor Day.

On Sunday, Aug. 31, a large number of the Albright clan came together at the fellowship hall of the Maple Springs Methodist Church for a glad reunion with the brother they had not seen in two years.

The Christmas party the following night was a complete surprise to the California visitors and the reaction was squeals of delight, especially from the three young daughters of the visiting couple.

The happy Holidays mat was at the entrance and the wreath of artificial snow was on the door. The holiday motif pervaded throughout the fellowship hall, including the Christmas tree with lights and the mistletoe suspended from the ceiling.

Christmas records were played, Christmas carols were sung and Santa Claus made his (her) entrance throwing candy kisses and other favors.

Mr. and Mrs. Albright and daughters, Janet, 16, and 12 year-old twins, Diane and Debbie were heaped with gifts from other members of the family.

The only thing that wasn't a Christmas reminder was the homemade ice cream served along with the plain cookies which were substituted for the Christmas cookies which did not arrive on time.

An interesting sidelight to the unusual Christmas party was the amazement of the tuner who came to tune the piano while the fellowship hall was being decorated for the occasion.

J. L. Albright, Jr., son of the late Lawrence Albright and Nordia Presnell Albright, served in the Army during World War II and while on the west coast got acquainted with a young woman by the name of Jeane Powell.

After the war was over J. L. came back to his native County but went back to California the next year for a visit. The next year, 1947, the couple were married and have lived in California since that time.

They reside in Sierra Madre, near Pasadena, and Mr. Albright works for an automobile agency at Monrovia, Calif.

Twelve children originally comprised the Lawrence Albright family. One of the twelve children, Joe Albright, the oldest son in the family, has died since the death of his parents.

Other members of this large family are Mrs. Leta Way, Greensboro, Mrs. Blanche Gardner, Mrs. Mozelle Stout, Guy Albright, and Worth Albright, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Dock Albright, Cedar Falls, Lynn Albright, Coleridge, Mrs. Shirley Williams, Ramseur, Mrs. Ruby Hayes, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and Mrs. Nellie Hunsucker, Asheboro.

J. L. Albright, Jr. has been away from Asheboro, Coleridge and his early surroundings for a greater part of the time for more than a quarter of a century. His roots have been put down in another place, a far western state, but, he continues to hold fond memories of his native county and looks forward to his return visits.

He talked with this reporter about the friendliness, the hospitality, the kindness and considerate concern in his native section as compared with that in other areas.

California may have difficulty holding him after the warmth of the welcome for he and his family at the Sunday event at Maple Springs and the surprise Christmas celebration for them on the following night.

4-H'ers Crown Their New King and Queen Of Health

Sept. 9, 1969 – Randolph County 4-H Health Activity Day Saturday afternoon and evening in the rustic surroundings of Camp Carraway.

A county King and Queen of health, along with a Prince and Princess, were crowned at a program which followed outdoor activity consisting of games, swimming and a covered dish supper.

Three of the four major winners, Chris Frazier, King, Annette King, Queen, and Terry Ingold, Prince, came from the Grantville 4-H Club while the Princess, Lynne Yow, came from the Seagrove club.

The Seagrove club presented a skit "I Pledge My Health to Better Living," with Larry Hancock as narrator. The program was concluded with vespers from the Holly Springs 4-H Club.

Miss Drue Williams, county home economics agent and 4-H Advisor, recognized the Blue Award winners and presented each of them with a certificate.

Included in this group were Wade Kelly Harris, David Garner, Ronnie Brady, Steve Browne, Wanda Catherine Green, Milton Cleveland Small, Terry Ingold, Lynne Yow, Lisa Bumgarner, Beverly Dawn Bumgarner, Ruth Inez Sikes, Emily Lou Combs, Donese Garner, Stansel Hoover, Carol Jan Poole, Janice Faye Brown, Tina Jones, Carolyn Jones, Jeanine Rhodes, Chris Frazier, Sylvia Sikes, Joyce Brown, Debbie Spencer, Ginger Garner, Nancy Hayes, Patricia Ingold, and Annette King.

Local club winners were announced by Mrs. Sarah W. Durante, also a home economics agent. These winners included King, Chris Frazier, and Queen, Annette King, from the Grantville club who later in the program were crowned the county King and Queen of Health.

Other local winners were Grantville, Prince, Terry Ingold, and Princess, Tina Jones; Seagrove, Prince, Wade Kelly Harris, and Princess, Lynne Yow; Coleridge, prince, Ronnie Brady; Holly Springs, Prince, Steve Browne, and Princess, Janice Faye Brown; Piney Ridge, Princess, Wanda Catherine Green; Level Cross, prince Milton Cleveland Small; Farmer, Prince, Stansel Hoover, and Princess, Carol Jan Poole; Seagrove, Queen, Sylvia Sikes; Mary Sue Moser, Queen, Debbie Spencer; and Farmer, Queen, Ginger Garner.

Richard Freeman county agent and 4-H Advisor, presented the county winners who were crowned by Patricia Ingold, last year's winner as Princess of Health. Patricia, as president of the county 4-H club, presided over the 4-H health activity program. The new Prince of Health, Terry Ingold, is a brother of Patricia.

Judging the health records, from which the winners resulted, were Mrs. Joseph Lewallen, a housewife, Mrs. Ivan Gray, a home economics teacher, and Mrs. Arlie Culp, a county health nurse.

Assigned To First Circuit, Minister Has Four Churches

Sept. 11, 1969 – A Methodist minister, assigned to his first circuit, is serving four churches in the Randolph – Montgomery area in which he has spent his life.

Rev. Jack Luther was given his first assignment at the session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in June.

He was given the Eldorado Charge, consisting of the Macedonia and Center Methodist Churches in Montgomery County and the Eleazer and Liberty Methodist Churches in Randolph County. The latter two churches are located near the Randolph-Montgomery line.

The Macedonia church near Eldorado is the church which Jack Luther attended as a child and the church in which he held his first membership. The other three churches, a part of the same charge, were almost as familiar to this young man who has long been active in the affairs of the church.

After his marriage to the former Carolyn Lanier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Lanier, he moved from his native Eldorado community to the Oak Grove community where his wife lived and joined the Oak Grove Methodist Church, of which she was a member. It was from this church that he was called to preach about three years ago.

Before receiving his first official assignment from the Methodist Conference, he did part time service with Chandler's Grove church, an inactive organization, and Lane's Chapel, a memorial church, both located in upper Montgomery County.

In the local church, before becoming a pastor, he served as chairman of the official board, chairman of many of the commissions, as choir leader, and in other areas.

He worked at Bossong Hoisery Mill in Asheboro and at another textile plant prior to entering the full time ministry. He and his wife are the parents of two children, Tammy, 11, and Jack Delon, 11,4.

He preached his first home coming sermon at the Eleazer church on Sunday, Sept. 7, with a large crowd in attendance. Among those in attendance were his wife's parents, his mother-in-law, the former Lula Luther, came out of the Eleazer church, another familiarity which the minister enjoys with the churches he serves.

For many years, before becoming the pastor at Eleazer, he served as master of ceremonies for the singing which is the afternoon of homecoming day.

The minister himself is the son of Mrs. Carrie Luther, of Rt. 1, Troy, and the late Dan Luther. Since accepting the Eldorado Charge, Rev. and Mrs. Luther and their children are living in the parsonage at Elderado.

None of the congregations on the charge he serves are a stranger to Jack Luther and neither is he a stranger to them. Instead of being a handicap, this native born minister feels that his knowledge of the people and their knowledge of him is an asset and he feels because of this he will be in a position to render far greater service to the people he has known for all of his life.

One thing he knows for sure, says Jack Luther, "they couldn't have done any more to make me feel welcome."

4-H'er Hancock To Live With Family In India

Sept. 12, 1969 – Outstanding 4-H member Larry Hancock, who has excelled on various levels in county, State and national 4-H work, left Sunday morning for the beginning of a trip which will take him to India for a six-month sojourn.

He will go to India as a delegate of the International Farm youth Exchange Program, sponsored by the 4-H clubs.

He left by plane from the High Point – Greensboro Airport for Washington, D.C. where he will stay until Sept. 12 in a period of orientation.

From Washington he will fly to New York City for the overseas flight to New Delhi, India. He will spend another four days in orientation at New Delhi before going out in the countryside to live for six months with the people of India.

It is expected that Hancock will learn from the various families with whom he lives and they, in turn will learn about life and practices in the United States. His purpose and the reason for sending IFYE delegates to other countries is to promote better understanding between nations.

He will return next Mar. 19 and before entering the Army as a commissioned officer he will have about two months for appearances, discussions and the showing of film on his stay in India.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hancock, of Seagrove, Larry is a recent graduate of North Carolina State University at Raleigh and was chosen as the outstanding person in his department in the 1969 graduating class.

His career in 4-H activity has been most outstanding, having won many local, county, district, State and national honors. His career will be climaxed by his stay in India as a delegate of the International Farm Youth Exchange program.

Birthday Fete Honors Mrs. Cornelison, 86

Sept. 24, 19169 – Mrs. Ada Jones Cornelison, whose 86th birthday is Sept. 24, was honored last Sunday by family members and friends at her home on Rt. 7, Asheboro.

Born and reared in the vicinity of the Hopewell Friends meeting House, she has lived in that general area except for a brief sojourn in another state following her marriage. In her childhood she attended the Rocky Ridge school.

Her marriage to Ulysses Hayes Cornelison occurred over 65 years ago. Her Husband died in 1956.

Her son, Elvin Ulysses Cornelison, died five years ago this coming Christmas Day. Her only other child, Miss Allene Cornelison, lives with her at the old homeplace.

Other members of her immediate family include three granddaughters, Mrs. Billy Bell, Mrs. Dempsey Moore and Miss Nancy Cornelison; a great – granddaughter, Tami Bell; and her son's widow, now Mrs. Troy Allred, all of whom were present for her birthday celebration.

Also present were her minister at Hopewell Friends Meeting, Otis Dupree; the pastor at Crestview Wesleyan Church, the Rev. Roy Parker; her first cousins, Howard and Basker Hammond; and Mrs. Essie Hussey of Robbins, who stays in the home during her daughter's absence at work.

Others in attendance included additional family members, friends and neighbors. Calling by in the afternoon, following the birthday dinner during the noon hour, was Ivey Luck of Seagrove, who grew up in the same community, and his wife.

Mrs. Cornelison's father was Pinkney Jones and her mother was Mary Hammond Jones, member of a family well known in the Hopewell area.

Shortly after the marriage of Mrs. Cornelison and her husband on Dec. 31, 1903, they went to Idaho where members of Mr. Cornelison's family had gone earlier.

They remained in that State for a short period, during which time Mr. Cornelison herded sheep.

But they soon came back to the vicinity of their births.

Despite her age, Mrs. Cornelison does not look aged and has only a few grey hairs in her head.

Brown's Descendants Hold Eighth Reunion

Sept. 26, 1969 – Descendants of Edwin and Lucretia May Brown held their eighth reunion Sunday at the Flag Springs Methodist Church.

Eight children, all deceased, were born to Edwin and Lucretia Brown. They were Melinda Brown, John Wesley Brown, Catherine Brown Breedlove, Daniel Edwin Brown, Martitia Susan Brown Stout, Mary Brown Breedlove, Preston Brown and Anna Jane Brown.

Grandchildren of the couple, who attended at the annual session, were Jesse and Frank Brown, Rt. 4, Asheboro, Ollie Brown, Rt. 1, Climax, Garrett Brown, Durham, and Mrs. Birzella B. Coltrane, Asheboro, children of Daniel Edwin Brown; and Orlando Brown, Rt. 2, Seagrove, son of Preston Brown.

Edwin and Lucretia Brown were buried in the cemetery of the Panther Creek Baptist Church and it was in that vicinity that the old homeplace was located.

Raeford Brown, president of the family organization, presided over the reunion session, with Rev. Hank Thompson, Flag Springs pastor, conducting the devotionals.

Other reunion officers were Coy Kiser, vice president; Mrs. Wade S. Cagle, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. C. M. Hayes, assistant secretary and treasurer; and program committee, Mrs. Orva Brown, Mrs. Coy Kiser, and Mrs. John Nance.

Following the picnic luncheon in the fellowship hall of the church, a singing featured the Kiser family and the Country Church Quartet.

Prizes were awarded to Frank Brown, 78, oldest family member present, to Paula Coltrane, two, youngest member present; and to Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Brown, of Durham, who traveled the farthest.

Copies of the family tree were made available to those in attendance and additional copies may be secured from Raeford Brown, Rt. 4, Asheboro.

New officers were named as follows: Joe Lucas, president; Duard Brown, vice president; Mrs. C. M. Hayes, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Glenn Snider, assistant secretary and treasurer. The program committee for this past year was continued in office.

Supper, Antique Auction Saturday For Bennett FD

Sept. 29, 1969 - Funds for a fire station will be derived from a fried chicken supper and auction sale which will be sponsored by the Bennett Fire Department Saturday.

The supper, to be held in the lunch room at the Bennett Elementary School, will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

A double – barrel, muzzle loading shot gun, estimated to be 150 years old, will be among the items sold at the auction.

Donated by Frank Welch, this prized item originally belonged to the late Enoch Powers, a grandfather of some of the older members of the Powers family in the Bennett area.

Other items will include a pony, television sets, antique cane – bottom chairs, an old five – gallon milk can and a country ham.

Auctioneer will be Bernard (Frog) Routh, local auctioneer and Bennett car dealer.

A tract of land for the erection of a fire station, located behind the Post Office, has already been secured for this purpose.

Funds on hand amount to \$1,800. Another \$1,000 is expected from Chatham County authorities, a similar amount which is given each year to other fire departments in the county.

Two years ago this past June the Bennett Fire Department was organized. A 1952 Model Ford truck, with a La France pumper, was purchased, along with a water tanker. The fire truck has a capacity of 500 gallons while the tanker has a capacity of 1,100 gallons.

Approximately \$12,000 has been spent by the Bennett department for equipment since its organization. Funds have come from two previous suppers, auction sales and from individual donations. There is no indebtedness.

Chief of the Bennett Fire Department is Bernard Purvis, the assistant chief is Earl Routh and the captains are Wade Brewer and Henry Baxter.

Other firemen are Roy Brady, Henry Kidd, Leon Moffitt, Allen Brady, Roy Cox, Bernard (Frog) Routh, Wayne Jones, Dwight Jones, Russell Seawell, Kenneth Murray, Johnny Kidd, Tommy Brown, Harold Brady and Hoyt Weaver.

A board of directors is comprised of Wayne Phillips, president; Norman Scott, vice president; Wayne Jones, secretary and treasurer; and members Ted Welch, Bernard Routh, Leon Brady, Eli Seawell, James Caviness and Calvin Phillips.

Plates for the fund raising supper will sell for \$1.50. Take home plates will be available.

Interest is mounting in this little southwest Chatham County town, situated close to Randolph and Moore counties, towards the holding of the supper and the sale. Many predictions on the price and the purchaser of the old shotgun are being made. It is expected that the competition will be keen.

Employee Appreciation Day Held At Klopman Mills

Sept. 29, 1969 – "Employee Appreciation Day" was observed at the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills Thursday, Sept. 25.

A full course meal was served to the employees on each of the three shifts at 12 noon, 5:30 p.m. and past midnight on the third shift.

Reversing the usual mode of operation, the meal was served to the employees in the mill's lunch room by the supervisory personnel, assisted by C. J. Allen, plant manager, Olan Hubbard, superintendent, Hank Holt, personnel director, and other office personnel.

Retired employees were invited back for the appreciation meal. Those responding to the invitation were Ora Johnston, Beulah Patterson, Hattie Nixon, Peggy Berry, Corina Johnson, Dewey Swaim, Edward Winfred, Roy Poole, Leonard Warren, J. L. Page, Dave Hedrick, Calvin Frazier, Ivan Stuart, George Fields, and Steve Knowles.

Paraphrasing a Klopman slogan, place mats for the meal had this inscription "In appreciation of employees that we

can lean on." A large banner on the lunch room wall stated "Thanks for your loyalty and service."

Hughes Family Holds Reunion;

Sept. 30, 1969 – The 12th annual reunion of the Hughes family was held at Westfield Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Trinity, Sept. 21.

The members received greetings from New Jersey and U.S. Sen. and former Gov. Harold E. Hughes of Iowa, despite a difference of political philosophy between the two officials and most of the members in attendance.

Gov. Hughes sent the following message by telegram: "Once again I am pleased to extend my greetings and those of the New Jersey Hughes' to all the Hughes' of North Carolina at your 12th annual reunion. There is nothing that quite equals the joy and fellowship of a family gathering such as this and I join in spirit in the fun of your reunion. Please accept my very best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable day."

Sen. Hughes, also in a telegram, said: "Best wishes to all of the Hughes clan on the occasion of their annual reunion. Deeply regret pressure of official business prevents my attending. Hope we can meet with all of you at some future reunion. Warm regards."

Messages from other members of the Hughes family were received from various parts of North Carolina and from other states.

The communications from absent family members were extended to the reunion gathering by Ed Hughes, a Trinity school teacher, who acted in the absence of the reunion historian, Mrs. Josie Hughes Daniels.

Ed Hughes also reported the births of nine new members of the Hughes family since the last reunion.

He also announced the deaths of three members, Edward Garrison, Walter Hancock, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hancock, and in Sept., H. Boyd Surratt, son of Mrs. Josie Hughes Daniels.

Prizes were awarded to Charlie T. Hughes, 91, and Mrs. Ella Hughes Loflin, 82, oldest man and woman in the Hughes family and children of Winburn and Sarah Hughes, originators of the Hughes family in the Westfield area.

Other prizes went to Norman Frank Anderson, five – months – old son of Frank and Martha Lewallyn Anderson and grandson of Fred and Eva Hughes Lewallyn, for being the youngest member of the family in attendance, and to Mrs. Ross Hughes and Mrs. Reid Hughes for having the most children present.

Judge L. Roy Hughes, reunion president, presided over the morning session. Hal Hughes, first vice president, conducted the afternoon session.

Other officers are Guy Hughes, second vice president; Mrs. Josie Daniels, historian; Roscoe Myers, publicity chairman; and Mrs. Richard Hughes, secretary and treasurer.

However, "ramrod" of the annual gathering is Hal Hughes, chairman of the program committee, who is assisted by Mrs. Oscar Parrish, Mrs. Cletus Myers, Mrs. Golda Green, Dolan Loflin, and Wade Hughes.

Speaker for the morning session was the reunion president, and furnishing special music were the Graves Sisters and Bobby Shirley and the Southern Gospel Quartet.

A new brick church building is under construction at Westfield, to replace the towering structure, with balcony,

which was built in 1915 on land donated by Winburn Hughes.

Born In Indian Nation, He Returns For Reunion

Oct. 2, 1969 – Walter Leach, who was born of Randolph County parents 80 years ago in Indian Territory, came back recently to the home of his ancestors.

Now a resident of Morrilton, Ark., a special reunion of the Teague family, his maternal kin, was held to honor him and a daughter, Mrs. Essie Harper, who accompanied her father on the trip to Randolph County.

Members of the Teague family, 100 strong or so, came from Randolph County, central North Carolina and elsewhere to honor and renew their acquaintance with a cousin they had only seen twice before.

The family gathering was held on the beautifully shaded lawn at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teague, Rt. 1, Seagrove, in the Erect vicinity. It was at this home that Leach and his daughter were guest during their brief stay.

Leach's father, James Garrett Leach, was born and reared in the Erect community, near the old Mt. Olivet cemetery. His mother, Juliana Elizabeth (Julie) Teague, was born in Chatham County, near the Moon's Chapel Baptist Church, but was living with a brother in an adjoining township to her husband's home at the time of their marriage.

In 1877, shortly after the marriage of James Garrett Leach and Julina Elizabeth (Julie) Teague, the couple left for the western areas of the United States. They went to Wilmington and took a boat to Galveston, Texas.

They drifted through Texas for several years, where two sons were born, died and buried, and just before the birth of their son, Walter Leach, in 1889 they ended up in Choctaw Nation Country, now Idabelle, Okla. in the southeast corner of the state.

James Garrett Leach died in the Indian Territory and was buried there. When Walter Leach was seven years of age, his mother brought him and two other brothers to Perry County, Arkansas. They came in a covered wagon, along with a wagon train caravan.

Julie Teague Leach remarried and a daughter, who died at the age of two, was born of her second marriage. The two remaining brothers of Walter Leach are also dead and he is the only surviving member of his family. However, he and his wife are the parents of six children and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 5.

Julina Elizabeth (Julie) Leach only came back to her native vicinity one time after she left with her husband in 1877. She came back 37 years ago to attend the birthday celebration of her brother, George Teague, whom she had not seen in 54 years.

Walter Leach accompanied her on that trip and he came again four years ago.

First cousins on hand to greet their Arkansas kinsman included Mrs. Fannie Pearce Thompson, J. C. Pearce, and George T. Teague of Asheboro, S. F. Teague, Raleigh, Claude E. Teague, Chapel Hill, Richard Teague, Ramseur, John Claude Teague, Rt. 1, Staley, and Ernest Teague, Rt. 1, Seagrove, who served as host for the family gathering.

Widow In Need Gets Help From Church Congregation

Oct. 2, 1969 – The pastor and congregation of Needham's Grove Christian Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, obeyed the Biblical injunction and helped a widow in need.

Mrs. Etta Garner, also a resident of Rt. 2, Seagrove, lives in a large rambling structure, an old house of many gables and roofs.

But the roofs had deteriorated and leaked badly when it rained. That is, until the Needham's Grove people stepped into the picture.

After learning of the need, pastor Jim Tilley and congregation made their plans. About 7 a.m. on Sept. 27, the men of the church converged on the house of Mrs. Garner.

There were about 40 of them and the group included seven neighbors of Mrs. Garner, Herbert Chriscoe, Rufus Hussey, Odell Hussey, William Luck, Robert Garner, Jimmy Hussey and W. F. Luck, Jr. The pastor, at the beginning, worked along with the rest.

Led by three experienced carpenters, Herbert Garner, Rufus Hussey and William Luck, the steep and complex roof was practically completed by noon.

Then the women at Needham's Grove moved in bringing three pots of chicken stew, chicken and dressing, beans, corn, cakes, pies, tea and other cold drinks, and everybody quit temporarily for a feast on the front lawn.

Afterwards, they finished the roofing, built a new shelter at a side entrance, and cleaned up all the old shingles and roofing which had been torn off. In addition to a brand new roof, they left the place spic and span.

Money for the materials which were used came from a "deacon's fund" which has been in operation at the Needham's Grove church for several years. All labor and the meal were for free.

Many times the Needham's Grove church has taken money from the "deacon's fund" to assist the sick, the burned out and in other instances where a need existed. But Sept. 27 was the first time the congregation has moved en masse to fulfill a need in their community.

New Pastor Conducts his First Homecoming Service

Oct. 2, 1969 – A new pastor, Rev. Leon E. Thompson, conducted his first homecoming service at Ramseur Wesleyan Church Sunday, Sept. 28.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, a native of Fullerton, Ky., across the river from Portsmouth, Ohio, came to the Ramseur church on Aug. 18. He succeeded Rev. R. J. Hobbs who served the church for nine years.

However, Rev. Mr. Hobbs, now affiliated with Southern Pilgrim College in Kernersville, came back for the homecoming service, along with two other former pastors, Rev. Ray Smith of Kernersville and Rev. H. B. Barger of Salisbury.

Speaker for the homecoming service was Rev. James Smith, son of Rev. Ray Smith, pastor of Guilford Wesleyan Church at Greensboro and Dean of Southern Pilgrim College.

The speaker told the congregation "you are a part of my heritage. This is the community in which I grew up. I am thrilled that so many of my classmates have come today."

The Rev. Mr. Smith also said "I am thankful that I had a scriptural church in which to grow up. The highlight of my life in Ramseur was when I knelt at the altar of prayer in the old church at the age of 12.

A sextet, composed of Helen Scott, Decie Moody, Eva Mae Burgess, Doris Roberts, Margaret Williams and Mary Stanley, provided special music for the homecoming service. They were accompanied by Sandra Roberts.

The new minister at the Ramseur church, the Rev. Mr. Thompson, prepared for the ministry at Southern Pilgrim College, where he graduated in 1964, and from High Point College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1967.

Prior to that time he had been active in his home church in Fullerton, Ky., serving as superintendent of the Sunday School and assistant pastor and receiving his local preacher's license at the age of 16. Before entering college he served for four years in the Air Force.

Previous pastorates were at Liberty in Randolph County, Archdale in the southern part of High Point and the Rose Hill Wesleyan Church at Charity Cross Roads, near Wilmington.

His wife is the former Joyce Ann Leadingham of Falmouth, Ky. They are the parents of two sons, Jeffrey, 7, and Todd, 5.

Afflicted Child's Parents Head Campaign For Funds

Oct. 3, 1969 – Janet Leigh Dunn, tiny two-year of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dunn, Rt. 1, Ramseur, is believed to be the only child in Randolph County afflicted with the incurable disease of cystic fibrosis.

Her young parents have been named chairmen for the fund raising drive of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation fall campaign.

Cystic fibrosis, as described by the young 19-year old mother of little Janet Leigh Dunn, "affects her lungs and digestive tracts." She said a "nucleus builds up inside her lungs and blocks the passage between the pancreas and lower intestines."

The disease is a major killer of children, second only to cancer. When Janet Leigh was born she seemed to be a perfectly normal child and her mother, Marcella Dunn, still beams with pride when she describes her child as being "a pretty baby when she was born."

But the little, who is still pretty in a doll – like manner, showed signs of defectiveness at the age of three months. She didn't gain weight, only one pound since her birth, her perspiration was salty and she developed a rasping cough.

She was taken to the family doctor in Siler City who in turn sent her to the North Carolina memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill. For four days the doctors worked with her, asked questions and made tests.

At the end of the four days the young mother, who was then only 17 years of age, was called into the doctor's office and told "I'm sorry but your little girl has an incurable disease."

Marcella Dunn said "you grow up fast when you have one that is sick" and her growing up really began when, after 12 more days at the Chapel Hill hospital, she brought her little girl back home.

At first there were nine different kinds of medicine at the same time, there was a change of diet and there was a postural drainage four times a day. Also, when the child sleeps, either night or day, she is placed in a mistogen, similar to an oxygen tent, which is operated by an air compressor.

Doctors don't promise the young parents anything except on a day to day basis. The little girl who will be three next Apr., now weighs sixteen pounds and six ounces.

Despite her affliction, her discomfort and the rasping cough which continuously racks her small body, Janet Leigh is unusually bright and perceptive. She walked at the age of eleven months and she talked at an early age.

She attends Sunday School at the Shiloh Christian Church and sings along with the members of the congregation. But it is the public school where her main interest is centered.

Perhaps due to association with her aunt, Miss Brenda Manes, a senior at Eastern Randolph High School, her desire is to ride the school bus and go to school.

She gets her lessons every night and in the mornings she waits for the public school bus and the Faith Christian School bus which pass by her door. When she hears them coming she grabs her notebook and rushes for the door. Then she cries as they pass without picking her up.

Marcella Dunn maintains a rigid schedule, beginning very early in the morning, as she cares for the afflicted child. The young husband, who is 22 years of age, is employed on the second shift at the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Mills.

The maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. Maness, live on the same road. The little girl is blessed with seven grandparents, including two great – grand grandmothers, Mrs. Sarah Ritter, Rt. 2, Robbins, and Mrs. Edwin Marley, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Medicine, special foods and treatments for the child are expensive and the young parents maintain a tight budget in taking care of these expenses and also keeping up the payments on their home.

They Observe 25th Anniversary

Oct. 8, 1969 – Friends and neighbors joined Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Caviness, Rt. 1, Robbins, in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 5.

The couple were honored by their four children at an open house from 2 until 5 p.m. at their home, which is located about a mile from the Beulah Baptist Church and the same distance from the Randolph County line.

Mrs. Caviness' brother and sister – in – law, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Comer, Robbins, registered the guests and greeted them upon their arrival.

The receiving line was composed of the honored couple, their oldest son, daughter – law and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Caviness and daughter, Joanne Renee, Siler City, their youngest son, Leo and their two daughters, Lois Ann and Lorraine, of the home.

Mrs. Fred Caviness, Rt. 2, Bennett, sister of Mrs. Caviness and Mrs. Herbert Garner, Robbin, her niece, served the cake squares, punch, mints and nuts.

Mrs. Clyde Shields, Robbins, niece of Mr. Caviness, Robbins, assisted with the numerous gifts which indicated the esteem and standing of the honored couple in their community and among their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Comer, Rt. 2, Seagrove, and other brother and sister-in law of Mrs. Caviness, said goodbye to the guests as they left the open house event.

Mrs. Caviness wore an off-white dress with silver glints and her corsage was white mums with silver ribbon. Her daughters and daughter-in-law also wore smaller corsages of white mums and silver ribbon. Her daughters and daughter-in-law also wore smaller corsages of white mums

and silver ribbon. Mr. Caviness and his sons wore white carnations as boutonnières.

In the dining area the table was covered with a white linen cloth, with an arrangement of white mums and silver bells and a four - branched candelabra with white candles. In the living room there was an arrangement of fall flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Caviness were married Oct. 7, 1944 in Bennettsville, S.C. Mrs. Caviness, the former Faye Evelyn Comer, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Comer, Rt. 2 Seagrove, Mr. Caviness is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caviness Rt. 1, Robbins, who live adjoining to their son and daughter-in-law.

Parents of the honored couple were present to participate in the silver wedding anniversary occasion.

The Clarence Caviness family are members of the Beulah Baptist Church. Mr. Caviness, like his father before him and his sons following him, is musically minded and plays the guitar and bass fiddle. Mrs. Caviness is a member of the singing Comer Family.

As a renewal of the vows they spoke a quarter of a century ago, the couple exchanged wedding bands on the occasion of their anniversary celebration. They have lived at their present residence for 24 years, Mr. Caviness is employed at Deering - Millikan in Robbins.

Bulla, Farlow, Millikan 44TH Reunion Is Held

Oct. 10, 1969 - Members of the Bulla, Farlow and Millikan families, closely associated by marriage, held their 44th reunion Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Marlboro Friends Meeting House.

Curtis Farlow of Sophia was elected president for a two - year term, replacing Mrs. E. E. Bunting who had represented the Millikan branch of the three families for the past two years.

The new president, a former president of the New Market Civitan Club, recently completed a tenure of duty as Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina District West of Civitan International.

The families alternate in holding the presidency every two years. In the purance of this policy Byron Farlow, also of Sophia, was named vice president.

Miss Edith Welborn, secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Charles Kesler, assistant secretary and treasurer, and Ralph L. Bulla, program chairman, held their positions for another two years.

Named to the food comities were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ridge and Lewis Loflin.

Don Osborne, minister for the Marlboro Friends Meeting, conducted the devotions for the tri-family meeting. His wife is related to both the Bulla and Millikan families.

Music was provided by Lawrence Sours, soloist, and Miss April Lewallen, pianist.

Timothy Elmer Beeson, 11 weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Beeson, Rt. 1, Sophia, and grandson of Colbert and Halsie Millikan Beeson, received the prize for being the youngest member of the three families in attendance. The little boy is a descendant of people connected with all three families.

Garfield Farlow, 89-year-old resident of Guilford College, received the prize for being the oldest member in attendance and Herbert Bulla, Greensboro, received the prize for having the most children present.

Presentation of the prizes were made by Curtis Farlow, president-elect; Paul Bulla, a former president; and Don Osborne.

Former presidents of the organization in attendance, in addition to Paul Bulla, included Herbert Bulla, Mrs. Colbert Beeson, Mrs. D. S. Davis, Miss Gertrude Farlow, and Mrs. Blanche F. Farlow.

The annual memorial service was held prior to the picnic luncheon on the Meeting House grounds. Deceased family members included in this service were William Howard (Jack) Farlow, Chattie Stutts Farlow, Edgar Wilson Canoy, Oneida Walker Farlow, Rufus Davis, Percy Pearce, Dora Farlow Adams, Thomas Guy Hinshaw, Cora Loflin Beeson, Calvin Earl Bulla, Jim Burkhead, Linda Williams Bryant, William G. (Bill) Bunting and Beulah Robbins Bulla.

Floral arrangements came from Mrs. Betty Jackson Collins, Fullerton, Calif., in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan F. Jackson, and others in memory of Percy Pearce and Cora Loflin Beeson.

Rescue Squad Pays Honor To Auctioneers

Oct. 16, 1969 - The Ash-Rand Rescue Inc. which has been rendering service to the people of Randolph County for over six years, recently expressed some appreciation of its own.

Squad members Carl Steed, Larry Lewallen and James Auman, assisted by Mrs. Larry Lewallen, president of the ladies auxiliary recently formed by the rescue squad, gave a hamburger steak supper for county auctioneers.

In attendance from the local auctioneers, who had assisted in a fund raising sale sponsored by the Ash-Rand Rescue squad Inc., were J. D. King, Bob and Burley Gallimore, T. H. Myers, Sleepy Marley and Harvey Rush.

Also present were Bob Ferree and Luther Miller, of Grant and Ferree, a local plumbing company, who worked on the new squad building which was occupied last June.

Menu for the supper consisted of large hamburger steaks, cooked on an outside grill, baked potato, tossed salad, hot biscuits, coffee and pie. The supper took place in the dining area of the new building.

Following the meal, as the group went their various ways, those in attendance presented Carl Steed, who was celebrating his 74th birthday the next day, with a love offering.

Steed, president of the rescue organization and one of its organizers, was a volunteer fireman for the Asheboro Fire Department for nearly a half of a century.

Wesleyan Crusade Is Set

Oct. 16, 1969 - The Wesleyan Crusade, incorporating greater Asheboro and Randolph County, will begin Sunday evening, Oct. 19, in the Asheboro High School auditorium.

Services for this mammoth revival effort will continue through Sunday evening, Oct. 26, with the services beginning each evening at 7:30.

Approximately fifteen area Wesleyan Churches are sponsoring the evangelistic crusade and a steering committee has been working for the past two months and more on details and plans for the crusade.

Speaker for the crusade will be Dr. Paul F. Elliott, Indianapolis, Ind., general evangelist and former general superintendent of the Pilgrim Holiness Church which has

merged in recent years with the Wesleyan Methodist denomination.

Rev. J.W. Stiles, pastor of Cherryville Wesleyan Church and a song evangelist, will serve as music director for the crusade. He will lead a 150 voice choir, comprised of singers from the sponsoring churches, and will also render solos at each service.

Members of the steering committee are John E. Storey, chairman; Rev. Hoover Smith, vice chairman; Rev. Bob Freeman, secretary; and Rev. Jim Denny, treasurer.

As a prelude to the beginning of the services on Sunday evening, central prayer services have been held for the past two Wednesday nights. A prayer service will also precede the services each evening, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The choir will rehearse Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at Central Wesleyan Church in Asheboro and will rehearse prior to the services each evening in the Little Theater at the high school.

The public is invited to the services. A nursery will be provided for the children.

You Have To Be 60 Years or Older To Join This Club

Oct. 22, 1969 – A 60-plus club was organized at the Centre Monday evening, Oct. 18, as senior citizens of the church and community were honored by the Christian Service Committee of the Monthly Meeting. The Meeting House is located on Rt. 1 Greensboro, near the Randolph County line

It was a festive occasion, at which 47 guests were served dinner in the fellowship hall where the decorations were elaborate and of a seasonal nature.

Along with the decorations, the meal was bountiful. On the menu was baked turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, candied yams, pickles, hot rolls, pie, iced tea and coffee.

No wonder Mrs. Bess Causey, when given an opportunity to speak, said "Aren't you glad we are all senior citizens?" Other members of the senior group discussed their younger days at school and at the Meeting House.

Vernon Coltrane, who will be 80 years of age in a couple of weeks, was named chairman of the 60-plus organization. Myray Hodgkin, organist for the Meeting, was named secretary.

Members of the Christian Service Committee and Social Service Committee, hostesses for the delightful event, included Hazel Coltrane, chairman, Sarah Kirkman, program chairman, and Mary Ruth Cox, Hulda Muckenfuss, Ruth Kirkman, Hazel Hodgkin, Edna Mae Otwell, Earnestine Wilkins, Katrine East, Majorie McDowell, Margaret Marley, Maxine Breedlove and Sarah Kirkman.

The honored group included Joe Farlow, 97 years of age, J.J. Hackett, Leah Hackett, Henry Marley, Florence Marley, A.B. Marley, Mary H. Marley, Dewey F. Maness, J. Wilson Vereen, J.E. Murrow, Kelsey Huffman, Hazel Murrow, Sarah Osborne, Virginia G. Varner, Gene Farlow, Ethel Farlow, Willie Hockett, Myray Hodgkin, Wendell Hodgkin, Lloyd Hughes, Mary E. Otwell, Maude Bullard, Beatrice Rickett, Ernest Roach, Dolly Roach and Myrtle Hockett.

Also, D. Hodgkin, Helen Hodgkin, Vernon Coltrane, John Osborne, Florelle Osborne, Daniel Draper, Esther Draper, Eunice Beason, Hazel F. Hodgkin, J. Phal Hodgkin, Mattie Farlow, Lacy Kirkman, Berta Kirkman, Flora Gamble, Everett Gamble, Lillias Kirkman, Maude Gamble, Bess

Causey, Winnie Hodgkin, Bernice Hodgkin, and the Minister of the Monday Meeting, Bob L. Medford.

Marine Cited For Valor in Silver Star Citation

Oct. 22, 1969 – The Silver Star Medal has been awarded posthumously to Private First Class Billy L. Underwood of the United States Marine Corps.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Onslow Underwood, 209 Underwood St. North Asheboro, received the award in behalf of their son in a ceremony Oct. 12 at the Marine Recruiting Depot in Greensboro.

Accompanying the presentation of the Silver Star Medal was a citation which stated "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Fire Team Leader with Company M, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam."

Signing the citation for the President of the United States was H. W. Buse Jr., Lieutenant General, U. S. Marine Corps, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

The certificate of presentation was signed by John H. Chafee, Secretary of the Navy, and a letter to the young Marine's parents was written by Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., General U. S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In his letter to the parents, General Chapman said, "Your son fulfilled his obligations to his conscience and to his country in a most commendable manner. As with all heroes, his real distinction is expressed not in medals but in the memory of his deed."

Private First Class Underwood's death came on Feb. 23, 1969 when his platoon was assigned to assist a squad of an adjacent platoon which was heavily engaged with a well-entrenched, battalion-sized North Vietnamese Army unit in the Hieu Duc District of Quang Nam Province.

The citation described the manner in which Private First Class Underwood, with complete disregard for his own safety, led his fire team in an aggressive assault upon the hostile positions, before fearlessly moving along to a more advantageous position to return the fire from the hostile force.

"His heroic and timely actions inspired all who observed him," further stated the commendation in relating the services of the young Marine on the day of his death.

The closing words of the citation, reflecting pride on his service and consolation to his bereaved parents, said "By his courage, aggressive fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty, Private First Class Underwood upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

Melvin Underwood, younger brother of the deceased Marine, accompanied his parents to the ceremony at which the Silver Star Medal was presented.

Disease Is Fatal To Little Girl

Oct. 27, 1969 – Little Janet Leigh Dunn's suffering is over, her tiny, afflicted body at rest. The rasping cough is gone and no more will she sleep in the mistogen which helped her to breath throughout the hours of the night.

Ill since birth with an incurable disease, cystic fibrosis, she died recently at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at

Chapel Hill, two weeks after a feature story on her appeared in The Courier-Tribune.

Two years old, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Harry) Dunn, Rt. 1, Ramseur. Her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. Maness, lived in the same vicinity and assisted in her care.

Both families had been at her bedside since she was taken to the Chapel Hill hospital Sunday afternoon, following her attendance at Sunday School at Shiloh Christian Church where she loved to attend and sing along with the other members of the congregation.

Rev. Leon Wood, the young Shiloh pastor, conducted the child's funeral at the Deep River Baptist Church in Coleridge. He was assisted by Rev. Hayes Ritter, a great-great uncle of the little girl.

Congregational members at Shiloh and Deep River, family members and friends filled the church for the final rites.

Four neighbors and friends Joe Brown, Warren Simmons, Thurman Teague and James Ray Stout, carried the small white and gold casket, covered with a spray of white carnations and pink rosebuds, to its final resting place in the church cemetery.

The disease which afflicted the little girl is a major killer of children, second only to cancer. It affects the lungs and digestive tracts and doctors had never promised the young parents anything more than a day to day basis in the little girl's life.

The young mother, only 17 years of age at the time of the child's birth, grew to maturity fast upon learning that her little girl had an incurable disease. She took excellent care of the small child and very capably administered the various medicines, the special diets and other treatments.

Janet Leigh was closely associated with her aunt, Miss Brenda Maness, who rode the school bus to her classes at Eastern Randolph High School. Perhaps because of this, the small girl had an overwhelming desire to ride the bus also and to go to school. Arrangements for this had been made but death came before the ride on the bus materialized.

Senior Citizens Honored at Brown's Cross Roads

Oct. 27, 1969 – The home demonstration club at Brown's Cross Roads entertained the senior citizens of the community recently at the annual buffet supper in their honor.

Among those honored were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fox, Mrs. Emma Brower, Mrs. Ida Branson, Mrs. D. N. Johnson, Mrs. Allene Parks, and Mrs. Addie Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lineberry, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. June Burgess, Mrs. Lucy Smith, Mrs. Daisy Smith, Wade Edwards, and Luther Sizemore.

Mrs. Branson, age 85, was the oldest woman in attendance and Mr. Gilbert, age 79, was the oldest man present. Both were awarded prizes.

For the second year in a row the Rev. C. W. Pierce, pastor of the Shady Grove Baptist Church, spoke to the elderly citizens and a trio from his church delighted the group with several favorite selections in song.

Comprising the trio were Mrs. Kelvin Wright, Mrs. Dean Burgess and O. L. Edwards, with Charles Edwards at the piano.

Senior citizens, club members, their families and guests enjoyed the delicious food for which the Brown's Cross Roads Ladies are noted.

Mrs. Charlie Staley, club president, was in charge of the arrangements, assisted by other members of the club.

65th Anniversary Noted at Mt. Olivet Wesleyan

Oct. 30, 1969 – The 65th anniversary of the founding of Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Liberty, was observed Sunday, Oct. 26, at a homecoming service which had its beginning last year.

Rev. T. R. York, a Randolph County native who assumed the pastorate of the church two years ago, was in charge of the service again this year.

Last year a note burning ceremony was a part of the service and other improvements were also noted. This year further improvements, including a garage and utility room at the parsonage, were noted and reported as being debt free.

Due to his wife's health and the need to slow down the Rev. Mr. York came to the small Mt. Olivet pastorate after a successful ministry of more than 45 years in other areas, particularly the Mt. Zion Pilgrim Holiness Church near Thomasville where he stayed for more than 28 years.

The same as last year the Rev. R. S. Shelton, superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church was the speaker for the service. His subject was "It's Good to be Back Again."

Special music was furnished by the Blind Davis Trio, of Gastonia, and "Little Henry" Earnhardt, of Gold Hill. The Trio, composed of Thornton, Polly and Floyd Davis, have been singing locally since 1937 and in a wider area since 1945. All of them attended the State School for the Blind in Raleigh. They have traveled in 13 states and sung in 10.

Organized in 1903, the Mt. Olivet Church had 13 charter members, of which only one, Mrs. Causey York, of Greensboro, is the only one living.

Other charter members were Jerry Langley, Mrs. Emma Langley, Johnny Kivett, Mrs. Betty Kivett, Mrs. Sarah Frazier, Causey York, John York, Mrs. John York, Wash Williams, Ed Frazier, Mrs. Ethel Frazier, and Miss Lillie Kivett.

The pews in the church have been given in memory of Miss Grace Frazier, Ed Frazier, Mrs. Ethel Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ward, Mrs. Mary Burgess, Henry Stuart and Miss Peggy Coward and in honor of Mrs. Minnie Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Pugh, Buck Pugh, Floyd Pugh, and Billy York.

As a part of the afternoon service the pastor gave a brief history of the church and a minute of silent prayer was observed in memory of departed members who had established and maintained the church.

Lunch was held during the noon hour at the town hall in Ramseur. Out of the community guests in attendance at the homecoming services were from Asheboro, Burlington, and Jacksonville.

Oakland Baptist Church Dedicated

Oct. 30, 1969 – Oakland Baptist Church in Ramseur, completed in June, 1969, was dedicated Sunday, Oct. 26, in all day services.

The new church edifice, built at an estimated cost of \$85,000, including donated labor, replaced a dilapidated structure which was erected in 1907.

The first church building, located a short distance from the present site, was built after the organization of the church in 1888.

Eighty four-year-old Hattie Graves, the oldest member of the church, remembers when the services were held in the home of the Rev. W. T. Craven, organizer of the church and it's first pastor.

It was about the same time that Hattie's father, Jesse Brown, moved his family from the Moffitt's Mill section of Randolph County to the Ramseur vicinity, after their crops had been washed away by a flood in the vicinity in which they lived.

Before moving to Ramseur, however Jesse Brown had helped to organize the Antioch church and school in the Moffitt's Mill community, since there was no church or school in that area for his people to attend.

One of the persons attending the services in the little log structure, which also housed the school, was the Rev. W. T. Craven who organized the church in Ramseur.

Hattie Graves, venerable and respected by both Negro and white communities, recalled the Rev. Craven's attendance at the services in the Moffitt's Mill section, said "We made a Baptist out of him," which in effect was the beginning of the strong church which now exists in Ramseur.

Jesse Brown, father of Hattie Graves, was one of the first deacons at the church in Ramseur, along with Don Brooks, George Parks and Neal Matthews.

After the departure of the Rev. Mr. Craven from the pastorate of the church, four pastors, Revs. Messrs. Mason, Steele, Mace and Edwards, served the church before the coming of Rev. A. T. Tuck in 1918 who served the church for 46 years. Rev. J. E. Lucas is the present pastor.

The new brick - veneered church building consists of sanctuary, pastor's study, baptistery, six classrooms, choir room, two bathrooms and heating unit. The aisles and chancel area are carpeted; the pews, pulpit furniture and other furnishings are new.

Erection of the new building took place under the leadership of the chairman of the board of trustees, Nathan Gales, with assistance from the other board members, namely, Clayton Marley, David Goins, Clyde Goldston and Dutere Foushee.

Chairman of the long range committee, who assisted with the financing and other details of construction, was Mrs. Clyde (Genive) Goldston, assisted by committee members Shirley Goldston, Bessie Gales, Clara B. Isley, Etta Lou Crump, Myrtle Kimes, Pauline Hill, Madge Brooks, Hattie M. Gales and Dora Staley.

Speakers for the two services on the day of dedication were Rev. A. T. Alston, Moderator of Deep River Missionary Baptist Association, and Rev. O. L. Hariston, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Greensboro. Also participating was the pastor, Rev. J. E. Lucas, and two local preachers, Rev. Elmer Graves and Rev. Odell Brown. Mrs. Laura Hazel Murrell, daughter of Hattie Graves, sang "Bless This House."

Rev. S. G. Whitley, pastor of Ramseur Baptist Church in the downtown area, and a delegation of his members were present to commend the Oakland Baptist Church people on

their accomplishments. Only a small portion of the estimated cost of the new structure remains to be paid.

Red House Church Rings with Song As Choir Sings

Oct. 31, 1969 - The Red House Church near Mechanic in the Farmer community, almost non-existent as a church organization, came alive Sunday, Oct. 26th, for the fourth anniversary observance of the Community Choir.

Officially known as St. Marks United Methodist Church but always familiarly known to the people of the community as the Red House Church, the church group in recent years has consisted mostly of two sisters. Mrs. Hazel Caviness and Mrs. Beatrice Cross, and members of the Albert Davis family.

Preaching is held only once a month, on a Sunday afternoon, except for the big meeting on the second Sunday in Aug., when the former church members and the people who used to live in the community come back.

But the two sisters, daughter of the late Columbus (Lum) Birkhead, and the Davis family are determined to hold on and preserve the church of their younger years.

Formerly a school house, known as the Red House School, was located in close proximity to the church building. Between the church and the former location of the school lies the graveyard where many community residents are interred.

Because of the scarcity of members at the Red House Church and other churches in the area, it was decided to organize a community choir to sing at funerals, revival meetings and on other special occasions.

Churches joining in the unified effort were the Red House Church, Strieby United Church of Christ, Mechanic Baptist Church, Melita's Grove Baptist Church and Salem United Church of Christ, along with two Asheboro churches, St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church.

An organization was formed composed of Mrs. Hazel Caviness, president; Mrs. Ruth Laughlin, vice president; Miss Ottie Pearl Davis, secretary; Mrs. Beatrice Cross, treasurer; and Mrs. Gertrude Phillips, pianist.

Mrs. Caviness and Mrs. Cross affiliate with the Red House Church, Mrs. Laughlin with the Strieby church, Miss Davis with the Mechanic church, Mrs. Hoover with Melita's Grove church and Mrs. Phillips with St. Luke's church.

Since their organization four years ago, the community choirs has made many appearances and have gone into various churches to sing. But most significant is their anniversary observance which is held each year at the Red House Church.

This church, which is partially filled on other occasions of the year except for the big meeting day, was filled to capacity for the fourth anniversary of the community choir. Many stood on the outside, unable to get on the inside.

Choir participating, in addition to the Community Choir, were St. Peter's United Methodist Youth and Senior Choir, Edward's Grove Senior Choir, St. Luke United Methodist Gospel Choir, Wesley Chapel Senior Choir, Piney Ridge Gospel Singers, Youth Choir of Church of God of Prophecy, Starlight Gospel Singers and St. Stephen Senior Choir.

Also, Wesley Chapel Gospel Singers, Troy Chapel Senior Choir, The Royal Harmonizers, Oliver's Chapel Senior Choir, Mechanic Baptist Youth Choir, Gospel Singers of

Asheboro, Stout Chapel Choir, and Huntsville Community Choir.

Mrs. Rena Overby read the scripture, Miss Oattie Pearl Davis gave the address of welcome, Miss Nellie Davis gave the history of the choir and Mrs. Hazel Caviness introduced the visiting choirs.

Midway Honors Senior Citizens

Nov. 5, 1969 – An unusual service in honor of senior citizens of Midway Wesleyan Church, between Randleman and Worthville, was held Sunday morning, Nov. 2, during the Sunday School assembly period.

It was a touching tribute to the older people of the Sunday School and church, led by the superintendent of the Sunday School, Donald Allred.

At the outset, he told them "this is your day," and later he said "we are happy and proud that you are a vital part of our church and we appreciate the loyalty you have shown."

He was joined by the church pastor, Rev. Charles Hedgepath, who also paid tribute to the nineteen senior citizens assembled for the service. Several others were unable to be present because of illness.

Mrs. Ann Allred led the choir and congregation in singing two old songs, "When We All Get to Heaven" and "In My Heart There Rings a Melody." Mark McKenzie, a young Sunday School scholar, sang "Come Home, It's Supper Time" in memory of deceased members of the Sunday School.

But the highlight of the service was at its close, when the senior citizens stood before the altar of the church, the choir sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old," and the entire congregation filed by to extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

There were embraces and tears as the younger members of the congregation expressed appreciation and gratitude to the older ones for their services throughout the years.

Members of the older group, each of whom was given a white carnation, were Mrs. Ednora Stevens, Mrs. Ada Culler, Mrs. Verda Hunt, Mrs. Blanche McKenzie, Mrs. Rosa Cranford, Mrs. Maude Allred, Mrs. Ben Hill, Mrs. Hessie Inman, and Mrs. Ethel Kennedy.

Also, Mrs. Aldah Millikan, Carson Sawyer, Ira Inman, Dewey Rumley, Mack Allred, Nelson Henley, Dewey Swaim, Jim Yow, and Mrs. Fannie Sawyer.

A cake was brought in honor of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Bowers Sr., who were unable to be present. This cake, inscribed "Senior Citizens Midway Wesleyan Church" in gold lettering, was cut and distributed to the senior citizens in attendance.

New Bank Opens in Robbins

Nov. 6, 1969 – Robbins – A new bank formally opened for business in Robbins Tuesday morning, Nov. 4, but with personnel familiar to the people of the town and surrounding countryside.

Installed as manager of the new institution, the Robbins Branch of the Bank of Montgomery, was Jimmie Garner, a well known car salesman in the area for the past 15 or more years and a native of the section between Robbins and Westmoore.

Assisting him in the operation of the branch bank will be Mrs. Clarice Hussey Morgan and Miss Frances Hussey, both of whom originate from the same area.

Open house for the new bank was held on Monday, Nov. 3, from 4 p.m. until 9 p. m. A ribbon-cutting ceremony

occurred at 4 p.m., with Robbins Mayor John L. Frye, Jr. doing the honors.

Rev. John Casey, pastor of Smyrna Methodist Church, in which the bank manager is prominently identified, pronounced the invocation.

Garner welcomed the people of the opening ceremonies and said, "it is a great day for all of us associated with the Bank of Montgomery, to be able to offer the bank's facilities to the people of Robbins and community. We hope it will be the beginning of a long and lasting relationship."

The ribbon, lined with dollar bills, was presented to Bill Stutts, head of the Robbins Rescue Squad, following the ceremony.

On hand for the bank's opening were the full board of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, composed of John Currie, chairman, and Bob Ewing, Sidney Taylor, Wiley Purvis and Floyd Cole.

Bank of Montgomery officials, coming over from Troy for the ceremonies, included John C. Wallace, president, Jack L. Harper, executive vice president and cashier, Bill Hannah, assistant vice president, Mrs. Delores Kelly, assistant cashier, and others.

The bank president said the Robbins facility was a "full branch, offering everything we have at the main office." He stated that the Robbins bank would offer all types of loans and other services.

Organized in 1935, the Bank of Montgomery is one of few independent banks left in the area. Besides the new Robbins Branch, another branch facility is located in Troy.

The new modern building, housing the Robbins Branch, is located directly across the street from the post office in Robbins.

Jimmie Garner, manager of the new branch bank, is versatile and is identified in many phases of the community's activity.

In the church he and his wife, the former Dorothy Moore, have served as counselors for the MYF for many years and he has directed the choir for a similar length of time. In addition, he is a teacher of the men's class and has served in many other positions.

He is a well known soloist, appears at many public events, and has recorded an album, "My Most Requested Hymns."

He serves on the advisory council of the North Moore High School and as a director of the Randolph Electric Membership Corp. He and his wife are the parents of two daughters, Sandra and Joan.

His two assistants at the branch bank, Clarice Morgan and Frances Hussey, were members of the MYF at the Smyrna church, in which organization Jimmie Garner and his wife have offered their leadership for so many years.

The branch manager was pleased at the initial response to the bank's opening in Robbins and anticipates a pleasant business relationship among the people and the area where he is known so well.

Sergeant Retires After 27 Years in Marines

Nov. 6, 1969 – A Marine gunnery sergeant, who retired Sept. 23 after 27 years of service, was honored at a family occasion Sunday, Nov. 2.

Sgt. Cleo (Whitey) Welborn, a Ramseur native now residing in Jacksonville, N.C., was extended the honor at the home of a sister, Mrs. Garland (Velma) Williamson, Rt. 1 Franklinville.

His mother, Mrs. Rosa Welborn, of Ramseur, and his wife, the former Rachel Hendrix, planned the occasion but the younger Mrs. Welborn was unable to be present.

Brothers and sisters in attendance, in addition to Mrs. Williamson, were sisters Mrs. Bud (Lillie) Isley, Mrs. Carl (Gladys Faye) Bates, Misses Lela and Joyce Welborn, brothers Carl and Jackie Welborn and a half-brother Colon Welborn.

Besides these brothers and sisters, there are two more brothers, Franklin Delano and Glenn Ray Welborn, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Fred Dixon and Mrs. W.D. Thomas.

A warm family tribute was paid to Sgt. Welborn, commemorating the end of his active service in the Marine Corp. However, for three more years he will be subject to recall. This happened in 1966 when he was called back to active service due to the Vietnam conflict, following his first retirement in 1963.

His two nephews, Gary and Tony Williamson, talented musicians, did a rendition of the Marine Hymn in his honor and Cary Williamson, a senior at Eastern Randolph High School, read a humorous poem which he had composed for the occasion.

Other service personnel in the family were recognized and Charles Kinney, husband of a deceased sister, offered the prayer pending the arrival of the Rev. Leon Thompson, pastor of the Welborn family at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church.

Sgt. Welborn enlisted in the Marine Corp on Sept. 14, 1942 at the age of 17. Earlier, he had gone to work at the cotton mill in Franklinville at the age of 16 to supplement the family income after the death of his father, John Leonadis Welborn.

It has been a colorful military career, with participation in the Marshall Island, Roi and Namur, Saipan and Taiwan and Iwo Jima campaigns in World War II, serving as a machine gunner in the infantry.

His company was in the first wave to land on Iwo Jima and he was one of three Marines in his company of 225 to survive that bloody campaign.

After the war he became a food technician and served at Camp Lejeune and in New Orleans before becoming a seagoing Marine and serving for two years on the battleship Missouri.

He was on duty as sergeant of the guard when this great battleship ran aground in the Chesapeake Bay and since has been kidded by his Marine buddies because of this incident. He testified at a naval hearing which was conducted after the battleship ran aground.

Following his service on the Missouri he served in the Korean conflict and at San Diego, Calif., in Japan, Camp Lejeune, Okinawa, and at Cherry Point before his retirement in 1963.

Upon being called back into active service, he first assumed duty as food service technician for the First Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Lejeune and was responsible for feeding 7,000 troops daily. Then he went to Vietnam, also in the capacity of food technician and as reserve gunner on a helicopter crew. In this capacity his helicopter was shot down twice.

In looking back, Sgt. Welborn said being a Marine meant "education and learning what life is like." Not having finished the school in Ramseur which he attended before going to work in the cotton mill, he completed his high school

equivalency after entering the Marines and also two equivalents in college.

He said, "I would highly recommend any young man getting in service and staying 20 years."

Methodist Pastor Directs 1970 March of Dimes Drive

Nov. 13, 1969 – A young Methodist pastor, Rev. Henry C. (Hank) Thompson, Rt. 5, Asheboro, has been chosen to serve as director of the 1970 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County.

Announcement of a director for next year's campaign comes from Ralph Bulla, chairman of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation – March of Dimes, in behalf of the executive committee for the local chapter.

Last year a total of \$13,657.14 was raised in Randolph County, for the foundation's program of research in the cause and prevention of birth defects, the care and hospitalization of children born with birth defects and those persons formerly afflicted with polio.

Campaign directors for the 1969 drive was the Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, of Rt. 4, Asheboro, pastor of First United Church of Christ in Ramseur and Union Grove United Church of Christ. (Congregational – Christian).

The new campaign director, Rev. Hank Thompson, is in his second year as Senior Minister for the South Randolph Charge of the United Methodist Church, composed of the Flag Springs, New Hope and Pisgah churches.

Previous duties have included two years as youth director at Marvin United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem; two years as Minister of Youth at First United Methodist Church in High Point; and one year as Minister of Adult Education at Emo United Methodist Church at Hillsborough.

A member in full connection with the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Thompson serves on the High Point District Committee for Camp Mt. Sheppard and as chairman of the sub-committee on program.

He is a member of the Asheboro Ministerial Association and serves as a member of the radio committee of that group. He is also a member of the faculty at Randolph Technical Institute, teaching a course in Sunday School techniques.

The young minister, only 26 years of age, is an Alamance County native, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Thompson, Rt. 1, Graham. The eighth child in a family of nine, he was reared on a farm and finished Southern Alamance High School in 1961 where he received the outstanding citizenship award.

He graduated from High Point Collage with a A. B. degree in 1965 and from Duke Divinity School with a Master of Divinity degree in 1968.

Active in boy scouts, school and church events during his youth, he received the call to preach during his first year in collage. His home church was the Bethel Methodist Church near Snow Camp.

He is married to the former Marzell Austin, of Monroe, who is also a graduate of High Point Collage. She has taught school in Durham County and is in her second year as a member of the faculty at the school in Franklinville.

Nixon Family Reunion Held at Gray's Chapel

Nov. 14, 1969 – A Randolph version of the Nixon family held a reunion Sunday, Nov. 9, in the fellowship hall of the Gray's Church.

This was the 9th annual reunion of the descendants of Quinton (Quint) Nixon and his wife, Jane Elizabeth Jones Nixon.

Eleven children were born to Quinton and Jane Elizabeth Nixon, one of whom, Mrs. Mary Vandella (Della) Millikan, age 92, is still living. However, she was not in attendance at her family's reunion this year.

Brothers and sisters of Mrs. Millikan, many of them long deceased, were Alfred (Alf) Nixon, Mrs. Rehama (Hamie) Nixon Ellison, Billy Nixon, who died at the age of 4, Aaron (Bud) Nixon, Thomas (Tom) Nixon, Lindsey Nixon, Tyson Nixon, and Mrs. Betty Nixon Lineberry.

Only a granddaughter of Quint Nixon, Mrs. Agnes Nixon Boling, and three granddaughters-in-law, Mrs. Frances Nixon, Mrs. Annie Millikan, and Mrs. John Nixon, represented the third generation of Nixon's at the annual reunion. Others in attendance included great-grand-children and members of their families.

The family session was held following the morning worship service at the Gray's Chapel church, in whose cemetery the remains of Quinton and Jane Elizabeth Nixon and members of their family are interred. The children of Tyson Nixon had placed flowers in the church in his memory.

Jerry Nixon, of Greensboro, grandson of Alfred Nixon and great-grandson of Quinton Nixon, presided over the family meeting in his capacity as president, following a buffet style luncheon in the fellowship hall. Innovation prior to the meal was pronounced by the Gray's Chapel pastor, Rev. Mitchell C. Murrow.

Serving as secretary was Mrs. Vernelle Stutts and as treasurer Mrs. Marjorie Perry, both of Liberty.

Several old songs were sung by a quartet from the church, composed of Mrs. Bernice Kearns, Worth Pugh, Mrs. Martha McQueen and Mrs. Ann Lambert, accompanied by Mrs. Sylvan Routh.

Mrs. Agnes Nixon Boling, 69, received the prize for being the oldest member of the family in attendance. Her birthday occurred Oct. 31. Mrs. Frances Nixon, who was 69 on Nov. 11, received the prize for having the most children in attendance. Connie Dunn, 18 months-old daughter of Harvey Dunn, was the youngest family member present.

The old Nixon homestead, located north of the Gray's Chapel church, is occupied by the remaining member of the Quinton Nixon family, Mrs. Delia Nixon Millikan. On the premises is an original barn which is constructed with wooden pegs.

65th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated by E.A. Hutsons

Nov. 17, 1969 – Family and friends helped Mr. and Mrs. E.A. (Tea) Hutson, Rt. 1 Asheboro, celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary recently.

Mr. Hutson, who celebrated his 90th birthday in Aug., is a native of the Asheboro area. First having lived north of Asheboro near the railroad.

Mrs. Hutson, age 79, the former Mary Etta Queen, is a native of Waynesville. She came to the North Asheboro area at the age of 13, when her mother remarried after her father's death to W.J. Thurber, of the vicinity to which they came.

At the age of 14, she married Mr. Hutson in Rock Hill, S.C. on Oct. 9, 1904. fourteen children have been born to their union, eight of whom are living.

Their son, Will Hutson, died at the age of 21, a daughter, Mrs. Edna Coble, died in 1960, the other children died in infancy or in the earlier years of their lives.

A grandson, James Thomas Coble, son of their deceased daughter, was killed on May 15 of this year while serving in Vietnam.

All of their 8 living children were present for the celebration which honored Mr. and Mrs. Hutson on the occasion of their 65th anniversary.

They are Mrs. Ed Conner, Seagrove, Mrs. Sylvia Robbins, Asheboro, Edward A. Hutson, Whitmire, S.C., Mrs. Virginia Poole, Worthville, James P. Hutson, Asheboro, Mrs. Elizabeth Blackwell, Mrs. Iretta Presnell, and Tiffany Hutson, Rt. 1, Asheboro.

All of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren were also in attendance, except for two grandsons, Eddie and Phil Hutson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hutson, who are serving with the military forces.

The anniversary celebration was held at the Grantville Community Building on Oct. 12, with a luncheon for the immediate family during the noon hour and a reception for friends and relatives in the afternoon. A similar celebration was held for Mr. Hutson when he reached the 90th year of his birth.

Coming up from her home in Zolfo Springs, Fla. for the wedding anniversary was Mrs. Ila Williams, sister of Mr. Hutson, and also present was his half brother, Ben Henley, of Thomasville. Will Thurber, brother of Mrs. Hutson, was unable to be present.

Team Hutson was working in the copper mine near his home on the railroad at the time of his marriage. His first employment was at the age of nine in the cotton mill in Randleman, for which labor he received ten cents a day.

He also worked at the Cumnot Coal Mine in Lee County after his marriage and the family lived in that area for two years, the only time they have lived outside of the Asheboro vicinity.

They came to Asheboro 45 years ago and lived on North Park St. Mr. Hutson worked at The Home Building Inc. as a fireman for over 30 years. He retired at the age of 75 and after that the couple moved to their present Rt. 1, Asheboro address.

Well known to many older residents of Asheboro, Tea Hutson is in fine physical shape. He walks, sometimes three miles, to a daughter's home in Asheboro. He likes to fish and a daughter gave him money for a deep sea fishing trip on his birthday. He and his wife travel to various parts of the country.

He is congenial, likes to talk and has a host of friends. One of his children said, "I have never known anybody that disliked my daddy," and that in essence is the character of this long time Asheboro resident.

Senior Citizens Honored At Gray's Chapel Service

Nov. 19, 1969 – Senior citizens of the Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church were honored by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service Sunday afternoon, Nov. 16, from three to five o'clock.

A special feature of this annual occasion was the singing of the junior choir under the direction of Mrs. Martha McQueen and Mrs. Louise Corder.

Soles were rendered by Rev. Mitchell C. Murrow and Miss Paula Cox.

Rev. Mr. Murrow, pastor of the church, spoke briefly to the group, reading Psalm 45 and emphasizing this scripture: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Seasonal decorations, with the harvest theme predominating were used in the fellowship hall in which the occasion was held.

An open fire burned in the fireplace and on the mantel was an arrangement of fall leaves, pumpkins, ornamental gourds and yellow corn.

Four senior citizens, eighty years of age and older, Mrs. Lola Pugh, 81, Mrs. W. L. Kirkman, 84, Clyde Routh, 80, and Isaac Routh, 81, were in attendance.

Other senior citizens present included Mrs. Clyde Routh, Mrs. Frances Nixon, Mrs. Cecil Ward, Mrs. Talmadge Jones, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coble, Mrs. O. J. King, Mrs. Mamie York, Mrs. Clyde Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nixon, Miss Verla Lineberry and Clarence Routh.

Mrs. Jack Pugh, W.S.C.S. president, welcomed the group and conducted the meeting. Mrs. Lake Lineberry was chairman of a committee which made arrangements for the honoring of the senior citizens.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake and punch were served to the honored group and to the guest, singers.

Pleasant Hill Methodist is Rural Church of Year

Nov. 20, 1969 – Marked progress is being made by the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Robbins, across the road from the new consolidated North Moore High School.

"Excellence in church and community service" brought the church the designation of "Rural Church of the Year" for the Sanford District of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church for the church year 1968-69.

In 1964 a new educational building was erected at a cost of \$75,000. This was erected at the north wing of the existing building which was built in 1951. Both are brick structures.

Two previous buildings on the site were frame structures, with two front doors to each building. The church was established approximately in the year 1860.

Another improvement at the Pleasant Hill church, since the building of the educational plant in 1964, has been effected in the church cemetery, lying on the south side of the church building.

These improvements were made under the leadership of J. C. (Caesar) Phillips, chairman of the cemetery committee, teacher of the Men's Bible Class and a veteran Moore County school principal.

The cemetery has been extended, grass sown in the new part, the graves have been leveled and the monuments straightened, and white and pink dogwoods, with the colors alternating, have been planted around the perimeter of the graveyard. Various people donated the dogwood plants in memory of their deceased relatives who are buried in the cemetery.

In the cemetery, according to J. C. Phillips, there are the graves of six Confederate veterans, one of whom fought with Stonewall Jackson.

Describing the appearance of cemeteries a few years ago, the Pleasant Hill cemetery and others, Mr. Phillips said "from the looks of cemeteries, people didn't believe in the resurrection."

Stained glass windows in the sanctuary were given in memory and in honor of people prominent in the life of the church and community. These people, familiar to the surrounding countryside, were and are Lyndon R. Reynolds and Loretta Ritter Reynolds, Benjamin Franklin Howard and Flossie Purvis Howard, C. Wiley Purvis, Virgil Alfred Kidd and Annie Lee Purvis Kidd, Ralph Maness and Glenna Caviness Maness, Thomas Jackson Reynolds and Blanch Spencer Reynolds, Reuben A. Maness and Annie Maness, Nathaniel Green Purvis and Aggie Reynolds Purvis, and Rufus Bryant Reynolds and Martha Ritter Reynolds.

A gift of chimes to the church was given in recent years by Mr. and Mrs. Coble M. Maness of Asheboro. Mr. Maness, a native of the community and a former Sheriff of Randolph County, died recently and is buried in the Maness portion of the cemetery.

Pastor of the Pleasant Hill church is the Rev. Lester Bissette, a native of Nash County, who is in his fifth year as pastor of the church. In addition to the Pleasant Hill church, where he is also pastor of the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, preaching on the first, second and fifth Sundays at the latter place.

President of the Methodist Men's Club, whose breakfast meeting this correspondent attended Sunday morning, Nov. 16, as the guest of J. C. Phillips, is Alfred Kidd, former choir leader at the church and a retired mail carrier who served in his postal capacity for over 42 years. Mr. Kidd is 75 years old.

Other officers are W. F. Ritter Jr., vice president, and Hal Ray Cheek, secretary and treasurer.

Speaker for this month's meeting of the Methodist Men was the Rev. Richard Park, pastor of the Elise Presbyterian Church in Robbins.

Three plaques of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, the "Rural Church of the Year" plaque, the granting of the charter to the Methodist Men's Club, and a plaque inscribed "In honor of Herbert Kennedy for his time given in the construction of this educational building."

Mr. Kennedy, 83 years of age, has been a member of the church since 1904. Active for his age, he still drives his car or pickup to church and as a retired carpenter he supervised the construction of the educational building in 1904.

Faithful custodian of the church facilities is also a retired resident of the community, Leborn Maness, Engineer for the church, electrically and otherwise, is Van Williams.

Wesleyans To Hold Another Crusade

Nov. 20, 1969 – Wesleyan ministers of Randolph County reviewed the results of the recent Wesleyan Crusade at a meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 11, and decided to hold a similar crusade next year.

Officers for the 1970 revival effort were named at the meeting, which was a supper event at the Sea King Fish camp on the old Farmer road.

Re-elected were John E. Storey, Asheboro layman, as chairman; Rev. Hoover E. Smith, pastor of Neighbors

Grove Wesleyan Church, as vice chairman; and Rev. James L. Denny, pastor of First Wesleyan Church, Randleman, as treasure.

Rev. Leon Thompson, pastor of Ramseur Wesleyan Church, was elected secretary, to succeed Rev. Bob Freeman, pastor of Foster Street Wesleyan Church, Asheboro, who was unable to serve for another year.

Ministers present at the post crusade session agreed that the initial crusade was an overwhelming success and that its effect was showing now perhaps more than when the nightly services were in progress.

It was also felt that the services united Wesleyans as a whole and enabled them to have a greater appreciation one for another. This was in reference to the recent merger Wesleyan Methodists and Pilgrim Holiness people in the present Wesleyan Church.

It was announced that 20 Wesleyan churches cooperated in the crusade which was held Oct. 19-26 and that offerings and donations from the various churches amounted to \$2,320.17.

Besides the above named officers, ministers present included Rev. Roy Parker, Crestview; Rev. Robert Bogan, First Wesleyan, Asheboro; Rev. Charles Stout, Central, Asheboro; Rev. Bob Freeman, Foster Street, Asheboro; Rev. David Shrum, Rushwood Park, Asheboro; Rev. Charles Hedgepath, Midway; Rev. T. R. York, Mt. Olivet; Rev. Charles Apple, Kildee; Rev. Floyd Miller, Brower's Memorial; Rev. Homer Smith, Sawyersville; Rev. Garland McDowell, Mt. Olive; Rev. Wilson Goins, Trinity; Rev. Paul Teague, Hoover's Grove; and Rev. Leonard Conner, Franklinville.

Annual Harvest Festival At Westmoore Raises Funds

Nov. 27, 1969 – Approximately a thousand dollars was raised at the annual harvest festival held at the Westmoore Elementary School on Nov. 14.

Beginning with a chicken stew supper in the cafeteria, the event moved over to the school gym where a prince and princess, king and queen contests were held, a girl's and boy's basketball games between the home teams and High Falls, and other features of the harvest festival.

Two 6th grade students from Jerry Beane's home room, Terry Maness and Carolyn McNeill, were crowned King and Queen of the Harvest Festival.

Gregory Spencer, a student from Miss Ann VanDerveer's first grade, was crowned Prince of the festival and Cheryl Sanders, a student in Mrs. Sallie Evans' combination first and second grades, was crowned Princess of the festival.

Each of the contestants were selected by the students of the rooms from which the candidates came. Voting was on the basis of the money which individual candidates raised.

This was the biggest money raiser of the festival, with approximately \$700 raised from this part of the annual event.

Entire list of contestants and their home room teachers are as follows: Miss Ann VanDerveer's 1st grade- Shelia Allred and Gregory Spencer; Mrs. Sallie Evans' 1st and 2nd grade combination- Cheryl Sanders and Michael Dunn; Mrs. Janet Deaton's 2nd and 3rd combination- Karen Comer and Glenn Garner; Mrs. Edna Allred's 3rd grade- Donna Cole and Robert Davis; Mrs. Wanda Garner's 4th grade- Glenda Greene and Randy Maness; and Mrs. Lula Marley's 4th and 5th combination- Karen Brown and Ronnie Albright.

Also, Mrs. Shirley Owen's 5th grade- Angela Moore and Larry McNeill; Mr. Jerry Beane's 6th grade- Carolyn McNeill and Terry Maness; Mrs. Katie Childress' 7th grade- Ruby Latham and Dwight Hussey; and Mrs. Grace Beane's 8th grade- Kathy Morgan and Dale Yow.

Mrs. Grace Beane and Mrs. Katie Childress were in charge of the contest. Coach Jerry Beane announced the four winners.

An interesting feature of the festival was the sketching of profiles by Richard Park, the Presbyterian minister in Robbins. This talented artist was not able to do all the profiles which were requested of him.

Despite the overall successfulness of the event, the home teams lost to the visitors from High Falls.

They Worship At County's Only Conservative Meeting

Dec. 1, 1969 – Only one Conservative Friends Meeting remains in Randolph County, at Friendsville, and on Nov. 23 eight members sat in the quite solitude of their service.

The Holly Spring Conservative group of Friends separated from the original Holly Spring Monthly Meeting in 1910, after the changing of the discipline in 1904 and the adoption of new customs and practices.

For several years after the severance of ties between the more Conservative group and the group who remained, the Conservative group held their services in the afternoon in the same Meeting House in which the more liberal group still worshipped.

One reason the Conservatives did not leave was because "they felt like it was their Meeting House," although they did worship for awhile in the old Mt. Carmel Holiness Church building.

This state of affairs existed until a visiting Conservative Friends Minister from Ohio, Cyrus Cooper, told the Conservative group at Holly Spring that he felt the Holly Spring Meeting House belonged to the North Carolina Yearly Meeting at Guilford College, the organization with which the more liberal group were identified.

The Conservatives then established their own Meeting House at Friendsville in 1926, a short distance north of the Holly Spring Meeting House. However, they still retained the name of Holly Spring Monthly Meeting. Land on which the Meeting House was located was donated by Jeremiah Allen.

It was at this typical Meeting House of the Holly Spring Conservative Monthly Meeting at Friendsville, located on Rt. 1, Ramseur between the original Holly Spring Meeting site and the Pleasant Ridge Congregational Christian Church, that this correspondent worshipped with the Minister, Walter J. Macon, and seven more people on Sunday morning, Nov. 23.

Other members present included the Minister's two sisters, Eulah Macon Phillips and Lillie Macon Pell, and Geneva Pugh Hall and three of her children, Laura, 17, Wayne, 12, and Vivian, 8. Also present was Durant Pell, husband of Lillie Macon Pell.

Other members of the Meeting at Friendsville are Colin O. Byrd, Harry Hall, Henry Hall, Kenneth Hall, Walter Hall, Earl W. Macon, and Linda Hall Vestal.

Two members, Oscar Hall, husband of Geneva Pugh Hall, who was Clerk of the Monthly Meeting, and Myrtle Macon Cox, sister of Walter Macon, Euiah Phillips and Lillie Pell, have died recently.

The small frame structure, with its traditional porch and two front doors, was filled with silence and solemnity as the small group worshipped in the manner in which they believe. Only the distant sound of automobiles passing along the highway and the buzzing of a few wasps broke the quietness of the service. The Minister, who sat alone on the facing bench, spoke briefly after and before long periods of silence.

The Minister Walter J. Macon, was a young boy when his father, Alfred Macon, and other Conservative members at Holly Spring separated from the original Meeting. The Conservative movement was led by Thomas Hinshaw, grandfather of Seth B. Hinshaw, who for many years was Secretary of N.C. Yearly Meeting of Friends. Amos Hinshaw, father of Seth B. Hinshaw, and his brother Lewis Hinshaw, remained with the Holly Spring Monthly Meeting and did not follow their father into the Conservative Meeting.

However, Thomas Hinshaw did not live to see the establishment of the Meeting House at Friendsville, dying just prior to its beginning as a place of worship for the Conservative group.

According to Walter Macon, most of the elder members at Holly Spring pulled out at the time of the separation of the two groups in 1910.

Besides Thomas Hinshaw and wife, Mary Barker Hinshaw, and Walter's father, Alfred Macon, some of the others included Nathan Barker and his wife Mary Jane, Aaron Stout and his wife Sophia Osborne Stout, Dinah Macon, Miles Allen and his wife, Rachel Mariah Moffitt Allen, Steven Moffitt, Nathan Allen, Jeremiah Allen and his wife, Pearl Cox Allen, Ellis Byrd and his wife, Althea Hinshaw Byrd, and Zeno Cox and his wife, Sibyl Cox.

Anderson Barker, also a member at Holly Spring, had pulled out earlier and joined the Marlboro Conservative Monthly Meeting at New Hope, also located in Randolph County, but returned later to participate in the Holly Spring Conservative Monthly Meeting at Friendsville.

New additions from elsewhere included Thomas Copeland, his sister, Anna E. C. Fisher, her husband Thomas C. Fisher, Solomon Barker, brother of Anderson Barker, Horace Edgerton and Anna V. Edgerton.

These new additions, along with those who came from Holly Spring, created considerable activity and interest and at one time the Meeting at Friendsville was a strong one and largely attended.

The two Monthly Meetings at Friendsville and New Hope comprised of the Southern Quarterly Meeting and these two Meetings were identified with the N.C. Yearly Meeting of Friends at Woodlawn in Northampton County.

The Conservative Marlboro Monthly Meeting at New Hope ceased to exist a few years ago and the sole surviving member of that Meeting, Hessie Newlin Davis, is now affiliated with the Conservative West Grove Monthly Meeting in Alamance County.

But the Holly Spring Monthly Meeting at Friendsville has continued to exist, despite the lessening of interest in the Conservative movement. Some of the members have died and some have left. The only new people to come in recent years have been members of the Hall family, whose older members originated from Ohio.

These newer members, along with Walter Macon and his two sisters, more or less comprise the Meeting as it exists at the present time.

Ministers of the Conservative Monthly Meeting at Holly Spring have included Mariah Allen, Sibyl Barker, Anderson Barker, William Stanley, Jeremiah Allen, Anna Copeland Fisher, Thomas Fisher and the present Minister Walter Macon, Thomas Hinshaw, the leader of the movement, often spoke to the group but was not a recorded Minister.

When the division occurred at Holly Spring in 1910 some of the Conservative members who left put their children's names down as members of the new group. This was permissible when both parents were members.

Among those whose names were put down were the children of Alfred Macon, Walter, Earl, Eulah, Lillie and Myrtle. A half-brother, Franz, was not put down because his mother was not a Quaker.

From this family and actually from the original group who left the Holly Spring Meeting in 1910, only Walter, Eulah and Lillie remain active, since the death of Myrtle about three weeks ago.

Walter Macon, slightly-built but straight of stature, a respected bachelor past seventy and a man with considerable land holdings has remained faithful to the Conservative group on whose membership roll his name was placed many years ago.

But the Conservative Minister, a native of the community in which both Meetings exist, still feels "a part of Holly Spring," the original Meeting from which his father withdrew around 60 years ago.

His parents and sister are buried in the cemetery there, he attends some of the services and enjoys the fellowship of the people at Holly Spring, and he gave a substantial amount when the new Meeting House was erected.

Perhaps some day the Conservative Meeting will be dissolved and Walter Macon, his sisters and the others will return to the original Meeting.

Five Sisters Have Total of 206 Years In The Classroom

Dec. 2, 1969 – Five sisters from a northern Randolph County family, with an accumulated total of 209 years in the class room, are now retired from teaching, except for one.

Four of them, Miss Estelle Neece, Miss Vanner Neece, Miss Marietta Neece, and Miss Laura Neece, live in a new home on Rt. 1, Pleasant Garden, just across the Randolph County line, to which they moved from their old home in Providence Township four years ago.

The fifth teacher, Mrs. Espie Neece Lindley, who is still teaching, lives in Spencer.

Still another sister, Mrs. Grace Neece Suits, a nonteacher, went to San Diego, Calif, a few years ago to live with her children. She lived in Greensboro before leaving this area.

Two brothers, Talmadge Neece, Rt. 1, Pleasant Garden, and Hobert Neece, who died four years ago, comprised the remainder of the Neece family.

William Rufus Neece, father of the large Neece family, was also a school teacher and taught for approximately forty years.

He taught his wife, Emma Foust Neece, the mother of the Neece children, at the Grays Chapel school, which was the beginning of their acquaintance and resulted in their marriage.

William Rufus Neece also taught most of his children at their home school of Providence, except for Vanner Neece.

However, Vanner received instruction from her father in the Sunday school class at the Providence Friends Meeting

and also taught school with him at the Tabernacle School in Guilford County.

A farmer on the side, to help provide support for his family, W. R. Neece was still teaching at the time of his death in 1928.

Born east of the Providence Meeting House, on land where fifth and sixth generations of his family still reside, he and his wife established their home north of the Meeting House in 1887 and reared their children there.

The ten-room, two-story dwelling still stands and is owned by most of the sisters. At first, when the parents established their home there, there was only a small portion of the house constructed from hand-hewn wide boards.

It was at this isolated homesite at the end of the road and seven tenths of a mile from the main thoroughfare that Miss Estelle Neece, the oldest in the family, retired in 1949 to care for her mother who died in 1951 at the age of 93.

Estelle, who still travels almost daily the three miles of so back to the old home place, said the time she spend caring for her mother were the "most rewarding years of my life."

All of the Neece children attended the school at Providence, to which they walked a mile and a half, crossing Little Polecat Creek. At one time the school was known as Providence Academy and was endowed by a group of Quakers from Philadelphia.

Beginning with Estelle, all of those who became teachers also attended Guilford College, with some of them also going to other institutions of learning.

Estelle, who received her teacher's certificate from E. J. Coltrane, county superintendent of schools, shortly after the turn of the century, taught mostly at small schools. Schools at which she taught included Union Grove, Three Forks, Julian's Grove, Plainfield and Providence in Randolph County, Rocky Knoll and Pleasant Garden in Guilford County and Cameron in Moore County.

Miss Vanner Neece taught at Piney Grove and Tabernacle in Guilford County before attending Guilford Collage. Then she taught in Wilson, Guilford, Northampton and Randolph Counties before her retirement in 1963. her last school was at Grays Chapel where she taught for five years. She taught at two different times at the school in Coleridge and also taught the home school at Providence.

Miss Marietta Neece, who quit regular teaching in 1966, graduated from Pleasant Garden High School fifty years ago, following her attendance at the Providence School. After attending collage, she taught in the counties of Granville, Northampton, Cumberland, Wilson, Randolph, Wayne, Davidson, Duplin and Alamance. She taught in Burlington 21 years before her retirement.

Laura and Espie also graduated from Pleasant Garden High School, the school at Providence not having the full high school courses at the time.

After their attendance at Guilford College, Laura taught at Nathaniel Green and Sumner in Guilford, Sylvan in Alamance, and Farmer in Randolph, before going to Thomasville where she taught for 19 years before her retirement in 1965.

Espie, who met her late husband, Wade H. Lindley, at Guilford College, taught at High Point, Salisbury and is still teaching at Spencer. This is her 42nd year of teaching.

Individual teaching records are as follows: Estelle, 40 years; Vanner, 45 years; Marietta, 46 years; Laura, 37 years; and Espie, 41 years; for a total of 209 years of teaching brings the total for the family to nearly 250 years.

With so many teachers in the family, Talmadge Neece, their brother, said early in life, "if I have any children, I don't want them to be teachers." Three of his children turned out to be teachers.

As advancing years came upon them, the Neece sisters desired a more accessible residence, they wanted to be on a surfaced road and the house in which they had always lived needed repair.

They needed more convenience, even though Estelle had secured a telephone, a mail route and a state-maintained road at the old home place after she had assumed the responsibility of the household at the time of her retirement from the school system.

They purchased a comparatively new home, a nine-room structure in a setting of pines, on the Hunt Road, three miles from Pleasant Garden.

Retirement has neither brought dullness nor inactivity to the lives of these interesting ladies. They visit frequently their old farm home, they are active in the affairs of the providence Friends Meeting, other church and related activities, they subscribe to several newspapers and magazines, and they maintain their large house, in addition to looking after the place at which they formerly lived.

Marietta is a skilled artist, many of her paintings hang on the walls of their spacious residence, and she also does ceramics and paints china. Estelle crochets and Laura sews, Vanner and Laura do private tutoring. Most of them are musicians as evidenced by their organ and piano. Also, there is a guitar which belongs to Vanner.

Each of them has an automobile and they humorously remark that their premises looks like a used car lot. Because of an unsuccessful eye operation Vanner lost her driver's license but is quite happy to have recently secured a permit which allows limited driving. Marietta does substitute teaching at a junior high school in Greensboro and has also taught art classes.

Vivacious, witty and alert, none of them is living in the past. In retrospect, one of them said she "ought to have done a lot more." But their accumulated years of teaching in the various areas of North Carolina have left a great impact. They feel that their years of teaching have given them a "chance to do a lot of good" and former students can attest that they made the best of their opportunity.

Many lives have been reached by these dedicated women who received their upbringing in the two-story farm home in the rural environs of upper Randolph County. Their contributions continue despite their departure from the active field of teaching.

Gospel Singers Observe Their 2nd Anniversary

Dec. 8, 1969 – The Hi-Rising Gospel Singers of St. Stephen A.M.E. Church in Liberty observed their 4th anniversary in two services Sunday afternoon and evening, Nov. 30.

The group, composed of Miss Carrie Isley, Pianist, Mrs. Catherine Fox, Harris Mae Fox and Mrs. Ethelyne Headen, was formerly known as the Horizon Gospel Singers.

They were organized Nov. 3, 1965, following their performance in a talent program at the St. Stephen church.

Since then they have participated in singings in Asheboro, Thomasville, Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Burlington, and have appeared on radio programs in Asheboro, Siler City and

Greensboro. This participation has been in addition to programs in their own church in Liberty.

All four ladies are members of the St. Stephen church and active in the affairs of the church.

Miss Isley is a member of the choir, church pianist, and organizer of a male chorus. Mrs. Catherine Fox is pianist for the Sunday School, a choir leader and member of the stewardess board. Mrs. Harris Mae Fox is a chorister, a devotional leader and member of the missionary society. Mrs. Headen is program chairman at the church and secretary of the missionary society. Mrs. Catherine Fox is a sister of Mrs. Headen while Mrs. Harris Mae Fox is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Catherine Fox.

Several singing groups appeared on both the afternoon and evening programs which commemorated the 4th anniversary. Proceeds from the event went into the building fund for St. Stephen church. A new building is planned for the future, with \$6,000 already in a building fund.

Rev. C. A. Holt is pastor of the church, which is on a charge along with Friendship A.M.E. Church at Ramseur and Rock Creek A.M.E. Church near Snow Camp.

St. Stephen A.M.E. Church in Liberty was organized in 1886, the cornerstone was laid in 1898 and the church was rebuilt in 1948.

Ten Children Honor Parents On Their 50th Anniversary

Dec. 11, 1969 - Rev. and Mrs. Wilburn Williamson, Rt. 4, Asheboro, natives of Montgomery County, were honored Dec. 7 on their golden wedding anniversary.

Their ten living children entertained for them at the Gatekeeper's House at 313 W. Lanier Street from two to five p.m.

The couple were married Dec. 7, 1919 at the home of officiating Magistrate Joe Reece in Biscoe, to which marriage site they traveled in a 1917 Model T, Ford.

The automobile in which they rode belonged to Mrs. Williamson's father. Mr. Williamson's car, a 1915 Model T Ford, was out of commission on the day of their wedding.

It was raining on the Sunday of their wedding fifty years ago, it was also raining on the Sunday of the observance of their golden wedding anniversary fifty years later.

Another similarity, Mrs. Williamson wore a blue suit for her wedding, she wore a blue dress for her anniversary.

Along with her blue suit for the wedding, she also wore a blue hat and buttoned shoes. For her anniversary she wore a corsage of yellow roses.

Mrs. Williamson, the former Nancy Jane Lucas, was born in upper Montgomery County, near the post office of Allreds. Her parents were J.M. (Marshall) Lucas and Luzenia Graves Lucas.

Mr. Williamson, son of John H. Williamson and Evie Latham Williamson, was born in the same community, with only a mountain between them. His father was a neighborhood casket maker, making the casket in which Mrs. Williamson's father was buried.

Both of them attended the Piney Grove School, located below Sugg's Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Mrs. Williamson recalls that several grown people attended the school but were forced to pay thirty cents a month tuition after passing the age of 21.

However, Mr. Williamson quit school at the age of 13 in order to work at the sawmill. Sawmill wages were a dollar a

day but he remembers plowing for 30 cents a day. Mrs. Williamson also recalls doing farm work for 40 cents a day.

They knew each other in school and in the community in which they lived. But they first began courting at the Center Cross Baptist Church which her folks attended. At a revival service he had another girl asked if he could walk home with her. Mrs. Williamson recalls that the road was full of couples that night.

Their courtship was off and on and lasted for several years. Accompanying them to the home of the magistrate for their wedding were her sister, Della Lucas, and Marshall Chriscoe, a couple who later became man and wife.

His father, the casket maker, made them an "eating" table, which they still have, her mother gave them a bed, they bought an old wood stove, rented a house and started housekeeping.

They lived at various places in Montgomery County, except for a brief period in lower Randolph County, until 1945 when they moved to a 206-acre farm, their present homesite.

Eleven children have been born to their union, with a son Norman Ray, dying at the age of 3. Their older children are Mrs. Galen (Nora) Presnell, Mrs. Kelly (Mary) Lee, Mrs. Glenn (Hettie) Beane, and Mrs. Donald (Ruby) Brown, Rt. 4, Asheboro; Mrs. Dale (Bertha) Lucas and Mrs. Jonah (Gladys) Hill, Rt. 5, Asheboro; J.D. Williamson, Asheboro; Mrs. Henry (Irene) Callicutt, Lowell, Mass.; Jonah Williamson, Mocksville; and James Williamson, Rt. 1, Sophia.

Forty-four grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren also comprise the immediate members of their family.

It was a large family which Mr. and Mrs. Williamson reared during the depression years. During that time they ran a little store and recall when beans were three cents a pound, 25 pounds of flour for 30 cents, eggs 12 cents a dozen, coffee 12 cents a pound, bacon 8 cents a pound and they said you often had to cut a pound of lard in half in order to sell it.

Mr. Williamson, age 71, did not accept the Lord until he was past fifty and says, "I regret that I have not always lived for the Lord."

He was called to preach after his conversion has pastured two churches, the Willow Lane Baptist Church and his present church, the Hilltop Baptist Church, where he has served for the past five years. Before becoming a pastor, he held prayer meetings and carried on a tent ministry.

Old Timey Garb, Drama Tell Story Of Providence Friends Long History

Dec. 11, 1969 - Providence Friends Meeting, located in upper Randolph County observed the 200th anniversary of the establishment of a Meeting House in a special service on Nov. 30.

A drama entitled "By Divine Providence," was presented to a large assembly of people. Narrated by J. Norman Osborne, a Friends Minister living in the community, the drama was written by Miss Vanner Neece from research compiled by Calvin Hinshaw, an 8th generation Quaker.

The narrative told of the founding of the Friends in the early 1750's, their first meetings for worship, their repeated requests to the Centre and New Garden Meetings for permission to establish their own Meeting, and then the

building of their first Meeting House, an 18 by 24 feet log structure, in 1769.

Founding fathers of Providence Friends Meeting originated from Pennsylvania, in the back country of what is now West Virginia, where in a small settlement lived Richard and Charity Grubb Beeson.

Richard and Charity Beeson held a meeting for worship on their farm since they lived so far away from the established meeting. This Meeting at Richard Beeson's was later called Providence. When the Beeson family came to Pole Cat Creek, they brought the name with them.

First Friend to come to the Pole Cat Creek Community was William Reynolds, who settled south of Climax in 1751. He moved his membership from East Nottingham, Pa. to Cane Creek, at that time the only Meeting in Piedmont North Carolina.

His oldest son, Jeremiah Reynolds, married Susannah and became one of the founding fathers of Providence Friends Meeting. They were the parents of eight children.

Another founding father was Benjamin Beeson, Jr., grandson of Richard and Charity Beeson, whose father, Benjamin Beeson, Sr., and mother, Elizabeth Beeson, left their farm in Deep River community and also settled on Pole Cat Creek.

Benjamin Beeson, Jr., was made Friend in trust for the meeting, along with Jacob Elliott, at the time the deed for the Meeting was written.

Another Quaker who came into the community the year the Meeting property was purchased was Joseph Chamness, brother of Susannah Chamness Reynolds. Margaret Norton Chamness, first wife of Joseph Chamness, died after the birth of their 11th child, a daughter named Mourning.

Joseph Chamness later married Hannah Beeson from Deep River and they became the parents of one child, Susannah, who married Jeremiah Reynolds, son of William Reynolds.

Sarah Chamness, oldest child of Joseph Chamness by his first wife, married Obadiah Elliott and the couple became the parents of twelve children. Obadiah was a faithful Friend and it is said that he, at night by aid of the North Star, blazed a trail from his home at Millboro to the Meeting House, a distance of about six miles.

Featured in the drama at the bi-centennial observance were three Meetings. Seated on the rostrum were representatives of the New Garden Quarterly Meeting, to the left were representatives of the Centre Monthly Meeting and to the right were representatives of the Providence Meeting, who asked first for permission to hold a week day meeting, then and every other first day of the week meeting and finally the establishment of their own meeting.

Representatives were attired in the broad brim hats and shirts without ties for the men, long dresses, black and grey shawls and bonnets for the women and a later mode of dress as the drama progressed into later years of the Meeting.

Persistence characterized the Friends who have formed the background for the founding of Providence Friends Meeting. Thirty years elapsed from the granting of the first Meeting or worship on a week day to the establishment of a first day meeting. One hundred and fifty years elapsed before Friends at Providence were granted permission to establish Monthly Meeting and conduct their own business meeting.

Then after time the Centre Meeting and the New Garden Meeting granted permission for a Preparative Friends Meeting at Providence. For more than a hundred years Providence remained a Meeting for worship and a Preparative Meeting.

Finally a Monthly Meeting was established the first seventh day in the first month in 1912 with 84 members.

The request to operate a full-fledged Monthly Meeting was granted with the approval of the Centre Monthly Meeting, the Western Quarterly Meeting and the N.C. Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Even then, there were some hard feelings about the establishment of a Monthly Meeting and some of the older Friends refused to become members of it. But the Providence Friends have proved worthy of the confidence which was finally placed in them and their number has grown to 172.

Clerks of the Preparatory Meeting included William King, Enoch Cox, Add Branson, Rufus Neece, Clark Wilson White. Since the establishment of the Monthly Meeting Clerks have been, Elma Barker, Vanner Neece, Myrtle Cox, Kimber Andrew, and Ray Thomas.

In the beginning the meeting was unprogrammed, after which came residential ministers, paid ministers and now full time ministers. Ministers at the Meeting have included Simeon Barker, Alpheus White, Jeremiah Cox, George Wood, Margaret Hackney, Ada Lee, Oscar Cox, Clarence Macon, Henry Wrenn, Nerius Hodgkin, John Parmar, Robert Melvin, Don Gates, Victor Murchison, Ben Millikan, Cecil Nicholson, J. Norman Osborne, Edward Harris, Robert Crow, Blake Wright, Mark Hodgkin, and the present minister Clyde Lane.

After the first log Meeting House, a frame building, 50 by 30 feet, was used as a place for worship. This building had a partition that could be rolled back with the women holding business meetings on one side and the men on the other side. The second building was replaced by the present brick building.

Education has been an important factor in the activity and existence of Providence Friends Meeting. Four schools have served the community, with the first one believed to have been started in 1776. One of the schools, built in 1884, was known as the Providence Academy and was one of the first institutions of its kind in North Carolina.

The first schools and teachers were supported by donations, pupil tuition and by Baltimore Friends. In 1922 the county built a new school house which was used until its discontinuance in 1950.

Many public school teachers and some college teachers have gone forth from the Providence Friends Meeting. Included in this group have been Alpheus White, Clark Wilson, Ella Chamness, Rufus Neece, Ata White, Nannie Cranford, Esther Cranford, Lizzie Cox, Ruth Teague, Myrtle Cox, Lalah Cox, Moleta Macon, Edith Macon, Clarence Macon, Ernest Macon, Estelle Neece, Vanner Neece, Marietta Neece, Laura Neece, Espie Neece, Louise White, Alma Reynolds, Floyd Reynolds, Talmage Neece, Jr., Virginia Neece, Hershall Macon, Elizabeth Neece, and Jerry White.

The history and existence of Providence Friends Meeting, going back to the days of Colonialism, when Indians roamed the surrounding countryside, could have only come about by divine providence, as the drama unfolded at the bi-centennial observance on Sunday evening, Nov. 30.

Pritchard Elected President of YDC

Dec. 12, 1969 - Roger Q. Pritchard was elected president of Randolph County's Young Democratic Club at the business meeting of the club Wednesday evening at the Gatekeeper's House in Asheboro.

A former educator with the Randolph County School System, Pritchard is now president and general manager of Engravographics Inc., an Asheboro printing firm. He succeeds Charles Sanford of Randleman in the YDC post.

Other officers named at the meeting included Mrs. E.J. Johnson, first vice president; Dr. John W. Couch, second vice president; Mrs. Lynn Priest, secretary; and Marion Asbill, treasurer.

Jim King, Asheboro, was chairman of a nominating committee which recommended the election of the YDC slate.

Pritchard, affiliated with the Randolph County School system for six years, was serving as Director of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Program when he resigned.

A graduate of Coleridge High School and High Point College, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pritchard, Rt. 1, Asheboro. He is married to the former Brenda Thomas. Parents of a son, Roger Craig and a daughter, Dana, they reside at 594 Vance Street in Asheboro. They are members of Balfour Baptist Church.

Installation of the YDC officers will take place in Jan.

Blood Saved His Life, Now County Must Make Up Deficit

Dec. 16, 1969 - Last Nov. 8, a Rt. 5, Asheboro man narrowly escaped death after suffering a ruptured artery.

Only the prompt administering of available blood saved his life.

This blood, 17 pints in all, was received at Greensboro hospital. It needs to be replaced when the Bloodmobile comes to Asheboro on Dec. 18-19.

Robert Slaydon and his wife Exie, were visiting friends in Greensboro. They had driven there from their home on Rt. 5, southwest of the New Hope Methodist Church.

They had eaten with their friends in a cafeteria and were visiting a department store when the attack occurred.

From their friends home the ambulance was called and Slaydon was rushed to Cone Hospital, hemorrhaging very badly. The artery had ruptured at the end of the esophagus, a canal through which food and drink pass to the stomach.

The loss of blood was severe and doctors say that the availability of the proper blood type saved Slaydon's life, a former well known athlete.

If the ambulance had reached the hospital five minutes later or if the proper blood had not been available, Robert Slaydon would not have lived. Speaking of the blood which her husband received, Mrs. Slaydon said, "that is what pulled Robert through."

Seventeen pints of blood were administered to him during the night and through the operation which took place early the next morning.

Robert Slaydon is now up and around, recovering satisfactorily from the near disaster which befell him.

He hopes to return to his employment at Acme-McCrary Corp soon after the first of the year.

A native of Surry County, he came to Asheboro 24 years ago last month. He came to play basketball with the McCrary Eagles following military service in World War II and previous basketball activity with Dobson High School and Hanes Hosiery.

He also played baseball with the McCrary Eagles, his unique delivery in pitching gaining him the nickname of "Slingshot."

"Slingshot" Slaydon has a lot of friends in Asheboro and Randolph County who will welcome the opportunity of replacing his blood when the Bloodmobile appears at the First Methodist Church Dec. 18-19 from 11a.m. until 4:30p.m. On each of the scheduled days.

The blood which he received at the Greensboro hospital has been charged to the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross and must be replaced from this county.

At this visit of the Bloodmobile, replacement will also be sought for 17 pints of blood which was administered to Jack Rhymer of Asheboro at a Winston-Salem hospital. Rhymer, now deceased, was a well known electrician locally.

The blood used by these two citizens and others has resulted in a large deficit at the local Red Cross chapter. Through the end of Nov., a deficit of 366 pints existed.

This deficit, added to the current quota, amounts to 750 pints which is needed for the visit this week of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

What greater gift could you give in this Yuletide season than the life-giving substance which is so desperately needed. Then, as Mrs. Robert Slaydon expressed it, "the life you save may some day be your own."

Charter Course For Future, State Grange Master Urges

Dec. 19, 1969 - Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, State grange master, spoke to the Farmer grange members and their guests Saturday evening at the annual Christmas rural-urban understanding meeting of the local grange.

Preceding the program members and their guests comprised a double line along-side a table loaded with food for which the women of the community are noted.

Mrs. Caldwell, in her seventh year as State grange master, spoke of chartering a course for the future, to determine the kind of world we will build. She praised our forefathers who came to this land of opportunity and freedom, developing it by hard work, determination, ambition and dedication.

She asked, "what has happened to the great American dream?" She said, "our families, schools, churches and agriculture have changed, people have stopped dreaming, many lack drive and ambition, our society is faced with many problems."

She said, "people have sold farm land because it has become to valuable to farm, our farm families have become very urban in their thinking and in their affairs."

"Those who did not have much opportunity until recently have become very dissatisfied," she deplored, but on the other hand she spoke of those "who don't want any change whatsoever."

She concluded by saying that "we must persist in our democratic responsibility or indifference, wrong values, and rebellion without proper goals will shape the future."

Mrs. Caldwell was accompanied to the meeting by her husband, Harry B. Caldwell, who in previous years had served for 22 years as master of the State grange.

The master of the Farmer Grange, Alton Wall, Presided over the meeting and R. C. Adams, Lecturer for the local grange and agriculture teacher in the local school, also appeared on the program.

Mrs. Caldwell praised the Farmer Grange master, who is manager of Randolph Electric Membership, as one of the outstanding men in electric cooperatives in the state and both Mrs. Caldwell and Wall praised the local lecturer, R. C. Adams, as a good lecturer, a faithful and loyal grange member and community worker.

For the festive occasion the grange hall was decorated with seasonal greens and red candles. The food table was centered with an arrangement of fruits and greenery, with lighted hurricane lamps.

The focal point was a golden angel in center stage, with greetings of the season along with large Christmas trees on either side of the stage.

Elsewhere were wreaths of cornshucks with red apples. All tables were centered with hurricane lamps and greenery.

Mrs. G. C. Castelloe, Jr. served as dinner chairman, with Mrs. Herbert Kearns, Mrs. Carl Kearns in charge of decorations.

Christmas music was provided by Miss Elaine Balderson, soloist, accompanied by Miss Vickie Greene at the piano.

Among the guests were Asheboro City Manager Tom McIntosh and Mrs. McIntosh, Sheriff Lloyd Brown and Mrs. Brown, Superintendent of Schools John Lawrence and Mrs. Lawrence, assistant superintendent W. K. Cromartie and Mrs. Cromartie, county commissioner Floyd Langley, county home economics agent Miss Rose Badgett, Asheboro banker Henry Armfield, and others.

Henry Armfield, on behalf of the guests, expressed appreciation to grange members for their hospitality on the enjoyable occasion.

Church Begun In 1889 Has New Parsonage

Dec. 22, 1969 - Open house at a new parsonage for New Salem United Methodist Church, complete with new furnishings, was held Sunday, Dec. 14.

Located east of the church and educational building, estimated value of the house, land and furnishings has been placed in the neighborhood of \$70,000.

A substantial amount of money used to pay construction costs of the new building came as a bequest from Mikal Aaron Fogleman, a resident of the community and a faithful member of the church who died Mar. 18, 1968. He was a bachelor.

New Salem congregational members had been talking, planning and saving for a new parsonage for several years. Only a small indebtedness remains on the completed structure.

This is the first parsonage for the New Salem church which became a Methodist institution in 1889. It had its beginning as a Quaker Meeting House in log structure in 1815.

New Salem began as a Methodist Protestant Church on the Randleman Circuit, including the churches at New Salem, Mt. Lebanon, Bethany, and Worthville.

Bethany was taken off in 1910 and Level Cross added. Mt. Lebanon was taken off in 1949 and the three-point charge of New Salem, Level Cross, and Worthville exists at the present time.

Ministers assigned to the circuit have been residing at a parsonage at 319 Ferguson St. in Randleman, owned by all three churches on the circuit. But with the completion of the New Salem parsonage, the minister, Rev. Haywood B. Hyatt, and his family have moved into the new home. The old parsonage building will be sold.

Semi-Colonial and contemporary in architecture, the brick-veneered structure was designed by architect Glenn Hodgins of near Greensboro. It consists of four bedrooms, a formal living room and dining room, a large kitchen with dining area, a two-vehicle carport and a full basement.

The family room has a fireplace with upraised hearth, there are linen closets in the bedrooms and utility rooms off the kitchen and carport. There is a hall, entrance foyer, two full baths and two half-baths.

The pastor's study, a large room paneled with antique birch, is located in the basement, along with a lounge area outside the study and a large recreational area in which a fireplace is located. The family room and the wainscoting in the kitchen are also paneled in antique birch.

Over 700 Attend Company's First Christmas Dinner

Dec. 26, 1969 - Jordan Spinning Company's first Christmas party for employees and their families proved to be an event of far-reaching significance.

Held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21 on the lower floor of the Deep River plant at Cedar Falls, the attendance went well beyond the 195 plant employees and their families.

Sponsors say that approximately 700 men, women and children came by during the three-hour period, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., of the Christmas party and open house.

Included in this number were friends of the employees, former employees of the company, and people of the community.

It was a typical Christmas party, complete with food, drink, Christmas tree, treats and Santa Claus.

The tall Christmas tree, which reached the ceiling, was procured by Joe Laughlin. Assisting him in decorating it were his wife, Mrs. Ila Mae Laughlin, Mrs. Margaret Allred, Carl Laughlin and Wayne Allred.

The portly Santa Claus, who gave all the children Christmas treats, was discovered later in the afternoon to be none other than Paul Strider, a supervisor in the finishing department and an employee with 29 years of service.

Planning and supervising the Christmas party was a committee of employees, composed of Carrie A. Pugh, Delsie Estes, Brawley Parrish and Walter Thompson. This committee was given full authority by the plant superintendent, J.M. Proctor, in handling the event.

Homemade cake, coffee and cold drinks were served to everyone who came. Assisting in serving were members of the planning committee and Gertrude Duggins, Jackie Smith, Margaret Harmon, Dorothy Thompson and Virgie Cox.

Catering for this phase of the party was done by the ladies of the Cedar Falls Methodist Church, with the church benefiting from the payment which the management paid

for these refreshments. The sliced cake which was left over was taken after the party to a local rest home.

Mrs. Ila Mae Laughlin and Mrs. Margaret Allred registered guests and supervisors in the plant conducted tours of the mill.

Mrs. Henry Jordan, widow of the late plant manager, and her son, Tommy, now a graduate student at Harvard University, were present for the party, along with Mrs. J. M. Proctor, wife of the plant superintendent.

Among those seen in the huge crowd were the Methodist minister, Rev. Dewey Bailey, The Baptist minister, Rev. Hansel Neathery, and their wives and the village post master, Mrs. Crayteen Brown.

They Said Their Wedding Vows Fifty Years Ago

Dec. 31, 1969 - Sam W. Dark, who has been on the deacon board of his church for he past 38 years, and his wife, Nottie Bowden Dark, were honored on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28.

Their children held open house for them at the couple's home on Rt. 4, Siler City, located in the northwest corner of Chatham County, near the Randolph and Alamance line.

In addition to honoring their parents at the open house event, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dark presented each of their parents with a fifty dollar bill as a further gesture of their love and appreciation for them.

The couple was married on Christmas Day, 1919 at the home of the officiating justice of the peace, John Clark, in the edge of Alamance County.

The trip according to Mr. Dark, was made with his buggy and "my old man's mule" and was slow because the roads were muddy. Upon their arrival at the magistrate's home, they found him coming from the barn where he had been to feed. So, they were married while seated in the buggy.

Sam William Dark was born in Albright's Township, in which he still resides, the son of Jim and Elizabeth Dark. The nearest school was five miles away and he only went one day. One reason for quitting might have been because, as he said, "I was taller than the teacher."

He farmed, an occupation which he still follows, saw-milled and cut cedars for fencing.

Mrs. Dark was born in Alamance County, Newlin Township, in a family of 12 children. She attended the Bowden School but, as in the case of Mr. Dark, "didn't go much because it was so far."

Mr. Dark, now 70, and Mrs. Dark, 71, got acquainted at the ages of 14 and 15 respectively when she and some relatives visited "Sheep Rock." A site of curiosity near his home. Their courtship progressed slowly, sometime only once a month, until their marriage six years later.

The infrequency of their courtship was explained by Mr. Dark who said they lived five miles apart and that he "worked a heap of the time." However, he admitted to going more than once a month before they got married.

They came to their present homesite in 1931, first living in the log house, and built their present home six years later.

Their second child died at the age of 16 months and their living children are Mrs. Hugh (Inez) Glover, Willis Dark, and Wade Dark, Rt. 4, Siler City; Mrs. Grady (Ruth) Patterson, Liberty; Mrs. Arthur (Mary) Rogers, Rt. 2, Pittsboro; Mrs. Jesse (Lucille) Scotton, Siler City; Harvey Dark, Rt. 1, Staley; and Mrs. Clyde (Genice) Eubanks, Washington, D.C.

The couple has had their membership at the Burnett's Chapel United Methodist Church of Christ, near Snow Camp, for around 48 years. This church, where their child is buried, is located near a previous residence.

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Tabernacle Native Honored On His 92nd Birthday

Jan. 3, 1970 - A Tabernacle Township native, C.T. (Charlie) Hughes, Rt. 1, Trinity, was honored by members of his family Sunday, Dec. 21, in the observance of his 92nd birthday.

This well known resident of western Randolph County "can remember when Asheboro was just a wide place in the road and when there wasn't a car in North Carolina."

His son, Glenn Hughes, with whom he resides, brought him to Asheboro the day before the birthday celebration to get his hair cut. Mr. Hughes said the barber didn't charge him anything and told him "to come at this time next year and I'll cut it for free again."

Charlie Hughes was born about a quarter of a mile north of where he presently resides. He attended the Pierce School, which was located at two different sites in the community, both of which were given by his father Winburn Hughes.

His wife, the former Rettie Mae Kennedy, to whom he was married in 1903, died in 1961.

Their children, Ross and Glenn, Rt. 1, Trinity, John and Virginia (Mrs. Charlie Thomas) Rt. 3, Thomasville, Robert, Hartsville, S.C., and Hal, Rt. 2, Lexington, were present for the birthday celebration except for Ross, who was sick.

Three brothers of Mr. Hughes, Harvey, Reid, and Cicero, and two sisters, Mary Younts and Minnie Myers, are deceased. One sister, Ella Loflin, Rt. 1, Trinity, is still living.

Mr. Hughes reared his family in an old house, located next to the modern new home in which he moved recently with his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hughes. He had lived in the old house since shortly after his marriage over 65 years ago.

Asked how he liked the new house, thinking possibly he would have disliked changing homes at this point in his life, this alert nonagenarian replied briskly "the best kind." His son said he liked the central heat in the new home.

A farmer and sawmill operator, mainly for the winter months after the wheat had been sewed, he has also fixed sawmills for people, put floors in houses and did various other things.

He also served one time as a deputy sheriff. A grandson, Richard Hughes, followed in his footsteps in this capacity in recent years.

Mr. Hughes, in speaking of economic conditions today, said "nowadays there is plenty of money, you can rake it up with a rake. But you don't come home with many goods."

He compared conditions with his earlier years and said "you had to work back then in order to get something to eat."

He said in his early days, "only three men in the community had money to lend, Dr. Fuller, Isom Fuller and Noah Skeen." Now, he said, "there is a place on every corner where you can get money." Asked if he borrowed any money years ago, he said, "it took me a little time to work out the money for my land."

His immediate family, in addition to his children, include 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

1970 March of Dimes Drive Gets Underway In Randolph

Jan. 5, 1970 - The 1970 campaign for the March of Dimes drive in Randolph County was kicked off Dec. 30 with a supper and organizational meeting in the fellowship hall at the Flag Springs United Methodist Church.

Flag Springs is one of three rural churches which is pastured by the county drive director, Rev. Henry C. (Hank) Thompson. The other two churches are New Hope and Pisgah.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson conducted the meeting, with the program for the evening also including Jack E. McGee, of Raleigh, field representative for Central District.

The National Foundation March of Dimes, Ralph Bulla and Joe Church, chairman and treasurer respectively, of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation — March of Dimes.

"Letter from Jimmy Lee." The campaign film for the current drive, was shown to the drive personnel who came from various sections of Randolph County.

Announcement of community chairmen and other drive personnel by the community director, the Rev. Mr. Thompson, are as follows: Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson Jr.; North Asheboro, Mrs. Delette Hicks; Archdale, Robert L. Stephenson and Mrs. Jerry Bowling; Brower-Erect, Arnold Comer; Cedar Square and Glenola, Gilbert R. Davis; Cedar Grove, Mrs. Charles Newlin; Cedar Falls, Mrs. Crayteen Brown; and Central Falls, Mrs. R.B. York, Jr.

Also Coleridge, Elvin Murray, Ralph Reeder, Mrs. Odell Brown and Mrs. Nathan Cox; Farmer Grange representative, F. W. Elliott; Franklinville, Mrs. Ed Howey; Grays Chapel and Red Cross, Odell Routh and Vernon Whitaker; Grantville, Mrs. Lester Byrd; Hillsville, Sophia and New Market, Jim Hunt; Level Cross, Civitan Club, George Stanton, representative; Liberty, Rev. Paul Bruton; Liberty gospel singing, Bob Loman; and New Hope, Mrs. Chester Leonard and Miss Brenda Leonard.

Also Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Ed Kearns; Piney Ridge, Mrs. Verlia Brady and Mrs. Mamie Cheek; Pleasant Grove, Leon Brady; Pleasant Ridge, Rev. Bill Taylor; Pisgah-Union, Mrs. Eli Callicutt; Ramseur, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mike York, Jr. Representative; Randleman, Mrs. Guy Steed; Randleman Road Block, Junior Chamber of Commerce; Seagrove, Miss Nancy Spencer; Staley, Mrs. Dean Cox; Tabernacle, Jack Small; Trinity, Mrs. Howard Younts and Glenn Thomas; Ulah-Flag Springs, H. Clendon Richardson; Union Grove, Rev. F. A. Lunsford; and Worthville, Jim Wright.

Promotional director for the campaign film will be F. Wayne Hughes. He will be assisted by Frank White, who will be serving in his usual role as film technician.

A total of \$13,657.14 was raised in the 1969 March of Dimes drive, 25 percent of which went to medical research, with the remainder being divided equally between the local chapter, to be used in Randolph County, and the programs of the national organization.

Duration of the drive will be for the entire month of Jan. Lead-off event will be a gospel singing at the Flag Springs church Sunday afternoon, Jan. 4, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Sponsor will be the Ulah-Flag Springs chairman, Clendon Richardson.

The meal for the kick-off supper was prepared and served by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Flag Springs church.

Officers Installed At Masonic Lodge

June 8, 1970 - An impressive array of Masonry participated in the installation of officers for Balfour Lodge No. 188 AF & AM Monday evening, Jan. 7, at the Masonic Temple in Asheboro.

R. G. (Bob) Paschal, Greensboro, secretary of Scottish Rite Bodies and a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, was the installing officer, inducting retired Air Force Master Sergeant Ernest E. (Bill) Hooker as Worshipful Master of the Balfour Lodge to succeed William H. (Bill) Russell retiring Master.

Paschal is also a past district deputy grand master and lecturer, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland an Allied Masonic Degrees, and is secretary of the Gate City Lodge No. 694 in Greensboro.

Marshal for the installation was A. W. Powell, a 32nd degree KCCH Scottish Rite Mason, past master of the Gate City Lodge in Greensboro and now district deputy master for the 365th Masonic District.

Installing chaplain was Mack L. Gordy, also a 32nd degree KCCH Scottish Rite Mason, also a past master of the Gate City Lodge, and a member of the board of directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro.

Another past master of the Gate City Lodge, W. D. Ray Jr. was also in attendance at the meeting. He too is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

In addition to the installation of Bill Hooker as Master of Balfour Lodge, other officers installed included Senior Warden, Arlie Bennett; Junior Warden, Winfred N. Flynt; Treasurer, Joe Ross, Jr.; Secretary, Fred Lane; Senior Deacon, Glendon McMiller; and Tyler, John Edgar Brown.

Members of the Order of the Rainbow served the meal which preceded the holding of the installation service. Assisting them was W. I. Burrows, custodian of the Masonic Temple, a past master and secretary of the Balfour Lodge and a veteran Asheboro Mason.

Speaker at the dinner meeting was the installing officer, R. G. Paschal. He was introduced by John R. Ingram, who is currently serving as district deputy grand master of the 37th Masonic District.

Recognition was extended to widows of departed lodge members, namely, Mrs. James I. Kemp, Mrs. Paul Hooper, Mrs. Allen Scott, Mrs. Corbett Scott, Mrs. Thurman Brown, Mrs. W. Alton Cox, Mrs. Fowie Burkhead, Mrs. F. F. Sykes, Mrs. Wiley Jones, Mrs. W.D. Carlton, and Mrs. Luther Cox.

Twin Sisters Celebrate Their 86th Birthdays

Jan. 16, 1970 - Twin sisters, Allie Lutetia Hill and Maggie Roella Lambeth, living in Davidson County just across the Randolph County line, celebrated their 86th birthdays Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Still almost identical, they live a mile or so apart and visit each other as frequently as members of their families furnish the transportation.

Formerly they visited back and forth more often until as one of them said, "we got to old to walk." They have always lived in the same vicinity.

They were born in the community in which they still reside on Rt. 2, Lexington, in the vicinity of Walter's Grove Baptist Church, the daughters of John Grubb and Jane Cody Grubb.

Reared on the farm the twins worked hard, hoeing corn, hauling hay and doing various other types of farm work. According to Mrs. Lambeth they do "plenty of work yet."

They attended the one teacher school at Cedar Springs, to which they walked two miles and in which vicinity their parents are buried in a family cemetery.

Mrs. Lambeth was married to her husband, Elzie Lambeth, 66 years ago and Mrs. Hill was married shortly afterwards, Mrs. Hill's husband, Jim Hill, died 14 years ago.

Mrs. Hill's youngest son, Gilly Hill, lives with her at the old homeplace, a quarter mile from the Randolph County line. Her older children are Mrs. Marvin (Rosie) Garner, Denton; Mrs. Edgebert (Sadie) Hughes, Mrs. Elwood (Vallie) Hill, Walter Hill and Jack Hill, Rt. 2, Lexington; Mrs. W.C. (Josie) Perdue, Rt. 1, Trinity; Mrs. O. J. (Eula) Hulin, Mrs. Paul (Pauline) Hoover and Mrs. Richard (Bertha) Hoover, Rt. 2, Denton; Mrs. Marvin (Texie) Black, Rt. 3, Thomasville.

Living with Mrs. Lambeth and her husband is the daughter, Miss Magaline Lambeth. Their other children are Mrs. L.M. (Sallie) Gallimore, Mrs. Roy (Ola) Pierce and Grady Lambeth, Thomasville; Mrs. Jack (Minnie) Anderson, Rt. 4, Asheboro; Mrs. Joe (Beulah) Pierce, Rt. 2, Denton; and Mrs. Harvey (Hazel) Briles, Rt. 2, Lexington. One son, Foy Lambeth, died a year ago and another son Bennie, died at the age of 18 months.

Mrs. Hill has 28 grandchildren 39 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren while Mrs. Lambeth has 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Neither lady wears glasses and Mrs. Lambeth can still thread a needle with her natural eyesight. Both of them still do their house work.

Mrs. Hill has a hearing defect and is unable to hear others unless they talk real loud and sometimes cannot hear them at all. This is the case except for her twin sister. The closeness of their lives and the bond between them enables them to communicate with each other, despite Mrs. Hill's deafness. As this report left them, they were conversing in normal tones and Mrs. Hill was hearing what her sister said.

Neighbors, Civitan Club Pitch In, Build New Barn

July 20, 1970—The spirit of neighborliness and the desire to help a friend prompted the "barn raising" which occurred at the Marvin Small residence on Rt. 1, Randleman Saturday June 17. Initiated by the Level Cross Civitan Club, neighbors joined the club members in replacing the barn which was burned on Dec. 30.

It was raining on the morning the project was planned but a few came early anyway. The weather subsided, others came later and by noon there was a sizeable group on hand.

Harvey Adams, an experienced carpenter and former president of the Civitan Club, was in charge of the project. Also on hand was the current club president, George Stanton.

Others assisting were Richard Davis, Junior Hunt, Kenneth Evans, Clay Small, L. J. Small, Guy Small, Fred Small, Clyde Small, Tripp Cooper, Mike O'Brien, Curtis Small, and Paul Small.

Also Ted Allred, Earl Small, Albert Johnson, Bruce Prevost, Needham Hockett, Lacy Adams, Bill Wright, June Skeen, and Larry Wood, Mark Hunt and Brantley Davis.

Daughters and daughters-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Small prepared the meal which was served during the noon hour. It was a table piled high and the men ate in relays. Some of the food was cooked on the wood stove which still predominates in the Small kitchen.

Food items included chicken and dumplings, beef stew, ham, green beans, pinto beans, lima beans, green peas, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, candied yams, tossed salad, coffee, tea, soft drinks, pies, three kinds of cake and cheese pudding.

Seventy-three-year-old Marvin Small was working in the barn when his grandson, Tommy Small, discovered that it was on fire. He burned one of his hands but was able to get a cow and a mule out of the barn. Otherwise it was a total loss. Fifteen hundred bales of hay, a tractor, plow, drill and lime spreader were destroyed. There was no insurance.

Replacement of the barn will come from Mr. Small's neighbors and the members of the Level Cross Civitan Club. The contents of the barn will remain a financial loss to the Level Cross resident and his wife.

But most of all he has reassurance of kindness from friends and neighbors. Marvin Small expressed it when he said, "I have got some good neighbors, I am proud of them, it is a big help to me."

Family's Home Destroyed, Radio Club Seeking Help

Jan. 23, 1970 - People in the eastern Randolph area and elsewhere will be given an opportunity to help a burned out family rebuild their residence which went up in flames on Jan. 13.

The Deep River Citizen's Band Radio Club is sponsoring a fund to assist the Wilbert Paul Kidd family, Rt. 1, Ramseur, who lost all of their belongings in the fire which burned their home, located about a mile south of Parks Cross Roads Christian Church.

Generous friends and neighbors have already donated clothing and furniture but the burned out family wants to rebuild and the members of the Deep River C B Club are standing by to assist them in this project.

Donations of money, materials and labor may be made to any member of the C.B. club of which the Rev. T. R. York is the president, by calling 824-4041 or 824-8183. Members of the club will make contact with prospective donors if they will call these numbers.

The "Wilbert Kidd Building Fund" has been established at the Bank of Coleridge in Ramseur. Donations to the fund will be tax deductible if made through the Deep River C B Club or a church in the community.

Three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, Judy, 16, Patsy, 15, and Nancy, 11, were at home when the fire occurred. An effort was made to secure help but telephone communications were broken down and the house was in ruins before the firemen arrived.

Other children who live at home are Peggy, 17, Kenneth, 13, and Donald York, a half brother.

Peggy, senior at Eastern Randolph High School, member of the girls basketball team and a school bus driver, was notified of the fire as she was driving her bus load of students to their home and couldn't believe it was true.

The parents are employed at Randolph Mills in Franklinville and were at work at the time of the fire.

Family And Friends Mourn Loss Of Sgt. Bobby Bulla

Feb. 2, 1970 - Bobby Bulla grew up to be tall, straight, and strong, despite the family which existed when he and his twin sister were born.

He was an athlete in his community in high school and college. He lived the life of an average young boy and he grew into normal young manhood.

His life ended in Vietnam on Jan. 22. Last Thursday his body was returned to his family and on Saturday relatives and friends filled the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, where he attended Sunday School, for the final rites in his honor and in his memory.

The minister of the church, Rev. Hoover E. Smith, said "we have come to pay tribute to a young man who had gained the respect of the entire community." The minister also sang beautifully "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Further eulogy was given by Rev. Paul E. Allred of Kannapolis, a former pastor. The Rev. Mr. Allred's son, who played football with the deceased, came from Atlanta, Ga., to attend the final rites.

Pallbearers were Artie Wicker, Darrell Rich, Gary Fields, Eddie Morris, William Rush and Houston Roberts, boyhood friends, fellow ball players and his college room mates.

Houston Roberts came from the Blytheville Air Force Base in Arkansas to pay tribute to his close friend and boyhood playmate.

Honorary pallbearers were other friends, teammates and members of his fraternity at Elon College. The Campus minister was also in attendance.

Bobby did not want to be different from anyone else as far as his involvement in Vietnam was concerned. He may not have been particularly anxious to get into the war but he made no effort to keep out of it.

When his college days came to an end, his primary purpose was to spend his year in Vietnam and then come home for whatever life had in store for him.

He spurned the opportunity for a leadership role and objected when he was sent to a non-commissioned officers' school before going to Vietnam.

He just wanted to go on over, do what he had to do and come home. He was not trying to make a name for himself and neither did he want any special privileges.

His parents did not know until after his death that he had been promoted to staff sergeant. A few years ago he had not told them about receiving a football award. Bobby Bulla had never regarded things like that as being significant.

He was never resentful, his letters home were cheerful, even the one which came the day before the dreadful news arrived, which told of the pressure which his men were undergoing by being placed on ambush duty for 17 consecutive days.

He was making the best out of his days in Vietnam and had sent home the autographs which he secured from comedian Bob Hope and astronaut Neil Armstrong at the time of their recent tour.

Bobby Bulla was clean and upright, without any pretense at being that way. He was well liked by his coaches, team mates, and fellow students, many of whom came to offer their condolences and to pay tribute to his memory.

The expression was universal. It also came from the community, the townspeople and from the Army Sergeant in Vietnam who wrote "he was a real nice boy. He didn't drink, smoke or curse."

He was without guile, he was not prejudiced and he believed in the dignity of man.

His parents and his sister were justified in being proud of him. In the days ahead, as they mourn his absence, they can gain comfort from the qualities which he possessed, take courage from the life which he lived and treasure their 25 years of association with him.

Ramseur Jaycees Purchase Library Children's Books

Feb. 3, 1970 - Ramseur Junior Chamber of Commerce is rendering public service under the leadership of its president, Harold Holmes.

This month the Jaycees are sponsoring the March of Dimes drive for the Ramseur area and heading up that drive is Jaycee member Mike York Jr.

Another area of public interest was manifested at the last meeting of the Jaycees when a check was presented to the Ramseur Public Library for the purchase of children's books.

The check, amounting to \$125 was presented by Jaycee president Holmes to Charles Dorsett, treasurer of the library organization.

March of Dimes chairman of Mike York Jr. is chairman of the history department at Eastern Randolph High School. A native of the local area, he graduated from Elon College and received his Master's Degree from Appalachian State University at Boone.

He is married to the former Gwen Jones of Smithfield and they are the parents of two daughters, Martha, 5, and Kelly, 3. Mrs. York teaches at Ramseur Elementary School.

Assisting in the leadership of the March of Dimes drive in Ramseur is Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hicks. Mrs. Hicks, the former Betty Ferguson of Siler City serves as Mothers' March chairman, Roger Hicks is treasurer of the Jaycee club.

Ladies helping with the Mothers' March are Mrs. Patsy Coward, Mrs. Carolyn Albright, Mrs. Jack Upton, Mrs. James Raines, Mrs. Mary Burgess, Mrs. Wayland Brown, Mrs. Ruth Hodgins, Miss Kathy Cross, Miss Joyce Welborn, Mrs. Jo Ann Holmes, Mrs. Robert E. Early, Mrs. Gwen York, Mrs. Davis Isom, Mrs. L.R. Dixon, Mrs. Pep Watkins, Mrs. Nancy Allred, Mrs. Harold Waisner and Mrs. Linda A. Gales.

Other members of the Ramseur Jaycee Club beside those mentioned above are Bill Allred and David Williams, vice presidents, Joe Dean Cox, secretary. Harrison Cheek, Bob Coe, Stad Crutchfield, Roger Ward, William Cox, Billy York, Bill Pugh, David Isom, Reese Ledbetter, Eric Allred, Bob Cox, Bobby Kinton, Harold Waisner and Calvin Adams.

Buntings Celebrate Their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Feb. 10, 1970 - Mr. and Mrs. George Bunting, who live on Rt. 7, Asheboro, Ridgeway Drive, celebrated their 25th

wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Feb. 1, in the fellowship hall at West Chapel United Methodist Church.

Members of their families, members of the congregation at West Chapel, and a few close friends called from 2 until 4p.m. to congratulate the couple and to extend their best wishes.

Standing with the couple in the receiving line was their only child, Doyle Wayne Bunting, a third year student at East Carolina University.

Presiding over the guest register and greeting the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Maness, who were the attendants at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bunting on Jan. 20, 1945 at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church in Albemarle.

Mrs. Herbert Pugh, sister of Mr. Bunting, and Mrs. Ray Bunting and Mrs. Jay Bunting, his sister-in-law, served the refreshments at the silver wedding anniversary reception.

Mrs. Olan Dorsett, another sister of Mrs. Bunting, and Mrs. D. C. Poole, a sister of Mrs. Bunting, were in charge of the gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lovell said the goodbyes.

Mrs. Bunting wore a navy dress with matching accessories. She pinned a white orchid at her shoulder. Ladies assisting in the reception wore corsages of white mums.

The former Ardell Liske of Mt. Gilead, Mrs. Bunting was employed in Asheboro at the time of her marriage. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Liske. She was a graduate of Mt. Gilead High School.

Mr. Bunting, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bunting, Rt. 2, Asheboro, has always lived in the vicinity in which he was born. His parents celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on in Aug. 1963.

He was serving with the Army at the time of his marriage, being of furlough from the Army Base at Dalhart, Texas. He later served overseas on Ie-Shima Island, near Okinawa.

Mr. Bunting is employed at Stedman Manufacturing Co. and formerly worked for 15 years at McCrary Hosiery Mill.

Mrs. Bunting is employed at Pinehurst Textiles Inc.

Both are active members of West Chapel Church.

Beta Sigma Phi Holds Its Annual Valentine Banquet

Feb. 17, 1970 - The annual Valentine Banquet for Asheboro's Beta Sigma Phi Chapters was held Saturday evening, Feb. 14, in the Guilford Room at the Top of the Mart in High Point.

Chapters represented were Xi Alpha Lambda, Gamma Phi, and Delta Delta, with Delta Delta Chapter serving this year as host chapter.

Mrs. Charles Kesler, president of Delta Delta Chapter, welcomed the members and introduced the guests.

Menu for the meal consisted of fresh fruit compote, chop sirloin steak, tossed garden greens, baked potato, green beans almondine, and rainbow parfait.

The head table was decorated with arrangements of red carnations and white asters.

Rev. David Rhoads, pastor of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Asheboro, was the dinner speaker for the evening.

Highlight of the festive occasion was the crowning of the 1970 queens from each of the three chapters.

Mrs. Donald Callicutt, vice-president of Delta Delta Chapter, introduced the 1969, queens; Mrs. Joe (Katherine) Aaron from Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter, Mrs. Marvin (Giesla) Hogsed, from Gamma Phi Chapter, and Mrs. Charles

(Juanita) Kesler, and presented Beta Sigma Phi awards to them.

The 1969 queens in turn, announced the selection of the new 1970 queens, Mrs. Eugene (Louise) Redding from Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter, Mrs. H. H. (Kenna) Holt from Gamma Phi Chapter, and Mrs. Donald (Gerry) Callicutt from Delta Delta Chapter.

The new queens, who were crowned by their predecessors, had been voted on by secret ballot. They are chapter members who exemplify the "ideal" Girl, one who is friendly, charming, and who has been helpful in the chapter during the past year.

Mrs. David Rhoads was guest of the chapters along with her husband.

Others in attendance, including members, husbands and escorts, were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hinshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aaron, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kesler, Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hogsed, Mr. and Mrs. Don Michelle, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Kivett, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith, Mrs. Donald Callicutt, Mrs. Ronald McDonald, Miss Nancy Smith, Miss Peggy Haywood, Roger Chriscoe and Howard Hinshaw.

Richardson Tops Previous Fund Goal in Polio Fight

Feb. 17, 1970 - Clendon Richardson, Randolph County's leading individual money raiser for the March of Dimes drive, has submitted his report and it's bigger than ever.

This year he raised \$3,351.75 as the chairman of the Ulah-Flag Springs community, going well beyond his last year's amount of \$2,602.51.

However the drive which this polio-afflicted young man conducts each year extends beyond the small, rural community in which he lives.

Merchants, manufacturers and business people of Asheboro and elsewhere donated merchandise for a mammoth auction sale which was held Jan. 17 at the Grantville Community Building.

Held along with the sale was a hamburger steak supper for which Everett Dula donated the steaks. The sale and supper was largely attended. Many people turned away due to the lack of space.

The sale receipts amounted to \$2,231.35, the supper brought in \$514.21 and the quilt which was given away realized \$36.70.

Other aspect of Clendon's drive was responsible for the following amounts: gospel singing at the Flag Springs United Methodist Church, \$172.11; youth groups from the Flag Springs church and the New Hope United Methodist Church, \$51.15; and special donations, \$283.93.

Clendon Richardson was afflicted with polio in 1953 at the age of 11. He was left almost completely paralyzed. In 1964 he was named to head the March of Dimes drive in his community.

The first year he raised \$305 with a gospel singing and other activity of a miscellaneous nature. The next year he expanded with the sale and supper and raised \$950. He has continued to increase his amounts and the following years brought these totals, 1966-\$1,199; 1967-\$1,645; 1968 - \$1,908.50; and 1969 - \$2,602.51.

He sincerely appreciates the cooperation which he received in the holding of the sale and supper, for the merchandise which was donated, for the individual

donations which he received, for the help which came to him in the gospel singing and the other activities in his behalf.

Reviving the Ulah-Flag Springs receipts from Clendon on last Wednesday were the local chapter chairman, Ralph Bulla, the treasurer, Joe Church, and the drive director, Hank Thompson.

Rendering invaluable assistance to Clendon in his drive is his mother, Mrs. H.L. Richardson, his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Richardson, his nieces, Karen, Doreen, and Pamela, and his nephew, Colon.

Church Honors Member for 20 Years Attendance

Feb. 20, 1970 - When the Sunday School attendance awards were passed out recently at the Giles Chapel United Methodist Church; Mrs. Larry Ward received an award for 20 years of perfect attendance.

Her attendance record began when she was three years old. She doesn't even remember having missed a Sunday at church.

The former Barbara Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Esco T. Owens, Rt. 6, Asheboro, she attributes her long record of attendance to "my mother who went with me and took me, after that it got to be a habit."

Two other members of her family received attendance awards at the same time, her brother-in-law, Tony Asbille, to a 4-year pin while her nephew, Brian, 3, received a 1 year pin.

Her sister, Evelyn, wife of Tony and mother of Brian, formerly held a perfect attendance record for over 16 years and lost it only when her son was born.

Their father, Esco T. Owens, once received a 10-year award and their brother, Howard Owens, a 5-year award.

Their mother, who encourages her family to attend church, also went for five years without missing a Sunday and still only misses one or two Sundays a year.

This is really true for all members of the family, including Howard who is now stationed with the Army at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

Barbara Owens Ward has been a patient in the hospital and at a clinic in Asheboro but always got out in time to attend church on Sunday.

While a student at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, before she could spend the weekends at home, her mother would go up early on Sunday morning and bring her back for church.

Now a teacher in the commercial department at Asheboro High School, she recently attended church in Durham while accompanying members of the FBLA club, which she sponsors, to a state convention.

She was salutatorian of her class at Asheboro High School, chief marshal in her Junior Class, and a honor student in college. Her husband is also a teacher at Randleman. They reside at 116 Charles St. in Asheboro.

Barbara is choir director at the Giles Chapel church and her sister, Evelyn, is pianist.

Both have been active in the various phases of this church which they have attended since childhood.

Attendance Awards Given By Antioch Christian Church

Feb. 24, 1970 - Antioch Christian Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, has presented 81 percent attendance awards to members of its Sunday school for the year 1969.

The awards represented a total of 439 years of attendance and an average attendance of 219 for each Sunday. Enrollment in the Sunday school is 272.

In 1968, 95 Sunday School scholars at Antioch received perfect attendance awards, with an average attendance of 213.

Rosie Cox, who will be 82 years of age on Feb. 25, was the oldest person to receive an attendance award. She has not been absent many Sundays during the 52 or more years she has attended church at Antioch.

The youngest member of the Sunday School to receive an award was Cathy Marley age 11 months.

Every member in the Bill Welborn family, the Margie Kiser family, and the Raymond Kiser family received attendance awards.

Sunday school attendance awards were presented as follows: 1 year, Deanna Lawson, Kevin Lawson, Martha Lawson, Cathy Marley, Ricky Norwood, Jon Christie, and Wesley Ritter.

Two years, James Ritter, Newman Stout, Holly Hayes, Chris Kiser, Lendis Hayes, Dale Ritter, Debbie Cox, Jeffrey Hayes, Wanda Cox, Carolyn Cox, Sandra Marley, and Emogene Marley.

Four years, Joyce Stout, Royce Stout, Cindy Asbill, Darlene Kiser, Mae Cox, and Bryon Owens.

Five years, Ruby Ritter, Addie Kiser, Raymond Kiser, Hilda Welborn, Marty Moore, Patricia Asbill, Sandra Kiser, Joan Macon, Terry Moore, Joseph Hayes, and Timothy Hayes.

Six years, Bill Welborn, Margie Kiser, Bruce Hayes, Neal Kiser, Reece Needham, Brenda Hayes, Phil Owens, and Michael Macon.

Seven years, Hazel Ritter, Rosa Cox, Lillian Needham, Lucy Hayes, Vicky Hayes, Robin Welborn, Stanly Welborn, Shelia Ritter, Elvin Ritter, and Lucy Needham.

Eight years, Jesse Ritter, Dora Kiser, Debie Moore, Debbie Kiser, Jimmy Needham, James Kiser, Cynthia Kiser, Anita Needham, and Helen Kiser.

Nine years, Clifford Hayes, Cathy Asbill, Gerald Hayes, Shirley Asbill, Gerald Hayes, Shirley Asbill and Grace Ritter.

Ten years, Nancy Asbill, Yancy Hayes, Margaret Hayes, Gladys Ritter, Tessie Ritter, Lessie Ritter, and Vertle Ritter.

Clergy Night Is Observed

Feb. 25, 1970 - Clergy Night was observed by the Grantville Civitan Club Thursday evening, Feb. 19, with five area ministers in attendance.

Arnold Comer, Rt. 2, Seagrove, layman from Needham's Grove Christian Church, was speaker for the occasion.

The program was held in connection with International Clergy Week, a Civitan observance honoring four chaplains, a priest, a rabbi and two ministers, who died aboard the troop ship Dorchester on Feb. 3, 1943.

Ministers in attendance at the meeting included Rev. Jimmy Norred, member and chaplain of the Grantville club and pastor of Union Grove United Church of Christ and First United Church of Christ, Ramseur; Rev. Ralph Smallwood, Minister at Bethel Friends Meeting; Rev. Lacy M. Presnell, supply pastor at Pleasant Cross Christian Church; Rev. Jim Tilley, pastor of Needham's Grove

Christian Church; and Rev. T.W. Nelson, pastor of Balfour Baptist Church.

Lewis Pritchard, president of the Grantville club, presided over the meeting. Carl Needham, immediate past president, was in charge of the program.

The lay speaker used three topics for his challenging address, come, leave and go.

His scriptures were "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," and "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Comer is a Sunday school teacher and youth director at the Needham's Grove church. In addition to speaking at his home church, he has spoken recently at the New Center, Shady Grove and Biscoe Christian Churches as a substitute for the pastor, Rev. Bill Roberts.

Missionary Rally Planned Sunday

Feb. 26, 1970 - A giant area missionary rally will be held at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church Sunday afternoon, Mar. 1, beginning at 5:30.

Four missionaries home on furlough will attend the rally and the workshops which will follow the principal address of the meeting.

The rally speaker will be Rev. A. J. Calhoun, a missionary of the Wesleyan Church to Haiti, in the West Indies, and to Australia.

Other missionaries who along with Rev. Mr. Calhoun will participate in the workshops include Miss Lois Sheridan, a missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa, Rev. Eric Haywood, a missionary to Rhodesia, Africa, and Rev. Paul Phillippe, a missionary to Brazil, South America.

In addition to the Neighbors Grove church, ten other Wesleyan churches will join in sponsoring the missionary rally.

These are First Wesleyan in Asheboro, Crestview, High Pine, Rushwood Park, Hoover's Grove, and Midway in Randleman, Trinity in Erect, Troy, Siler City and Sanford.

A steering committee making arrangements for the rally is composed of the following people from the participating churches, Rev. Hoover Smith, chairman; Rev. Robert Bogan, publicity; Rev. Charles Hedgepath, workshop; Mrs. Charles Hedgepath, ushers; and Rev. Wilson Goins, setting and arrangements.

Presidents of local missionary societies will be in charge of finances and will receive the offering at the rally. Mrs. James Denny, from the First Wesleyan Church in Randleman, will serve as guest choir director.

Rev. Mr. Calhoun began his missionary service in Haiti in 1915, as a general missionary and evangelistic worker. He served as field superintendent and teacher in the Bible school at Port Margot before being transferred to Australia in 1933, where he became principal of the Bible School.

Miss Sheridan has served in Sierra Leone as a registered nurse since 1953; she has served at Kamabai Girls School, done medical clinic work and helped in the training of national nurses at Kamakwie.

Rev. Mr. Haywood, a missionary to Rhodesia since 1934, has served in direct evangelism and as a Christian educator, possessing the B.S. and M. Ed. Degrees.

Rev. Mr. Phillippe has spent two terms in South America, first serving at Paramakatoi Mission in Guyana where he

had charge of the Bible training school for native Indian workers and where he helped with language translation.

Then he was transferred to Brazil to the interior city of Manaus, once the rubber capital of the world. At this place, after converts had been received and churches organized, a Bible school was opened for the training of young people to do gospel work among their people.

On Sunday morning, Mar. 1 preceding the missionary rally in the afternoon, the missionaries will speak at local churches as follows: Rev. Mr. Haywood at Randleman; Rev. Mr. Phillippe at Kannapolis; Rev. Mr. Calhoun at Rushwood Park.

Thursday evening, Feb. 25, Rev. Mr. Haywood will speak at Crestview Wesleyan Church, with the Hoover's Grove and Trinity churches joining in the service.

On the next evening, Feb. 27, he will speak at the High Pine Wesleyan Church, with the Callicutt's Mission church joining in the service.

Both the Thursday and Friday evening services will begin at 7:30.

Honored On Her Birthday

Mar. 2, 1970 - Mrs. Rosie Cox, pianist at Antioch Christian Church for 52 years, was honored by the church congregation Sunday, Feb. 22, on the occasion of her 82nd birthday.

This was the third consecutive year she has been honored by the church where she rendered more than half a century of devoted service.

In addition to duties as pianist, the only position which she now holds, she formerly served as a teacher in the cradle roll and beginner departments.

Mrs. Cox came to the Antioch Community, Rt. 1, Seagrove, in 1918, eight years following her marriage to Walter Cox, a native of the community.

She became church pianist shortly afterwards, a position which she has held continuously since that time. An assistant pianist has been named but Rosie still plays two Sundays a month.

Her husband, who died in 1962, served for many years as the choir leader at the Antioch church.

The birthday occasion, commemorating her 82nd birthday, was held in the fellowship hall of the new educational building, immediately following the morning worship service.

Before the consumption of the meal which had been prepared by her fellow church members, prayer was offered by Rev. Earlie Tucker, the pastor of the church. The group sang "Happy Birthday."

Her birthday came on Feb. 25. Honored along with her were Mrs. Johnsie Norwood, whose birthday came on the same date, Mrs. Hilda Welborn, whose birthday was on Feb. 22, and Miss Gladys Ritter, whose birthday was Feb. 23.

Johnsie Fox Norwood and Hilda Marley Welborn grew up in the community in which Walter and Rosie Cox lived and have celebrated their birthdays along with Rosie since childhood.

Gladys Ritter, younger than the others, is a member of a family who has been very close to Rosie Cox and it was appropriate that she too celebrate her birthday along with the others.

Special guests were three nieces of Mrs. Cox's; Mrs. Ralph Hart, Mrs. W.E. Chilton, Jr. and Mrs. Doris Denning, of High Point.

Quakers' 150th Anniversary Observed

Mar. 5, 1970 - Southern Quarterly Meeting of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends observed its 150th anniversary at Back Creek Friends Meeting west of Asheboro on Feb. 28.

The Quarterly Meeting was established on the "26th day of the second month, 1820, being the fourth Seventh Day in the month," at the same site at which the anniversary observance was held.

Members of the Back Creek Friends Meeting reenacted the setting of the beginning of the Quarterly Meeting of a century and a half ago, as representatives gathered for their quarterly session.

In the year 1819 the Western Quarterly Meeting had proposed a division of that quarter, with Back Creek, Holly Springs, and Marlborough Monthly Meetings, all located in Randolph County, to constitute the new quarter to be known as the Southern Quarterly Meeting.

Those appointed to attend the opening of the new Quarterly Meeting and report to the next Yearly Meeting were Phineas Albertson, Abijah Pinson, Benajah Hiatt, Jeremiah Hubbard, John Stuart, Joseph Mendenhall, and Eleazer Hunt.

At the first meeting of Southern Quarterly Meeting Stephen Henley was appointed Clerk and Joseph Hodgins, John Walker and Hezekiah Walker were recommended to the station of Elders. Joseph Hinshaw was appointed treasurer for the meeting.

The meeting directed that \$30 be raised by the Monthly Meetings for "this Meeting's block."

Present at that meeting of 130 years ago, in addition to Friends from the three Monthly Meetings, were Priscilla Hunt, Mary Overman, and William Hobbs from the Blue River Monthly Meeting in Indiana, who presented certificates of satisfactory gospel labors and exemplary deportment.

It is believed that Elizabeth Hunt served as the Clerk for the women's meeting, which was held separate from the men's meeting.

Carl Stout present Clerk of the Back Creek Monthly Meeting took the place of Stephen Henley, the first Clerk of the Southern Quarterly Meeting, at the reenactment scene on Feb. 23, with his wife, Juanita Stout assuming the position of the Clerk of the first women's meeting.

Names of the other participants of the first Quarterly Meeting were portrayed as follows: from Back Creek, Andrew Brower, Thomas Winslow, Jesse Henley, Thomas Brower, Joseph Hill, Fannie Hill, Millicent Nixon, Hilda Bundy, Caroline Winslow, and Martha Williams; from Holly Springs, Robert Moffitt, Joseph Hinshaw, John Cox, Mary Cox, Abigail Barker, and Ruth Allen; and from Marlborough, Dougan Clark, John Coffin, Michael Farlow, Rebecca Hinshaw, and Mary Davis.

Standing in for them and the visitors from Blue River at the anniversary observance were the following members of Back Creek Friends Meeting, Wade Nance, Tommy Walker, Ray Stout, Tommy Parker, Carl Spencer, Harold Spoon, Eddie Stout, Johnny Lowe, Samuel A. Lowe, George McDowell, Douglas Walker, Donald Parker, and Wade Briles, Zeola Freeman, Joan Stout, Cletus Parker,

Lola Spencer, Belle Johnson, Ruth Nance, Susan Voncannon, Ruth Miller, Jill Stout, Myrtle Walker, and Gail Williams, the latter persons being from Science Hill Friends Meeting, Sam Henley also sat with the group.

Those participating in the anniversary observance were attired in the Quaker costumes of the earlier years, with the long black dresses and black bonnets being predominant among the women, and the men wore the stiff-brimmed black hats.

Sam A. Lowe, Jr. acted as the narrator for the pageantry of yesteryears. He pointed out a table used by the Men's Clerk, made by Eleanor Winslow in 1792 and used for many Meetings, the pews which came out of the old Meetinghouse, used by the women in the reenactment, and the date block, inscribed with 1790, which was cut from a post in the old building.

Instead of three Monthly Meetings, Back Creek, Holly Springs, and Marlboro, which comprised the Southern Quarterly Meeting at the time of its beginning 130 years ago, there are now thirteen Monthly Meetings in the Quarter.

The Others are Science Hill, Poplar Ridge, Prosperity, Asheboro, Hopewell, Bethel, Cedar Square, South Plainfield, High Falls, and Randleman.

The current session of the Southern Quarterly Meeting at Back Creek was an all-day event, with the morning session being devoted to Ministry and Council and the worship service.

Gilmer Cox, Minister at the High Falls Meeting, served as Clerk of Ministry and Council; with Sarah McCain, from South Plainfield Meeting, serving as Recording Clerk.

Russell Branson, whose forebearers came from Randolph County and who lived for the first few years of his life in the Providence Township area, was speaker for the worship service in the morning and spoke on trusts within the Friends movement in the afternoon. He is a former minister of the New Garden Friends Meeting at Guilford College and was formerly associated with the American Friends Service Committee.

John C. Cox, Clerk of the Southern Quarterly Meeting, presided over the afternoon session, with Inez Nelson, from the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, serving as Recording Clerk.

Former Clerks recognized at the anniversary session included Hope Hubbard, Leah Hammond, Allie Kemp, and Clyde Hinshaw.

Also present and participating in the quarterly sessions was Victor Murchison, Clerk of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Lunch was served in the fellowship hall during the noon hour by the ladies from the Back Creek Meeting. Host Minister and also appearing on the program was George McDowell.

Small Congregation Has High Hopes

Mar. 6, 1970 - The aged building of the Strieby United Church of Christ, now the only remaining vestige on the once thriving Negro community of Strieby, will soon be replaced if present plans of the small congregation are carried out.

Members of the congregation and friends gathered at the church, located on Rt. 5, Asheboro, Feb. 22, and broke ground for a new building.

The present structure, plain, bare, and partially built with hand-hewn lumber, is believed to be around a 100 years old. It has never been changed since it was first built, except for the addition of a small vestibule entrance. The building has no foundation; it is supported by rock pillars.

Preaching is held once a month, on the fourth Sunday. The pastor, 75-year-old Rev. J.H. Hooker, drives the long distance from his home near Saxapahaw in Alamance County. He has three other churches.

The Sunday school is small but active, with 20 to 25 members. But the Sunday School is discontinued during the winter months because it is impossible to properly heat the old building. It is hoped that Sunday School can be resumed in Mar.

Striely of former years was a lively place, with 25 or 30 houses, a post office, store, school and church. All of it is gone now except for the church and one house. However, the church membership is composed of people who live just outside of what was known as the heart of the little community.

Thirteen active members comprise the church organization. These include Ruth Laughlin, the Sunday School Superintendent, and her husband, Lester Laughlin, Mabel Bright, Will Lassiter, Vella Lassiter, G. U. (Grant) Lassiter, Sarah Lassiter, Bertis Smitherman, Winston Smitherman, Harrison Smitherman, Callie Henley, Raymond McRae, and Arthur Hill, whose house is the only residence left in the immediate community.

Many former residents retain an interest in the church of their childhood. One of these, Mrs. Kate Lassiter Jones of Westfield, N.J., was present for the groundbreaking on Sunday, Feb. 22.

Mrs. Jones, former teacher and long time social worker, is presently serving as Director of Rehabilitation for the Drug Addiction Service of the Israel Medical Center in New York City.

Other inactive members include Alice Lassiter Speed, Avious Lassiter Edmondson, Clark Lassiter, Wade Lassiter, Abbie Henley Ratcliffe, Howard Hill, Milton Hill, J.C. Hill, and Worth Hill, all of New York City; Katherine Davis, Nancy Davis, and Max Lassiter, all of Bronx, N.Y.; Elva Hill Denson, Harriett Hill Jackson, Alton Hill and Elton Hill, all of Springfield, Mass; Maxine Hill McNeill, Baltimore, Md.; Lovell Lassiter Gray, Long Branch, N.J.; Duella Hill, Roy Potter and Joseph Potter, all of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Elizabeth Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.

Also Howard Lassiter, Charlotte; Leonard Lassiter, Ellie Mae Davis Patterson, and Lura Ann Davis Morehead, Greensboro; Edna Lassiter Everett, Colon Lassiter, Edward Lassiter, Clifton Hill, Dorothy Hill, Ernest Hill, Elsie Hill, and Theodica Hill, Winston-Salem; Charles Hill, Lexington. Walter Henley, Mt. Gilead. Estella Fisher Carter, High Point. Harrison Laughlin, and Monelle Laughlin, Randleman. Oberia Hill, Asheboro. Elbert and Erlene Lassiter, Rt. 2, Asheboro and others.

Participating in the ground-breaking Ceremony were the pastor, Rev. J.H. Hooker, Bertis Smitherman, a deacon; Lester Laughlin and G.U. (Grant) Lassiter, members of the congregation.

Also present for service and groundbreaking ceremony was Rev. James W. Morrison, Associate Conference Minister, Southern Conference of United Church of Christ.

Benefit Singing Will Aid Family

Mar. 9, 1970 - A benefit singing for Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gatlin, who lost their home and possessions in a fire on Feb. 2; will be held at the Brower Elementary School Mar. 14 beginning at 7:30.

The Gatlin home, located on Rt. 1, Seagrove, was completely burned to the ground and all its furnishings destroyed, except for a television set, a couch and a "few dishes, which were thrown out the window."

Among the items destroyed in the fire were gifts which were presented Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sept. 12, 1965, a pair of gold wedding rings which the couple exchanged on the occasion, and possessions which had been handed down to them from their parents who have preceded them.

For over 50 years Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin had lived at the place where their house burned. They first lived in an old house but built their new house 26 years ago. It was on this place they reared their nine children.

Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin and their youngest son, Ernest, who still lives with them, were at home when the fire was discovered in the upper story of the 3-room dwelling. It was already well underway and nothing could be done by the time the fire trucks from Coleridge and Bennett reached the scene.

The house was located at the end of a dead-end road and Mrs. Gatlin, age 72, ran a half mile or so seeking help from neighbors who live on the main road, while Ernest, the son, stayed to fight the fire and look after his father, whose age is 77.

After the fire the family stayed for a few days with a daughter who lives near Eagle Spring but have now come back to their old home site and are living in a mobile unit. They needed to get back on the scene so they could look after their cows and hogs and attend to other chores. They admit otherwise that it's good to be back where they have spent most of their lifetime.

The modern trailer home, in which they will live while a new house is being constructed, was provided for them and hauled to the site by Boyd Hayes, Asheboro builder, who was reared in the community in which the Gatlins live.

Footings for the new dwelling has already been poured and plans call for the erection of a 4-room house to be located on the same site as the one which burned. It is for assistance in the construction and furnishing of this new house that the benefit singing has been planned.

Two new singing groups, the Country Church Quartet and the Kiser Family Quartet, are taking the initiative in sponsoring the singing. Both quartets originated in the community in which the fire occurred and where the singing will be held.

The Country Church Quartet composed of members of the Antioch Christian Church congregation, include Mr. and Mrs. Bill Welborn, Mrs. Mary Lou Hayes and Mrs. Ether Asbill, with Mrs. Asbill serving as guitar accompanist.

The Kiser Family Quartet, coming from the ten children of Roby Kiser, has as its members Coy Kiser, Harold Kiser, Ronnie Kiser, and their sister Grace Moore. The accompanist for this group is Mrs. Hayes, a member of the other quartet.

Refreshments will be sold at the singing and a free will offering will be taken for Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin.

Neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin have not waited for the singing to help the couple who lost their possessions of a lifetime. Mrs. Gatlin said "the neighbors

supplied me with some things," and offering has been taken up for them already at the Antioch church and friends and neighbors continue to bring food items as a expression of their respect and concern for their couple in their loss.

The world looked bleak for Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin when, with most of their lives behind them, they lost the things which they treasured and which had become a part of their more than 50 years of marriage. But with encouragement of and help of the people among whom they have lived, Mrs. Gatlin said, "with God's help, we are trying to look ahead and not look back."

Ramseur Jaycees Raise \$1,000 in Dimes March

Mar. 10, 1970 - Ramseur Jaycees brought their receipts in the March of Dimes drive up to \$1,000 at their meeting Mar. 3, closing out this phase of their activity as they continued their concern into other areas of community life.

This was their first year to sponsor the drive and when the time ran out they lacked only \$57.25 of reaching their goal of \$1,000. They forthrightly wrote out a check for the remaining amount and closed out the drive in fine style.

In addition to the Jaycee check, other monies came from the following sources; Mother's March, 323.76; church offerings, 46.10; coin collectors, 37.14; and industries, 535.75.

Mike York Jr., named by the club to head up the drive, wishes to express his appreciation for the assistance given by fellow Jaycee members and for the response which came from the people, the business places and manufacturing plants in the vicinity.

He would particularly like to single out the efforts of Mrs. Roger Hicks and the ladies who conducted the Mother's March, feeling that perhaps their labors required the greatest sacrifice in the drive.

The Jaycees meeting presided over by Harold Holmes, president, revealed other activities which have been carried out besides the March of Dimes drive.

An invitational basketball tournament under the sponsorship of the Jaycee club, has been just concluded with the presentation of trophies to the winners.

A dribble and shoot contest was held in connection with the tournament. The four winners in this contest will be taken to a game in which the Cougars will participate.

Allan Leonard, sponsor of a Little League Football Team, was present at the meeting and was presented with a check for \$125.00 to help defray his expenses. A similar check was given at a recent meeting to the Ramseur Library.

Acknowledgement of a \$25 gift to the Heart Fund was also made at the meeting. A contribution has also been made to assist in the medical expenses of an Eastern Randolph High School student who suffered burns from a sun lamp.

Various other activities were discussed at the meeting and Mike York, Jr., the March of Dimes Chairman, was elected as the incoming president of the club. Other officers will be named at the next meeting.

Begins Its New Sanctuary

Mar. 19, 1970 - Fall Creek Baptist Church, organized in 1799, held a ground breaking service for a new sanctuary Sunday, Mar. 15, following the morning worship service.

The new structure, upon its completion, will be the third building on the present site and the fourth structure since its organization.

The church is located on Rt. 2, Bennett, in the southwest corner of Chatham County, one mile from Moore County and three miles from Randolph County.

Fall Creek is the "mother church" of four other Baptist Churches. Tyson Creek Baptist Church was organized from the church in 1881; Beulah Baptist Church, now one of the strongest rural churches in its area, was organized in 1912; Riverside Baptist Church in 1910; and Bennett Baptist Church in 1911.

The first church at Fall Creek was a log structure and was located at the "Meeting House Spring," a quarter of a mile from the present church site.

When the church was moved to its present site in 1858, it is said that three old women in the church continued to meet at the old site for prayer on each worship day.

The small frame structure which was erected in 1858 was replaced by a larger frame structure in 1917, which has now been torn down to make way for the new sanctuary for which the ground breaking service was held.

The last service in the old building, a reminiscent one, was held on the last Sunday in Jan. and was largely attended. Eighteen people stood to tell the pastor and other members of the congregation that if they lived to see the completion of the new building they would remember three buildings on the present site.

Around 75 people stood to testify to their conversion at the altar of the church building which has now been torn down.

Rev. Amos Garner, who came to Fall Creek church as pastor nine years ago this past Jan., conducted the ground breaking service.

An old plow, freshly painted and shined for the occasion, was used in the breaking of the ground. The plow is owned by Charlie Hill, well known member of the church, and was "stocked" for him by his grandfather, the late Thomas Hill, who was a member of the building committee at the time of the construction of the 1917 structure at Falls Creek.

Guiding the plow on the occasion were Wilton Elkins, chairman of the board of deacons, and Francis Harper, superintendent of the Sunday School. Members of the congregation did the pulling.

After the ground breaking, an architect's drawing and picture of the proposed new structure was unveiled by two of the church's deacons, Francis Brewer and Gordon Jones, thus giving members of the congregation their first view of the structure in which they will be worshipping.

Members of the building committee, present for the occasion, included Francis Brewer, Chairman, Clarence Phillips, Hunter Brewer, George Estridge, Gordon Jones, and Ross Hill.

Two of the three oldest members of the church were also present, 86-year-old Mrs. Charity Missouri Hill and her 83-year-old sister, Mrs. Maxie Florence Hill. The oldest member, Joe Powers, 92, was not present.

Estimated cost of the new modified Colonial type structure has been placed at \$87,000, exclusive of furnishings, Continental Church Builders, Inc. of Nashville, Tenn., will construct the building with sub-contractors to be let in the local area. Uda H. Koerner is the architect.

Nearly \$40,000 has accumulated in the sanctuary building fund at Fall Creek since the congregation paid off the

indebtedness on a \$35,000 educational building a year after its construction six years ago.

Needham's Grove Plans New Church

Mar. 24, 1970 - Needham's Grove Church, where outstanding growth has been witnessed for the past few years, held a ground breaking service for a new building on Mar. 15.

The need for a new building was evident as the Sunday school hour approached on the day of ground breaking, with the church auditorium soon being filled to overflowing with the men, women and children who came to worship and to learn.

Attendance records were compiled, a special offering for the new building was received and the entire Sunday School filed out of the old building to participate in the ground breaking.

With the oldest active men in the church, 77 year-old Coy Comer and 79-year-old Jason Reeder, at the handles of a new plow, the ground was broken for the new building. Pulling the plow were the other members of the congregation, with the men pulling one rope and the women and children pulling the other one.

Also recognized at the service and asked to symbolically guide the plow were the two surviving charter members of the church, Mrs. Lillie Needham and Mrs. Bertie Moore.

Rev. Jim Tilley, the dynamic young pastor of the church, led the members of the congregation in the ground breaking service.

The Needham's Grove Church began in 1894 as a Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, organized by the Holly Springs Friends Meeting. A portion of the present building used by this group still stands but will be replaced when the new building is completed.

In 1917 after the Quakers had discontinued their services, the Needham's Grove Christian Church was organized. It was merged with the Congregational denomination in 1922, and on Oct. 16, 1925 the group was incorporated as a non-denominational organization known as Needham's Grove Church.

Four acres of land was given by Eligah Needham for the original church at Needham's Grove but it is said that the Quakers, feeling they did not need that much, gave back two acres. The land that was given back was later used for location of the Needham's Grove school. The school was discontinued in 1940 and the old school bell is now used by the church.

Wings on the original church buildings were added in 1920 and other additions have been made since that time. The latest addition was four Sunday school rooms which were built eight years ago.

These four Sunday school rooms will be renovated and used as a wing to the new Colonial type structure on which construction will begin by Apr. 1.

The new part will include 11 rooms, nursery and assembly room on the basement level and four rooms, sanctuary and pastor's study on the upper level. There will be four bath rooms in the building.

Members of the building committee are Jack Upton, chairman, Herbert Garner, J.B. Ritter, Worthy Welch and Elmer Williams. Willie Cox, of Ramseur Building Supply Co., has been secured as the builder. Cost of the building has been placed at \$95,000, including furnishings and landscaping.

The special offering, which provided for direct giving, pledges, loans at six percent simple interest and interest free, amounted to over \$16,000. Previous amount in the building fund was \$30,000.

Rev. Jim Tilley, the Needham's Grove pastor, came to the pastorate of the church in June 1967. Before his coming in 1966, the first parsonage for the church was completed at a cost of \$20,000. The indebtedness of \$10,000 on this building was paid off by the end of the year 1967 and the building fund for the new church building started.

Since the coming of pastor Tilley, a mission budget, which amounts to \$8,000 yearly, has been adopted. This includes \$1,000 in the deacon's fund which is used for worthy causes in the area in which the church is located.

This church in the cross roads is reaching out and moving forward. As the pastor stated, it has, "caught the fervor." Located in the Jugtown section of upper Moore County, a short distance from the Randolph County line, the church's ministry is extending to people on both sides of the county line.

Shiloh Church Is Making Progress

Mar. 26, 1970 - Shiloh Christian Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, organized in 1843, is making progress under the leadership of its first pastor to live on the field.

Rev. Leon Wood became pastor of the church on a part time basis in July 1969. He preached at first on the second and fourth Sundays and continued his residence in Winston-Salem.

But in Aug., a month after his coming, he started preaching every Sunday and at Thanksgiving he moved to the community, becoming the first minister in the history of the church to live in the vicinity.

Coming with him were his wife, the former Elaine Blake, a native of Brookline, Maine, and their two year-old son, David.

The Shiloh church, now fully independent, holds Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, followed by the worship service at eleven. A youth meeting and choir practice is held Sunday Evening at 6:30 and a prayer service is held on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Rev. Mr. Wood, a native of Floyd, Va., is a graduate of Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem, with a Bachelor of Theology degree. He was formerly pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle in Radford, Va.

Mrs. Wood also attended the Piedmont Bible College, studying Christian Education. She formerly taught in a Christian Day School.

The present building, at Shiloh was erected in 1899 to replace the original building which was erected at the time of organization.

However, in 1950 the building was brick-veneered, Sunday School rooms added and memorial windows installed. New pews were placed in the church in 1957, a new organ was purchased in 1957 and a new piano in 1958.

The board of deacons at the church consists of James Stout, chairman, Carl Needham, Graham Moffitt, Beeson Craven, and Billy Craven. Ray Stout is superintendent of the Sunday School.

A long line of pastors preceded Rev. Mr. Wood at the Shiloh Christian Church. Beginning with the first one, W.W. Lawrence, they have included, J.S. Lawrence, H.T. Moffitt, W.W. Hayworth, M.S. Elliott, E.H. Jarrell, P.T. Way, J.R.

Comer, J.W. Parker, M. E. Hammer, M.L. Hurley, and H.A. Albright.

Also R.L. Williamson, T.E. White, G.A. Underwood, A.T. Banks, J.C. Cummings, G.M. Talley, D.R. Moffitt, W.C. Farrell, R. T. Grissom, J.T. Bowers, M. V. Welch, B. G. Bennett, R. E. Gray, and Ray Hansel.

Revival services at Shiloh will begin on Apr. 6 and continue nightly at 7:30 through Apr. 12. Speaker will be Rev. Joe Falls, pastor of the New Haven Baptist Church in Floyd, Va., from which the Shiloh pastor, Rev. Leon Wood, entered the ministry.

Annual Grantville Banquet Honors Community 4-H'ers

Mar. 27, 1970 - Eighty three people attended the third annual banquet held by the Grantville 4-H Club Saturday evening, Mar. 21, in the community building.

This was by far the largest crowd to attend the banquet sponsored by this club which for the fourth consecutive year has been named the "most improved 4-H Club in Randolph County."

Guests included parents and other relatives of club members, Richard Freeman and Miss Drue Williams, county 4-H advisors, Mrs. Richard Freeman, Dorothy and Joe Freeman, Larry Trotter, Mrs. Maggie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ridge, and Miss Bernice Hinshaw, a Chatham County 4-H Leader.

Banquet speaker was Larry Hancock, former outstanding 4-H member who has just returned from India where he went as a delegate from the International Farm Youth Exchange. Larry showed slides of his stay in India and answered questions from his audience.

Terry Ingold, president of the Grantville 4-H Club, presided over the banquet session.

He was assisted by his sister, Patricia Ingold, who gave the invocation, Carolyn Jones, who gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Annette King, who introduced the guests, Nancy Hayes, who introduced the speaker, Chris Frazier, who made the announcements, and Junior Jones, who led in the 4-H pledge.

Officers of the club, in addition to the president, are vice-president, Chris Frazier, and secretary-treasurer, Jeanine Rhodes.

Adult leaders of the club are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Byrd, Mrs. Amos Hayes and Miss Lucy Tedder.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tedder and Mr. and Mrs. Earl King, waiters and waitresses for the banquet, were recognized and presented with tokens of appreciation for their services.

Menu for the delicious meal consisted of hors d'oeuvre, turkey and dressing, cream potatoes, English peas, cranberry sauce, rolls, tea, coffee and cake.

Accompanying the speaker to the meeting were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hancock, and his sister, Miss Janice Hancock of Seagrove. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock are well known 4-H leaders and Miss Hancock is a former outstanding 4-H member.

Lay Witness Mission Held at Gray's Chapel Church

Apr. 8, 1970 - A lay witness mission at the Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church Mar. 20-22 was highly successful, with congregational members enthusiastic over its results.

An adult visiting team, led by Torrence Aldred, Charlotte, coordinator, and James M. Robertson, Greensboro, assistant coordinator, and a youth visiting team, led by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith, Siler City, came on Friday and captivated the hearts of the local people with their sharing, their testimonies and their witness.

Coordinator Aldred described the mission as "one of the greatest from a spiritual standpoint that I have ever been in," and said it would be, "a golden page in my book of memories."

The Gray's Chapel pastor Rev. Mitchell C. Murrow, said, "Something very deep has happened, some foundation stones have been laid, something we can build on." A member of the planning committee said it was "quite an experience for everyone."

A 24-hour prayer vigil, from Thursday at 5p.m. until the following day, preceded the arrival of the visiting team.

A covered dish supper was held on Friday evening and a barbecue supper on Saturday evening, with sharing groups meeting after the meal each evening.

The team divided on Sunday morning to conduct the worship services at the Gray's Chapel church and at Bethany United Methodist Church, the sister charge of the church. Bethany people participated in all events of the lay mission.

At the conclusion of the worship service at the Gray's Chapel church, a greater part of the congregation gathered at the altar of the church for a prayer of dedication and renewal.

Goodbye to the visiting teams came at a luncheon in the fellowship hall, followed by an evaluation service in which the local minister and congregation participated.

Sylvan R. Routh served as general chairman of the lay witness mission. The Methodist Men's organization at the church, of which Paul Cox is the president, comprised the food committee.

Other committees consisted of Carletta Pugh, housing; Eloise Shives, attendance; Sue Routh, visitation; Delette Lineberry, coffee hostess; Ann Lambert and Marjorie Routh, welcome; Herbert Pugh, transportation; Janna Correll, publicity; Marjorie Routh, correspondence; Mary Lineberry, prayer; and Gladys Pugh, literature.

Youth Awarded Eagle Scout At Church Ceremony Here

Apr. 7, 1970 - The Eagle Scout Award, highest honor in scouting as presented to Kenneth Moore, 17, Sunday morning, Apr. 5, in a ceremony at Calvary Methodist Church.

In charge of the presentation was the church pastor, Rev. Joseph C. Daniels. The recipient of the award is a member of Scout Troop No. 521, which is sponsored by the Calvary church.

The mother of the Eagle Scout, Mrs. Garrett Moore, pinned the emblem on the uniform of her son. She in turn received a miniature replica of the award in the form of a necklace from him.

Standing with the group for the presentation ceremony were the youth's father and Billy Goins, his Scoutmaster. The father received after the ceremony a tie pin fashioned also from a replica of the award.

Recognized in the congregation were former Scoutmasters of the troop, under whom Kenneth Moore had risen through the ranks to Eagle Scout standing. These

included Guy York, Jr., Robert Garner and Donald Welch. Another one of his former Scoutmasters, Fred Hudson, was not present.

In the remarks of presentation the minister described the award as "very meaningful" and referred to the recipient as a "very distinguished member of our troop her at Calvary." This was the second Eagle Scout Award to be presented at the church.

Kenneth Moore joined Scout Troop No. 521 five years ago. He received 23 merit badges in his climb to Eagle Rank. His Eagle Scout Counselor was Paul Smith, of Asheboro, a member of the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts.

He is a member of the junior class at Asheboro High School and sings in the chorus. An employee of Foodline Supermarket No. 5 in Asheboro, he formerly played baseball in Little League, Pony League, and Colt League.

His older brother, Freddie Moore, formerly served as assistant Scoutmaster of Troop No. 521 and is still carried on the roster even though he has joined the Air Force and is stationed at Lowry AFB in Colorado.

In addition to the Eagle Scout emblem, the Scout was presented with a certificate of award and a letter from Alden G. Barber, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America.

Their Golden Anniversary Celebrated With Reception

Apr. 14, 1970 - Arthur Cox, well known barber in Ramseur for many years, and his wife, the former Larna Hardin, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Apr. 5.

Their four children, Odell Cox, and Mrs. Forrest Bray, Greensboro, Darryl Cox, Ramseur, and Mrs. Frank Hall, Marion, N.C., honored their parents at a reception in the fellowship hall at Ramseur Christian Church.

Family members, friends and fellow church members came by from 3 o'clock until 5 o'clock to greet this native born couple and to extend to them their congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox have been members of the Ramseur Christian Church for the greatest part of their married life. Mr. Cox has served for 35 years as the choir director. He also serves on the board of trustees and formerly served Sunday School superintendent and as a deacon.

Eli Arthur Cox was born between Ramseur and Coleridge, the son of S. Clark Cox and Mary Frances York Cox. He had eight brothers, three of who are dead, and one sister. He and four of his brothers played on baseball teams in Asheboro and Ramseur and sometimes all nine brothers played together as a team.

Mrs. Cox lived in the same community as her husband, in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hardin, and was living on an adjoining plantation at the time of their marriage Apr. 4, 1920.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cox attended the Parks Cross Roads School, located near the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church which both of them also attended, and they later attended the school in Ramseur. However, Mr. Cox's formal schooling stopped when the school in Ramseur closed down because of the shortage of coal during the first World War.

The couple was married on an Easter Sunday at high noon at Mrs. Cox's home, with members from both of their families in attendance. The officiating minister was Rev. A.

T. Banks, who pastored a number of Christian churches in the area, including the churches at Ramseur and Parks Cross Roads.

Attending the couple or "standing up with them" as the expression went back then were Miss Sallie Burgess, Miss Annie Stout, Boyd Rightsell and Hubert Cox, the latter being a brother of Mr. Cox. Later in the afternoon all six couples drove to Asheboro in Mr. Rightsell's Essex automobile.

After living in their home community for a year, Mr. and Mrs. Cox moved to Ramseur in 1921 and have lived in the same house since that time. Mr. Cox began week-end barbering about 40 years ago and went full time in 1936. But he first began cutting hair as a young boy in the home of his parents, cutting the hair of his eight brothers and using them as models as he learned the techniques of the trade.

Arthur Cox's barber shop in Ramseur became a favorite meeting place for the towns' people. At one time or another most everybody dropped by to engage in the lively discussions, political or otherwise. Usually, Arthur Cox; a friendly person and possessing a keen with himself, ended up participating in most of the discussions.

Now 70 years of age, Arthur Cox has retired, even though he still fills in and works on week-ends. When his complete retirement comes, the people of Ramseur and surrounding communities will miss this genial personality with whom they have associated these many years. Mrs. Cox is 69 years of age.

At the reception on Sunday afternoon, Cecil Cox, brother of Arthur Cox and a retired Randolph County school man, and his wife greeted the guests who called and directed them to the receiving line, composed of the honored couple, their four children, their son-in-laws and daughters-in-law.

Mrs. Harold Wainer, niece of Mr. Cox, presided over the guest register, and Jack Burgess, long time colleague of Mr. Cox, and his wife said the goodbyes.

Another niece of Mr. Cox, Mrs. Billy Johnson, of Raleigh, and the couple's granddaughters, Misses Frankie Hall, Jan Hall, Pat Cox, and Cindy Bray served refreshments, assisted by Miss Kay Lewis, Mrs. James Curry, Mrs. Herman Harris, Mrs. Paul Troxler, and Mrs. Herbert Snyder.

They Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Apr. 14, 1970 - Rev. B.E. Crater, pastor of Brown's Cross roads Trinity Holiness Church, Rt. 1, Sophia, and his wife, the former Hannie Young Winters, were married fifty years ago Apr. 3, 1920, in Thomasville.

They had got acquainted about six months earlier when Mrs. Crater went to work at Ragan Hosiery Mill where Mr. Crater was already employed.

Their children, seven of them, honored their parents at a reception Sunday afternoon, Apr. 5, at the home of their youngest son, Larry Crater, in Archdale.

Their other children are Mrs. Rupert Jones, Buren Hartsell Crater, and Jerry Andrew Crater, Rt. 3, High Point, Mrs. Dorcas Winters Thomas, and Mrs. Charles Morton, High Point, and Dwight Darrell Crater, Rt. 1, Sophia.

One daughter, Odessa Mary Crater, died at the age of 15 months. There are nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Crater has been pastor of the Trinity Holiness Church for around 12 years. On two different occasions, at an

earlier time, he served as pastor of the White Peoples Methodist Church for seven years.

He began preaching in 1926 and has continued his ministry in evangelistic and pastoral work since that time.

Since their marriage the couple has lived in Thomasville, Charlotte, and High Point before coming to their present home over seven years ago.

Buren Early Crater was born in Iredell County and lived in Davie County before coming with his family to High Point. He was working and boarding in Thomasville at the time of his marriage.

Mrs. Crater was born in Burke County but lived in Drexel and Hickory before coming to Thomasville where she was living at the time of her marriage.

In addition to this ministry, Mr. Crater was employed for many years in the hosiery mill in the towns in which he lived. He also served for a brief period in the Army during World War I and was on board ship getting ready to go overseas when the armistice was declared.

On their anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Crater recalled that following their marriage fifty years ago they caught the train in Thomasville for a trip to Hickory where Mrs. Crater formerly lived. There they visited her sister and spent their honeymoon.

Family, Friends Pay Honor On Their 50th Anniversary

Apr. 14, 1970 - Mr. and Mrs. William Franklin (Willie) Caudle, RT. 1, Franklinville, natives of Surry County, were honored Apr. 5 on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Family members of this couple who came to Randolph County 46 years ago gathered at their home informally for the anniversary observance.

Mr. and Mrs. Caudle were married Mar. 14, 1920 in the town of Pilot Mountain but their anniversary observance was delayed because of Mr. Caudle's illness.

All of their children, except one, were present for the occasion. Their children are Mrs. Lois Aldridge, Atlanta, Ga., Clarence Caudle, Glenn Caudle, and Ned Caudle, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Ray Caudle, Gainesville, Fla., and Mrs. Evon Allred, Rt. 3, Randleman.

Their eldest child, a son, Everett Caudle, died in 1956. His wife, the former Vivian Walker, lives in St. Petersburg, Fla. The couple has 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Caudle was reared near Mount Airy, in a small community called Banner Town. Mrs. Caudle, the former Mary Lula Williams, first lived in the town of Westfield but had moved near Mount Airy at the time of her marriage.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Caudle were reared on tobacco farms and since coming to Randolph County have farmed extensively, but have confined their farming activity in recent years to a dairy operation.

Mrs. Caudle's people, the Tom Williams family, first came to Randolph County. Then Mr. Caudle's father, the late Seymour Caudle, came to the county looking for a place. He purchased the Bud Routh home place near the Bethany Methodist Church and to this place brought his wife and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Caudle.

Seymour Caudle, for whom Willie Caudle named his large farm, died about two years ago after coming to Randolph County and his body was returned to his native Surry County for burial. But his wife lived for many years after that in the home with her son and his family.

When the Caudles came to the farm near Bethany church, there was only fifteen acres of cleared land. Now there are 150 acres of land in cultivation and pasture with less than ten acres being cleared with a bull dozer.

Most of the clearing was done with a team of mules and the physical efforts of Mr. Caudle and his sons. In the beginning their goal was to clear five acres each year.

The green hillside, the fertile lowlands, the large dairy barn and the modern equipment which surround the brick farm house attest to the hard work and diligence which has characterized of Mr. Caudle and the other members of his family. His father, Seymour Caudle, did not live to see the transformation which was wrought with the farm which he selected as the place on which he wanted his family to relocate.

The new home was built in 1956, replacing the old, two-story structure to which they first came. Studs in the old structure were so high they went all the way to the second floor. Only the old kitchen was retained and is now being used as a tool shed.

Mr. Caudle, 71, is retired now except for helping out at the barn and tending to the calves. His sons, Clarence and Ned, are running the dairy and the large farm operation.

Mrs. Caudle, who was 72 years of age on Apr. 7, is given due credit in the marriage partnership, in the activities of the farm and other areas. Mr. Caudle said, "I couldn't have made it if it had not been for her."

He related an incident which also paid warm tribute to her faithfulness. He told about going back to the tobacco field on Monday morning following their marriage on Sunday afternoon. Asked if Mrs. Caudle went with him, he replied, "no, but she has been with me about every day since."

Mr. Caudle served for 25 years on the Grays Chapel School Board. The couples are members of Bethany United Methodist Church which is located within sight of their home.

Neighbors Grove Church Gives Attendance Awards

Apr. 15, 1970 - One hundred and one attendance awards were presented to members of the Sunday School at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church Sunday morning Apr. 12.

Making the presentations were Lloyd Russell, superintendent of the Sunday school, and David Jordan, director of Christian Education.

Heading the list was Charles Cranford, former superintendent, who received an award for 22 years of attendance. Others high on the list were Clarence Allred, 19 years, Mrs. Clarence Smith, 18 years, Mrs. Vettie Walker and Tim Smith, 17 years, and Mrs. W. C. Pritchard, 16 years.

Also 15 years, Mrs. Claborn Hall, Mrs. A.M. Jordan, Mrs. David Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Swaney.

Fourteen years, Lester Bulla, Mrs. Wilson Davidson and Sam Parker.

Thirteen years, Mrs. Albert McNeill, Mrs. Mary Lamb, and Mrs. Sam Parker.

Twelve years, Wilson Davidson, Causey Jennings, Albert McNeill, and Clarence Smith.

Eleven years, Mike Jennings, Mrs. Causey Jennings, Silas Hill, Timmy Jordan, and Mrs. J.O. Pritchard.

Ten years, Eric Davidson, who has attended every Sunday throughout his lifetime, Leon Furr, Pam Parker, Steve Pritchard, Roger Smith, John Storey, and Worth Walker.

Nine years, Karen Jennings, Bobby Jordan, David Jordan, Maurice Lovin, Clegg Pritchard, Herbert Smith, and Pam Starcher.

Eight years, Dolores Allred, Dorothy Allred, Marty Allred, Kay Owens, Mrs. Clegg Pritchard, Mark Jordan, Steve Jordan, Mrs. Clifford Richardson, Mrs. Lloyd Russell, Sherry Russell, and Mrs. Stafford Starcher.

Seven years, Darlene Hall, Don Hill, Ray Jordan, Mrs. Ray Jordan, Tina Jordan, Denise Lovin, Ernest Moffitt, Mrs. Herbert Smith, and Stafford Starcher.

Six years, Mrs. Clarence Allred, Clay Hall, Mrs. Guy Hill, Don Pritchard, Doris Owens, Phyllis Richardson, Judy Saunders, Sandra Saunders, Teresa Saunders.

Five years, Rufus Furr, Mrs. Myrtle Phillips, and Rodney Rutledge.

Four years, Ronnie Brewer, Mrs. Marinda Brown, Lloyd Russell, Sue Rutledge, Keith Seabolt, Howard Strider, and Todd Swaney.

Three years, W. C. Brower, Audrey Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Lisa Seabolt, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Seabolt, and Anita Yow.

Two years, Len Camp, Mrs. Bobby Camp, Dean Brown, Edward Hill, Michell Miller, Larry Moore, Rev. and Mrs. Hoover Smith, and Vernon Trogdon.

One Year, Mrs. Faye Hill, Stephen Hodges, David Jordan, Danny Keye, and Paula McMasters.

They Spoke Vows 50 Years Ago In Open Buggy

Apr. 17, 1970 - Family members and friends filled the spacious lawn of the Hadley Auman residence on Rt. 2, Seagrove and crowded into the century old residence as Mr. and Mrs. Auman celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Apr. 12.

Many of those who came included Mrs. Auman's eight brothers and sisters, their descendants and a host of other relatives.

Hosting the large family celebration were the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Auman, their daughter, their son-in-law, their daughters-in-law and their grandchildren.

Their children are Mrs. Roy Williamson and Farrell Auman, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Walter S. Auman, Seagrove, Max Auman, Rt. 1, Biscoe, and Jack Reece Auman, Charlotte. Their grandchildren number eleven and their great-grandchildren three.

Two brothers and a sister of Mrs. Auman celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries before the event which honored Mr. and Mrs. Auman. These three couples, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bean, Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ollie Bean, Rt. 2, Seagrove, and Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Cole, of Stokes, were present to help Mr. and Mrs. Auman in their observance.

Mrs. Auman, the former Maggie Mae Bean, and her brothers and sisters were the children of Oliver Duckery Bean and Talitha Ann Cornelison Bean.

They were reared in upper Montgomery County near Steeds and attended the Piney Grove school. Their mother died when some of the children were quite young and Mrs. Auman, as the oldest girl in the family, helped to rear some of the others.

George Hadley Auman was born on the same land on which he still lives, the son of Fletcher and Fannie Auman. He attended Auman's Hill school, located near his home.

Mr. Auman's father was versatile. He farmed, ran a tan yard, operated a sawmill and grist mill, served as postmaster at Auman's Hill and also operated a store.

Hadley Auman stayed at home and worked on the farm before serving in the Army in France during World War I. He came home and courted the girl whom he had known during his lifetime. They lived about three miles apart but Mr. Auman passed by her house with other members of his family on their way to Suggs Creek Primitive Baptist Church where both families attended.

They were married on Sunday afternoon, Apr. 11, 1920, while seated in an open, one-seated buggy in the yard at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. R. Comer, who lived in the home.

Their first years were spent on the premises of his father's home, living for a time in the building which formerly housed the Auman's Hill post office. They came to their present site, a short distance to the north, 32 years ago.

When Mr. Auman's brother Ben built a new brick home at the old home place, Hadley Auman moved a portion of the two story dwelling in which he was reared to his home site and it is in this old house that Mr. and Mrs. Auman have reared their family.

The old part of the house, consisting of two front rooms downstairs and two upstairs, is still strong and sturdy despite its existence of around a hundred years. The rooms are constructed of wide boards, including the overhead.

Besides Mr. Auman, only a brother, Ben, and two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Macon and Miss Alice Auman, survive from his immediate family of brothers and sisters. None of the three were able to attend the fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Giles Chapel, Charlotte Parsonage Is Dedicated

Apr. 22, 1970 - Dedication of the parsonage for the Giles Chapel and Charlotte United Methodist Churches occurred Sunday afternoon, Apr. 19.

The dedicatory address was delivered by Dr. E.H. Nease, Jr., superintendent of the High Point District, and he was assisted in the service of dedication by Rev. Melvin M. Beeker, pastor of the two churches.

The building was presented for dedication by S.E. Trogdon, Sr., chairman of the administrative board at the Giles Chapel church, and Bobby White, who holds a similar position at the Charlotte church.

Joining in the ritual of dedication were members of the two congregations who were present for the event. Open house followed the dedicatory service.

Ground breaking for the parsonage structure was held on third Sunday in Aug. 1961, with Dr. Ralph Taylor, then superintendent of the High Point District participating. The building, valued at that time at \$16,000, was occupied on the following Dec. 1.

Land for the parsonage was donated by the late John W. Rich, in memory of his wife, Ella Bulla Rich. The building is located just off Highway 49-A, about a mile from the Giles Chapel Church.

A 12-year loan on the building was paid off in less than seven years, thus enabling the two churches to dedicate the building debt free on Sunday afternoon, Apr. 19.

In addition to paying off the indebtedness, the two congregations were also able to repaint the dwelling, both inside and out, and to install carpeting in the living room, dining room and hallway. This renovation was also paid for at the time of dedication.

Occupying the newly renovated parsonage are the Rev. and Mrs. Melvin M. Beeker and their daughter, Nancy, who is a senior at Central Davidson High School.

The Rev. Mr. Beeker came to the pastorate of the two churches and also the pastorate of the Mt. Shepherd United Methodist Church in Aug., 1969.

A native of Davidson County, in the Linwood section, he was licensed to preach in 1965. He came out of the Linwood Methodist Church where he had attended throughout his lifetime and where he had served in many capacities. He was employed for 27 years at the Linwood Manufacturing Co.

Previous assignments since entering the ministry were at the Eldorado Charge in the Thomasville District and the Sheffield Charge in Mocksville.

He is married to the former Frances Goss, of Lexington, and they are the parents of another daughter, Mrs. Lindsey Leonard, Lexington, and a son, J. W. Beeker, Jr., Mocksville. Rev. and Mrs. Beeker also have two grandchildren.

Married Half Century Ago In Simple Home Wedding

Apr. 27, 1970 - Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Davis, Rt. 1, Sophia, were married fifty years ago, on Apr. 14, 1920, at the home of Mrs. Davis' parents, Nathan Elkaniah Davis and Alice Coltrane Davis.

Their wedding of a half century ago has been described by one of their attendants as "a nice home wedding."

On Sunday afternoon, Apr. 19, Mr. and Mrs. Davis were honored at reception at New Market Community Building in commemoration of the golden anniversary of their marriage.

Honoring them on this occasion were their two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Lois) McDowell, High Point, and Mrs. Carl (Evelyn) Hull, Greensboro, and their son, F.M. Davis, Jr., Rt. 3, High Point.

Their oldest daughter, Mrs. Luther (Martha) Jones, died in 1960. The couple has nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A grandson, Wayne Jones, and his wife live on their premises.

Frank Monroe Davis, age 76, was one of nine children of Cyrus S. Davis and Cinderella Farlow Davis. A brother, Clifton Davis, and a sister, Ethel Loflin, are still living.

Mr. Davis and his brothers and sisters were born in a small, log house in the Edgar community, northwest of Sophia, the same place at which Mr. and Mrs. Davis still reside but in a much larger residence.

The log house was small and the children were many. Mr. Davis recalls that during the day the small beds were slipped underneath the larger ones in order to make room in the small dwelling.

Mr. Davis attended the old Marlboro School, helped on his father's farm, worked at Blair's Dairy in High Point, and spent a year in Iowa where his brother, Tom, had settled. Mr. Davis remembers that as being "fine farming country" but also recalls a blizzard and temperature of 34 degrees below.

He came back to his father's farm, bought a pair of mules, started farming and after about a year started courting Nannie Ella Davis, who lived a mile and a half northeast. She had attended the same school as Mr. Davis and both of them had gone to the Marlboro Friends Meeting, even though Mr. Davis' parents broke away from Marlboro later and joined the New Hope Conservative Meeting.

Their courtship started when Mr. Davis took Mrs. Davis to the homecoming service at Old Union Methodist Church. They traveled with horse and buggy and Mr. Davis used the same transportation when he drove to home of Elkaniah Davis for their marriage fifty years ago.

The late C. W. Redding, a Justice of the Peace, performed the ceremony. Mrs. Ella Coltrane Johnson, aunt of the bride, played the organ. Attending the couple were his brother, Clifton Davis and his cousin, Alice Farlow and her brother, Jim Davis, and her cousin, Tassie Johnson, now Mrs. Robert Bulla.

They stayed at Mrs. Davis' home the first night, came to Mr. Davis home the next day and on the next day, according to Mr. Davis, "planted Irish Potatoes."

Like Mr. Davis, Mrs. Davis was also one of nine children in her family. Two of her brothers, Wilfred Davis and David Davis, and one sister, Mrs. Emery (Blanche) Farlow, are still living. Mrs. Davis will be 74 years of age on May 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis came back to the Marlboro Friends Meeting about 1930 and have been members there since that time.

Although they were traveling with horse and buggy at the time of their marriage, they changed their method of transportation the next year and bought a 1921 Model T Ford.

They Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Apr. 29, 1970 - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edgar Humble, Rt. 1, Asheboro, who live across from the old Humble's Mill site, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday, Apr. 28.

Mr. Humble's father, Peter Brazleton (Brat) Humble, and his grandfather, John Humble, operated the mill and Mr. Humble himself worked there "as a help hand." He said, "I have made a many a barrel of flour."

Mrs. Humble, the former Neudy Brewer, is a native of Moore County, from the Brown's Chapel Church section between Spies and Robbins. She was reared in the home of her great-grandmother Sallie Brewer, until she was twelve, at which time she came to Randolph County.

Mr. Humble attended the Bethel School while Mrs. Humble first went to school near her Moore County home and then attended the Rock Spring School north of Seagrove, near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King where she was staying at the time of her marriage.

Their courtship began during her stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. King and their acquaintance resulted from his visits to the home of a sister who lived nearby. He failed in his attempt to walk her home from a corn shucking but wrote her a letter later and their courtship continued until their marriage on a Sunday afternoon, Apr. 25, 1920.

Before their marriage he usually walked the distance of ten miles from his home at Humble's Mill to the home of Mr. and Mrs. King where she was staying. But one time he caught the train from Asheboro to Michfield, then walked the three miles remaining.

He was traveling with mule and buggy, however, on the Sunday afternoon of their wedding. The couple, by arrangement, met with magistrate Eli Leach, of Seagrove, in the road in front of the home of Lindo Graves and were married while seated in the buggy.

Their friends, maybe a 100 of them, were on hand even though uninvited. Mrs. Humble recalls that those present "hollered" at the magistrate, "when he started to read the lesson" and as a result Mr. Leach was very nervous during the ceremony.

The group hollered again as the newlyweds drove off to Mr. Humble's home at the old mill site, where they have lived since that time. Until recent years there was no bridge over Richland Creek at the mill site and very frequently the water got up too high to ford the creek.

Mr. Humble, age 84, is now ailing and partially paralyzed after a lifetime of farming, working at Humble's Mill and at public work. But he is fortunate in having Mrs. Humble, a younger woman at the age of 69, to care for him during his disability.

Mrs. Humble is cheerful, lively and thankful that "by the help of the Lord" she is able to look after her husband. Mrs. Humble's attitude evidently goes back to her younger days when, despite hardships, "young folks had a good time."

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Humble, Mrs. Oneta Edmonds, Asheboro, Mrs. Carlene Ingram, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and James Harvey Humble, Fayetteville, and some of their 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren came to the old home place at the Humble's Mill site on Sunday, Apr. 26, to join Mr. and Mrs. Humble in the observance of their golden wedding anniversary.

One son, Fritz Humble, of Green Cove, Fla., was unable to attend the family gathering.

Only immediate family members were present for the anniversary observance. However, friends and other family members deluged the couple with cards and other expressions of good wishes. For this interest Mrs. Humble wishes to express her appreciation.

Mrs. Humble's church membership is still with the New Zion Methodist Church which she joined while living in that vicinity. This church has since been discontinued. The couple formerly attended Richland Baptist Church, located near their home.

She's Honored On Her 87th Birthday

May 1, 1970 - Mrs. Mary Hinshaw Jarrell, widow of Jethro Jarrell, was honored Sunday, Apr. 26, on the occasion of her 87th birthday.

A family dinner was held in the basement at Westside Methodist Church, near where she lives with a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Hamilton, on Rt. 3, Asheboro.

Before coming to live with her daughter and son-in-law about a year and a half ago, Mrs. Jarrell had lived on Peachtree Street in Asheboro since 1915. Her husband died in 1961.

Mrs. Jarrell was reared in the Deep River home of her parents, Sherman and Ida Faulkner Hinshaw, between Central Falls and Worthville.

She recalls walking two and a half miles across the mountain to the school in Worthville. When it snowed her father walked ahead of his children, allowing them to follow in his footsteps, and when it rained they had to walk across the creek on a footlog.

Mrs. Jarrell has been blind for 32 years. But her mind is still clear and her health good according to her advanced age.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Jewel Hamilton, with whom she lives, she and her husband were the parents of two more daughters, Mrs. Annie Mae Rich and Mrs. Winfred (Carrie) Jordan, Asheboro, and one son, Paul Jarrell, Rt. 2, Asheboro.

Two brothers, Banks Hinshaw, and Luther Hinshaw, are dead and she has a sister, Mrs. Fannie Pritchard, and a brother, Lawrence Hinshaw, living.

Others in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jarrell, Mr. and Mrs. I.O. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Jordan, Mrs. Annie Mae Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hinshaw, Mrs. Fannie Pritchard, Miss Fairy Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg Pritchard, Don and Steve Pritchard, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Roosevelt Hinshaw.

Also, Mrs. Banks Hinshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Colbert E. Hinshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Vernace Pugh, Sammy and Vickie Pugh, Miss Mildred Jarrell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuggle and daughter, Starsha, Miss Janet Sue Laughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Pierce, Miss Suzanne White, Frank Davis and Ralph Bulla.

Veterans Active Despite Their Age

May 1, 1970 - An organization of World War I veterans, Ramseur Barracks No. 2430, is one of the most active groups in the country, despite the ages of those involved.

The youngest member is 70, the oldest one is 78 and they meet regularly every fourth Friday night in the month.

When they were chartered on Jan. 30, 1951, their membership numbered 76. Now it has been reduced to 50, mostly because of death. Fourteen members of Ramseur Barracks No. 2430 died last year.

This past year the entire membership renewed their members who died after they had paid their dues. This 100 percent renewal has occurred several times during their existence.

Several of the members, perhaps most of them, came out of the American Legion to join this organization which only includes men in the same age category.

Meeting at the same time on the fourth Friday night, in a separate meeting, is the ladies auxiliary of Ramseur Barracks No. 2430, which was organized shortly after the chartering of the men's group.

The men themselves are the first to say that they could not maintain their own organization without the help they receive from ladies. In fact, some of the ladies even drive the men to the meetings.

Two or three times a year the two groups meet together in a supper meeting for a period in which food and fellowship predominate. The last such gathering was held Friday evening, Apr. 24, at the town hall in Ramseur which is the regular meeting place for both groups.

Officers of Ramseur Barracks No. 2430 are Harvey P. Brower, commander; W. L. Lednum, vice commander; Carl Fesmire, chaplain; W.L. Lednum, assistant chaplain; Woosley Marley, quartermaster; and C. E. Baldwin, adjutant.

Other members are Allen Andrews, R.D. Auman, Clina Brady, Street Brady, W. L. Brooks, Earl M. Brown, Eli Brown, Carl C. Brown, O. Carl Brown, William Brown, D. E. Cox, Lexie Cox, William H. Cox, Carl W. Craven, Vernon Curtis, J. W. Dixon, Wade B. Edwards, L.C. Frazier, Robert

Garner, David Gaines, Carl Gaines, J.W. Gee, C. E. Glasgow, Newton Hicks, W. E. Hilliard and John Hodge.

Also, W. E. Kennedy, William P. Kearns, Thomas C. Lane, Waldo Leonard, A. J. Lineberry, Glenn Moffitt, B. B. Oldham, Colon Redding, Lester K. Routh, Sr., R. G. Simmons, Rassist Perry Smith, W. B. Stamey, John Staley, M. D. Stinson, John C. Teague, George Teague, Roby Vann, J.W. White and Archie L. Williamson.

Members dying last year were J. L. Williams, R.C. Johnson, O.R. Vickory, S.G. Richardson, Clyde Smith, T. C. Harper, N. F. Phillips, Gurney Kirkman, C. B. Grimes, A. E. Presnell, H. Walter Brown, Delbert Foster, J. S. Ashworth, and Troy Smith.

Officers of the ladies auxiliary are Mrs. Harvey P. Brower, president; vice president, Mrs. C. E. Baldwin; secretary, Mrs. John M. Foust, Jr.; and entertainment committee, Mrs. C. B. Grimes and Mrs. John Hodge.

Mrs. Woosley Marley, treasurer of the auxiliary since its organization, passed away recently. Her successor, Mrs. C. B. Grimes, was elected at the supper meeting on Apr. 24.

Reminiscence, comradeship and sometimes good food prevails at the meetings of these veterans of World War I. One member probably expressed the sentiments of all of them when he said, "this is a wonderful bunch of old people."

He Celebrates 91st Birthday

May 5, 1970 - Homer P. Moffitt, Rt. 1, Ramseur, observed his 91st birthday on Sunday, May 3.

A lifelong resident of the area in which he resides, Mr. Moffitt has been ill for several years and is confined to a wheel chair.

Formerly he was active and quite a noted musician. But his violin now lies in the top drawer of the antique chest, he has not played it in two years.

He has lived with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moffitt, since the death of his wife, the former Celia Craven, in 1962. His son's home is near the place he and his wife reared their three sons.

It is on the same land on which he was born, on another road near the Shiloh Christian Church, the son of Joshua Moffitt, and Eleanor Brown Moffitt. That place is now occupied by Mrs. Dewitt Stout the daughter-in-law of his sister, Ada Moffitt Stout.

Two of his sisters, Ometa Moffitt Rockwell and Elma Moffitt Davis, and a brother, Cicero Moffitt, went out west in the earlier part of their lives.

Ameta later moved to Alabama where she died. Cicero took up land in Dakota country and died in early manhood. Elma is still living in Spirit Lake, Iowa at the age of 95.

Another sister, Alice Moffitt Burns Hayes, died not long ago at the age of 95.

Mr. Moffitt visited several times with his relatives in the western country and perhaps would have gone out there in his younger days in life, except that his wife desired to remain here.

Two other sons besides Roy, Hubert and Russell, were born to Homer Moffitt and his wife, Hubert, the oldest one, lives in Charlotte and Russell, the second one, died a year or so before his mother.

Roy and his wife, who have cared for Mr. Moffitt in the declining years of his life, also are parents of three sons, Terry, Graham, and Allen. Terry lives north of Asheboro,

Graham in an adjoining place to his parents, and Allen still at home.

Roy Moffitt is a farmer, the same as his father, Homer, and his grandfather, Joshua.

But Homer Moffitt's farming days are over. His life, at the age of 91, is being spent in a wheel chair. But the violin in the top drawer recalls the days when he was active, lively and played at school commencements and other gatherings of many years ago.

Cagles Observe 50th Anniversary

May 13, 1970 - Mr. and Mrs. Irving T. Cagle, Randolph County natives, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, May 3, at an open house event at their home at 3810 South Main St. in Archdale.

Friends and relatives called from two o'clock until five. Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Cagle were their only child, a daughter, Irva Lou, of the home.

Miss Estelle Brown, cousin of Mr. Cagle, registered the guests and receiving the gifts was Miss Madeline Hurley, niece of Mrs. Cagle. Mrs. Walter Staley and Mrs. Willie Overcash served refreshments and the goodbyes were said by Mrs. Ray Hurley, sister-in-law of Mrs. Cagle.

Out of town guests were present from Asheboro, Thomasville, Greensboro, Sanford, Central Falls, Seagrove and Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Cagle lived in High Point following their marriage until 1910 when they moved to Archdale. Their home is located in Randolph County where both were born except in different areas.

Mr. Cagle was born in the High Pine section of Union Township, the son of R. M. Cagle and Mary William Cagle. His family moved near Cedar Falls while he was still a young boy but he was working and living in High Point at the time of his marriage. His family later moved to Asheboro.

Mrs. Cagle is the former Louelle Hurley, a native of Central Falls. Her parents were Randolph and Mary Coe Hurley.

The couple was married May 1, 1920 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. George Laughlin, in Cedar Falls. The minister was a great-uncle of the bride.

Attendants at the wedding were Mattie Cagle, the bridegroom's sister, Fleta Ferree, Sam Lowe and Lonnie Lowdermilk.

Mr. Cagle retired in 1954 after 43 years of service at the Railway Express Agency in High point. Prior to that time he worked at Adam-Millis Hosiery Mill.

Following his retirement he worked for another three years at Alderman's Studio but now spends his time in the garden with his flowers, fruits and vegetables.

Mr. and Mrs. Cagle are members of the Archdale United Methodist Church.

Friends, Relatives Pay Her Honor On Birthday

May 14, 1970 - A former long time North Asheboro resident, now residing on Rt. 3, Salisbury was honored Sunday, May 2, at a birthday event at Badin Lake.

Mostly family members and a few friends came together at the cabin home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spinks to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Spinks' sister, Mrs. H. C. McCombs, the former Lucy Mae Spinks.

Until February 4, 1969, when she was married to Mr. McCombs, Mrs. McCombs had lived on North Asheboro except for the first two years of her life. She was born in Whynot area, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Spinks.

Her husband, C. H. McCombs is a native of the area in which they still live, one mile from the town of Faith. He worked for 37 years as a railroad man and has engaged in the plumbing business for 40 years, first in a part time capacity. He also does some farming.

Mr. McCombs is active in the Shiloh United Church of Christ at Faith, formerly identified with the Reformed denomination, and presently serves as assistant teacher of the men's adult class.

Present for the birthday celebration were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCombs, Mrs. W. J. McCombs and children, Robin and Louann, and Mrs. Glenn Ray Holshouser and daughters, Melody, Christie and Teresa Ann, Rt. 3, Salisbury, Mrs. Audrey A. Holton and daughter, Jan, Robert Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. William M. Anderson, Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Spinks and children; Vance, Annette and Kay, Rt. 2 Trinity, Mrs. Russell Spinks and daughter; Martie, Troy, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Spinks and daughter; Kathy, and Jerry Stafford; Greensboro.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Grooms, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Sanders and children, Steve, Don and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Marston Wright, Mr. and Mrs. James McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Poindexter and daughter, Penny, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Powell and sons, Jeff and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Ott Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spinks, and Ralph Bulla, Asheboro.

Mrs. Poindexter is Mrs. C. H. McCombs' daughter, Mrs. Gray is her sister. Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Powell are her nieces and Dean Spinks her nephew. Mrs. Holshouser is Mr. McCombs daughter and Mrs. W. J. McCombs is his daughter-in-law. His son was unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie have Badin Lake cottage homes near the one owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spinks.

An abundance of food was served buffet style from the back porch of the Spinks cottage. The honoree, Mrs. McCombs, received several nice gifts from her family, in commemoration of her birthday.

Three Scouts Presented Top Awards

May 15, 1970 - J. Marse Grant, Baptist leader, crusader against alcohol and author of "Whiskey at the Wheel", hit hard at the drug abuse problem and the "invincible empire which promotes the sale and use of alcoholic beverage in North Carolina" in a speech last Sunday morning at First Baptist Church.

The crusading editor of the Biblical Recorder disclosed at the breakfast meeting of the men's fellowship that he would not be renamed to a place on the Good Neighbor Council, a position he has held for over seven years. He said "this might be the price of a man standing by his convictions."

He took as his subject "mixing politics and religion" and prefaced his remarks by referring to last week as "one of the most unusual weeks in American life."

He deplored the use of obscenities by students in Raleigh last week, saying it was disrespect for both womanhood and Governor Scott. He said, "Unless we maintain a respect for government there is but one choice - anarchy."

He urged the Christian citizen to become more a part of the political process but warned that those participating

would be subject to political innuendo. "This is an old game," he said, "it has happened to me. I have never seen it any rougher than it is today."

Urging his audience not to underestimate the drug problem, he said "God help us if we get as many drug addicts in North Carolina as Alcoholics." He said it is time for the Christian community to become realistic.

Getting to the main theme, he discussed the "protection" which is placed on tobacco, cyclamates and other products by the government but is left off alcohol. He said alcohol is taking more lives than these other products and attributed the lack of protection to the per capita consumption of alcohol in Washington, which is greater than in other areas.

He said we are beyond the point where we can attack alcohol on a moral basis, saying we have got to attack it medically, economically and from the point of highway safety.

He cited the cost of \$4.3 billion dollars a year in the United States and \$100 million dollars cost in North Carolina. He pointed out the forty percent of patients in the State hospitals are there because of alcoholism.

Saying it was a matter of protection for our own lives, he proposed solutions as informing ourselves, urging good men to run for office and supporting them with votes and money, and to interest more young people to go into politics.

Even though he has a brother who is a missionary overseas, he said he was more concerned over good men in Raleigh and Washington than good men in Japan.

"We have had enough fence straddling," he said, "we have enough of those who are trying to be all things to all people."

County Helped Plan Two New Homes

May 15, 1970 - Two new homes, built through the cooperation of the county extension office, will be open to the public Sunday afternoon, May 17.

One home, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Spinks, is located on West Kirkman Avenue in Liberty while the other home, belonging to Mrs. Lucy Spinks McKelvy, is located on Rt. 1, Seagrove, in the Pleasant Hill community.

Open house will be held until 5 p.m. Friends of both families and persons interested in building a moderately priced home are invited to look over the two houses. Refreshments will be served.

Both houses were built from the same plan which features a small house, comfortable and convenient, with three bedrooms, closets, complete bath, living area, wood paneled walls and outside storage.

The Spinks home in Liberty is a brick-veneered residence with carport and, in addition to the three bedrooms and bath, consists of living room, utility area, and kitchen.

The bathroom is painted in daisy yellow with ceramic tile and yellow fixtures; the living room in provincial gold; and the bedrooms in beige, warbler green and Lexington green. The kitchen and hall are constructed of birch paneling and the living room and bedroom floors are carpeted.

The McKelvy home has an exterior construction of wood siding with carport. The living room is paneled and the bathroom is painted in Sunflower yellow, with masonite on the walls.

The bedrooms are painted in olive mist, fantasy orchid and heirloom bold and the kitchen and hall in bittersweet. All doors are finished natural.

Both homes are F.H.A. financed and were built in cooperative with Mrs. Sarah W. Durante, Randolph County home economics extension agent.

Living with Mr. and Mrs. Spinks in their home in Liberty are Mrs. Spinks' mother, Mrs. Mary Wilson, and Mrs. Spinks' grandson, Robert Russell Lee, Jr. Mr. Spinks, who is a native of Ramseur, is employed with Liberty Chair Co. Mrs. Spinks, who originated from Durham, is employed at Textured Fibres.

Living with Mrs. McKelvy is her mother, 77 year-old Mrs. Effie Spinks, her daughter, Linda, and her grandson, Rodney. Mrs. McKelvy, who is a native of the area in which she lives, is employed at Blue Gem Manufacturing Co. in Asheboro. She and her mother formerly lived at the Spinks home place a short distance to the north.

Mrs. McKelvy and Mrs. Spinks are first cousins, their fathers were brothers.

Last FHA Banquet Held At Farmer Hi

May 18, 1970 – Seagrove High School's last FHA banquet, as presently constituted, was held Friday evening, May 8, with twelve former presidents in attendance.

This was the annual mother-daughter banquet sponsored by the Seagrove Chapter of Future Homemakers of America, an event which began in the spring of 1958.

The chapter itself was organized in 1955. Before the beginning of the annual banquets, mother-daughter teas were held.

Cessation of the banquets at Seagrove came about due to the opening of the new Southwest High School next fall and the downgrading of the Seagrove school to a junior high school.

Miss Dianne Auman, diminutive FHA president, conducted the proceedings for the final banquet. Since her mother is deceased, she was flanked at the banquet table by her father, A.R. Auman, and her sister, Miss Sandra Auman, who also served as FHA president.

Exercising general supervision was Mrs. Wade Harris, home economics teacher and originator of the FHA chapter, who came to the Seagrove school a quarter of a century ago. She has served as advisor to the chapter since its beginning.

Only two former presidents were absent, Mrs. Thomas Rose, who served as the first president in 1955, and Mrs. Gilbert Brown, who served as the 1961 president.

Former presidents in attendance, beginning with the year 1956, included Mrs. Richard Lynhart, Mrs. Donald Johnson, Mrs. Roy McNeill, Mrs. Sherman Richardson, Mrs. Lynn Brown, Miss Linda Thomas, Mrs. Melvin Brown, Mrs. Gene Caudle, Miss Sandra Auman, Miss Vickie Needham, Miss Janice Frye, and Miss Rebecca Gray.

Miss Gray as last year's F.H.A.'er of the Year, placed the crown on the head of Miss Shirley Asbill who was selected as this year's F.H.A.'er of the Year.

Miss Asbill was selected from a group of F.H.A.'ers of the Month, which included Miss Sarah Caudle, Miss Susan Cagle, Miss Debra Woodell, Miss Sandy Elliott, Miss Cynthia Kiser, Miss Janette Needham, and Miss Treva King.

Donald Hudson, president of the FFA chapter, escorted the candidates to the stage. He had previously extended greetings from the brother chapter.

One hundred and six chapter members have been awarded the state degree since the formation of the

Seagrove chapter. The last seven girls to receive this degree were recognized at the banquet. These were Shirley Asbill, Nancy Asbill, Brenda Davis, Debra Woodell, Barbara Poole, Sarah Caudle, and Susan Cagle.

Mrs. Harris, the FHA advisor, lavished warm praise on Dianne Auman, the chapter president in presenting to her the Crisco Award. This award signifies leadership, scholarship, character, and contribution to the school.

Theme for the banquet was "Those Were the Days." Scenes from previous banquets were shown. Memories of the past flooded the group as the years of the past were re-enacted. When the last gavel sounded, a wonderful era in the history of Seagrove High School had come to an end.

Joint Celebration Held On Birthday, Mother's Day

May 19, 1970 – Willie Smith, respected Liberty resident, observed his 84th birthday on Wednesday, May 13. He came to Liberty from the Piney Grove church section of Chatham County in 1917.

On Sunday, May 10, he and his wife were honored at a joint birthday and Mother's Day celebration at their home on Lewis St.

Members of both their families were in attendance, along with their close neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married Feb. 3, 1967. Mrs. Smith is the former Ida Brown Holmes, of Staley.

Mr. Smith is a retired carpenter and employee of Stout Chair Co. in Liberty. He went to the chair company as a carpenter to finish up some office facilities and he jokingly remarks that it took him "17 years to finish it up." That was the tenure of his stay there.

He has been active in the affairs of the First Methodist Church in Liberty. He served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 25 years consecutively. For 17 years of that period he also served as superintendent of the Sunday School at the Liberty Grove Methodist Church, going to the latter place on Sunday afternoon.

At a later time he again served as superintendent of the Sunday School at First Methodist Church for two years.

Mrs. Smith was a resident of Staley for nearly 49 years before she moved to Liberty at the time of her marriage to Mr. Smith. She is a native of the Union Grove Baptist Church section of Randolph County.

She too has been active in the affairs of the Methodist church, serving for many years as a teacher in the Sunday School at the Staley Methodist Church and as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

She also served in many community endeavors and drives. She formerly served as election registrar for the Staley precinct and is currently serving as registrar for the South Liberty precinct.

But she is best known for her humanitarian efforts in behalf of the sick, the afflicted and the needy of the Staley community in which she resided for so long.

Whenever there was sickness, death, trouble or need, and in the earlier days when there was a baby born, it was Ida Holmes, as she was known then, who was called to assist.

She never failed to respond and it seems that things went a little smoother after she arrived. She has carried many people to the mental hospitals and rest homes and assisted with their admission. She has interceded with welfare authorities so many times when there was need and hunger.

Although her stay in Liberty has been comparatively short, the people there are learning of her resourcefulness and are using her in the same manner in which she was used in Staley.

Mr. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Bettie Maynard, of Durham, and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Herman Smith, and grandson, Larry, of Raleigh, were in attendance at the birthday and Mother's Day observance. He has another son, William Okal Smith, of Liberty.

Mrs. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Vernelle Leonard, and three of her grandchildren, Sharon, Eddie and John of Aberdeen, and a son, H.A. Holmes, Jr. of Staley, were in attendance. She too has another son, William Ross Holmes.

Mr. Smith's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Smith, of McLeansville, and Mrs. Smith's niece, Mrs. Nancy Stephens, of Greensboro, were also present, along with the following neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Rider and children, Ray, Nellie and Skye, Mr. and Mrs. B.A. (Armp) Kirkman, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davis and son, Lynn, and Frank Staley. Ralph Bulla, an associate of Mrs. Smith and friend to both her and Mr. Smith, was also present.

Mrs. Kirkman, well known in the Liberty area for cakes she bakes, presented Mr. Smith with a large birthday cake and the couple also received a variety of other nice gifts.

Mr. Smith was married twice prior to his marriage to the present Mrs. Smith. His wife and the mother of his children was the former Amanda Elizabeth Beaver. His second wife was the former Dezzie Leola Staley. Both are deceased.

Mrs. Holmes Smith's husband, H.A. Holmes, to whom she was married in 1918, died in 1954.

Years Of Past Rolled Back

May 20, 1970 – The years of the past rolled back the night of May 16 for the 1924 graduates of Randleman High School, but after 46 years and three days, memories were dim and the old days were a little difficult to recapture.

Only four of the 13 graduates were in attendance at the class reunion, plus one member of the class who dropped out in the 10th grade.

Class members showed pictures of their children and grandchildren to each other, recalled the past as best they could, and seemed to remember more the longer they talked. Nearly a half of a century had passed since some of them had seen each other.

Mrs. Myrtle Robbins Walker, of Asheboro, had made contact with her former classmates, writing each of those living two letters announcing the event. She also made arrangements with the ladies at First Methodist Church in Randleman to serve supper in the fellowship hall at the church.

One member of the class, Charles Everhart, known to his class members as C, died after the arrangements for the reunion had started. He had written, saying that he was "looking forward to seeing them all."

Other members of the class, Mozell Coble Russell, Faye Gray Hayes, and John Nelson, had died previously.

Coming to the reunion, in addition to Mrs. Walker, were Jewel Hanner Cleary, Randleman, Mrs. Nora Dicks Upton, Rt. 4, Asheboro, and Fay McCollum, High Point.

Also in attendance was Mrs. Kate Coltrane Trotter, Winston-Salem, who was a member of the class until she dropped out in the 10th grade to care for a sick aunt.

While attending school, Mrs. Trotter lived in the country near Walker's Mill and she recalled driving to school with her sister, Beatrice, in a buggy drawn by a pony. During the day the pony and buggy were kept in Mrs. Barker's barn across the street from the school.

Other members of the class not in attendance at the class reunion are Mrs. Jewel Gray Swaim, Thomasville, Mrs. Margaret Lineberry Harrell, and Gene Bulla, Randleman, and Truman Wall, Winston-Salem.

Ed B. Carroll was principal of the school at the time of graduation but the class members could not remember the names of many of the teachers.

But they recalled the name of a former principal, Dave Weatherly, of Franklinville. Mr. Weatherly is still remembered throughout Randolph County as a stern disciplinarian, and one of the 1924 graduates at Randleman High School said "he'd make you think he was going to kill you."

It was a good reunion and a happy one despite the passage of years, the absence of living classmates, and the deaths of four members.

Open House Honors Her On Her 90th Birthday

May 21, 1970 – Mrs. Virginia (Jennie) Kirkman Spivey, known to her family and friends as "Granny Spivey," was honored Sunday afternoon, May 17, at an open house event which commemorated her 90th birthday.

Family members and friends called from 2 until 5 p.m. at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. (Bud) Spivey, Rt. 2, Randleman, with whom she has lived for nearly 15 years.

Her other child, Mrs. Edna McElhannon, a twin sister to Bud Spivey, lives nearby. Another daughter, Mrs. Jewel Hudson, died in 1950. Her husband, William Spivey, died in 1955.

Mrs. Spivey, a native of Rockingham, came to Worthville with her father, brothers and sisters when she was a small girl. She doesn't remember her mother who died when she was very young.

She went to work at the cotton mill in Worthville when she was ten and worked there until she was 72 years old. She was not ready to quit then and only stopped working upon being retired by the management. However, Mrs. Spivey refers to it as the time "when they laid me off."

When she first started to work at the mill she received ten cents a day for her labor but soon got to where she made 25 cents a day.

Asked about her schooling, she said "people didn't go to school them days, they had to go to the field," saying she worked in the field picking cotton, peas and doing other field work.

She is a regular attendant at the Midway Wesleyan Church and has a seven-year attendance pin from the Sunday School. She went to church on the day of her birthday celebration and attended every service of the revival meeting which was held recently. On Mother's Day she received a corsage for being the oldest mother present.

She goes to bed early, about eight o'clock, and gets up at five. Although she receives tender care from her daughter-in-law, she helps with the washing of the dishes and would do more except for failing eyesight. She still wants to work and has never been reconciled at having to stop work at the mill, after 62 years of employment there.

A sister, Mrs. Cornelia Maness, died in 1963 at the age of 87, and a brother, Frank Kirkman, died in 1966, at the age of 84.

Her birthday actually came on Monday, May 18, but on Sunday afternoon her son's home was filled with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives, friends and the people at the Midway church as they came to wish her a happy birthday and to present her with gifts. Refreshments were served.

N.C. Industrial Chairman Moves Here On Retirement

May 22, 1970 – A distinguished North Carolinian, J.W. Bean, and his wife moved to Asheboro from Raleigh on Friday, May 15.

Bean retired last Nov. as chairman of the North Carolina Industrial Commission, a position he had held since 1954. He had been a member of the commission since 1949.

Prior to that time he had served in the legislature from Rowan County, as chairman of the school board, commissioner for the town of Spencer and as mayor protem.

Although a native of upper Montgomery County, near Steeds, he went to school in Seagrove and has served as principal of the school there before his marriage to a Seagrove girl, the former Annie Stutts.

Just before their marriage he accepted a job with the Southern Railway in Spencer, where the couple established their household and lived until they moved to Raleigh in 1949. Bean's employment with the railroad lasted 33 years.

Their new residence in Asheboro is 401 W. Kivett St., the former home of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Russell. Mrs. Bean has a sister, Mrs. B.W. Brown, living in Asheboro at 1805 McDermott St., and a brother, Joe Stutts, living in North Asheboro.

Bean's appointment to the North Carolina Industrial Commission came from the late Governor W. Kerr Scott and he was named chairman of the commission by former Governor Luther H. Hodges.

He was reared in Little River Township in Montgomery County, about four or five miles from the Randolph County line. Growing to maturity with him were eight brothers and sisters, all of whom are still living.

These brothers and sisters and their families come together each year in the Bean reunion and have come together at additional times in recent years when four of them have celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries.

The latest of these celebrations was for Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Auman, Mrs. Auman being the former Maggie Bean. Other observances were for Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Cole, Mrs. Cole being the former Beulah Bean, and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bean.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole have lived in the town of Stokes in Pitt County but they too are planning to come back to their native environs. They have purchased land on Rt. 3, Seagrove, near the home of Mrs. Cole's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ima King, where they will establish their residence.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Bean are Mrs. Foy E. Grubb, Durham, and Talmadge Bean, Garland, Texas. Another son, J.W. Bean, Jr., died in 1964.

Residents of Asheboro will extend a warm welcome to J.W. Bean and his wife as they come to make their home here. Their relatives and their acquaintances of former

years, people in Seagrove, Steeds, Ether and Sugg's Creek, will rejoice to learn that they have come back to the near vicinity of the places from which they originated.

Church Improvements Set At Historical Pleasant Hill

May 29, 1970 – Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, located in the Negro community by the same name, is scheduled for some extensive improvements beginning July 1.

The church was recently awarded \$1,000 by the Randolph County Methodist Area Mission Society to assist with the improvements. The church has approximately the same amount in a building fund.

It is planned to complete an addition started previously, which includes a choir loft, Sunday School rooms, and rest rooms. In a basement area there will be a choir dressing room, pastor's stop study, and kitchen facilities. Also planned is an outside arbor for picnic and recreational purposes.

The present frame church building at Pleasant Hill was rebuilt and the cornerstone laid on June 22, 1930, according to the marker on the outside.

It replaced another frame building, smaller in size, which was built farther back than anyone living can remember. It was there before two of the church's oldest members, now in their eighties, were born. These two older members also recall hearing people talk about an arbor which preceded the erection of the first building.

Long time residents also remember the old log school building which stood in the vicinity of the church. The fireplace in the school building was big enough to hold "a fence rail cut half in two."

Mrs. Fannie Cheek is the church's oldest active member. She will be 83 years old on June 10. Mrs. Cheek grew up in another community but remembers coming to Pleasant Hill as a child.

Another active member is Mrs. Corila Caviness, 82, sister-in-law of Mrs. Cheek, who has attended Pleasant Hill throughout her lifetime. She and Mrs. Cheek were married on the same day.

Another older member of the church is Will McSwaim, who only joined last year. Mr. McSwaim, who claims to be 100 years old, is inactive due to poor health. He is not a native and Mrs. Caviness said "he came to the community as a grown young man."

Mrs. Caviness formerly lived across the river in Pleasant Grove Township, near the Bradys, and she recalls attending church services, both day and night, by crossing the river in a boat. Sometime she and her family came around the road and crossed at the ford when the weather was bad or they had prepared for dinner on the rounds.

She also recalled being called by her husband, Jerry Caviness, to the door of their home one night and listening to the preacher who was speaking in the old Pleasant Hill church building across the river, a considerable distance away.

There was no church in the vicinity of Mrs. Fannie Cheek's home in the Howard's Mill section, so she recalls crossing Waddell's Ferry and attending services at Pleasant Hill, New Zion, Bensalem, and Glover's.

Present pastor at Pleasant Hill is Rev. G.L. Warren, now in his fourth year. He also pastored at Piney Ridge and Stout's Chapel. A native and resident of Kernersville, he

was licensed to preach in 1952 and ordained a deacon in the Methodist Church in 1960. He is now working on his elder's orders and pursuing the conference course of study. Fifty four years of age, he plans to attend the Duke Divinity School after he completes the course of study.

Superintendent of the Sunday School at Pleasant Hill is Elbert Cheek and H.L. Spinks is the lay leader. Stewards are Lynn Cheek, H.L. Spinks, Albert Cheek, Mrs. Lorena Spinks and Mrs. Gertrude Cheek. Mrs. Cheek is an outstanding leader in the church and was described by another member "as one we can lean on."

Improvements already effected at Pleasant Hill include the installation of a new ceiling and the painting of the woodwork on the inside. The painting was done by Mrs. Elbert Cheek, wife of the Sunday School superintendent.

Dust Keeps Getting In Their Eyes All Of Community's Roads Are Dirt

June 1, 1970 - All roads lead to Antioch Christian Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and none of them are paved.

On each Sunday morning the men, the women, the young people and the children come in all directions, over these dirt roads, to worship in the Sunday School and morning worship service.

Last year 81 persons attended Sunday School every Sunday at Antioch. This was from an enrollment of 272. The average attendance each Sunday was 219.

The year before that 95 perfect attendance awards were given, with an average attendance of 213.

On the fourth Sunday in May this year, at the annual Memorial Day service, there were enough people to fill the church auditorium to double its capacity.

The sun shone brightly for this annual service and the cemetery never looked better. The grass was mowed, the monuments glistened in the sunshine and the floral tributes were appropriately designed and beautiful.

In recent years a new educational building has been put in use, additional burying ground has been provided and a brick wall has been built encircling the west side of the cemetery.

Alongside of that brick wall was the rocky and dusty thoroughfare, the only blight on an otherwise perfect day of memorial, fellowship, and homecoming.

This is a condition which confronts the 200 and more people who worship each Sunday at the Antioch church.

The people come to the church each Sunday from at least five different directions over roads which have not been improved or paved.

Antioch Christian Church is situated among a network of rural dirt roads, lying between the Erect road, State Road No. 1003, and what is known as the river road, State Road No. 2873, both of which are paved.

However, nothing has been done for the roads in between, in which area the church is located and which comprises the heart of the community.

These roads include State Road No. 2891, two miles and six houses; State Road No. 2890, which goes by the church, two and one third miles and 10 houses; State Road No. 2887, the most populated, three miles and one tenth, 21 houses and one business; and State Road No., 2889, one and one half miles and six houses.

Designed miles and houses are approximate and not official. State Road No. 2887, on which the greater number live, dead-ends at the church, according to highway

statistics, but actually merges into State Road No. 2890 in front of the church.

The Antioch church community has been frustrated now for many years because no attention has been paid to their need for better roads. They feel neglected and forgotten.

Sometimes their patience grows thin and they talk about taking a big delegation to Raleigh and some have even mentioned about asking for a refund of their share of the gasoline tax.

It is not likely, however, that any of these things will be done. The people in the area are substantial, law-abiding citizens and will in all probability continue their efforts through their elected and appointed officials and others to get some relief.

Widely Scattered Family Holds Reunion In Asheboro

June 3, 1970 - Two sisters and a brother from different parts of the country are holding a reunion at the home of one of them in Asheboro.

Dewey Alvis (A) Pruett of Glendale, Calif., and Mrs. Bertha Pruett Myers of Battle Creek, Mich. are visiting with Mrs. Ruby Pruett Davis at the latter's home at 309 Uwharrie St.

Pruett and Mrs. Davis are twins. This is his first visit to Asheboro in 14 years.

On Sunday, May 31, an early birthday observance was held for the twin brother and sister with various family members from Randolph County and other places in attendance.

They will reach their 67th year on Aug. 8. The celebration was held early due to their inability to be together when the actual date arrives. Their last celebration together was 25 years ago in Battle Creek, Mich., on their 42nd birthdays, and the one before that was when they were 16.

The visiting brother and sister will leave their Asheboro sister's home the middle of June and Pruett will visit with Mrs. Myers in Battle Creek before returning home to California. He lived in Battle Creek for over 23 years.

Two years ago in Apr. Mrs. Myers visited with Mrs. Davis and her husband, Kenneth Davis, in Asheboro and in Nov. of that year the two sisters visited their brother in California.

Prior to that time Mrs. Davis had visited her brother in California five years ago. Another brother, Earl Pruett of Eden, visited him in 1965. As Mrs. Myers said, "we try to keep in touch, all of us."

Besides Dewey, Earl, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Myers, there is another sister, Mrs. Frieda Taylor of Ponomo, Calif., and another brother, James Allen Pruett of Odenton, Md. Deceased members of the family are William Gurney Pruett and Charles Pruett.

They are the children of William Pruett, a native of Davidson County, and Sarah Edna Woodell Pruett, who was reared in the vicinity of Franklinville. Three of them were born in Asheboro, one in Montgomery County, and four in Guilford County. Their mother died in 1912 and their father five years later.

Following the death of their mother they were separated and grew to maturity in various homes, most of them on adjoining farms in Davidson County. The younger sister, Frieda, was adopted out.

As Dewey Pruett expressed it, "no family was more scattered than we were." But Mrs. Myers repeated, "We have always kept in touch, somehow, somehow."

Their father was an itinerant watch and clock fixer and in that capacity got acquainted with their mother in this section. Following her death he traveled again and was in Lorain, Ohio when he died, being buried in that place. Their mother is buried in Greensboro.

Mrs. Myers lived in West Virginia after her marriage but has resided in Battle Creek since 1928. Her husband died in 1967. Nearly 76 years of age, she has 7 children, 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dewey Pruett has lived in California since 1948. His wife died last Dec. He has two daughters and six grandchildren.

His twin sister, Mrs. Davis, has been to California to see him two times and she said, "I hope I can go twice more." She has been to Michigan to see her sister six or eight times.

This family, as Dewey Pruett indicated, has been scattered far and wide since most of them were small children. But they have managed to get back together at various times, they have kept in touch and a strong bond of family fellowship exists among them.

Grantville Girl Scouts Help Build Library

June 4, 1970 – Members of Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Troop No. 453 sponsored by the Grantville Community Development Club held their last meeting Friday evening prior to the summer vacation and reviewed an interesting year of activity.

Foremost was the establishment of the Grantville Community Library at the community building. Four hundred or so books, offering a variety of reading subjects, will be available to the people of the community beginning June 4.

Troop members have collected and assembled the books since Christmas. The community club group has built a double bookcase for the books storage. A card file has been provided and residents may check the books out on a self-serve basis. An honor system has been set up for the return of the books.

Religious, mystery, fiction, history, gardening, landscaping helps and a variety of children's books are available. It is planned to continue the solicitation of the books and Girl Scout members will appreciate receiving books from anyone who wishes to contribute.

Girls in the troop established the library with the desire to contribute something which would be of lasting benefit and enjoyment to both young and old and something which would continue to be of service even after their scouting days are over.

Other activities which have occupied the members of Tarheel Triad included the selling of over 500 boxes of cookies and participating in "Keep America Beautiful" campaign by working on the community building grounds.

A highlight of the year was the presentation to the troop of a flag which had flown over the nation's capitol by Fifth District Congressman Wilmer D. Mizell.

Members of the troop are Cathy Jane Beane, Kathy Bellamy, Susan Brown, Amy Cox, Kathy Cox, Lisa Cox, Tina Cox, Linda Gann, Myra Humphrey, Marsha Humphrey, Carolyn Jones, Cindee Morgan, Sandra Needham, Paula Smith, Evelyn Smith, Melodie Webster, and Sandra Whitt.

Their leaders are Mrs. Paul Smith, Mrs. Robert Beane and Mrs. Norman Cox.

Seagrove Class Of 1955 Has 14 Members At Reunion

June 9, 1970 – Camp Caraway was the reunion site for the 1955 graduating class of Seagrove High School on May 31. Fourteen members of the class and their families were in attendance. The event began with a supper in the dining hall.

Members of the class present were J. Raiford Brown, Mae Caudill Auman, Carroll Comer, Erma Cox Brown, Wesley Freeman, Ernest Gatlin, Garland Hall, Rozine Hurley Davis, Harold Kiser, Shelby Jean Luck, Donald Smith, Harold Thompson, Rebecca Thompson Cheek, and Grace Yow Thompson.

Members not present are Betty Baker Burrow, Peggy Brittain Woodruff, Winfred Brown, Elsie Cole Hagan, Kermit Craven, Norma Hamilton Lewallen, Rebecca Hedgepeth Scott, Jimmy Kemp, Estelle Kennedy Davis, Horace Luther, Shirley Presnell Luck, Fred Marsh, Maxton McNeill, Hilda Marley Welborn, Bryce Russell, Janice Russell Voncannon, Nancy Spencer, and Everette Walker.

Two couples in the class, Raiford Brown and Erma Cox Brown, Harold Thompson and Grace Yow Thompson, are husband and wife. There is also a brother and sister, Harold Thompson and Rebecca Thompson Cheek.

The reunion was planned by an arrangement committee, composed of Shelby Jean Luck, chairman, Mae Auman, Raiford Brown, and Rebecca Scott.

A committee, named to plan another reunion five years hence, consists of Rozine Davis, chairman, Harold Thompson, Grace Thompson, Rebecca Cheek, and Harold Kiser.

Greetings were received at this reunion from their senior sponsor, Mrs. John Haines of Jonesboro, Ga., the former Miss Inez Wannamaker, Betty Baker Burrow from Cerritos, Calif., and from Maxton McNeill, a licensed mortician in Brunswick, Ga.

The class history was read by Mae Auman and the class prophecy was given again by Rebecca Cheek. Garland Hall, who is preparing for the ministry, pronounced the invocation prior to the meal.

Randleman 1955 Class Reunites

June 11, 1970 – The 1955 graduating class at Randleman High School, a class "which loved one another," held a joyous 15-year reunion at the W.O.W. Camp Sunday afternoon, May 31.

The reunion was scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and end at 5, but some of them were there by noon and it was 7:30 before all of them were gone.

Thirty six of the 54 class members were present. Three members of the class are deceased.

A planning committee, which included famed stock car racer, Richard Petty, met several times to make the arrangements for the reunion. Other members of the committee were Jo Ann Myers Johnson, chairman, Jerry Trogdon, Elmer Beeson, Sue Strider Spivey, and Lewis Johnson.

Other class members in attendance, in addition to the planning committee, were Doris Allred Hedgecock, Peggy Dorsett Carter, Shirley Dunning Holland, Jacqueline Craven Flourmory, Donna Pugh Dennis, David Brown, Shirley Eades Paul, Marie Farlow Robbins, Raymond Frazier, Ernestine Hinshaw Cox, Ronnie Hucks, Lindsey Lambert,

E.J. Johnson, Bobby Martin, Bobby LaMarr and Ray Hinshaw.

Also, Elsie Lambert Darrity, Terry McCain, Joe Ann McClintock Reeves, Howard Routh, Peggy Rumbley Walker, Mary Ann Osborne Maxwell, Lee Roy Russell, Joan Plummer Hanner, Ann Presnell Lanier, Mack Scruggs, Cletus Smith, Joel Turner, Dorothy Vickory Prilliman and Ann Cox.

One of the two class mascots, Gayle Millikan McCain, was present. The other mascot was Johnny Pugh.

Class members not present are Barbara Allred Fallon, Nancy Beeson Macon, Nancy Chisholm Cox, Dock Fogleman, Faye Hinshaw Coltrane, Larry Goley, James Gregson Shoe, Mildred Hinshaw Guthrie, Jacqueline Hodgins, Shelby Jarrell Patrick, Betty Pearl Lee Patterson, Sara Helen Linthicum, Ann Memory Hogenboom, George Stockwell.

The deceased members, in whose memory a minute of silent prayer was held, were Jane Inman Hayes, Jerry Hollingsworth, and Bobby Russell.

Graduates came to the reunion from Myrtle Beach, S.C., Bristol, Tenn., Charlotte, Greensboro, Atlanta, Ga., High Point, Raleigh, Snow Camp, Morehead City, Winston-Salem, Level Cross, New Salem, Sophia, Randleman, and Danville, Va.

Greetings, in the form of letters, came from Larry Goley in Germany, Shelby Jarrell Patrick in Madrid, Spain, Barbara Allred Fallon in St. Petersburg, Fla., and Rachel Hill Allred in Morehead City.

The class was delighted with the presence of their high school principal, L.H. Ballard, and their homeroom sponsor, Mrs. Wade Montgomery, who was Miss Mary Holliday when she was in Randleman.

The 1955 class was Mr. Ballard's last graduating class at Randleman High School. He is now associate dean of the Adult Education Division at Davidson County Community College. Mrs. Montgomery was a teacher in the school at Franklinville until her retirement last year.

Prizes were awarded to Doris Allred Hedgecock, mother of four, and Larry Goley, father of four, for having the most children; Howard Routh of Atlanta, Ga., who traveled the farthest; and to E.J. Johnson, who had been married the longest.

Jo Ann Myers and Lewis Johnson were the only members of the class who married each other. Only three members of the class are unmarried.

The next reunion of the class will be held in 1975. Members planning for that reunion will be Lee Roy Russell, chairman, E.J. Johnson, Bobby LaMarr, Ann Cox, Marie Robbins, and Jo Ann Johnson.

Families of the 36 class members brought the attendance at the reunion to more than 200. Hot dogs, cold drinks and cup cakes were served. Fun, fellowship, and a time for remembrance held sway throughout the afternoon, and the pages of history were turned back as Principal H.L. Ballard asked Richard Petty for his autograph.

Worthville Old People's Day Is One Of Nostalgia

June 11, 1970 - "Old Peoples' Day" in Worthville was held Sunday, June 7, for the 66th year.

Nine people, who were present for the first observance 66 years ago, were also on hand this year.

They were Mrs. Ida Harrell Money, 76, Rt. 6, Lexington, Mrs. Francenia (Senie) Spivey Pickett, 91, Rt. 3, Randleman, Mrs. Zylphia Harrell Stevens, 81, Lake Wales, Fla., Miss Rosela Myrick, 86, Trinity Rest Home, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Mrs. Amy Harrell Williams 83, Worthville Rd., Randleman, Mrs. Effie Steele Kirkman, 84, Rt. 3, Randleman, Jack Prevost, 80, Raleigh, Mrs. Conie Spivey Briles, 78, Worthville, and Mrs. Mary Harrell Gelbach, 81, the Methodist Home, Charlotte.

The homecoming address, which was noted for its brevity, was made by Jack Prevost, who was present for the first time in 19 years. He said "I am glad to be back one more time."

He also recalled conditions in Worthville in the year of his youth, especially in the mill where he went to work at the turn of the century. He said, "Us children had to work back then" and mentioned that if a machine broke down the time had to be made up at the end of the day without any overtime.

The observance was started in Worthville by the late Dr. C.C. Hubbard, who was a resident there at the time. One of those present at the first observance said that Dr. Hubbard told the people of the community to "get up the old people and bring them in." It was also remembered that A.W. Jenkins, who ran a store in Worthville, made the principal speech on that first occasion. His subject was "Sunday School When I was a Child." An old man and feeble, they said he propped himself up against the organ in the old Union church and repeated the 23rd Psalm. This was an impressive occasion and they have never forgot it.

The observance this year was held at the Baptist church, located across the river from the mill. The proceedings began in the morning, with the pastor, Rev. Bobby R. Inman, speaking on "How to be Happy in Old Age." A picnic dinner followed at Mrs. Conie Briles' home next door to the church.

Earl C. Jordan, chairman, presided over the afternoon session, with Raymond W. Luther serving as secretary and treasurer, Odell Whitaker, lay leader at the Worthville Methodist Church, gave the address of welcome. The Kiser Family Quartet provided special music for the occasion.

Remembered in the memorial service were Mrs. Percy Wood, Joel Trogdon, Ralph Groce, James Fisher, Mrs. Worth Kidd, A.C. Chandler, D.M. Hinshaw, and Seth Spivey. Arrangements for the memorial service were made by Miss Lucille Williamson and Mrs. Lucille Brady.

Officers for next year's observance were named as follows: Odell Whitaker, chairman; J.E. (Doc) Groce, vice-chairman; Raymond W. Luther, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Carolyn Luther, assistant secretary and treasurer; and Paul Harrell, memorials.

Other Worthville residents and former residents, present at the annual homecoming and Old Peoples' Day and not mentioned above included Mrs. Julia Williamson Myrick, Mrs. Faye Giles Allred, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Byrd, Mrs. Ottie Williamson Prevost, Mrs. Lillie Williamson Hinshaw, William Harrell, Mrs. Edith Williamson Robbins, and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Pearce.

Mrs. Conie Briles has missed only one homecoming, she thinks. It was when she broke her shoulder. Mrs. Mary Gelbach came over especially for the occasion from The Methodist Home in Charlotte, Mrs. Zylphia Stevens and her husband, Arza Stevens, came all the way from Lake Wales,

Fla. to join their old friends but expect to remain in the territory for several weeks.

A large bouquet of flowers were placed in the church in memory of Winston, Jack and J.M. (Babe) Harrell, fathers of Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Money, and Mrs. Gelbach.

It was a happy homecoming day, with old friends exchanging greetings, embracing each other and talking about the times when they were much younger than what they are today. Some of them may have "talked out" during the program, but they were still fulfilling the purpose of being there, to greet old friends, renew their acquaintances and enjoy a day of fellowship with each other.

New Hope Dinner Aids Financial Church State

June 11, 1970 – A fish supper at Liberty church community building in New Hope Township Saturday afternoon and evening did much to relieve the building of its indebtedness.

From 400 to 500 plates were served during the supper hours. This was the second supper held to help clear the debts.

The building was erected around two years ago by the people of the Liberty United Methodist Church and the community and is located on the New Hope-Eldorado Road, near the Montgomery County line.

Since its erection improvements have been made, the kitchen area has been paneled off and bathrooms completed. Considerable equipment has also been purchased.

Most of the work on the building was donated. A major portion of the funds which have been used, in addition to the suppers, came from the efforts of the ladies of the church and community who served sandwiches, cake and coffee to the deer hunters on the nearby Uwharrie Wildlife Management Area.

Other funds came from auction sales, selling candy and church plates, and a few donations.

Land for the building was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Russell. Russell serves as a trustee for the building, along with Mrs. Edward Harris, Frank Hopkins, and Wiley Hurley.

Cooks for the fish supper were Carl Steed and the Rev. Jack Luther, pastor of the Liberty church, and Rev. L.C. Morton, the immediate past pastor, and his wife.

Mt. View Church Feature Of Miller-Hill Reunion

June 18, 1970 – A new house of worship at the Mt. View Independent Methodist Church was the predominant feature of the 22nd annual reunion of the Miller-Hill families which was held there on Sunday, June 14.

Located several miles west of Asheboro, north of the Jericho Road, the church only had tentative plans to build a new sanctuary at the time of last year's reunion, even though it had been discussed for some time.

But they got busy shortly afterwards, dug a well in July, started the building in Aug., finished it up in Sept. and moved in the first part of Oct.

It consists of an auditorium, pastor's study and library, and a room for the heating plant and storage area. The new building is attached to the old building by a breezeway which will be enclosed in the near future.

It is also planned to construct rest rooms in the old building which is presently being used as Sunday School space.

The pulpit and choir area in the new building is paneled, with carpeting on the floor in that area. There is also carpeting in the middle aisle. The pews and pulpit furniture are new as well as the piano which was placed in the new building.

Bob Elliott, a member of the church, supervised the construction of the new building and worked on its erection along with the other men of the church. It is thought that at least two thirds of the work was volunteer labor.

Estimated value of the building is \$35,000, with considerable less money involved due to the free labor. Only a small amount of that was owed at the time of occupancy and according to the pastor the people are "paying that down fast."

Rev. Austin Frye has been pastor of the church for seven years or so. He comes down from High Point where he is employment manager for the High Point Fabric Plant and he says the Mt. View people are "one of the best groups I've ever been with." The people in turn say that they love and appreciate him and they attest to the influence which he has had on their lives.

Evening services at the church are not held on the second and fourth Sunday nights in order to permit an active young peoples' group at the church to go to other churches for singing and assistance in the services. This group, numbering 30 or more young people, present these programs under the direction of Mrs. Betty Linthicum, Mt. View choir leader and teacher of the young married peoples' class.

William (Sonny) Trotter, superintendent of the Sunday School at Mt. View, was named president of the Miller-Hill reunion organization in the annual business session. He succeeds Waymon Trotter who has served for several years.

Charles Hunt was named vice president and re-elected were Mrs. Clara Mae Henderson, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Alma Purvis, program chairman.

Mrs. Purvis presented three groups of singers for the reunion this year, the Strider Trio, the Kiser Family Quartet, and the Harmonettes from Smyrna Grove. They performed for the afternoon session. Rev. Mr. Frye preached for the morning program at 11 o'clock.

Prizes were awarded to Cyrus Rich, 91, and Jarvis Miller, 83, older members of the two families, and to 8-months-old Michael Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunt, for being the youngest person in attendance.

Yorks Are Reunited At Ramseur

June 19, 1970 – Officials of the York reunion were returned to office at the second session of the family group which was held Sunday, June 14, at the town hall in Ramseur.

They were Rev. T.R. York, president, Mrs. Frank Leonard, secretary; and A.M. (Red) Fields, treasurer.

According to family genealogy, the Yorks came from Yorkshire, England and settled in the Sandy Creek section north of York, erected the York schoolhouse.

A descendant of Brantley York, Mrs. Lillian Elliott Ashmore of Archdale came to the reunion Sunday seeking information which would connect her branch of the family with those members of the family holding the York reunion.

She was accompanied by Mrs. Hazel Coltrane Hancock, of Archdale, who is also connected with the York family.

Brantley York taught school at Bush Hill, now known as Archdale, after leaving the Sandy Creek section and was affiliated with the school which eventually became Duke University.

Rev. T.R. York presided over the reunion session, with the opening prayer being offered by Rev. Glenn Whitley, pastor of Ramseur Baptist Church. Mrs. Whitley was also a reunion guest.

Mr. and Mrs. John William McGee, of Norfolk, Va., received the prize for traveling the farthest to the reunion site and also received the prize for having the youngest child, six-weeks-old Jana Marie McGee, in attendance.

Other out of state visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fields and children, John, Jr., Elizabeth Anne, and Laura, of Greenville, S.C.

W.C. (Will) York, well known Asheboro attorney, 73, received the prize for being the oldest family member present.

Recognition was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert York who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 21.

The reunion session began at 1 o'clock and the first order of business was the consumption of the tremendous amount of food which had been prepared by the ladies of the York family.

Trinity High 1954 Class Meets For First Reunion

June 19, 1970 – The first reunion in 16 years was held Saturday evening, June 13, for the 1954 graduating class at Trinity High School. It took the form of a picnic supper in the cafeteria at the new high school building.

Twenty two members were present out of a class of 56 members. A reunion committee, consisting of Amanda Sue Wood, Carolyn Spencer Dillon and Nancy Hohn Hyde, worked for many weeks making the arrangements for the class reunion.

Other class members attending the reunion were Margaret Abbott Meredith, Lee Andrews, Bill Wood, Edward Croker, Gilbert Davis, Marie Webster, Nancy Davis Coble, Jessie Edmonds, Derrell Frazier, Phyllis Freeman Younts, Dr. Ronald Fulp, T.R. Hendrix, Jr., Phyllis Honeycutt Leonard, Barbara Johnson Davidson, Oscar Maness, Kermit Robbins, Marguerite Scott Hubbard, Von Sumner, and Faye Peele Coltrane.

Class members not present were Elizabeth Auman Chapel, Margaret Bean Henley, Lillie Faye Boyles Taylor, Audrey Cagle Ingram, Rosie Cashatt Austin, Nancy Church Cagle, Margaret Collins Hinson, Shelba Corder Cornelison, Elsie Davis Ferguson, Florence English Orr, Doris Ennis Cromer, Samuel Evans, Glenn Ferguson, Nancy Frazier Johnson, Bob Freeman, Donald Gurley, Elbert Hamilton, and Mary Lou Harris Hollifield.

Also, Evelyn Hilliard Brendle, Charles Kennedy, Harold Kirkman, Irene McDowell Parks, Martha McGee Shepherd, Samuel McGee, Nancy Miller Davis, Larry Peace, Margaret Ranson McDowell, Polly Reddick Harris, Don Royals, Jean Skeen Seward, Jackie Spencer, Francis Thompson, Bill Towery, and Charles White.

Graduates came to the reunion from Kernersville, Jamestown, Randleman, Pleasant Garden, High Point, Charlotte, Raleigh, Lexington, and the one who traveled the

farthest was Barbara Johnson Davidson, who came from Columbus, Ohio.

Four class members married each other, Amanda Sue Auman and Bill Wood, Marie Webster and Gilbert Davis. Only one member of the class, Oscar Maness, is not married. Dr. Ronald Fulp, a teacher at N.C. State College, is the only member of the class to receive a doctor's degree.

Present for the reunion were the two homeroom teachers, Mrs. Gurney Peace and Mrs. Betty Campbell, who was Miss Betty Hedgecock at the time of the class graduation. Also present was the glee club teacher, Mrs. Lelia Payne, who reminisced about the class trip to Washington, D.C. Mrs. Payne accompanied the class on the trip and at the reunion related some of the pranks in which she was involved.

The reunion committee had arranged a table of high school memories which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The class was impressed that Mrs. Peace was able to name everyone on the picture which was made on the trip to Washington, after the lapse of 16 years and the teaching of the hundreds of pupils which followed the 1954 graduating class.

Bill Wood, the senior class president, was master of ceremonies and introduced Lewis Farlow, who rendered a hilarious comedy skit. Devotions were given by Rev. Jimmy Hinson, who married a member of the class, Margaret Collins. Mrs. Hinson was unable to be present because of the sickness of a child.

Von Sumner led the class in singing a few songs, assisted by Mrs. Payne.

It was revealed that two members of the class have given birth to twins. Phyllis Honeycutt Leonard has twin boys, 2-year-old Jeffrey and Joel, and Lillie Faye Boyles Taylor has Donna and Donnie, a twin girl and boy, age eight months.

The next reunion of the class will be held in 1975. A committee, Marguerite Scott Hubbard, Nancy Davis Coble and Marie Webster Davis, was named to work along with the old committee in planning for this reunion five years hence.

It was a night to remember with food, fun, fellowship and reminiscing.

Alvin Nance Surprised He Was Man Of The Year

June 24, 1970 – Alvin Nance, Rt. 1, Franklinville resident, is a loyal employee of the Hattaras Yacht Company in High Point, he has worked there for seven and one half years, he is a carpentry supervisor in the finishing department.

He is an active member of the High Point Industrial Management Club, comprising 60-odd firms in High Point, he is the key man representative from his company to the club, he attended more meetings of the club last year than any other member and he enrolled in three of the four classes sponsored by the club.

But he was still surprised to receive the "Key Man of the Year" award at the annual presentation of awards at a dinner meeting at the Y.M.C.A. in High Point recently.

It was pointed out, in the remarks of presentation, that his company had more members in the club than any other firm, and that the Hattaras company donated more blood than any other company.

He drives the round trip distance of 54 miles to work each day and the trips to the meetings twice a month and the additional classes entailed more driving.

This effort, however, doesn't seem to bother Alvin Nance. Because he enjoys his work, he is a strong believer in the motives and the accomplishments of the industrial management club and he advocates a similar organization for the town of Asheboro.

The key men's group meet the first Tuesday night in the month, with the entire membership of the industrial management club holding a dinner meeting on the third Tuesday night in the month. At the latter meeting outstanding personalities are sometimes invited as guest speakers.

Before beginning his employment at the High Point firm, Alvin worked for five years at Randolph Mills in Franklinville and before that for 11 years at Sapona Mills in Cedar Falls.

He lives northeast of Cedar Falls with his wife, the former Annie Ruth Coram. Their three children are married and away from home, except that two of them, their son, Alvin Leonard (Buddy) Nance, and one of their daughters, Mrs. Reggie Cain, live next to their parents. Their other daughter, Mrs. Derald Smith, lives in Denton. They have a small granddaughter, Yvonne Smith.

The Nances live on a dead-end road on which his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Nance, and several of his seven brothers also reside.

Alvin Nance served in the Army for 24 months during World War II, eleven months of which was spent as a prisoner of war in Germany.

Grantville Civitan Club Installs New Officers

June 25, 1970 – Grantville's Civitan Club installed its third president at the semi-monthly dinner meeting Thursday evening.

He was Joe Frazier, who lives across the road from the community building where the club's meetings are held.

The new president, after taking the oath of office, said he "felt little in thinking back on the two previous presidents" but added "the president is no better than the club members make him."

Other officers installed along with the president were president-elect, Zim Hinshaw; vice president, Donald Johnson; secretary, Rev. Jimmy Norred; and treasurer, Wayne Coble.

Installing officer was Lonnie Sharpe, director of membership for the North Carolina District West of Civitan International.

Paul Brooks, an Asheboro car dealer who has recently moved into the community, was installed as a new member.

Two of the new officers, Zim Hinshaw and Rev. Mr. Norred, had held the respective positions of secretary and chaplain since the formation of the club on Feb. 3, 1968 before being elected to the offices to which they were installed at Thursday's meeting.

Harold James retired as treasurer of the club, a position which he too had held since the beginning of the club.

Lewis Pritchard, retiring president, presided over the meeting. He was presented with the past president's pin by Carl Needham, who served as the club's first president.

The awards chairman also announced that the plaques would be presented to the retiring president, secretary and treasurer. Attendance awards were also announced.

Recognition was extended to Zim Hinshaw for selling 524 pounds of fruit cake and to Harold James for selling 15 cases and 9 boxes of fruit cake.

A discussion was held concerning the recreational area to the rear of the community building, a project which has occupied the attention of the club since its organization and a project which is nearing completion.

The new president urged the adoption of other projects, saying "there is no use to come down here and eat our supper, go back home and not accomplish anything."

Nevertheless, the supper prepared by club wives was delicious, consisting of baked ham, country style steak, various vegetables, desserts, rolls, and iced tea.

C.E. Yorks Of Ramseur Honored On Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

July 1, 1970 – Mr. and Mrs. C.E. York, a Ramseur couple, long active in Masonic circles, were honored Sunday afternoon, June 21, at an event which marked their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. York, Jr., Gastonia, their two granddaughters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Cloer, Raleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Meuhs, Wilson, entertained for them at a reception in the fellowship hall of the Ramseur Baptist Church.

Friends and relatives called from three to five o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. York have been members at the Ramseur Baptist Church for many years and in his retirement York is serving as custodian of the church.

Among those attending the reception were seven sisters of Mrs. York, including her twin sister, Mrs. P.L. Johnson, of Wrightsville Beach. Mrs. Johnson and her husband were present at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. York June 30, 1920 at the Methodist parsonage in Sanford.

Other sisters present at the reception were Mrs. T.C. Woody, Sanford, Mrs. R.A. Dowd, Glendon, Mrs. J.V. Cox, Raleigh, Mrs. Ted Frye, Carthage, Mrs. Tom Deese, Kannapolis, and Mrs. Jay Goodnight, Concord.

Another sister, Mrs. W.O. Woodcock, Charlotte, was unable to be present.

Mrs. York, the former Bonnie Mae Reynolds, was one of fifteen children of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Reynolds. In addition to her eight living sisters, five sisters and one brother are deceased.

She was born in Moore County, attended the elementary school at Glendon and high school at Sanford. She later taught school at Putnam, located in the vicinity, and her family attended the Cool Springs Methodist Church. Her twin sister taught school at Glendon.

Clarence Elbert York, son of J.E. York and Mary Jane York, was born on the same street on which he and Mrs. York now reside. The street was named after his grandfather, Oliver York, whose house was the first one to be built on the street.

He attended the old wooden school building in Ramseur and at the age of eleven went to work at the Ramseur Broom Co., working during the summer months and after hours. His employment there, except for various intervals, lasted until the time of his retirement in 1954. He served for a long period as the manager of the company.

Their courtship began while York was working in Sanford.

After their wedding they caught a train to Wrightsville Beach where they spent their honeymoon. They started housekeeping in Pleasant Garden; they lived briefly in

Asheboro and a year or so after their marriage, came back to York's birthplace where they have lived since.

Church Has First Homecoming Meet

July 1, 1970 - Dr. Tommy Canipe, High Point physician and surgeon, delivered the homecoming address at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, and Trinity on June 28.

This was the first home coming service held in the church since the occupancy of the new contemporary structure eleven months ago.

The laminated wood arches in the auditorium, the 14-foot high wooden cross mounted on a background of textured gold vinyl behind the central altar and the other blending features of the sanctuary led the visiting speaker to say "this is a far cry from the little country church. It is a beautiful place. I love it."

Dr. Canipe, a Christian layman affiliated with the East Green Baptist Church in High Point, spoke on "Making Some Changes In Our Lives."

Saying, "I come to you only as a Christian and one who knows Jesus Christ," he referred to upheavals as a "prompting of God's spirit in the hearts of His children.

"Changes are going on everywhere," he said, "changes are happening in people's lives, something happened to me when I saw Jesus.

He asked, "What have you got for Jesus? He does not want us to be weak, uncertain or ashamed. Go home to your friends and tell them what Jesus has done for you. This is our responsibility."

Rev. Benny D. Killian, Mt. Vernon pastor, presided over the service. Candles on the altar were lighted in memory of T.A. English, Ivey Kearns, Dewey Bulla, Mrs. Bessie Peace, Miss Virginia Redding, and Mrs. E. B. Jarrett, who had died since the last homecoming service.

Flowers were placed in the church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Peace, Mrs. Will Hill, and Harry English.

Arrangements for the homecoming service, which included a picnic luncheon under the trees at the rear of the church, were handled by Mrs. Norman Elder, Mrs. Jake Bristow, Mrs. Gilbert English, and C.J. Peace.

Jim Frye Celebrates Happy Father's Day

July 2, 1970 - J.E. (Jim) Frye, a harmonica - playing resident of Route 3, Denton, was honored at a Father's Day and birthday celebration Sunday, June 21.

A resident of New Hope Township, living in the southwestern part of Randolph County, he was 86 years old on June 16.

The celebration took place at the home of Frye's daughter, Mrs. Lala Lanier, with whom he stays part of the time. Also present were his other two children, Mrs. Betrice Shears and Russell Frye.

All of his children live on the same route as their father. Frye has been dividing his time between them in recent years. His wife, Martitia Elizabeth Jane (Tish) Russell Frye died six years ago.

According to Mrs. Lanier, her mother was given three names at birth because her parents felt there would be no more children. But three more daughters were born after the birth of Mrs. Frye.

He likes to play the mouth organ and never refuses an invitation to perform. He entertained recently at the Frye reunion at the Flag Springs United Methodist Church and

also played at the Taylor's Grove church in Davidson County a short while ago.

He formerly picked the banjo, but had to quit when he lost his thumb. He still has his banjo and only recently had new strings put on it. He claims he is going to learn to pick the banjo again.

Mrs. Nannie Frye Graves, his twin sister, died in Apr. Another sister, Mrs. Minnie King, died late last year. Another sister, Mrs. Elma Williams, and three brothers, Lee, Gurney, and Charlie Frye are also deceased.

Two sisters, Mrs. Addie Frye Voncannon and Mrs. Kathleen Frey Gray, of Asheboro, are still living.

All were children of Cicero and Lunda Lewallen Frye and were reared east of Ulah.

They attended the Rocky Ridge School.

Among the family members present for the Father's Day and birthday celebration were two great-great-grandchildren Beth Hurley and Gregg Hurley, of Asheboro.

North Asheboro Had Many Names during Its History

July 2, 1970 - North Asheboro, which merged with Asheboro Wednesday, has been known by many names throughout the years of its existence.

The section has been known as North Asheboro, Balfour, King Tut, Randleman, Rt. 2, Asheboro, Rt. 1, and Spero, not to mention Central Falls which also comes in with the merger package.

The school was named Balfour, and later one of the churches also took this name. Before this and even afterwards the area was known as King Tut, getting this title from the filling station which was established at the intersection of the Central Falls road.

The mail route for many years was Randleman, Rt. 2, and later changed to Asheboro Rt. 1 before the people began getting their mail at their street addresses and at the North Asheboro Post Office Branch.

However, a portion of the people in the new city area still get their mail at the Randleman, Rt. 2, address, with the same condition existing in respect to some of the students in the area attending county schools.

Some mail in the past has come into the community marked Balfour, King Tut, and with other designations which were not official.

Spero, located on the railroad, came into existence officially in 1890. This community thrived for many years, before the hard surfaced highway to the east replaced the railroad as the principal means of transportation.

It contained the post office, a school by the same name, three stores, and the train stopped there six times a day.

After the building of the highway the scope of activities moved to the North Asheboro area where the community's two churches, the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Bailey's Grove Congregational Church, had existed for many years.

The Neighbors Grove Church, formerly known as the Piney Woods church, dates back to 1879 while the Bailey's Grove church was organized in 1910.

Balfour School, which opened its doors for the first time in the fall of 1927, derived its name from the Revolutionary War hero, Andrew Balfour, who was killed by the notorious David Fanning.

Suggestions of the name came from John T. Brittain, an Asheboro attorney, who owned considerable land in the area where the school is located.

Formerly a part of the county school system, Balfour School came into the city school system many years ago.

There has been confusion whether it was Balfour or North Asheboro, Spero, or King Tut, the latter names being used mainly by the old timers.

It's all a part of Asheboro.

1861 Log Cabin Church Moving To New Location

July 3, 1970 - Oliver's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, established in 1861, will soon be moving to a new site but still in the same general area of Rt. 1, Staley.

A new building is under construction on the paved road which goes through the Negro community, located between Staley and Liberty.

The present building, the church's second structure which was built in 1921, is located at the end of a dirt road which becomes almost impassable when it rains.

Other geographical circumstances also make it desirable that the church move its location. However, the quietness of the present area, the shade from the big oaks and the sentimental attachment to the old site brings to the surface a feeling of sadness as the congregation prepares to move.

It is said that the first building at Oliver's Chapel was smaller than the present building, a portion of it was of log construction, and it was a building moved from Staley at the time of the organization of the church.

The church was named for Oliver Siler who donated the land. Mrs. Margaret Siler, a daughter of Oliver Siler, is still a member of the church.

First trustees of the church were King Brown, Billy Wilson, Billy McMasters, Amos McMasters, and Bige Brown, the latter also serving as steward.

Other names identified with the church at the time of its organization were Thomas Marley, William Phelp, Fannie Phelps, Abraham McMasters, Hannah McMasters, Hattie Brown, Maggie McMasters, John and Martha Phelps, John and Ora Marley.

Information concerning the first organization came from Mrs. Daisy Gray, passed on by her father, Rev. John Phelps, who died last year at the age of 91.

Trustees of the church when the second building was erected in 1921 were A.M. McMasters, J.J. Taylor, E.S. Staley, R. M. Siler, D.T. Taylor, C. Staley, B. Bingham, and Sister Hattie Brown. Rev. W. D. Drake, who is still living, was the pastor.

The new site for the church was donated by C.E. Brooks of Cincinnati, Ohio, whose mother, Mrs. Agnes Brooks, reared 10 children in an old log house located on the one-acre plot of land which is involved. C.E. Brooks, a retired railroad man who visits the community once a year, is the only surviving member of the immediate family.

The old log dwelling, said to be 113 years old, will be torn down in the near future. Anyone desiring the old logs are asked to contact the church officials.

Discussion concerning a new church began four years ago under the pastorate of Rev. J.C. Gray, at which time a building fund was started.

It was continued under the ministry of the present pastor, Rev. Ocie Brown, who assumed duties in Nov., 1968. At

the time the building was started approximately \$23,000 was in the building fund.

Rev. Ocie Brown is a native of the community in which she now ministers, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otha Matthews. She grew up in the Oliver's Chapel church.

She was licensed to preach at the age of 15 when she was a 9th grade student at Randolph High School in Liberty. She was ordained by the Central North Carolina Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church after she became the pastor at Oliver's Chapel.

A graduate of Randolph High School and Livingstone College in Salisbury, she has also studied at A. & T. State University in Greensboro. She formerly taught at the school in Liberty and at Coleridge High School.

Gatlins Have a New Home

July 7, 1970 - A Rt. 1, Seagrove couple, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gatlin, are happily settled in a new home after a disastrous fire last Feb. which destroyed the home in which they had lived for over 26 years.

Friends and neighbors immediately came to the aid of the couple, who are in their 70's, and assisted them in building the new home which they are now occupying.

The new dwelling is built on the same site as the one which burned. It is the place where Gatlin was reared and where he and Mrs. Gatlin came soon after their marriage nearly 55 years ago. They lived there in an old house before building the one which burned.

They reared their nine children in the first two houses but only one, a son, Ernest, was living at home when the fire occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin and son only stayed away a few days after the fire. While the new house was being planned and under construction they stayed in a trailer which was provided them by an Asheboro businessman and a native of the community.

When the word went out about the fire friends and neighbors in the community and friends elsewhere provided the couple with household furnishings, cooking utensils, and food supplies.

At least 10 churches took up offerings for their benefit and a public singing was held to raise funds for their assistance.

When the new building was started, most of the men in the community came in to help on its construction at one time or another. They worked under the supervision of the carpenter who was hired for the job and sometimes there were 15 volunteers on the job at the same time. The volunteers helped with the framing, flooring and the installation of the roof.

The new dwelling is a brick veneered structure which is neat, compact, and contains four rooms, a bath and utility room. It is insulated and has central heating. The house which burned was a two-story, eight-room structure.

The Gatlins are making out with the furnishings which were provided them at the time of the fire, except for a stove, refrigerator and deep freeze which they purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin and son, Ernest, along with the other sons and daughters who live away from home, are deeply appreciative of the kindness which was extended to them at the time of the fire and since. It has been estimated that at least a third of their loss has been replaced by the assistance rendered to them by the people of the community and their friends elsewhere.

Their initial loss was large financially, and the sentimental value of the possessions which they had acquired during 55 years of marriage including their golden wedding anniversary gifts, a pair of gold rings which the couple exchanged on that occasion, and some antique items which had been handed down from their parents.

But this material and sentimental loss has been compensated to a great extent by the compassion of their friends, the people among whom they have spent their lives.

Although Mrs. Gatiin still misses the old home in which she lived with her husband and children, she feels that the new compact house, with its central heating, might even be better for her arthritis than the old roomy one which was hard to heat.

Sara Inman Leads a Life Of Faith And Inspiration

July 16, 1970 - A young Moore County woman who was severely afflicted with polio 22 years ago, has written and published a testimony tract entitled, "My Life Story" which reveals her faith in the difficult experiences of her life.

Miss Sara Inman, 34, Rt. 1, Carthage, had 1,000 copies of the tract printed and has "been amazed" at the response which they have received. Already, she has asked the printers, Christian Mission Press in Waynesboro, Ga., to print another 1,000.

A resident of Parkwood about 12 miles from Randolph County, Miss Inman was stricken with polio on May 28, 1948, at the age of 12. She suffered complete paralysis of the body and for a period was confined to an iron lung, unable to speak or swallow.

Doctors predicted that she would not live but Sara Inman said in her tract, "my family and friends prayed for my recovery and God miraculously answered their prayers and I began to respond to treatment."

For 11 months she stayed in various hospitals, Greensboro Clinic, Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst, Warm Springs, Ga., and Rex Hospital in Raleigh. She described these months as consisting of "excruciating pain, endless exercise, treatments, hot packs and pool baths."

She still cannot walk but her recovery in body and spirit has enabled her to live a useful and inspiring existence.

A sixth grade student at the Carthage Elementary School at the time of her illness, she was able to continue her studies and graduate from high school with her class in June, 1964. Her teachers cooperated in preparing tests and assignments designed for home study but when it came to receiving her diploma she was on the stage with her classmates.

She was helped particularly in her affliction by her sister, Anne, who had earlier come to her assistance in helping her to complete the 4th grade when she was afflicted with rheumatic fever and had to spend nearly a year in bed.

As a graduation gift from the faculty and students at the Carthage school, she received a electric typewriter which she has utilized greatly in making a adjustment to the circumstances which were brought about because of her illness.

Reconstructive surgery on her hands and feet along with the assistance of a portable wheel chair, equipped with arm slings and lap board, have permitted her to type, write and feed herself. She has no use of her arms without the slings

she wears a plastic jacket on her body because of a curvature of her spine.

She writes a news column each week for two Moore County newspapers, for which accomplishment she is able to bring into use the electric typewriter which she received for graduation. She prepared for the newspaper activity by correspondence courses in newspaper journalism and fiction writing sponsored by the Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Before her graduation from high school she won a contest sponsored by the Moody Bible Institute and went on a week's expense paid vacation at Wynona Lake, Ind. At the bottom of her entry in the contest, she wrote, "I can't walk, but I will make the trip if I win."

Eight years ago last Nov. she came near death again when she underwent surgery on her stomach. Since then she has suffered with an allergy for which she takes two shots weekly and a handful of pills daily. But these disorders and her previous afflictions have not daunted her spirit nor have they let her forsake her faith and belief in God.

Her testimony concludes by saying, "For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain. Thanks be to God, which giveth the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ."

Anyone desiring copies of her testimony tract may receive them by writing or contacting Miss Sara Inman, Route 1, Carthage, N.C. 28327.

Families Hold Gathering

July 25, 1970 - The Brown, Welch, and Lowdermilk families, meeting in annual session for over 30 years, held their 1970 reunion beside waters of Back Creek in Pleasant Grove Township at the John T. Brown cabin site.

Food, fellowship and string music were the order of the day, following a devotional by Rev. Curtis Brown, a member of the families from Chatham County, who spoke on "The Great Reunion."

Cleo Brown, reunion president and choir leader at Deep River Baptist Church, led the group in singing "Glory to His Name."

The string music was provided by Glenn Davis band, assisted by Cleo Brown, Greer Stout and Clarence Caviness, the Maple Grove Band, consisting of Thurmond and Gracie Frazier, Odell and Stan Brown, and Gene Brewer, and with solitary playing by Lloyd Garner, banjo player. Comprising the Glenn Davis Band were Davis, Archie Clark and Fred Olsen.

Prizes were awarded to Arthur Smith, Rt. 1, Liberty, 79, oldest person, Krystal Moran, two-months-old, youngest person, and to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brown, Rt. 2, Ramseur, whose four children entitled them to the largest family in attendance.

Officers serving for a two-year period and making arrangements for the reunion this year included Cleo Brown, president; J.H. Brown, vice president; and Mrs. Henry Brown, secretary treasurer.

Also Lester Brewer, Earl Lowdermilk, Mrs. Mary Lee Brown Brady, Odell Brown, Earl Coble, and Herman Brown, program committee. Clyde Brown, Jr., Henry Brown, Wilburn Brown, Harvey Brown, and Howard Moran, refreshment committee.

103 - She's still going Strong

Aug. 6, 1970 - Mrs. Deborah Lucinda Barnes, Rt. 2, Asheboro, was in fine form as she celebrated her 103rd birthday Wednesday, July 22. She is Randolph County's oldest citizen.

Her memory was good, her mind was keen and she knew very much what was going on around her. She declared, "I can remember everything since I was three years old."

She told about the times she witnessed the marriage ceremony between Quakers, when the mutual exchange of vows were spoken without the benefit of the Minister, and she recited in detail the words used in that ceremony.

A son-in-law had given her some dress material for her birthday and the daughter-in-law who lives in the home with her had made the dress. She commented on the dress but said, "it is a little loose around the neck." But she rallied quickly and seemed to think the neck was not too tight, saying, "I'm too old to be hung."

Her birthday celebration passed off quietly in the home to which she came over 81 years ago where she lives with a son, Wayman, and his family.

Her other children, Emory Barnes, Mrs. Nellie Smith and Mrs. Eunice McPherson, joined with her in the birthday observance.

Governor Robert W. Scott sent her a tarheel pin, the emblem of North Carolina, and said, "It is a privilege for me to salute you on this eventful day in your wonderful journey called life. May each new day bring a blessing and May the butterfly of happiness light often on your shoulder."

Mrs. Barnes is able to be up and still cares for herself to a great extent. Her principal disability is being unable to see well.

She is a native of the community in which she lives and a birthright member of the Back Creek Friends Meeting.

She feels that she has been left for a purpose, said, "I'm enjoying staying here, my time ain't limited yet and I've got many things to do yet."

Fair Promise Methodist Church Notes 160 Years

Aug. 7, 1970 - Fair Promise United Methodist Church, a church which gave a fair promise at the time of its organization nearly 160 years ago, recently held its annual homecoming service.

Located on Rt. 1, Goldston, in the northeast corner of Moore County, a mile from Chatham County, a mile and a half from Glendon, and 10 miles from the Randolph County Line, many promises were made while the church was being organized during the years 1811, 1812, and 1813.

Some people promised material, some promised other things and it was generally agreed that prospects for the church were fair. Due to this, the decision was made to name the church Fair Promise.

The church has more or less lived up its name, it did not grow into a large institution but on the other hand it is not an inactive church.

It is a neat, frame structure, covered with white siding, setting high on the hillside away from the road, and its tin roof, painted white, glistens in the sunshine. The air-conditioned sanctuary has stained glass windows which memorialize the lives of Fair Promise members.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. George Hawkins, a native of Kinston, who is serving his second year at the church. He is also pastor of the Cool Springs, High Falls, and

Carbonton Methodist Churches and lives with his wife and five children parsonage near the Cool Springs church.

Two older residents of the community present for the home coming service were Jesse Phillips 82, and his sister, Mrs. Maude Phillips Finison, 85. Both of them joined the Fair Promise church around 70 years ago. Mr. Phillips was a manufacturer of caskets in the community for 28 years.

Randolph County residents in attendance at the home coming service were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allred and daughter, Betty Sue, and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Allred, of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Stinson and daughter, Mrs. W.L. Rinehardt, of Ramseur, and Terry Benner, of Rt. 2, Bennett.

Deep River Baptist Church Honors Oldest Members

Aug. 24, 1970 - Deep River Baptist Church at Coleridge honored its older members in a service set aside for that purpose on Sunday morning, Aug. 16.

Those honored were 70 years of age and older. Included in this group were Mrs. Avery Phillips, age 87, Avery Phillips, age 86, and Willie Moffitt, age 85.

Moffitt, a resident of Rt. 1, Asheboro, is a charter member of the church which was organized in 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have been members for over fifty years.

Only one other church member is still living, Mrs. Rob Poole, Rt. 1, Ramseur, age 82, who was not present for the service. Both Moffitt and Mrs. Poole were presented gifts to commemorate the occasion.

Others honored in the service were Mrs. Willie Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Brady, Herbert Kidd, Clyde Moffitt, Mrs. Edgar Cain, Mrs. Belle Craven, Mrs. Merby Bray, and Mrs. Lee Cox.

All of those honored were given red roses.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Albert Taylor, praised the honored group, spoke of the time when they were faithful to the church, and preached on, "how to live to be a ripe old age." Special music, consisting mainly of old songs, was rendered by the choir, the youth choir, and a quartet composed of Cleo Cain, Fred Beck, Clifford Cain, an Miss Cathy Ferree, with Mrs. Denise Brady accompanying at the piano.

Following the sermon, several members of the older group participated in a testimony service. A teacher in the Sunday School, Mrs. Clayton Bennett, also spoke of the honored group at this time, saying, "I have watched their lives many a day and we should be living a life like them."

A picnic luncheon in the shaded area behind the church concluded the honoring of the older members of the Deep River church and community.

The special event was sponsored by the Golden Rule Ladies Class of the Sunday School, of which Mrs. Mary Cox is the teacher. Arrangements were handled by a committee composed of Mrs. Penn Craven and Mrs. Thurman Cox.

Colony Road Residents Gather For Fun, Food

Aug. 27, 1970 - The spirit of neighborliness came alive last week when the residents of Colony Road held a cook-out supper at the end of the street on which they live.

The street, an attractive section which has been developed in the past few years, is located between Dixieland Acres and the Cox Road.

This event occurred last week and all of the neighbors came to the cook-out supper except one family who was on vacation. They gathered at the end of the street, at the top of the hill in front of the Carl Murray residence, in real neighborly fashion.

They enjoyed the cooking of hamburgers and hot dogs, with all the trimmings and accessories. The women and the men congregated in small groups and talked with each other, the children played on the spacious lawn, and in the background Ricky Murray and the Chaingangs were practicing for the Battle of the Bands at Northgate Shopping Center on Friday night.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Ricky and Sue, others in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. G. Kenneth McDowell, Pam and Lee. Buford and Phyllis Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Joel M. Powers, Cary and Carney, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hodges, Mandy and Kristie, Mr. and Mrs. Mike King and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis, Kim and Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McNulty, Keith and Leigh, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Threadgill, Donn and Joy, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abernathy, Gregory and Sheree, Mrs. Loretta Jayne Tew, Joy and Jodie. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pike and David. Mr. and Mrs. Shay Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Minter, Ronald and Travis.

The absent neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cassett, and they would have been present except for their vacation.

Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church Dedicates New Education Building

Sept. 7, 1970 - Continued progress in the 90-year history of Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church came Sunday morning, Aug. 30, with the dedication of a new educational building.

The new two-story structure contains 23 class rooms, three assemblies, prayer room, library, pastor's study, office and two nurseries.

The sermon of dedication was preached by Rev. Watson C. Black, superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church.

Also participating in the service were the pastor, Rev. Hoover E. Smith, the Sunday School superintendent, Lloyd Russell, the architect, Robert W. Hedrick, the church trustees and the building committee.

The building has been named for L. Clegg Pritchard, a North Asheboro contractor who supervised the construction of the new building without recompense.

Pritchard is active in other areas of church life, serving as vice chairman of the church board, a trustee, assistant church treasurer and as a member of the building committee.

The lower floor of the building was dedicated to the memory of Staff Sergeant Robert Franklin (Bobby) Bulla, Jr. who was killed in Vietnam on Jan. 22.

Staff Sergeant Bulla, a native of the North Asheboro community in which the church is located, attended the Neighbors Grove Sunday School throughout his lifetime. A memorial plaque, bearing his likeness, has been hung in the foyer of the new building.

Other memorials to Staff Sergeant Bulla were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunt and daughters, Ronda and Betty, his graduating class at Asheboro High School, and by Barber Street neighbors.

Mrs. Hattie Bulla, long time member of the church, was memorialized by her family and by the church in which she had rendered faithful service.

Dimensions of the new brick building, which was attached to the south side of the existing structure, are 91 feet by 40 feet. Its interior construction is of stacked blocks.

Members of the building committee, in addition to Clegg Pritchard, were Rev. Hoover E. Smith, chairman, Herbert Smith, S.L. Starcher, and Ray Jordan.

Cost of the building was \$89,000, exclusive of furnishings. This amount is below the estimated valuation due to the contribution made by the general contractor.

Financing of the structure was realized by the sale of \$75,000 in church certificates, which were handled by the local church congregation under the supervision of John E. Story, who at the time was associated with a local bank.

Prior to the sale of the church certificates, a church building fund amounted to \$15,000. Since that time \$10,000 has been raised for use in the new construction.

A separate project has been the paving of the area in front of the new building and on its south side around to the entrance of the cemetery. This project cost \$3,860, most of which was raised on one Sunday.

The Neighbors Grove Church had its beginnings in a brush arbor in 1879 and was first known as the Piney Wood church. It progressed through two frame structures, erected in 1886 and 1915, to the existing brick building which was completed in 1952. Since that time a youth building has been erected and a steeple placed on the church structure.

Halls Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Sept. 7, 1970 - Old friends and those of later years joined with family members in celebrating the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Doran Horace Hall, Rt. 1, Franklinville, on Sunday, Aug. 30.

Although natives of another area, the couple have lived for 30 years in the Grays Chapel area where their anniversary celebration occurred.

Their three children Clester Hall, and Dwight Horace Hall, Rt. 1, Franklinville and Mrs. Paul Weaver, Rt. 1, Trinity, were hosts at a reception in their honor at the fellowship hall of the Grays Chapel United Methodist Church.

More than 175 guests called during the appointed hours from 2 o'clock until five.

Besides their three children, other members of their immediate family include 9 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Doran Horace Hall, known to his friends as "Big Boy Hall," was born in Alamance County but moved to the Archdale section of Randolph County when he was 7 years of age.

They were attended at their marriage by Miss Carrie Underwood, now Mrs. Max Moore of Thomasville.

Street Paving Was A Long Time Coming For Hill Top

Sept. 8, 1970 - Things are looking up for the residents of Hill Top Acres Subdivision in North Asheboro.

After several years of effort, inconvenience and sometimes almost despair, the streets on which they live have been graded and paved.

When they bought their lots and built their houses, some as far back as six years ago, they were told by the

developers that the state would take over their streets, maintain and pave them.

But, to their sorrow and great astonishment, the people learned after their houses had already been built or purchased that the state would not only not pave their streets, but neither would add them to the secondary road system and maintain them.

The State contended that the streets did not meet minimum standards for subdivisions, they were too narrow, were not constructed in the center of the right-of-way, they did not have enough stone, the driveway pipes were not properly laid, the side ditches ponder water and several culverts were undersized and improperly laid.

The deficiencies of the development soon became evident, holes formed in the streets, flooding became excessive when it rained, the dust was oppressive and it was a rough terrain on which the people traveled back and forth.

Appeals were made to the developers, to the highway officials and to other governmental officials. The Developers did not respond and the state officials said they were powerless to help because of the subdivision regulations.

However, the State highway engineers did come over and offer their technical experience and advice towards bringing the streets up to specifications, with the participation to come from the residents themselves.

Then, the long difficult effort in bringing the people together, to get each property owner to agree to participate and to pay his proportionate share of the expense began.

At one time the effort was dropped and the folks gave up. But the dust, the holes and the flooding remained and they began again. Finally, the money was raised with a greater part of the residents participating, and two contractors were hired, one to do the grading and the other one to do the paving.

Three streets, Sewell Drive, Jordan Ave. and Clegg Ave., and 33 homes were involved. The cost of the grading and paving, which now meets specifications, was nearly \$11,000.

The steering committee for the improvements, Ronnie McElhannon, Danny Whisnant, and James Raines, are weary from the long negotiations and have dissolved their committee with the completion of the improvements.

As an added improvement, the City of Asheboro has promised to improve Canoy Street, located on the east side of the development. The subdivision became a part of the city along with the merger of North Asheboro.

'Cousins Reunion' Begins With Birthday

Sept. 14, 1970 -Forty-seven years ago six sisters met to celebrate the birthdays of two of them, twins Ern Robbins and Vide Cox. The twins were 50 years old at that time.

The other sisters were Fanny Bulla, Nan Robbins, Lou Hinshaw, and Mary Ward. All of them were daughters of Dan Millikan and his wife, Ann Cross Millikan, who were pioneer residents of Back Creek Township, Randolph County.

The sisters were also residents of Randolph County, except for Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Nan Robbins who lived in Greensboro.

The birthday celebrations of the twin sisters continued until the death of Mrs. Robbins in 1953, even though Mrs. Cox had died ten years earlier. A younger sister, Mrs.

Ward, had lived to continue the annual observance with Mrs. Robbins.

The annual birthday event was discontinued after the death of Mrs. Robbins for one occasion in honor of Mrs. Ward who died in 1959.

However, in 1962 a similar event was started which included all of the grandchildren of Dan and Ann Millikan, who were the parents of six sons, Russ, Tom, Garfield, Walter and Gurney, in addition to their six daughters.

This "cousins reunion" has been held each year since that time. This year it was held Sunday, Sept. 6, at the home of Mrs. Kathleen Robbins Layton, Rt. 2, Liberty, daughter of Mrs. Ern Robbins, one of the original honorees.

This date marked the 97th anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Robbins and her twin sister, Mrs. Vide Cox.

Other cousins and grandchildren of Dan and Ann Millikan in attendance included Mrs. Annie Bulla Pearce, Mrs. Florence Millikan Harrleson, Mrs. Nora Millikan Tippett, Mrs. Virginia Robbins Garner, Mrs. Isley Cox Lewallen, Mrs. Jessie Ward Menius and J. B. Ward, of Asheboro, Mrs. Wanda Robbins Bunting, Randleman, Mrs. Ollie Millikan Harrelson, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Mrs. Annie Cox Harrell and Clarence Cox, Greensboro.

Other family members joined the cousins in their annual reunion, among whom were Mrs. May Penny of Greensboro and Mrs. Naye Fentriss Rhodes of Guilford College.

Presnells Observe Golden Anniversary With Friends

Sept. 16, 1970 - A tremendous tribute was paid to Rev. and Mrs. Lacy M. Presnell, Sr. as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13, at their home at 607 West Wainman Ave. in Asheboro.

Their three children, Mrs. Arvie Stout, Pittsboro, Mrs. Ray Stuart, Bowie, Md., and Lacy M. Presnell, Jr., Raleigh, held open house in their honor and approximately 500 people called.

The people, friends, relatives, members of the church-of the couple have served, and ministerial colleagues, came from Asheboro, Fayetteville, Elon College, Hamlet, Liberty, Siler City, Pittsboro, Raleigh, Thomasville, Bennett, Robbins, Randleman, Coleridge, Sophia, Seagrove, High Point, Greensboro, Ramseur, Denton, Farmer, Burlington, Cedar Falls, Bowie, Md., Georgetown, S.C., and West Palm Beach, Fla.

Rev. Presnell served for more than 25 years in the active ministry of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Church, now known as the United Church of Christ.

He retired in 1967 but has continued his services as a supply pastor, serving the church in Liberty in this capacity at the present time.

During the active ministry he served as pastor of 11 churches in Randolph, Moore, Montgomery and Alamance Counties, in addition to several places in supply capacity.

He has also served as pastor-at-large and for two years as president of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational Christian Church.

His civic responsibilities have been found in the Lions and Civitan Clubs of the places where his pastor duties have taken him. He is presently a member of the Asheboro Civitan Club and serves as chaplain of this group.

He is a native of the Michfield area north of Seagrove,

where a little flag station was previously located. Mrs. Presnell, the former Evie Cheek, is a native of Pleasant Grove Township, Randolph County.

Their immediate family includes six grandchildren. Their son, Lacy M. Presnell, Jr., is a former Superintendent of Schools in Randolph County. He is now associated with the State Department of Public Instruction as an educational consultant in the Division of School Planning.

Kings Celebrate 50 Years Of Marriage With Family

Sept. 17, 1970 – Mr. and Mrs. Boyd A. King, one of Seagrove's best known couples, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13.

Their three children and their in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Max D. Bulla, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Johnson, Jr., Angier, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris King, Sanford, were hosts at a reception at their parents' home in Seagrove.

Boyd A. King was born in the area north of Seagrove, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John King. A retired lumberman, he spent his entire life in the area. He has been active in politics and at one time served as mayor of Seagrove.

Mrs. King, the former Janie C. Cole, is a native of Eagle Springs, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Cole. She came to Seagrove as a young woman to attend the Why Not Academy.

King also attended the Why Not Academy but the courtship of the couple began while Mrs. King was working as assistant Postmaster in the Seagrove office and King was serving as a substitute mail carrier.

They were married on Sept. 11, 1920 at the home of Eli B. Leech.

Their son and daughter-in-law received the guests, their daughters and son-in-laws told them goodbye. Assisting at the reception were their granddaughters, Vickie Lynn Johnson and Patty Bulla, Kings sisters, Mrs. Joe Tysor and Charlie Cole, and Mrs. A. L. Asburn, Mrs. Carol K. Yow, Mrs. Virgil Brady, Miss Annette King, Mrs. Lawrence Needham, Mrs. Charles Richardson, Mrs. Carl Needham, Mrs. Arnold McNeill, Mrs. A. A. Beil, Mrs. Millard Freeman, and Mrs. Noel Auman.

Among the guests present were Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. A. R. Bundy, High Point, her brothers, Sam Cole and D. E. Cole, Eagle Springs, and Ed Cole, Pinehurst, and Mr. King's brother, Clyde King of near Seagrove, J. W. Bean, a former teacher of Mrs. King, was also among those in attendance.

Ramseur's Youth Crusade Opens to Capacity Crowd

Sept. 18, 1970 – The Greater Ramseur Area Youth Crusade for Christ, sponsored by the churches within the Ramseur Ministerial Association, began Sunday evening, Sept. 13, with the Ramseur Elementary School auditorium almost filled to its capacity.

Services will continue at the auditorium each evening at 7:30 through Sept. 20. Evangelistic speaker is Rev. Baxter Walker of Fayetteville, a full-time evangelist for the Southern Baptist Convention, an industrial chaplain and a conductor of schools of prayer for business areas.

Director of music for the crusade is the Rev. Forrest Whitener, a Wesleyan pastor of Siler City. Substituting for

him on the opening night was the Rev. Larry Freeman, a former pastor in the Ramseur area. Choir members will come from the sponsoring churches.

Rev. Glenn Whitley, pastor of Ramseur's First Baptist Church and president of the Ramseur Ministerial Association, presided over the service the opening night of the crusade. He will also serve on the prayer committee.

Other churches participating, their pastors and committee assignments are Rev. T. R. York, Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, finance; Rev. Jimmy Norred, First United Church of Christ, publicity; Rev. Bill Traylor, Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ, counseling and follow-ups; and Rev. Leon Thompson, Ramseur Wesleyan Church, music.

A special guest on Sunday night was a District Judge nominee, Seavy A. Carroll, of Fayetteville, who spoke briefly. Carroll, a former state senator, served for several years as a Methodist missionary to Rhodesia.

A nursery for crib babies is being held at First Baptist Church and for toddlers at the Jordan Memorial church.

At the opening service appreciation was expressed to Jerry Shackelford, the elementary school principal, for his cooperation in making the arrangements for the youth crusade.

Old Baptist Church "Still" Here

Sept. 22, 1970 – Six years ago the century old building of the Friendship Baptist Church in upper Moore County burned to the ground and some of the people said "it will never be built back."

But T. G. Davis, deacon, trustee and one of the few remaining members of the church, was more confident and he said "I'm looking to God to build it back."

The building was replaced and, according to Davis, "we didn't owe a penny on it when it was finished."

Friendship Baptist Church, located in a quiet, secluded area on Rt. 1, Carthage, was organized in 1758. It is said it was the first church to come out of Sandy Creek Baptist Church in Randolph County, the "mother" church of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A Randolph County minister, Rev. William H. Poole, of Staley, is serving as pastor of the church. The members are few, about 20, and the attendance on a recent Sunday was down to 10.

But memories of two centuries pervade at the old site, especially in the old cemetery where the older graves are lined with rock. Some of the dates on the old tombstones go back to the early 1800's.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, the annual church homecoming and Seawell reunion was held at the Friendship church.

Eli Seawell, whose ancestors are buried in the cemetery, was in charge of the reunion. He is a Randolph County resident, living on Rt. 2, Bennett.

Also buried in the cemetery are ancestors and relatives of Herbert F. (Chub) Seawell, well known Carthage attorney, Moore County philosopher and political leader. It was noted that the name of some of the early Seawells was spelled "Sowell".

Speaker for the reunion and homecoming service for the seventh consecutive year was Rev. Paul Fields, a retired Methodist minister of Greensboro. Also present was his brother, Clinton Fields, a Siler City school principal.

Their mother, Mattie Muse Fields, was a native of the community in which the church is located and formerly a

member of the church. Their father was Robert T. Fields who came from a surrounding community.

Rev. Fields is the father of Joseph Fields, longtime Asheboro High School band director. Clinton Fields was formerly a member of the faculty of the school in Franklinville.

It was recalled on the day of homecoming that fire in the vicinity burned to the eaves of the old church building, erected of rich pine, and stopped each time before it was eventually burned down six years ago.

Groundbreaking for Poplar Ridge Meeting House Held

Sept. 22, 1970 – Groundbreaking for the beginning of a fourth house of worship for Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, Rt. 1, Trinity, was held Wednesday evening, Sept. 16.

The brief service was held just prior to the mid-week prayer service, with 50 members of the congregation in attendance.

Barney Pierce, who has served as Minister at the Meeting for nearly 19 years, presided over the service. The smoke was still rising from the clearing of the site and the bulldozer had not yet been moved.

Speaker for the groundbreaking service was Victor Murchinson, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

He said "this is a historic occasion" and used as his scripture "Except the Lord build this house, they labor in vain that build it."

Also participating in the service were S. E. Trogdon, the general contractor, Enos Skeen, who donated the land for the building site, Joe Farlow, chairman of the building committee, John Sides, director of youth, and other members of the congregation.

Joining with Enos Skeen, 83-year-old member of the Meeting, in the donation of the land were his children, Robert Skeen, Radie Skeen Kennedy, Ruby Skeen Osborne, Bertie Skeen Nelson, John Lee Skeen, Paul Skeen, and Dessie Skeen Coggins, and two grandsons, Murray and Dwayne Skeen, sons of the late Troy Skeen.

Enos Skeen's uncle, Joshua Hill, donated the land for the first building at Poplar Ridge which was organized in 1857. A one-room, rough weatherboarded building, it was situated on the same site as the present structure. The new building will be on the same side of the road as the second building, but on an opposite side of the fenced-in cemetery in which Joshua Hill and other earlier members at Poplar Ridge are buried.

Besides Joe Farlow, the building committee consists of Allen Nelson, Charles Coltrane, W. R. Lanier, Jr., Bill Hedrick, Wayne Monroe, Jerry Neal, Barney Pierce, J. C. Coggins, George Sumner, Inez Nelson, Janice Morgan, Wanda Gurley, and Ruby Ward.

Yorks Note 50 Years Together At Liberty

Sept. 23, 1970 – Mr. and Mrs. Lilly Franklin York were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20, at their home on Rt. 1, Liberty, at which place York has spent his entire life.

Known as "Little Lil," to distinguish him from another York by the same name who lived on an adjoining farm, he said "I have never made a move in my life." His father died on

Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, and he took the farm over at that time.

Mrs. York, the former Alma Kivett, lived nearer Liberty before her marriage, in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church vicinity. Daughter of Walter and Barbara Caviness Kivett, she was the only girl in a family of nine boys.

York attended the Cedar Grove School and Mrs. York first attended the Shady Grove School, to which she walked five miles. She later attended the Kivett school near the home.

The couple was married Sept. 23, 1920 at the home of the officiating magistrate, George Kivett. After their marriage they traveled with mule and buggy to the "big meeting" at Grays Chapel Methodist church, came back to his home, changed to another mule and went to her house for supper.

Their two daughters, Mrs. Franklin (Lois) McMasters, Rt. 1, Franklinville, and Mrs. Robert (Betty) Bowman, Rt. 1, Franklinville, held open house for their parents to commemorate their golden anniversary.

Also on hand were their grandchildren, Terry York, Judy Pierce, Gary McMasters, Sherry McMasters, Stevie Bowman, Susan Bowman, and Sandy Ferguson, and their great-grandchild, Jeffery Lee York.

In the York home, part of which was built by York's parents, Dock and Ellen Kirkman York, there is a beautiful fireplace and mantel built with white flint rock which were picked up on the farm on which the couple live.

York, age 73, still farms, raising corn, tobacco and small grain and also assists his son and grandson, Terry, who are local fertilizer distributors. Mrs. York is 65 years of age.

Local Camping Contingent Holds Weekend Activities

Sept. 29, 1970 – A camping group, the Randolph Ramblers, held a fellowship retreat this past weekend at the home of R. J. Doss, Jr., Rt. 1, Asheboro.

Twenty two units, tent trailers, travel trailers and one motor unit, camped on a grassy slope across from the Doss residence from Friday afternoon until Sunday.

Approximately 75 men, women and children were included among the campers. On Sunday afternoon the group disbanded after a tour of the John D. Plant Co., "Kamp King Division," in Ramseur.

Randolph Ramblers, a chapter of the National Campers and Hikers Association, was organized in 1964. It is the oldest active camping club in the state.

Another Randolph County camping club, the Deep River Ducks, was organized on Aug. 20 of this year.

Monthly meetings are held by the Randolph Ramblers, consisting of camp-outs in the summer months and covered dish suppers in the winter.

Camp-outs this summer have been held at Norwood, Cross Country Camp-ground at Lake Norman, Lazy River near Mocksville, Morros Mountain, Hi-Po near Albemarle, and Apache Camp-ground at Myrtle Beach.

The next camp-out will be held at the state convention at Sanford. It is expected that some 400 units will be present at this event. Local members are also planning to attend the national convention next year in Canada. Total membership in the national association amounts to 60,395.

R. J. Doss, Jr. is president of the Randolph Ramblers chapter while Eddie Clay Allred is president of the newly organized Deep River Ducks.

Two retired couples, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McGill and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams, are members of the Randolph

Ramblers. Both couples have been accorded lifetime memberships. The McGills, who are in their 70's, are the oldest in the club. They are charter members and originators of the name for the club.

Camping officials present for the fellowship retreat, in addition to the two presidents of the local clubs, were Robert Cox, association field director; Harry Dewey, Eastern District Representative of the state association; Carl Perkins, state director; and Bill Ewing, president of the Montgomery Moonlighters from the adjoining county.

Guest campers came from Cary, Sanford, Hampton, Va., Largo, Fla., and Biscoe.

Purpose of the fellowship weekends was "to promote better camping, fellowship among camping families, and to have some good, clean fun," according to one of its sponsors. Profane language and drinking are prohibited. One member said the only vice of the came was "just some strong cigars."

There were horse shoe games for both adult and children, kid's badminton and touch football. An oyster stew was held on Friday night, and old fashioned bean supper with corn bread on the next night. A gospel quartet furnished entertainment on Saturday night, followed by biscuit roasting.

The Randolph Rambler Club has presented books on camping to the libraries in Asheboro and Ramseur, "for a better understanding of something we love."

Newly Erected Signs Mean Recognition For Farmer's Lions

Oct. 1, 1970 – The official signs are up and through them the Farmer Lions Club is telling the community the stand ready to fulfill the purpose for which they were organized.

The club was organized Jan. 27, 1969 and chartered on Mar. 10 of the same year. Since that time the group has been active, especially in the areas of Lions work.

Soon a major community project will be undertaken, the equipping of the newly extended ballfield at the Farmer Elementary School. A fence, bleachers and lights are needed for the field and the Lions club hopes to assist with these projects in conjunction with the Farmer PTA.

But with all of the activity, there has been no signs on the highway to notify those who pass through of the existence of the Lions club and the work it was doing.

This has been remedied, however, in the past few days and some members of the club met prior to Monday night's meeting for a ceremonial initiation of the new signs.

One sign is located in the heart of Farmer, across from the store, the school and the church. The other one is on Highway 49, at the intersection of the road which leads to the community.

The two signs, attractive in their framework and design, were furnished by the Jackson Creek Welding Shop, operated by Joe Delk, a member of the club.

The club meets on the second and fourth Monday nights of the month at 7:30 in the school cafeteria. The delicious meals are provided by the ladies of the Canaan United Methodist Church and the Pleasant Union United Church of Christ.

President of the club is Wayne Bescher, secretary is Steve Grubb, and treasurer is Dempsey Delk.

Other members are Charles Bescher, Dwain Briles, G. C. Castelloe Jr., O.R. Caudle, J. T. Cole, Alton Delk, Joe Delk,

Richard Fields, Wallace Garner, Harvey Hammond, Wilfred Hammond and Kermit Hancock.

Also, Albert Harrelson, Barner Hunt, James Johnson, N. M. Lowe, Thurman McBride, Alvin McDowell, Dwight Nance, Gilmer Owens, Kent Ridge, Roger Smith, Tom Spencer, Eddie Surratt, Clark Thornburg and Clay Yates.

Brown's Annual Family Gathering is Held

Oct. 1, 1970 – The family of Henry and Lou Elma Brown held their 6th annual reunion Sunday Sept. 27, at the Maple Spring United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Since the reunion last year four sons of Henry and Lou Elma Brown had died. They were Joshua, Walter, Roy and Isaac Brown. The widow of another son, Mrs. Kirby Brown, also died since the last family gathering.

Deceased children prior to that time were Kirby, Don, and Joe Brown, Emma Brown Brady and Flossie Brown Cheek.

Two children, Mrs. Flora Brown Priddy, Rt. 1, Ramseur, and Clayton Brown, High Point, survive from the original family of eleven.

Henry and Lou Elma Brown reared their family on a dirt road northeast of Maple Spring Church. Most of them remained in the community in which their parents lived.

Edward Cheek, a grandson and lay leader at the church, spoke briefly to the assembled reunion group, composed of Mrs. Priddy, Clayton Brown, grandchildren, and various in-laws. Cleo Brown, another grandson, offered the prayer before the buffet luncheon which was served in the fellowship hall.

The speaker compared present times with those which existed in his parents' and grandparents' days, mentioning that the first car in the family cost \$365. He stated that God's word had not changed and urged family members to carry on in the tradition of their parents and grandparents.

It was recalled that two sons in the family rode their bicycles to Asheboro to purchase the above mentioned car. The salesman drove them back, spent the night with them, taught them to drive the car and was taken back to Asheboro the next day.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Walter Brown, oldest member in attendance, and to Amy Cheek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cheek, youngest member.

At 90 Spinks Feels That A Lot Of People "Out To Be Livin"

Oct. 19, 1970 – Chatham Spinks, of the Piney Ridge community, is 90 years of age and is unable to walk to Sunday school and church anymore.

Until recently he would start out walking the 2 ½ miles each Sunday. Sometimes eh would be picked up and would not have to walk all of the way.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, he was honored at the annual Spinks reunion which was held at the Piney Ridge United Methodist Church, where he has been a member since he was a young man, probably for around 70 years.

Joining with him on the occasion were his second wife, Viteria Alston Muldin Spinks, and four of his five children, Mrs. Hannah Strickland, Mrs. Allie Powell, Mrs. Edna Phipps, and Isaac Cloyce Spinks. One daughter, Mrs. Dester Armstrong, was not present. His first wife, Ella Coffin Spinks, died about 17 years ago.

Mrs. Delia Coffin, 89, another aged member of the Piney Ridge church, was also among those in attendance at the

Spinks reunion and the honoring of Chatham Spinks. A friend, Manly Edwards, 91, also came to help observe the occasion.

Chatham Spinks derived his name from his grandfather, who was named for Chatham County, the place of his birth. His grandfather, as well as his father, Allen Hamby (Ham) Spinks, were slaves until they gained their freedom at the time of emancipation.

His mother, Elizabeth Cheek Spinks, lived to be 105 years old. He was born in the Pleasant Hill community but came to the Piney Ridge section when he was 16 to work for Dempsey Beane.

He is a respected and admired member of the Piney Ridge church, to which he said "I walked as long as I could." But he still gets there and was present on the day of his birthday celebration.

Asked what his activity was outside of the church, he replied "I eat, sleep, and pick a few peas." He discussed evil habits, which he always managed to avoid, and said "there is a lot of people that's dead that ought to be living."

Congregation Honors Old Friend

Oct. 19, 1970 – At the close of the morning services at Mt. Shepherd United Methodist Church Sunday, Oct. 11, the congregation remained to honor a fellow member, Jarvis Miller, on his 89th birthday.

The occasion was a surprise to the genial resident of Rt. 2, Asheboro, who is a native of the community in which the church is located.

It took the form of a picnic luncheon, spread on the tables placed on the church lawn for such purposes. Most of the congregation stayed to honor their friend, their neighbor and a man who carried their mail for 34 years.

David Dunn, teacher of the adult class in which he sits as a member, offered the prayer for the occasion, giving thanks for the life of Jarvis Miller and for the food which was prepared for his 89th birthday celebration.

Jarvis Miller and his third wife, Lalia Allred Voncannon, to whom he was married in 1956, live on the east end of Jericho Road, where he has spent his life. His first wife, Carrie Kindley, died in 1930 and his second wife, Janie Rush Walker, died in 1950.

He first started carrying the mail in 1908, from the Carraway Post Office, which has long since been discontinued. He carried the mail on Rt. 3, Asheboro for five years but most of his service was on Rt. 2, Asheboro, the section in which he was reared and the route on which he still lives.

His first mode of travel was with horse and buggy, except in bad weather when he went on horseback.

Still active and physically alert, his driver's license was renewed a year ago without any difficulty or restriction. Only recently he traded his car for a newer model.

Three of his children, Mrs. Jones Peacock, Mrs. Winburn West, and Hal Miller, jointed him for the birthday observance. Another son is Paul Miller.

Because of the type man he is and the service he has rendered the community in which he lives, the congregation of the church he attends wanted to show their affection and respect for him on his 89th birthday.

Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Holds Homecoming Service, Rally

Oct. 28, 1970 – Homecoming and a Sunday School rally featured the Sunday services at Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Liberty.

A series of revival services, with four visiting speakers, preceded the Sunday services.

Attendance in the Sunday school on the day of rally was 88, a gain of 32 over the preceding Sunday and a gain of 41 over the attendance a year ago.

Mrs. Hazel Deaton won the prize for having brought the most people to the rally service, having accounted for eight new ones. Superintendent of the Sunday School is Floyd Pugh.

Rev. T. R. York, Mt. Olivet's energetic pastor despite being in semi-retirement, was in charge of the services for the day. A Ramseur native, his active ministry dates back to 1922.

He came to the Mt. Olivet and since that time many improvements have been noted in the church and community. One of the latest improvements at the church has been the carpeting of the entire floor in the sanctuary. Also, a new piano is on the way.

Special guest and speaker for the homecoming service was Rev. R. S. Shelton, of Kernersville, Superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church. Special singer was "Little Henry" Earnhardt, eight of Gold Hill.

Speakers in the revival series included Rev. Jimmy Norred, pastor of the First United Church of Christ, Ramseur, and Union Grove United Church of Christ, Rev. H. D. Schrum, Rushwood Wesleyan Church, Rev. Charles Stout, Central Wesleyan Church, and Rev. Leon Thompson, Ramseur Wesleyan church. A visiting minister was Rev. F. A. Sumwalt, of Winston-Salem.

Oldest member of the church in attendance at the homecoming service was Marcellus (Sil) Burgess, 76, a member of the church for the past forty years.

Bethel Friends Meeting Opens New Parsonage

Oct. 29, 1970 – Bethel Friends Meeting, located five miles southeast of Asheboro, held open house for a new parsonage building Sunday, Oct. 25, the first home for the Minister to be built in the 149-year history of the Meeting.

A total of \$22,808.61 was paid out on the new structure prior to the open house event, with a few small bills yet to be paid. However, due to volunteer labor from various workmen and the building supervisor, it is estimated that the valuation of the parsonage will reach \$30,000.

Floor space in the entire dwelling amounts to 2,674 square feet, with an additional 1,000 square feet in the basement. The upper floor of the house consists of living room, dining room, study, den, three bedrooms, two baths, utility room, and double carport.

Allie R. Kemp, a member of the Meeting and a skilled carpenter, served as chairman of the building committee and also as the supervisor for the construction of the new building without charge.

Kemp, a Friends Minister for 25 years, also built the last Meeting House structure at Bethel, which was erected in 1942. In contrast to present day prices, it is recalled that this structure was built for \$4,531.20, with a balance in the treasury of \$605.62.

Other members of the building committee, in addition to Allie Kemp, were J. W. (Bud) Smith, Lela Beeson, Tom

Pugh, Nancy Macon, Sadie Cox, and Edna Cox. Ralph Cox served as treasurer for the building committee.

Members of the Meeting rendering volunteer labor included Jerry Macon, Hubert Wright, Garland Beeson, Tom Pugh, Ervin Cox, Leonard Cox, and Jackie Parks.

A new refrigerator has been installed in the parsonage as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Bun Pugh.

The minister serving the Meeting is Ralph Smallwood, who came to Bethel a year ago last July.

Bethel Friends Meeting was organized on May 19, 1821 as a Preparative Meeting under the supervision of the Holly Spring Monthly Meeting, from which Meeting the organizing members of Bethel came. The Monthly Meeting at Bethel was organized slightly over one hundred years later.

There houses of worship, before the present one, have served the people at Bethel. The first two were log structures, the first one erected at the beginning and the other one in 1855. The second log structure was covered with boards. A frame structure was built in 1883 and added on to in 1904.

After 60 Years of Wedlock, They're Still Going Strong

Oct. 30, 1970 - Mr. and Mrs. Claude Burrow, still comparatively young, celebrated their 60th anniversary of their marriage Sunday, Oct. 25.

Burrow, 75, and his wife, 76, were honored by covered dish luncheon at the youth building of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church. They are residents of Rt. 6, Asheboro.

Their children are James Paul Burrow, Rt. 3, Randleman, Claude Shelton Burrow, High Point, Robert Horace (Bill) Burrow, Rt. 6, Asheboro, Odell Burrow, Kernersville, Mrs. Richard Williams and Mrs. Theodore Priddy, Greensboro, and Mrs. Joe Key, Asheboro.

Other members of their immediate family include 19 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

The couple was married Oct. 23, 1916 at the home of Burrow's parents, Nathan Burrow and Eliza Moore Burrow, in Asheboro. They had driven to the site of their wedding in a buggy from the home of Mrs. Burrow's parents, John Ferree and Emma Hardin Ferree, located a mile and half from Cedar Falls.

Their marriage occurred on a Friday and on the following Monday they set up housekeeping next to his parents.

Burrow is a retired sheet metal worker, having started off with his father who operated a sheet metal shop in Asheboro. Mrs. Burrow has never worked, having stayed at home to "cook, housekeep and raise my children."

They have lived since 1942 in a neat, modest home on the Giles Chapel church road, a house which shows the proficiency of Mrs. Burrow's housekeeping. They occupy themselves with the household duties, Mrs. Burrow's flowers and his garden.

Mrs. Burrow has one brother living in Raleigh, Thad Ferree, a retired lawyer, while her husband has a sister, Mrs. S. T. Brown, Sr., living in the Asheboro vicinity.

Asked about their marriage at such an early age, Mrs. Burrow said only "we were just children."

Youth Leader Aids Eastside Church Growth

Oct. 30, 1970 - East Side Baptist Church, organized Nov. 11, 1962, has entered into a new phase of its expanding

ministry by the naming of a youth director. The church is located at the intersection of Highway 42 and Highway 64 By-Pass.

Rev. Gurney L. Harrelson, pastor since its organization, has announced the appointment of Richard J. Trogdon to the new position, effective Oct.

This action follows and implements a bus ministry which the church adopted earlier as a separate budget item and geared also for the furtherance of the youth program. First in the area to begin this type of ministry, the church now operates three buses.

Trogdon, a resident of Rt. 1, Franklinville, has conducted an evangelistic ministry since his conversion and call to the ministry around four years ago. His family consists of his wife, the former Barbara Routh, and five children.

It was Rev. Harrelson who preached the sermon at the ordination of Richard Trogdon, at the time of his affiliation with the Baptist church on Oct. 11, 1969.

Harrelson, former pastor of the Pleasant Hill and Huldah Baptist Churches, was himself ordained into the ministry in Feb., 1957. He organized the Pleasant Hill church and served as its pastor for over five years.

Along with Emmett Thomas, he rented a building and began the East Side Church as a Sunday School mission in Aug., 1961. At the time of the organization of the church, Harrelson became the pastor with 12 charter members.

Over seven years ago the church members left their rented structure and erected an educational plant, consisting of auditorium, five Sunday school rooms and study. Since that time more space has been added to the auditorium.

St. Luke's Methodist Church Breaks Ground For New Building

Nov. 5, 1970 - Groundbreaking for a new church structure was held at St. Luke United Methodist Church early Sunday afternoon, Oct. 25, with the Pastor, Rev. Andrew W. Brown, and members of the congregation participating.

The groundbreaking service was conducted at the corner of Burns and Greensboro Streets, where the former building stood and where the new one will be erected.

Only the rubbish of the old building remained, the red-brick building which has served the congregation since 1921 having been demolished the day before.

During the construction of the new building the congregation will worship in the Central School building, having occupied this building for that purpose on Sunday, Oct. 18.

As a farewell gesture or closing out of services in the old building, a week of revival services were held. Four former pastors, Rev. O. W. Burrick, Rev. Glenn Brooks, Rev. J. W. Jones, and Rev. Belvin Jessup, took part in these services, along with Rev. J. W. Ferree and Rev. George Staley, a local preacher.

The proposed new structure will consist of sanctuary, seven classrooms, and rest rooms. Contractors will be Snead and Glidwell Inc., of Rockingham. Contract price, including pews, pulpit furniture, air conditioning and wall-to-wall carpeting, is \$92,380.

Members of the building committee are Charles Roper, chairman, Adelaide Hodges, Mary Harrison, James E. Leach, John Smith, Janie Bell, Rufus Luck, Leo Payne, Mabel Patterson, Odessa Owens, Harrison McGee, Viola Wilhite, Garrett Lowdermilk, Julia Hardy, and Rev. A. W.

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Brown.

Members of the trustee board are D. W. Hardy, Avery Garner, Carl Bell, Leo Payne, Charles Roper, Sr., John Smith, Marshall Patterson, James E. Leach, and Marvin Price.

Some of the older members of the church helping to turn the earth at the groundbreaking service included Allen Hoover, Rufus Chriscoe, Elizabeth Henley, Gertrude Phillips, Adelaide Hodges, Alline Cox, George Staley, and Mabel Patterson. The oldest member of the church, Emma Foust, 68, was not present at the groundbreaking.

St. Luke's church originally was known as Bulla's Grove and was located in another part of town, in the area of South Fayetteville St. The beginning of this first church was in Jan., 1869.

